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Sport and culture at First Contact







IT'S one of Queensland's biggest Indigenous gatherings, and this year's 19th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival was no exception. Crowds turned out last weekend in suburban Coorparoo for a feast of top touch football, with more than 100 teams taking part in a range of competitions. Pictured above is action from the international touch clash between Australia's Indigenous side and the NZ Maori. It was good news for the locals, with the Indigenous line-up taking their first win against the Kiwis, but only just – the final score was 8-7. And among the crowd was happy three-year-old Lovaye Saltner, who came down from the Cherbourg community with her family for the festival. Planning has already started for what organisers say will be a big 20th anniversary carnival next year. See more coverage in our next edition, out on 12 December. *Photos by Naomi Moran*

Grog warning



LEADING
Indigenous
organisations in
the Northern
Territory have issued
a dire warning about
risks of allowing

more alcohol into remote communities. Aboriginal health, land and law and justice organisations have demanded Indigenous people be included in any decision-making regarding alcohol policy, program development and resourcing

Indigenous people 'must be included in decision-making'

following a major summit in Darwin this month.

About 150 representatives from Gunyangara, Galiwinku, Yirrkala, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, West Arnhem, Bagot community, Tiwi Islands, Katherine, Barunga, Katherine East, Beswick, Kakadu, Borroloola, Alice Springs, Hermannsburg, Jilkminggan, Darwin and Tennant Creek, as well as Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia, took part in the Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory (APO NT) summit, which also attracted drug and alcohol experts.

A communiqué after the gathering warned that the Territory already has unacceptably high rates of alcohol-related harm and that Aboriginal Territorians are at a critical point. It said harm reduction must be the key principle guiding alcohol policy, and that governments must consult not just drinkers but non-drinkers, especially women, Elders and children as well.

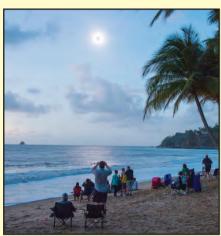
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INSIDE MY FAMILY EVELYN ZARO (nee Tamwoy) – Townsville



HAVE a very big extended family who are all very important to me, and so does my husband John Zaro. So when we were married in Cairns on 10 October more than 500 relatives from both sides came to our wedding

They travelled from as far away as Mackay, my home town of Townsville, Bamaga and Injinoo on the Northern Peninsula Area, Lockhart River, Coen, Murray Island, Badu Island, Palm Island and Thursday Island.

I am of Badu heritage and was born in Townsville, grew up between Townsville and Injinoo and members of the Ropeyarn, Williams, Nona, Pablo, Sebasio and Tamwoy families came to my wedding.

John is of Murray Island descent on one side and his relatives there included those from the Wailu, Rice, Whaleboat, Kudub, Wild, Day and Zaro families.

They included many Elders and I was overcome with emotion when I saw how many people had come to Cairns for our

The day started when some relatives from Bamaga helped prepare food at my aunty and uncle's house. Myself and 10 bridesmaids got dressed there, including my maid of honour Tiana Friday who travelled from Palm Island.

All of the bridesmaids looked wonderful in their blue outfits as did the junior attendants. As is tradition we were late for the

wedding, leaving John and his groomsmen a bit anxious.

But we arrived at the church and it was just wonderful and I walked up the aisle with Pastor Allan Noah who gave me away and Pastor Eric Sebasio, from Mackay, performed the marriage ceremony.

After we exchanged vows everybody went down to the Cairns Esplanade near the pier for some glamour photos.

We had a short break before the reception at the Brothers Rugby League Club hall.

When we arrived there were more than 500 people and they all stood as we walked in and clapped and congratulated us, wishing us well for the future.

That meant a lot to us and we posed for some pics with Elders and relatives around the wedding cake.

Everybody enjoyed traditional food and lots of fruit and we celebrated on into the

I am now aged 31 and first met John 13 years ago in Cairns. We caught up again in Darwin a few years back and the rest is history. We are now husband and wife.

We both agreed that having so much family there added to the union.

We would like to give thanks to all the families from Cairns, especially from the Glory of the Cross Ministry led by director Pastor Allan Noah.

And a big thank you to all the families who travelled from far away.

Above: At the wedding reception, from left are the bride's grandfather George Williams, groom John Zaro, bride Evelyn Zaro, Bakara Sebasio, and David Sebasio, who is the bride's other grandparent, from Bamaga, north Queensland.

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OUR CHILDREN



Proud owners of new shoes are these girls who took part in the third annual South Australian Nunga netball carnival at Elizabeth, Adelaide, on 17 November. The charity group Butterfly Movement was there to provide shoes to disadvantaged children. See Page 76 for more on the basketball carnival. Image: Peter Argent

Major tourism boost for Uluru



tourism has received a major boost with the official opening of the \$30 million Uluru Meeting

Place and renovation of Ayers Rock Resort's premium Sails in the Desert Hotel in central Australia. The Uluru Meeting Place, named for the local Anangu people, features a modern Indigenous design with facilities that include a new ballroom seating 420 people.

And the Sails in the Desert Hotel work involved a complete re-fit of all 231 rooms in the hotel, including two suites and 16 terrace rooms.

Federal Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson did the honours at the opening of both.

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia managing director Koos Klein welcomed the completion of both projects.

"We believe that the creation of a modern, state-of-the-art conference centre will establish the Uluru Meeting Place as an important new option in Australia for meeting planners," he said.

"And the complete renovation of Sails in the Desert sets the scene for our guests at this iconic location. From the Indigenous artworks to the specially designed carpet in the rooms that mimics the topography of the region, the hotel echoes the environment around them in quiet luxury."



Minister Martin Ferguson receives a beaded necklace presented by traditional owner Judy Trigger with Judy Brumby looking on.

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia says there have been many changes since it took over in May last year.

It says Indigenous employment has risen from two employees to more than 170, and other initiatives have included the introduction of free Indigenousrelated guest activities including yarns, garden walks and cultural performances.

"When we took over the resort our mandate was very clear; to increase Indigenous employment and training as well as cultural engagement for our guests," Mr Klein said."(We also worked to) increase financial results so that this in turn could be returned to our parent company, the Indigenous Land Corporation, so that it could re-invest in further Indigenous training and

development programs.

"We have already seen great interest in the Uluru Meeting Place and see the conference market as an important one.

"Conference delegates have been drawn to the unique teambuilding activities.

"Delegates can also take part in the suite of Indigenous experiences, such as performances and boomerang

painting that are available to all guests at the resort."

A new www.ulurumeetingplace. com.au micro-site features an interactive virtual tour as well as conference, incentive and events itineraries, a range of experiences including sunrise, sunset and Indigenous tours, and full details about all the redeveloped conference venues, resorts and how to get there.

West joins SBS board



IN 1993, Dot West spoke in an ABC Boyer Lecture of her dreams of a national

Indigenous television station that could be accessed from anywhere in Australia. Now, nearly two decades later, that dream is set to be realised

and the longtime Indigenous broadcasting stalwart will be right in amongst it.

woman from south-west WA who has lived in the Kimberley for many years, has been appointed as a nonexecutive director of the board of the Special **Broadcasting Service** (SBS), the new home of National Indigenous Television (NITV) that will go free to air on 12 December.

Federal Communications Minister Steven Conroy announced mid-month that West would join the SBS Board, along with former Ten Network general manager and for Digital **Broadcasting Australia**

chairman William Lenehan. Greenhill & Co Australia's cochief executive Simon Mordant will join the board of the ABC.

Mr Conroy said the trio would bring 'a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills to the boards of our national broadcasters that will continue to strengthen these important national institutions'.

"Her (Ms West's) comprehensive experience in the broadcasting industry, her strong management skills and her deep understanding of Indigenous issues will make her an asset to the SBS Board"

- Federal Minister Stephen Conrov

Ms West, currently a board member of the Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media Association and a selfemployed scriptwriter and consultant, will play a significant role in the establishment of NITV on SBS.

"Her comprehensive

experience in the broadcasting industry, her strong management skills and her deep understanding of Indigenous issues will make her an asset to the SBS Board," the Minister said.

In her Boyer lecture, Ms West spoke of white Australia beginning to realise there was a black Australia, appreciating

Aboriginal people, and feeling very proud of its Indigenous culture.

reflect this culture more within our media by portraying Indigenous life in all its diversity," she said then.

"With this a greater understanding and awareness will evolve and a healthier

Australia will emerge. Indigenous people no longer want to be the forgotten lot in a land of chatter."

A previous Head of Production at Goolarri Media Enterprises in Broome, Ms West's appointment to the SBS Board is for five years.



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Calma ACT's Australian of the Year

ABORIGINAL leader Tom Calma, pictured, has been named the 2013 Australian **Capital Territory's**

Australian of the Year. Dr Calma was recognised for his work 'as an inspirational advocate for human rights and social justice having dedicated his life to improving the lives of Indigenous Australians'.

The former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner has been involved in Indigenous Affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level for more than four decades.

He has worked in the fields of education, training and employment, health and development, and has been instrumental in the justice reinvestment movement, which aims to put money into prevention rather than detention.

A Kungarakan and Iwaidja man, Dr Calma's 2005 report into the age gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people laid the groundwork for the Close the Gap campaign, of which he remains the co-chair.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday 2012 Honours.

Dr Calma is the national coordinator for tackling Indigenous smoking, co-chairs Reconciliation Australia and chairs the Ethics Council of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Apart from Dr Calma, the only other Indigenous person to receive a gong in state and territory Australian of the Year awards so far is Jessica Mauboy, who took out the Young Australian of the Year in the Northern Territory.



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Opposition angry over Opal 'deal'



THE Federal Opposition has accused the Greens of doing a 'grubby deal' with Labor in

return for government support for the mandatory roll out of non-sniffable Opal fuel in remote regions of Australia.

The Senate last week was debating a Greens private member's bill aimed at combating petrol sniffing among children and teenagers by forcing a minority of petrol stations that refuse to sell the non-sniffable fuel to participate in the Opal program.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert said gaps in the current voluntary program needed to be plugged. "Petrol sniffing does not contain self-contained borders,' she told the chamber.

"There needs to be a national approach to mandating the fuel supply in these zones rather

than leaving it up to individual states and territories."

Opal fuel discourages petrol sniffing because it does not give off aromatic fumes that give users a high.

Outbreaks of petrol sniffing have been reported in Central Australia at places such as Papunya, Titjikala and Alpurrurlam because Tilmouth Well Roadhouse, Maryvale Station Store and Urandangi Roadhouse were not stocking the low aromatic fuel.

123 stations

A total of 123 petrol stations sell Opal fuel in remote Australia.

Northern Territory Labor senator Trish Crossin said Labor would support the private member's bill, with amendments.

But Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion said the Greens had made 'a grubby deal' with the Government. "This is a second-

class solution for the First Australians," he said. "Central Australians will be dying to hear what the issue was that they were traded off against."

In September, a parliamentary committee with a Labor majority rejected the Greens bill.

"It really really beggars belief for me ... that we suddenly have a backflip. I'm a bit cranky about it," Senator Scullion said.

He also said the bill was flawed because petrol stations that acted as sole traders or partnerships wouldn't be caught under the legislation.

"It won't work because it effectively relies on corporation powers," he told the Senate.

"I do not question the motivation of the Greens, but the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill is not workable. Every stakeholder acknowledges this issue would be better handled at a state and territory level." - with AAP

NT Govt warned of more grog danger

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL peak organisations in the Northern Territory are flexing their collective political muscle, issuing governments with a blunt warning about the risks of allowing more alcohol to flow into remote communities.

An alliance of peak Aboriginal land, health, and law and justice organisations held an 'alcohol summit' in Darwin midmonth and last week issued a communiqué demanding that Aboriginal people be involved in all levels of decision-making regarding alcohol policy, program development and resourcing.

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory (APO NT) summit in Darwin on 16 November attracted about 150 representatives from Gunyangara, Galiwinku, Yirrkala, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, West Arnhem, Bagot community, Tiwi Islands, Katherine, Barunga, Katherine East, Beswick, Kakadu, Borroloola, Alice Springs, Hermannsburg, Jilkminggan, Darwin and Tennant Creek, as well as Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia. Drug and alcohol researchers and other experts also took part.

The summit communiqué said the NT already has unacceptably high rates of alcohol-related harm and that, after years of fighting for alcohol restrictions right across the NT, Aboriginal Territorians were at a critical point.

But it said that, while alcohol restrictions could provide 'necessary breathing space' for Aboriginal communities grappling with associated domestic violence, suicide, child neglect and removal of children from their families in high levels, they were just one part of a broad solution.

Harm reduction must be the key principle guiding alcohol policy, the communiqué said, and governments must consult not just drinkers but non-drinkers, especially women, Elders and children as well.

The APO NT is hoping Country Liberal Chief Minister Terry Mills will keep his oft-stated promise of really listening to Aboriginal people and communities.

His Alcohol Policy Minister Dave Tollner insists there'll be no relaxing of liquor laws until voluntary and mandatory rehabilitation programs are in place for problem drinkers.

That position drew praise from Dr John Boffa of the People's Alcohol Action Coalition, who said a decision to assist problem drinkers through the health system rather than criminalising them was a welcome turnaround for the new government.

However, the Mills Government has already abolished the Territory's banned drinkers register - a move the APO NT sees as flawed. It wants the register or some similar system to be reintroduced.

Under the Federal Government's 3.4 billion Stronger Futures package Territory communities have begun to explore alcohol management plans.

Underpinning these will be 'minimum standards' proposed by the Federal Government to ensure a focus on reducing alcohol-related harm and ensuring

community safety. However, Mr Tollner says the conditions proposed are so tough that they're clearly geared towards prohibition, which he says has not worked in Territory communities.

Acting CEO of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) in Alice Springs, Donna Ah Chee, told the Koori Mail that Aboriginal communities should decide whether, for example, they want a wet canteen - ensuring that a whole range of social services around policing, housing, education and employment is put in place.



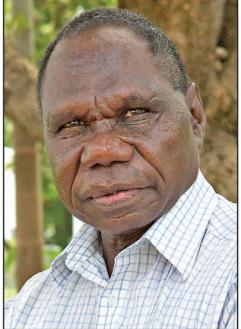
Summit delegates say there's been an increase in drinking and anti-social behaviour since the NT Government abolished the Territory's banned drinkers register.



CAAC acting CEO and summit delegate Donna Ah Chee. Photo by Therese Ritchie, courtesy of AMSANT

"Having said that, we do not want to see any of these restrictions wound back," Ms Ah Chee said. "In fact, we want to see them strengthened because the evidence shows that where restrictions are in place, they have worked.

"For example, in Alice Springs we've seen



Marius Puruntatameri, deputy mayor of the Tiwi Islands Shire Council. Photo by Therese Ritchie, courtesy of AMSANT

a reduction in alcohol-related presentations and admissions to the Alice Springs Hospital.

"Since 2007, we have seen, Territorywide, a reduction in pure alcohol consumption from 15.5 litres per person per year, to 13.5 litres per person and the reason for this decrease is due to the

removal of cheap wine. For Alice Springs in the same period, what we're seeing is a 15 per cent reduction in consumption, which is correlated to around 120 fewer admissions per year for Aboriginal women suffering serious, vicious assaults.

"The other stunning statistic is on Groote Eylandt where an evaluation was done 12 months after the restrictions were introduced and showed a dramatic decrease in assault and crime, to the extent that there was a 67 per cent per cent reduction in domestic violence.

"And there's evidence around supply reduction and price, and getting cheap nasty stuff off the market, and that's why we're calling for the introduction of a floor price on beer, which is around \$1.30 a standard drink. We want that introduced across the NT."

Ms Ah Chee said the summit heard from many participants that drinking and anti-social behaviour increased in communities as soon as the banned drinkers register was scrapped.

Also at the summit was Tiwi Islands Shire Council deputy mayor Marius Puruntatameri, who told the Koori Mail participants were strongly in favour of keeping restrictions.

"The people that were there were really concerned about the welfare of the women and children in our communities," said the grandfather-of-16.

'They are the main victims of what happens in the communities when there are no alcohol restrictions.

"Their safety is paramount; it's number one. And the men were just as strong on this as the women.'

Mr Puruntatameri said he believed there should have been 'a little more talk with community people' before the banned drinkers register was abolished.

"It will always give a better result to get the views of the people," he said. He agreed that prohibition didn't work.

"Once alcohol has been introduced to an Aboriginal community, like in the Tiwi Islands where it was introduced a long time ago, it's very, very hard to stop it," he said.

"We don't live in an ideal world so we have to do what we can to work with other organisations including the police to try and put together a strategy that will better manage the alcohol in our community.'

The summit also called on both levels of government to empower Aboriginal people to resolve their own disputes and conflicts; acknowledge the importance of spirituality and culture in healing alcohol-related harm; complete the current study into licensed clubs before considering further policy reform; base alcohol policy on evidence not politics; ensure community-specific cross-cultural training for non-Aboriginal staff, including nurses, doctors, teachers, and police officers; and implement population level supply reduction measures as a 'circuit breaker' for problems in Aboriginal communities

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, who represents the Central Australian seat of Lingiari, said the NT Government should heed its messages, including that a system such as the banned drinkers should be reintroduced. "As governments, we have a responsibility to show leadership and support communities to minimise the harmful impacts of alcohol," he said. "It's time for the CLP to listen to the clear message from Aboriginal organisations - more grog is not the answer."

At the time of printing, the Koori Mail was awaiting a response from Minister Tollner's office.

The closing date for feedback and comments on the Federal Government's proposed minimum standards is

Greens warn of quake zone threat



THE Greens have sounded a warning that a proposed nuclear waste dump will be built in a Northern Territory earthquake zone.

Greens nuclear policy spokesperson Scott Ludlam says Tennant Creek, near the proposed Muckaty Station nuclear dump site, is an area of high earthquake risk, according to a new map from Geoscience Australia.

And he said revelations that an alternative site for the waste dump was under active

consideration showed the Federal Government was increasingly desperate on the issue.

"The Government is now scrambling to solve a mess of its own creation, repeating the same errors as before," Senator Ludlam said.

"Parking Australia's radioactive

waste on Muckaty station, far from centres of technical expertise and against the wishes of local people, that's bad enough. Doing it in an earthquake zone compounds the offence.

"What we need is an independent commission with the technical expertise to find a world's best standard solution for Australia's inventory of radioactive waste.

"What we're getting is a shed with two security guards, stuck on a site chosen by politicians which happens to be in an earthquake zone.'

ALRA review findings are tabled in **Parliament**



PROPOSALS ON housing, land claims, regulatory powers and incentive models are among 47

recommendations in a review of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA) tabled in State Parliament.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the statutory review, required every five years, started last December with the establishment of a working group. It was chaired by the Registrar of the ALRA and included a representative of Crown Lands, Aboriginal Affairs and two community members from the land council network.

A consultation process with the Aboriginal Land Council network and other key stakeholders will now be held early next year.

"It is timely as we come to celebrate 30 years of the ALRA that the review of land rights legislation provides an opportunity to significantly reform the Act to strengthen the land council network in NSW," Mr Dominello said.

Consultation

"While the recommendations will be subject to public consultation, they could lead to a more sustainable land council network that drives greater economic outcomes for Aboriginal people across NSW."

Mr Dominello said that, for the first time, a representative of Crown Lands had been brought together with the **NSW Aboriginal Land Council** (NSWALC) and community members for the review.

"This historic dialogue has already led to improvements in the system," he said.

"Changes that address a range of administrative inefficiencies have already started to simplify the land claims system."

The working group also made recommendations to improve the conditions and maintenance of residential housing held by land councils.

And there were recommendations to incorporate incentives into the ALRA to drive greater capacity and growth of land councils.

NSWALC CEO Geoff Scott said the report was 'a significant body of work designed to facilitate and enable the land council network to meet the current and emerging needs of Aboriginal people'.

Working group member and Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council CEO Sean Gordon said he felt confident the recommendations would enable local Aboriginal land councils 'to unlock their lands to create an economic base that will ensure that real benefits are provided to their communities'.

Outrage grows over taser use

By DARREN COYNE



OUTRAGE over police misuse of tasers - too often against Indigenous people - is

growing across Australia.

In recent weeks police have copped criticism in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and other jurisdictions for incidents where tasers have been used unnecessarily to 'torture' and subdue victims, in some cases followed by death.

The NSW Coroner on 14 November referred to the 'thuggish' behaviour of police in their treatment of Brazilian man Roberto Laudisio Curti, 21, who was wanted for stealing two packets of biscuits in Sydney.

Coroner Mary Jerram said the young officers who pursued Curti exhibited an 'ungoverned pack mentality, like the schoolboys in Lord of the Flies, with no idea what the problem was, or what threat or crime was supposedly to be averted'.

She recommended disciplinary charges for five of the officers involved and said the police action taken against Mr Curti should be referred to the Police Integrity Commission.

She also recommended police review the use of tasers and training procedures, including whether the 'drivestun' mode should be banned and whether tasers should be issued to probationary officers.

Just days earlier, the ABC's 7.30 program had aired disturbing footage of a 14-yearold Kempsey boy being tasered twice by police, once while he was crouching on the ground begging to join his deceased mother.

At one point an officer warns the teen that 'if you f****g swear once more I'm going to f*****g light you up again, understand'.

Protest

The footage prompted more than 100 people to protest outside the local police station.

Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council chair Graham Quinlan told the Koori Mail the incident was just another example of police prejudice against Aboriginal people that was rife in the town. "It's terrible, tasering a 14-year-old boy like that... if it was a white kid you wouldn't hear of it," he said.



Mr Quinlan said other incidents had gone unreported, claiming another young Aboriginal man had received permanent damage to the tendons in his leg after police used a police dog to apprehend

"We're still coming to terms with how to close the gap here because these whitefellas just won't listen to us." he said.

Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) president Ray Jackson said the Kempsey case was another reason why tasers should be taken off the frontline police because they were being 'misused too bloody much'.

He also cited the Curti case, and that of Antonio Galeano, 39, who died in north Queensland in June 2009 after being tasered 28 times.

Deputy State Coroner Christine Clements ruled, however, on 13 November that police involved in that arrest should not face prosecution or disciplinary action as Galeano had died from 'excited delirium' caused by amphetamine poisoning and an induced psychosis.

She ruled there was also no evidence that the deployment of the taser 'akin to a semiautomatic weapon' or the use of pepper spray had contributed to Galeano's death. Galeano's family was reportedly distressed by the findings.

Meanwhile, a Qld Crime and Misconduct Commission update on taser use in that state compared statistics on taser use over the past two years with data reported in a more comprehensive review published in 2011.

The report concluded that Indigenous Queenslanders remained 'over-represented among people being subjected to tasers'.

Despite accounting for only 3.5 per cent of the population, Queensland's Indigenous population accounted for 22.6 per cent of those tasered, up from 21.6 per cent in 2011, the report said.

Boiling away

The issue of taser use is also boiling away in Western Australia.

That state's Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) has been lambasted by a parliamentary committee for being slow to launch its investigation into police officers who tasered a man at least 12 times in 2008.

Senior constables Troy Tomlin and Aaron Strahan tasered Aboriginal man Kevin Spratt repeatedly after he refused a strip search in August 2008, and CCTV footage of the incident caused public outrage.

Yet police and prosecutors are still to decide whether criminal charges will be laid, though the two officers were subject to internal police disciplinary action and fines of up to \$1200.

Human Rights Law Centre director of advocacy and strategic litigation Anna Brown said the incidents showed that taser use in Australia was at crisis point.

"These tragic incidents once again highlight the need for caution in the use of tasers," she said.

"As well as being potentially lethal, tasers are often misused in circumstances where no force or minimal force is appropriate.

"These are not isolated incidents - multiple deaths and misuse of tasers point to systemic failure in regulation and training of police.'

Ms Brown said there had been at least four recorded taser related deaths to date in Australia. In each case, there were credible allegations that the taser use was inappropriate or excessive.

Dingo killing angers Elders



ABORIGINAL Elders from Fraser Island in Queensland are outraged and in mourning following the killing of their

favourite dingo last week.

The Butchulla people have been lobbying to defend the island's dingoes, citing their cultural connections to the

Aunty Marie Wilkinson, 79, told the Koori Mail on Saturday that the dingo, named Inky, had been a favourite.

"It's a very sad day here. It's a great loss," Aunty Marie said.

"What makes me so angry is that the government people are the most pig-headed, ignorant coots because they are so arrogant.

"There has been no consultation with Elders. They don't consult with us at all yet what they don't realise is that we really do want to share and care for the island."

Aunty Marie and others are furious that no Elders have been included on a panel reviewing the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS)

She called on Queensland **Environment Minister Andrew** Powell and Indigenous Affairs Minister Glen Elmes to



Gubi Gubi Elder Aunty Eve Fesl and Butchulla Elder Aunty Marie Wilkinson.

immediately intervene to prevent at K'Gari Camp, represents a further destruction of dingoes. continued attack on the rights and customs of the Butchulla people,"

she said.

Under the current management plan, any dingo deemed aggressive by rangers is shot, but the Elders maintain that too many tourists and not enough understanding of the animal's behaviour causes problems.

Aunty Marie said the Government should respect the cultural significance of the dingoes and recognise the historical link 'between the persecution of the dingo since European arrival, and the oppression of Indigenous Australians'.

"The continued, reckless culling of dingoes on Fraser

Dingo pups on the beach. Photos by Jennifer Parkhurst Island, including the 'camp dogs'

"Dispossess the dingoes and you dispossess us.

"Because of the important place of the dingo in Indigenous ritual and custom, the ongoing failure of the Queensland Government to protect the dingoes on Fraser Island, and to protect the special relationship between the dingo and Indigenous people, is an attack

"Butchulla people on Fraser Island avoid being seen with their dingoes for fear the Queensland

Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) will destroy them for that reason alone.

"QPWS management of the Fraser Island dingoes is offensive to Butchulla culture and identity.

"I simply do not accept that the camp dogs recently killed by QPWS on Fraser Island were dangerous. QPWS is whipping up a frenzy of fear about these poor dingoes, when they were not a threat to anyone."

Another Indigenous Elder, Dr Eve Fesl of the Gubbi Gubbi people, has added her voice to the protests against the current review of the management regime. "Although the promise of the Newman LNP Government to undertake an independent review of the FIDMS has been very welcome – the dingo management policy inherited from the former Bligh Labor Government having been an ongoing disgrace - it is now disappointing to find that the policy review does not meet any basic standard of genuine independence," Dr Fesl said.

"It beggars belief that scientists engaged on behalf of the Government to advise and take part in the dingo management review process are well known in scientific circles for being sceptical about the merits of dingo conservation, and that one expert engaged to address a public forum as part of the review had been acknowledged and thanked by former Labor Environment Minister Kate Jones for his input into the current, failed policy.

"If the Queensland Government does not act decisively now, to ensure a comprehensive and genuine review of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy, and include Indigenous representation, it will be too late for the dingo on Fraser Island.

"Under the current policy, the poor dingo has been brutalised and demonised by the authorities responsible for its well-being."

- By Darren Coyne

'Safe place' call for child abuse inquiry

By DARREN COYNE



AN INDIGENOUS woman from Queensland who endured abuse by a Catholic priest in the 1960s has called on the Federal Government to provide a safe environment

for Indigenous people to provide evidence to the proposed Royal Commission into Child Abuse

Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced on 12 November that the Australian Government would establish a Royal Commission into 'institutional responses to instances and allegations of child sexual abuse in Australia'.

She said the inquiry would extend to all religious organisations in Australia and to children in state care, and into other institutions including schools.

"This is a royal commission that would be looking across religious organisations, as well as state-based care and into the not-for-profit sector," Ms Gillard said.

Assistant Professor Tjanara Goreng Goreng, who is now an academic at the University of Canberra, said she was abused while attending a boarding school in Rockhampton.

After 30 years, she took on the church (in Brisbane) and won an undisclosed settlement for the years of abuse by the priest, who was eventually jailed for the abuse against her and many other Indigenous children.

Asst Prof Goreng Goreng said the proposed royal commission must investigate that type of widespread, systematic abuse, but in a safe setting.



'Aboriginal people would be more likely to come forward if there was a space that was safe, that had Aboriginal people in it, Aboriginal Elders, an Aboriginal royal commissioner or two, or Aboriginal legal people and people from our own community who could be with us' - Tjanara Goreng Goreng

She suggested setting up a space, similar to the Bringing Them Home Commission, which would provide a safe environment for Indigenous people to share their stories.

Aboriginal people would be more likely to come forward if there was a space that was safe, that had Aboriginal people in it, Aboriginal Elders, an Aboriginal royal commissioner or two, or Aboriginal legal people and people from our own community who could be with us," Asst Prof Goreng Goreng said.

She said many Aboriginal people would feel uncomfortable going into a legal setting and providing evidence to judges or commissioners.

'Speak the truth'

"I've never gone and given evidence because there's never been an inquiry (where) I could speak the truth," she said.

While some Indigenous leaders and lawyers have suggested that previous inquiries into Indigenous sexual abuse

should not be re-done, Asst Prof Goreng Goreng disagrees. "My feeling is that we've not done enough on a national level. There needs to be an inquiry that encompasses the experiences of all people, not just indigenous people," she said.

Asst Prof Goreng Goreng said abuse was rampant at Aboriginal missions in Queensland, but she fears the royal commission will not adequately address it unless people come forward (if they feel able) and tell their stories.

"With the current debate on child abuse, little has been mentioned of the levels of physical, psychological and sexual abuses against Indigenous children," she said.

"Abuse by members of the Catholic Church was rampant and widespread amongst our children and adults and despite our success as individuals, the scars still run deep and the trauma festers at the ongoing injustice. It is why we have generational sexual abuse.

"It never happened before migloos

(white people) came under our law.'

Asst Prof Goreng Goreng said Indigenous children were particularly vulnerable because they were often not living with their parents.

"Any child is vulnerable where a person has access to them, because there are not adults in their presence who are watching them or taking care of them," she said.

"Aboriginal children were put in dormitories in missions, and therefore people had access to them.'

Meanwhile, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) has welcomed the royal commission.

"SNAICC ... will support the inquiry in whatever ways it can," the organisation said. "SNAICC believes it is important that the

roval commission adopts a child rights framework, and that its terms of reference specifically draw on the principles articulated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

"The commission's recommendations must also focus on measures - legislative, political and administrative - to better prevent sexual abuse of children and youth.

Since making the announcement, the Federal Government has issued a consultation paper seeking comment about the terms of reference and arrangements for the Royal Commission.

The paper is available online at http://childabuseroyalcommission.dpmc.gov. au/consultation-paper

And although the Government gave groups and individuals until 26 November to have input, it is understood that later comments may be accepted.

Anyone wanting to have a say can email royalcommissionsecretariat@pmc.gov.au

Abbott under fire



WEST Australian Liberal MP Ken Wyatt says Tony Abbott's description of him as an 'urban

Aboriginal' is unhelpful but won't damage his relationship with the Federal Opposition Leader.

Mid-month, Mr Abbott said it would be terrific to have an 'authentic' Indigenous representative of Central Australia in Canberra, in response to a question about the possibility of Northern Territory Minister Alison Anderson switching to Federal

"I think it would be terrific if, as well as having an urban Aboriginal in our Parliament we had an Aboriginal person from Central Australia, an authentic representative of the ancient cultures of Central Australia in the parliament," Mr Abbott told reporters in Brisbane.

Mr Abbott said Ms Anderson, the NT Minister for Indigenous Advancement and regional development, was a remarkable and inspirational person.

"I would love to see the first Indigenous female member of the Federal Parliament be a member of the Coalition I lead," he added.

"I would love to think a highly traditional Australian Aboriginal, who is nevertheless charismatic and inspirational in modern Australia as well, might enter the Federal Parliament."

The comments angered some, with accusations Mr Abbott was suggesting Mr Wyatt was somehow not authentic.

Speaking on Perth radio the following day, the first Indigenous Australian MP in the Federal Lower House said the debate around Aboriginal authenticity was not helpful.

"The set of comments don't help," Mr Wyatt told radio 6PR.

"In my case all I want to do is get on with my job and be a good member of the Reps and reflect

the views of my constituents.

"It is unfortunate that we have got this whole debate going around authentic Aboriginals because all Aboriginal people, no matter where they live, are authentic. All of us are proud of our heritage. It does not matter where we live."

Mr Abbott said in Queensland the reporting on the issue had been misleading.

"I am very proud to have Ken in my team," he said.

He said he was 'absolutely determined' to do more to get

more Aboriginal people into Parliament.

Mr Wyatt agreed, saying public life should be a career option for any Aboriginal person, no matter where they lived.

"We want to increase the number of Aboriginal representatives, and it does not matter where they come from. because the intent is to show the diversity of skill and capabilities," he

said. "I would encourage any Aboriginal across this nation, whether they are in an urban or rural context, to contemplate a career in the parliaments."

Fellow backbencher Alex Hawke denied Mr Abbott was suggesting Mr Wyatt was not an authentic Aboriginal person.

"While the language may have been a tiny bit clunky, Ken Wyatt's nephew is a member of the Labor Party, and what Tony Abbott is clearly saying here is that he wants more Indigenous

Australians in our Federal Parliament," Mr Hawke told Sky News. "I don't believe anybody can find fault with that.

Mr Hawke said the Opposition Leader was simply saying local people from the Northern Territory would best represent the culture of the territory 'where a lot of Indigenous Australians are located'

But Labor backbencher Ed Husic wasn't buying that explanation. "Tony Abbott is gone as the opposition leader," he told Sky News.

mother born on a mission in Central Queensland.

"We are both Aboriginal. I am Aboriginal. I am a proud Gangulu," Mr Gooda said.

"Aboriginality is not defined by the colour of your skin, or whether you live in a remote or urban community."

Linda Burney, who in 2003 became the first Indigenous person elected to NSW parliament, called on Mr Abbott to apologise.

The NSW Deputy Labor Leader said in a statement that it

> was 'incredibly insensitive and demeaning' to suggest Mr Wyatt was not an authentic Indigenous representative.

The peak body for native representative bodies and service providers said Mr Abbott's description of Mr Wyatt as an urban Aboriginal shouldn't go unchallenged.

"No Aboriginal person should be slighted for their upbringing

and achievement in Australian society by an inference that this somehow diminishes their cultural integrity," said National Native Title Council CEO Brian Wyatt.

In the days following Mr Abbott's comments, a Twitter conversation with the theme 'I tried to be authentic but... developed, with frustrated Aboriginal people tweeting comments like 'I tried to be authentic but... I've thrown more parties than boomerangs' and 'I tried to be authentic but... I

couldn't find any yellow ochre at the paint store'.

Quoted in the Australian newspaper, Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton accused those tweeting of being 'at least as off the mark as Abbott with their unwitting denigration of all things traditional in Aboriginal life'.

The furore followed news that a Canberra man, Shane Mortimer, is suing National Capital Authority chairman and former university vice chancellor Don Aitken for \$6 million in damages for blogging about Mr Mortimer that 'He looks about as Aboriginal as I do, and his constant references to his 'ancestors' makes me scratch my head'

Mr Mortimer, who identifies as a Ngambri Aboriginal Elder and often conducts welcomes to country in Canberra, is alleging that the comment breaches the Racial Discrimination Act.

Mr Aitken is reported to have apologised for, but not withdrawn, the comment, with his lawyer insisting in a letter to Mr Mortimer that 'it is not on its own defamatory to say of a person that they do not look like an Aborigine'.

The contentious issue of Aboriginality took another turn last week when renowned Aboriginal actor Jack Charles took exception to being asked by the Australia Council for the Arts to provide a confirmation of Aboriginality before it could consider his application for funding to write a book.

"I don't want a temporary visa from the Australia Council proclaiming I'm an Aboriginal," Mr Charles told the Sydney Morning Herald.

"I expect to be treated honourably and with respect. I have received money in the past but nobody has ever asked me if I'm Aboriginal. This is the only time." - AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail



A file photo of Opposition Leader Tony Abbott looking on as WA Liberal MP Ken Wyatt speaks to supporters in his Canberra office after making his maiden speech in the House of Representatives last year. Mr Wyatt is wearing a ceremonial kangaroo skin cloak.

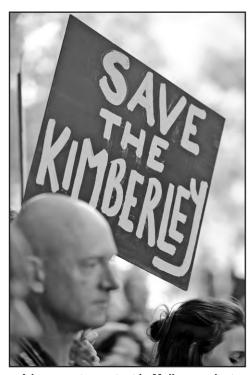
Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said Aboriginality should not become a political football.

"It is not up to the media, politicians or academics to define whether a person is Aboriginal or not," he said in a statement.

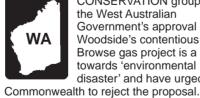
"Our Aboriginality should be something we can all be proud of, not used as a weapon to divide

He reflected on his own circumstances, living in metropolitan Sydney, the son of a

Minister approves gas project



A banner at a protest in Melbourne last month against the proposed development of a major gas hub at James Price Point north of Broome. AAP Image



CONSERVATION groups say the West Australian Government's approval of Woodside's contentious Browse gas project is a step towards 'environmental disaster' and have urged the

State Environment Minister Bill Marmion approved the \$30 billion project planned for James Price Point north of Broome on Monday last week, saying strict conditions would ensure the environment was properly

protected if the precinct were developed.

He said those conditions would improve knowledge and strengthen protection of whales and other marine species, reduce impacts on monsoon vine thickets, enhance protection of dinosaur tracks, and better address the risk of pollution from oil spills, air emissions and invasive marine species.

"I have also strengthened conditions for the involvement of traditional owners and native title claimants, and the requirements for stakeholder and community consultation in the development of a range of environmental management plans," the Minister said.

"I am satisfied the strictest environmental approvals process has been followed."

All the project needs now is the green light from Mr Marmion's Federal counterpart Tony

Burke and a decision by the Woodside-led joint venture to proceed.

The proposed gas hub has caused deep divisions in the Kimberley Aboriginal community. Traditional owner Joseph Roe continues to lead impassioned protests and court challenges against it, but some native title claimants last week hailed Mr Marmion's decision as a positive outcome.

Waardi Ltd, established by the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr Native Title Claim Group to manage future benefits from the Browse LNG project on their behalf, says it is happy with the stricter measures and enhanced traditional owner involvement.

Decision welcomed

"Waardi also welcomes the Minister's decision to strengthen conditions for the involvement of traditional owners and native title claimants, as well as more stakeholder and community consultation," the organisation's chairman, Warren Greatorex, said last Tuesday.

"It's another encouraging step forward in terms of our self-determination and our future, and we look forward to the next step of a positive outcome from the Federal Minister, Mr Bourke,"

Those opposed to the location, including the Australian Greens, have called repeatedly for Browse Basin gas to be piped south to

Woodside's existing North West Shelf facilities in the Pilbara region. Others, including J P Morgan analysts, favour a floating liquefaction vessel, as Royal Dutch Shell has planned for its Ichthys LNG project in the state's far north, but WA Premier Colin Barnett says that model would not provide enough local jobs.

Environs Kimberley director Martin Pritchard said the WA Government had fixed its sights on James Price Point 'based on politics rather than on science'.

"And they have failed to properly consider social and economic impacts on Broome and the Kimberley," he said. "This proposal would be the biggest environmental disaster the Kimberley has ever seen."

The Wilderness Society labelled the state's environmental assessment process 'a sham', pointing to the fact an Environmental Protection Authority report advising Mr Marmion to back the project was left to just one man, chairman Paul Vogel, after his four fellow board members abstained due to conflicts of interest.

Also last week, Pew Environment Group said the Kimberley faced increased environmental threats from mining, including copper exploration at Horizontal Falls and a proposal for a new coal mine in the Fitzroy River Valley. – AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail

No end in sight for Yindjibarndi division

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Yindjibarndi people of Western . Australia's Pilbara region are on their own when it comes to navigating their way through

negotiations with Andrew Forrest's Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) over access to their mineral and culture rich traditional country.

That's the message from both the State and Federal governments as tensions continue to escalate between two rival Yindjibarndi groups made up of overlapping families - the Roebourne-based Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) and the Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WYAC).

The matter has received widespread media coverage and public attention, and inter-family relationships have deteriorated to a point where cousins, aunties, uncles and the like no longer even say hello to each other in the local store.

YAC, the prescribed body corporate (PBC) set up to manage the successful 2005 Ngarluma Yindjibarndi native title claim, has rebuffed FMG's offer of \$4 million a year and a jobs, training, housing and business development package in exchange for permissions relating to its Solomon Hub project north of Tom Price.

The corporation's chief executive officer, Michael Woodley, says the cash amount offered by FMG, which is capped at today's value, is well below industry standards, and the company is trying to get around YAC by negotiating with Wirlu-murra, which it says is a hastily-established group more amenable to FMG's offer but one that has been badly advised and misled.

"I think these people are very smart and very intelligent; they just can't see the difference between what one company is offering and what another is," Mr Woodley told the Koori Mail in Perth recently.

"Industry standard is as clear as day in the Pilbara and we should not be settling for anything else."

Mr Woodley is pushing instead for a percentage of profits that he says could deliver the Yindjibarndi 10 times the amount FMG is offering.

On the other hand, Wirlu-Murra's members say they got sick within YAC, especially when they questioned the organisation's governance. They say no final agreement has been reached with FMG but they're interested in the potential opportunities and trust the company enough to keep talking.

Both groups say they are who FMG and other developers should be talking to and have the longterm interests of the Yindjibarndi at heart. When asked if there's any prospect of their coming back together, both express regret but say they can't see their fractious relationship improving in a hurry.

At the weekend, Wirlu-murra rejected claims by YAC and others that the organisation had been



Members of Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation in Roebourne last week: Aileen Sandy, John Sandy, Allery Sandy, Ken Sandy, Celia Sandy and WYAC office manager Michelle Adams. (Photo supplied)



YAC chief executive officer Michael Woodley.

established 'to benefit a particular company or individuals'

"The repeated criticism by those who feel threatened by Wirlu-murra does not change the fact that we formed the corporation because we believed our voices were not being heard by YAC," a statement from WYAC's board of directors read.

"Because we now stand up for ourselves and for the Yindjibarndi, the people who do not want us to succeed say bad things about us.

"Some have even claimed we have no knowledge of Yindjibarnd land and law. These same people know in their hearts they are wrong, we are the Elders and the rightful custodians of our land.

"Wirlu-murra is not a rubber stamp for one company or any other, we are independent and are proud of our corporation. While others choose conflict and confrontation, we negotiate with a range of companies and organisations because we think working with them will provide the best outcomes for all of our

It is all a potent example of the conflict that has led to increasing despair in Aboriginal communities over the native title regime



The Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) company logo.

established under the Native Title Act 1993.

Last month, the Federal Court heard an application by YAC to have all ten named applicants in an unresolved second native title claim known as Yindjibarndi 1 replaced. Several of the existing applicants have passed away, some fall under YAC and others under YWAC.

It's impossible to say when the case will be decided but, in the meantime, claims and allegations are mounting relating to the conduct of FMG, its staff and consultants around heritage management and other issues. In recent times:

- Whistleblower' lawyer Kerry Savas who previously worked with Wirlu-murra has switched camps, now siding with YAC and appearing on the ABC's 7.30 program last week claiming FMG effectively controlled WYAC and the company had breached the Native Title Act 1993 by failing to negotiate in good faith with the Yindjibarndi;
- The Australian newspaper reported that a former manager within the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) failed to declare her ownership of a consulting firm

that facilitated access to Aboriginal land by

mining companies, and her family relationship with two FMG employees:

 Two different archaeological companies have said they were told by FMG to remove certain sections of reports that referred to important heritage sites; and

 FMG has conceded destruction of one important site but blamed it on a faulty archaeology report.

Last week, WA Greens MLC ohin Chapple called on the State Government to fully investigate 'the growing number of claims made by a number of people about FMG and its activities in relation to its Solomon lease on Yindjibarndi country'. "It is time the Government fulfilled its responsibilities to the Yindjibarndi people and convened a full investigation into the matter," he said.

The Koori Mail asked WA Attorney-General Michael Mischin whether the State Government would investigate as requested by Mr Chapple, but was told the Government had no authority to direct individual companies or native title groups on how they should conduct negotiations.

The NNTT was the arbitrator when resource companies and native title claimants could not reach agreement or when there was any allegation of a lack of good faith, Mr Mischin's spokeswoman said.

Further, she said there was no 'industry or legal standard' for what constituted a fair and reasonable amount of compensation to be offered by a resource company to a native title claim group.

An approach to Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon brought a similar response.

While the Government is aware of the dispute between FMG and representatives from the Yindjibarndi group, the Commonwealth has no direct involvement in these negotiations," a spokesperson for Ms Roxon said. "As such, it would be inappropriate to comment directly on this case.

"However, we do hope the parties are able to resolve their differences and reach agreement."

But the spokesperson said the (Australian) Government did believe that governments had a role in ensuring native title negotiations were conducted properly and was committed to improving the native title process, especially around good faith negotiations.

The Koori Mail approached FMG for a comment on recent developments.

The company responded by saying it believed in providing 'real opportunities for people to participate in its projects and operations'.

'We believe that empowerment comes through responsibility, and that this in turn will be delivered through training, employment and business opportunity," a spokeswoman told the Koori Mail on Sunday.

While we accept that there should be some compensation for the effect of mining operations on native title and that this can include a cash component, we do not believe that handing tens of millions of dollars per year to small groups of people is responsible, productive or ethical."

This was the reason that FMG had not been able to reach agreement with the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, the spokeswoman said. She said YAC was seeking \$30-\$40 million a year and was not interested in jobs or training, whereas WYAC 'represents the traditional owners at Solomon and is seeking to work with Fortescue to ensure that the mine on their lands offers real opportunities for training, jobs, housing and business development'.

The company was already operating a vocational training and employment centre in Roebourne and providing joint venture opportunities, jobs, training and housing to people, 'many of whom have never worked in real jobs before', she said.

The Koori Mail also approached the NNTT for comment but, at the time of going to print, was still awaiting a response.

Tireless warrior praised



WIRADJURI activist and artist Isabell Coe has been remembered as a tireless warrior, a

trailblazer and someone to whom the Aboriginal nations of Australia owe a great debt.

Ms Coe died at her home at Erambie Mission outside Cowra in central New South Wales on 10 November. Aged 61, she had been ill for some time.

Her funeral service conducted at Erambie Mission on 19 November 'under Wiradjuri lore and practice' attracted hundreds of family members, supporters and community leaders from throughout the state and further afield.

Tributes flowed for the woman who stood alongside her husband Billy Craigie in 1972 when he and three other young Aboriginal men established the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the lawns opposite what is now Old Parliament

Earlier this year, Ms Coe played a major role in the

iconic site's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Born in Cowra, Ms Coe grew up at Erambie mission before moving to Sydney in the late 1960s to get a formal education. There she helped to establish the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service, the Redfern Aboriginal Children's Service, the Aboriginal Legal Service and the Aboriginal Housing Company.

She gained international prominence as a prominent Aboriginal activist in the lead-up to the Sydney 2000 Olympics. And she was the lead litigant in Isabel Coe v the Commonwealth, which the NSW Aboriginal Land Council described as an unsuccessful but important legal challenge which sought to assert the sovereignty of the Wiradjuri

Upon her passing, many took to social media expressing their love and appreciation for the woman known almost universally as 'Aunty Isabell', remembering her as both a firebrand and unerringly warm and kind.

The National NAIDOC



A fighter: Isabell Coe in fine form at this year's NAIDOC national ball in Hobart. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Committee said she had dedicated her life to fight on.

"Isabell Coe never became silent and her voice would always rise above others, because things mattered." said the committee's co-chairs Anne Martin and Ben Mitchell. "A true leader, who led by example and never, never gave up the fight.'

NSWALC chairman Stephen Ryan said Isabell Coe 'chose to fight for our rights at the community level'.

"She led the battle on our streets for many years, and even as her health declined she remained active," he said.

...She was on the frontline of

protests and it gave her an authenticity. It's because of that authenticity, and her determination to fight with the people and for the people, that Aunty Isabel won so much respect not just in NSW, but around the nation.

Michael Anderson, also a cofounder of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, said Ms Coe was a standout amongst her contemporaries and a force to be reckoned with.

"Her commitment and passion certainly stood out," he said of the Embassy's early years.

"She towered over some of the young fellas in the Black Power

movement back in those days." **NSW Aboriginal Affairs** Minister Victor Dominello extended the Government's

condolences and said Ms Coe had left a legacy that benefited the entire community, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia described Ms Coe as 'a truly remarkable and respected woman who will be greatly missed and remembered'.

Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) president Ray Jackson said she was 'a warrior, a leader and mentor and educator to all people, regardless of race or skin colour'. – *With AAP*

Redfern speech – 20 years on

By KIRSTIE PARKER*

LMOST 20 years ago, a mainly Aboriginal crowd gathered on a Thursday in a shady park in inner Sydney to mark Australia's impending celebration of 1993 as the United Nations International Year of the World's Indigenous People (IYWIP).

It was just over 12 months since the Federal Government had established the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR), five months since the High Court's Mabo decision recognising native title, and in the middle of a bitter debate about how the nation would respond to the court's historic iudaement.

As Prime Minister Paul Keating took to the stage at Redfern Park that day - 10 December 1992 - children played together on the grass, Elders sat on white plastic chairs set out in rows fanning themselves and shielding their eyes against the sun, and media crews stood about bantering with government flacks.

Although most had gathered for what would no doubt be a pleasant occasion, few expected much more than standard pollie speak, musical and other performances, and hopefully a cup of tea and a sandwich afterwards.

The following year would be one of 'great significance for Australia', the PM began, as the hum of other conversations continued amongst the crowd and some began to

But that soon changed as Mr Keating's strident voice cut through the air with phrases Were you there?

We would like to hear from any Koori Mail readers who were there in Redfern Park on 10 December 1992, or elsewhere, listening to the speech. What did you think of it at the time and what do you think of it now? Let us know by emailing editor@koorimail.com



no-one had expected. If Australia could build a prosperous and remarkably harmonious multicultural society in Australia, Mr Keating asked, couldn't it find 'just solutions to the problems which beset the First Australians the people to whom the most injustice has

...the starting point might be to recognise that the problem starts with us non-Aboriginal Australians," he said, to scattered applause.

"It begins, I think, with that act of recognition. Recognition that it was we who did the dispossessing. We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life. We brought the diseases. The alcohol. We committed the murders. We took the children

from their mothers. We practised discrimination and exclusion. It was our ignorance and our prejudice. And our failure to imagine these things being done to us. With some noble exceptions, we failed to make the most basic human response and enter into their hearts and minds. We failed to ask - how would I feel if this were done to me? As a consequence, we failed to see that what we were doing degraded all of us...

By the end of the speech, many of those who had been seated were on their feet, clapping and cheering. Pretty much everyone had goose bumps. What had begun as a relatively run-of-the-mill community event had become an historic occasion.

In 2007, ABC Radio National listeners voted Mr Keating's address as the third most unforgettable speech of all time, topped only by Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream speech, and Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount'.

At the time of the survey, Lingiari Foundation chairman and former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation chairman Patrick Dodson recalled Mr Keating's words 'a great speech because it was about leadership, principle and courage'

"He placed before Australians the truths of our past and the sad reality of our contemporary society. He laid down the challenge for our future, as a nation united and at peace with its soul," the Age newspaper quoted Prof Dodson as saying.

While authorship of the Redfern Park speech has become contentious in recent years, with Mr Keating dismissing his former speech writer's claim that most of it was his, the speech continues to loom large in the Australian psyche.

In a little less than a fortnight, many in our communities will pause to reflect upon the words that raised our hopes for a more just future and, to some extent, still sustains

See pages 25 and 26 for the full transcript of Paul Keating's Redfern Park

* On 10 December 1992. Koori Mail Managing Editor Kirstie Parker was working as media adviser to then Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Robert Tickner. She was there in Redfern Park as Mr Keating spoke.

Urgent action call on family violence

By JILLIAN MUNDY



HIGH levels of family violence against Aboriginal women must be addressed as a matter of urgency, a national conference on the subject has been told.

With Aboriginal women 40 times more likely than other women to face family violence and Aboriginal children ten times more likely to be placed in out-of-home care, Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (FVPLS Victoria) chief executive Antoinette Braybrook said the situation was critical.

Ms Braybrook was speaking at the organisation's inaugural national conference in Melbourne last week and attended by about 250 Aboriginal advocates from across Australia, police, members of the judiciary, crisis response services and government policy makers.

Also at the 'Standing Firm for Change: A Journey to Justice' conference were two United Nations representatives as well as Aboriginal Elders, including Elders who work with Victoria's Koori Courts.

"Family violence not only affects the victims but entire communities and in particular Aboriginal children who are 10 times more likely nationally to be placed in out-of-home care compared to non-Aboriginal children," Ms Braybrook said.

Nationally, Aboriginal women are 40 times more likely to experience family violence, compared to other women, and 31 times more likely to be hospitalised as a result.

The conference heard that racist attitudes from police and the legal and health systems, as well as a stigma talking about it in Aboriginal communities, stopped Aboriginal women from reporting family violence.

Ms Braybrook said the diversity of stories told and issues discussed at the three-day conference highlighted the need for government to shift away from the onesize-fits-all approach and ensure adequate funding for programs.

"Aboriginal people should not be begging for money to ensure access to basic rights," she said.

The conference heard international perspectives and intimate personal

Victorian Aboriginal Childcare Agency CEO Muriel Bamblett spoke of the impact of family violence on children and the importance of maintaining culture to children placed in welfare.

She said family violence in Aboriginal communities was different because of colonisation and its subsequent disruption to culture, traditional forms of extended family functionality and the denial of Aboriginal self-determination. "This is not an excuse but a starting point for analysis and creating pathways for healing."

Dr Pat Miller, from the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, spoke of the need for Aboriginal children in care to maintain their culture. She said there needed to be strong Aboriginal people working in government agencies to ensure this happened.

June Oscar and Emily Carter, from Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre in Fitzroy Valley WA, talked about the effects of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and their community's journey to achieving alcohol restrictions, which they said had had positive effects.

"We stood firm because the children are worth saving," Ms Carter said. "We have to be the drivers of the change, we live the reality of what's happening."

Ms Oscar said she hoped their



Keynote speakers Professor Megan Davis, Rashida Manjoo and Muriel Bamblett.



Adrian Sculthorpe, Tim Kanoa, Shaun Braybrook and Ashley Morris, from Victoria's Department of Justice, at the conference.



community's story would help others when deliberating on such policy changes.

"Our community has truly recognised the impact of alcohol and its impact on all facets of life," she said.

"FASD is 100 per cent preventable the chance to become the best they can be is cut short before they are born.

"The conversation is not happening in the non-Indigenous community - that is the sleeping giant."

Obligations

UNSW Indigenous Law Centre director Prof Megan Davis gave a snap shot of her role as an expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, stressing the usefulness of international obligations in combating violence against indigenous women and

UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, South African lawyer

Rashida Manjoo, said the most effective way forward in combating violence against Indigenous women and girls was a holistic approach, where women can enjoy the protection provided by all international human rights norms and standards in an integrated way.

Antoinette Braybrook said a major problem for FVPLS Victoria, one of 14 federally funded FVPLSs around the country to service 31 rural and remote locations, was being restricted by funding to only provide services to remote areas. even though many clients live in urban

Many Aboriginal legal services were focused on criminal law matters, she said, leaving mainstream services the only option to Aboriginal women and children who experience family violence.

Ms Braybrook said programs that supported men to examine their choices, thinking and behaviour were vital.



Kate Walker, from the Melbourne Magistrates Court, FVPLS Victoria CEO Antoinette Braybrook and Aunty Pam Pedersen of FVPLS.



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Cape York land handed back



NEARLY a quarter of a million hectares of land on western Cape York, an area roughly the size of the Australian Capital Territory,

has been handed back to traditional owners.

The Batavia Downs property, covering 241,000ha between Coen and Weipa, was formally handed back to the Atambaya,

Northern Kaanju and Yinwum people at a ceremony near Cairns last Wednesday.

The handover of the state-owned property, which has been managed by caretakers since 1994, is the result of a native title claim lodged in 1997.

Most of the property will remain as grazing land, and an agreement has been struck to keep the current caretakers in place until traditional owners

decide the future of the area.

About a quarter of the land will become the Batavia National Park, to be jointly managed by the Queensland Government and traditional owners. A further 79,000ha along the Wenlock River will become a nature refuge.

Cape York land rights group Balkanu said the handover would mean economic opportunities for traditional owners.

"The return of country to the

communities ... (will) fulfil traditional owners' dreams to return to their homelands," the group said in a statement.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said the Government would work in partnership with traditional owners to manage the land.

'The Queensland Government is looking forward to working further with Aboriginal people in the Cape York Peninsula region to resolve land tenure issues and protect iconic natural areas,' he said.

The Australian Conservation Foundation said the handover would pave the way for eco-tourism in the region.

Traditional owners have now been granted native title rights to more than 2.2 million hectares across Cape York, around half of which is being managed as National Parks. - AAP



Anger as Tas bypass opens

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE controversial **Brighton** Bypass, part of which

spans a 40,000-year-old Aboriginal site in southern Tasmania, has been opened with a ribbon cutting and reception event amid condemnation from Aborigines.

While Federal and State ministers, government officials and construction industry representatives celebrated the opening with an official ribbon cutting and a media event at the Brighton Civic Centre on 12 November, Aborigines gathered at the new road to voice their disgust.

A group of about 30 protesters waved placards and chanted 'Shame Giddings shame, gloating once again'.

Michael Mansell said Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddinas wound down her window as she passed through a blockade to the opening, where protesters had gathered, and said hello.



"We said you ought to be ashamed of yourself, what you are doing today is shameful." he told Koori Mail.

Many passing motorists gave the protesters the thumbs up, while a few in government vehicles offered offensive finger gestures.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre community officer Sara Maynard labeled Premier Giddings 'insensitive' and 'divisive' for officiating at the opening.

"It was bad enough that this Government destroyed a 40,000-year-old Aboriginal site with a road,

but for the Premier to make a song and dance about the road opening is going

"Let the road open but don't have a gala event."

Ms Maynard said the Premier's enthusiasm to officiate at the road opening rubbed salt into a very deep wound.

"All for publicity," she

"This shows the Premier is more about publicising her existence than acting as a Premier for all people, taking account of people's feelings.'

Ms Maynard praised former Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon.

"He led his Government to keep a low-profile on Tasmania Day celebrations. Those celebrations were seen as race-based so the Premier took account of Aboriginal reaction. Not so with Premier Giddings, she said.

"Making an appearance at the bypass opening gives the impression that the Government represents one side, and of indifference to the effect on Aborigines.

"The issue is about integrity above posturing."

A joint media statement Services Minister Julie Collins, Federal Labor Member for Lyons Dick Adams, Premier Giddings and State Infrastructure Minister David O'Byrne said that the State Government recognised and respected the significance of the Jordan River levee and the importance of the site to the Aboriginal community.

"An additional \$15 million was spent to build a bridge over the levee to ensure the site is protected for the future," it read.

Mandatory sentence move alarm

By DARREN COYNE



THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) has attacked a proposal to increase mandatory sentences for certain offences in the Northern Territory. The Country Liberal Party recently released a consultation paper in relation to 11 bills, including one to radically increase sentences

for violent offences. NAAJA chief executive Priscilla Collins described the proposed changes as 'simply bad laws'.

They are not based on evidence of what works to make our community safer from violence or any evidence that sentences for violent crime in the Territory are too

Ms Collins said the NT already had the toughest sentencing regime in Australia, with mandatory sentences already in place for assaults resulting in harm.

The Territory already had the highest imprisonment rates in Australia, she said, with the number of prisoners increasing by 14 per cent last year.

According to a report on mandatory sentencing in 2003, it was found that rather than deterring property crime in the NT, the numbers of offences actually increased and were found to target the Indigenous population.

That report concluded that Indigenous people were heavily over-represented in the Territory's mandatory sentencing regime.

"Indigenous adults were approximately 8.6 times as likely as non-Indigenous adults to receive a mandatory prison term at some time during the life of the sentencing regime," the report said.

"Indigenous adults were an even higher proportion of repeat offenders, with 95 per cent of one-year-minimum sentences being ordered against Indigenous offenders.'

'Money wasted'

Ms Collins said that when the CLP introduced mandatory minimum sentences in the 1990s the crime rate actually increased. "Taxpayer money was wasted on more court cases being defended and more people going to

"We shouldn't be recycling old policies that failed us the first time. Sentences should be decided by a judge or magistrate after hearing the facts and circumstances of each individual offence and offender.

This is the only way in which the punishment can be made to fit the crime. If we want the community to be safer. mandatory sentencing is not the way to achieve it.

"Mandatory minimum sentencing is unnecessary, pensive unfair and does not w

Ms Collins said NAAJA was a member of the Making Justice Work campaign, which brings together

organisations from across the Territory. The campaign has stated that prison is not a solution, and that stronger measures are needed to prevent crime in

the first place. Ms Collins said it didn't make sense to spend money more than \$100,000 a year to lock up one person – when

that same money could be used to help prevent crime. "There is nothing to suggest that violent offenders are getting off light, and the court system already allows for

appeals if a sentence is too low," she said. Changes to the criminal code amendment were introduced into the NT Parliament on 1 November and are expected to be debated during the parliamentary sittings.

which began yesterday and end on 6 December. The purpose of the Bill is to insert the offence of violent act causing death into the Criminal Code, with a 16-year jail penalty proposed.

Concern as WA passes new laws

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



ANTI-**ASSOCIATION** legislation that prompted public protests in Western Australia earlier this year quietly passed

State Parliament last fortnight. The controversial Criminal Organisations Control Act creates mandatory minimum jail terms for members of organisations

convicted of offences. Activists and legal advocates have expressed concern over the law's potential for misuse.

During parliamentary debate, MP Michael Mischin, now the State Attorney General, said control orders could be used against youths 16 years and above. Additionally, no criminal record was required to justify a control order.

The bill received almost bipartisan support, with only minor amendments made before it was passed on 14 November.

"An application can theoretically be brought against anyone; whether one is granted by a judge would depend on the circumstances set out in clause 57 and on the weight that the judicial officer gives to the evidence that is presented to support any or all of those circumstances," Mr Mischin said during parliamentary debate on 1 May this year.

During the same debate, one MP complained proposed juvenile control orders did not go far enough, and would not prevent 15-year-olds undertaking banned

The Police Commissioner or CCC Commissioner can apply to have groups declared as criminal organisations if information supports suspicions they could be planning or undertaking criminal offences, and are considered a risk to public safety and/or the order of the State.

Mr Mischin said that now, once a group is declared as criminal, a range of measures could be imposed to stop members associating, going to certain locations and getting new members, or receiving funds.

"Courts will be required to impose at least two years' imprisonment – or for more serious offences, at least 75 per cent of the statutory maximum penalty for the offence - and bail will not ordinarily be granted for offences under the legislation," he

Penalties

New penalties include two years' jail for a first offence or five years' jail for a subsequent breach of a control order granted by the Supreme Court, and two years' jail for anyone whose premises is used for any organised crime.

The law also restricts controlled people from working in the security industry, on the wharves, in or around airports, or on licensed premises.

Various jurisdictions had pursued anti-association laws, some already overturned by the High Court, in a bid to rid Australia of a 'bikie scourge' following the bashing death of a man at Sydney Airport in 2009, Mr

Legal advocate Pearl Lim, from Search for Your Rights, said that, contrary to government claims, the legislation did not mention motorcycle clubs.

Robert Eggington, a Noongar rights activist and chair of **Dumbartung Aboriginal** Corporation, said political point-scoring about bikie targets merely equated to propaganda, with existing mandatory sentencing and anti-association provisions already served on Aboriginal people at a vastly higher rate.

He called for an immediate inquiry into the Government's use of mandatory sentencing and its disproportionate use against Aboriginals.

Mr Eggington said the laws could be used for more than dispersing political gatherings, rallies or campaigns like Mattagarup (Noongar Tent Embassy), and there had been unwarranted 'huge police presence' at family funerals and cultural festivals.

"My fear is these laws will be used to disperse people in terms of the interests of the authorities and government and ... Their mandatory sentencing, to fill up the new jails they're building," he

"You have prisons now around the community built exclusively for the black man," he said, adding that the incarceration of black people had become industrialised.

"When the system here jails one black man, ten white men get rich. I'd say 90 per cent of Aboriginal people would have some form of monitoring or



surveillance by police on their person, but at least 70 per cent would have some form of criminal record.'

Mr Eggington said that 'of course, the police are going to enforce it... our population have been 'victims' and have got criminal records by the time they're adults, far greater than non-Aboriginal people'.

Criminal

Youth Legal Service director Cheryl Cassidy-Vernon said the service had had no clients in recent years who would possibly identify as associating with criminal organisations such as bikie groups.

"Most youth crime is petty crime - fare evasion, shoplifting, graffiti – not organised or serious crime," she said.

Criminal influence resulting in youth crime was mostly peerrelated, with just one per cent of youth having contact with police more than twice, Ms Cassidy-Vernon said, and boredom was usually to blame.

"Assisting young people to grow out of crime should be the focus of legislation and I am not sure that the Criminal Organisations Control Bill considers this," she said.

The dozen clubs that are members of the United Motorcycle Council of WA strictly regulate membership, and juveniles were '100 per cent' ineligible, Council spokesperson Peter Godfrey stressed.

Territory jail rates highest in nation



IMPRISONMENT rates in the NT are by far the highest in Australia, new Australian Bureau of atistics figures show

Data for the September quarter in the 'Corrective Services,

Australia' report, released 22 November, showed the NT held 822 prisoners for every 100,000 adults, followed by WA with 265 and NSW with 171.

Nationally, the average daily imprisonment rate for the period was 168 prisoners per 100,000 adults, up one per cent from the September quarter last year.

The average daily imprisonment rate for males was more than 12 times the rate for females.

The data showed WA had the highest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment rate, at 4057 prisoners per 100,000 Indigenous adults, followed by the Northern Territory with 2695. - AAP



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Foxground and Berry bypass project

Environmental assessment - public display

The environmental assessment for the proposed Foxground and Berry bypass, Princes Highway upgrade is on public display until **Monday 17 December 2012**. The project is being assessed as a transitional project by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The environmental assessment provides a detailed review of all potential impacts of the proposed upgrade and is an opportunity for you to comment.

The environmental assessment is available on the project website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb.

Have your say

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) encourages you to make a formal submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Written submissions must be received no later than Monday 17 December 2012.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure prefers to receive written submissions via their website at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. If you cannot lodge your submission online it can be sent via email to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au or via mail to Director Infrastructure Projects, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001.

Submissions made during the display period will be collated and considered by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and RMS, as part of the project approval process.

Members of the RMS project team will be available during the display at the Berry project office, shop 3/113 (Broughton Court), Queen Street Berry on:

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Arakwal pledge to fight CSG

By DARREN COYNE



THE traditional owners of Byron Bay on the NSW north coast have vowed to oppose

coal seam gas (CSG) mining in their country.

And they're angry that the **NSW Aboriginal Land Council** (NSWALC) recently applied for a prospecting licence covering areas in Byron and Tweed shires without talking to local people first.

"We were not notified about this at all," Arakwal Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Yvonne Stewart told the Koori Mail last week.

Ms Stewart said the Arakwal were not alone in their opposition to coal seam gas mining.

Rallies staged in the region have already attracted thousands of people opposed to CSG mining, and Byron Shire Council has voted to make a submission opposing CSG operations in the shire.

Ms Stewart said traditional owners were intent on protecting their country and culture, and were fighting on a number of fronts, including for Indigenous fishing rights.

She said the lack of consultation from NSWALC was particularly disappointing, as the Arakwal people had spent 15 years fighting for their native title rights to be recognised and should be respected.

The Byron/Tweed application is one of five lodged by NSWALC, which has said the decision to invest in mining was to 'end Aboriginal poverty' and to take an active role in the 'real Australian economy'.

The applications cover vast areas of the state, but chief executive Geoff Scott has said those areas were being refined all the time.

The Tweed/Byron application covers an area around Mullumbimby and west of Byron Bay and up to Murwillumbah and the border.

Announcing the applications earlier this month, Mr Scott said the push into the mining sector was 'borne out of frustration'.

He said if Aboriginal people waited for government to invest properly in Aboriginal communities, they'd be 'waiting a long, long time'.

"At this very early stage there's no disruption of the land at all, we're restricted to



Arakwal Aboriginal Corporation chief executive Yvonne Stewart and Wally Stewart are fighting against coal seam gas mining, and also for Indigenous fishing rights.

what's called 'desktop studies,' where scientific data like mapping and existing core samples are examined closely," Mr Scott said.

Public submissions to the applications end on 5 December and can be made at www.resources.nsw.gov.au

Fishing rights

On another front, the Arakwal people have called on all Aboriginal people in NSW to join in a protest on 15 and 16 December in support of Indigenous fishing rights.

"We need to stage a mass protest about how our resources are being abused by Fisheries in NSW and how Fisheries in NSW portray Aboriginal people to be

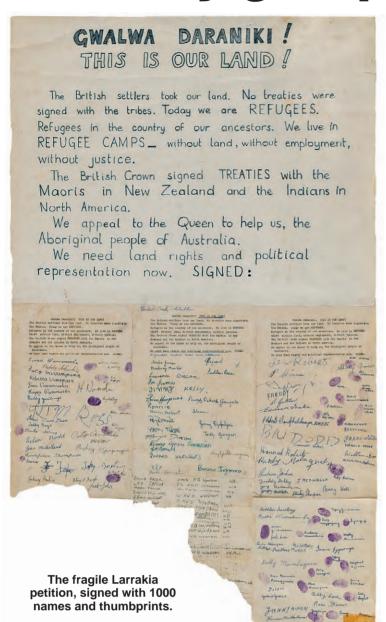
criminals for exercising there traditional rights," Ms Stewart said.

"We ask all communities in NSW to organise your families and community and go out to your favorite fishing grounds and gather, dive, fish and take what ever you need to feed your family.

"Let your local Fisheries/Marine Parks authority and your local media know in advance what your community/families are planning.

"For this protest to be successful, we need all Aboriginal people, communities, families to come together on the 15 and 16 of December and stand up for our cultural rights."

Advisory group sees Larrakia petition





A PIECE of Indigenous history came out of the **National Archives** vaults in the Canberra last

week for a rare showing.

The Larrakia petition, signed with 1000 names and thumbprints, was seen by members of the National Archives' Aboriginal Advisory Group, visiting for the first time from the Northern Territory. The fragile 3.3 metre petition, calling on Queen Elizabeth to help Aboriginal people achieve land rights, gained notoriety in 1972.

The Larrakia people had camped outside Government House in Darwin on 15 October 1972, trying to present the petition to Princess Margaret to pass on to her sister the Queen. As they tried to break through a police barricade, the petition was torn. Two days later it was sent to Buckingham Palace, with an apology for its poor condition.

Anniversary

The National Archives' NT Aboriginal Advisory Group was in Canberra for the first time to mark the 15th anniversary of a memorandum of understanding

between the National Archives and representatives of the NT Aboriginal people affected by past government separation policies.

The visit also celebrated a new Indigenous unit at the National Archives designed to build on work done with Indigenous people around Australia, particularly in the Northern Territory, Victoria and South Australia.

Members of the unit will, among other duties, work to enhance the Indigenous component of the National Archives' website.



Members of the National Archives NT Aboriginal Advisory Group Kathy Mills, Vicki-Lee Knowles, Rick Jones and Margaret Furber examine the original segments of the Larakia petition with director-general David Fricker and assistant director-general Anne Lyons from the National Archives. Photograph by Jen Everart

Business says it's on the job



MEMBERS of the Business Council of Australia (BCA) have hired more than 2000

Indigenous people and created more than 700 Indigenous traineeships during the past year, according to a new survey.

BCA president Tony Shepherd says while the mining and financial services sectors were trailblazers in the area, the survey showed that companies from diverse parts of the economy were now involved in the push for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jobs.

"Indigenous engagement is fast becoming an essential aspect of business practice among Australia's large companies," Mr Shepherd said on Friday, launching the BCA's 2012 Indigenous Engagement Survey, its fourth.

"Employers see it as a practical way of contributing to significant social change that simultaneously makes them better businesses, and employees are starting to really value and expect it in the workplace."

The 2012 survey attracted a

record 81 per cent response rate from member companies, with three-quarters of respondents reporting they had formal Indigenous engagement strategies in place. Most of those that didn't have such a strategy cited either a lack of resources or lack of expertise as the main barriers.

As well as increased jobs and traineeships, the survey found:

• the expectations of customers and staff are the most important drivers of Indigenous engagement activities;

almost a third of respondents reported having more than 50 Indigenous employees, with at least eight companies employing more than 500 Indigenous Australians;

more than 48,500 hours of unpaid work provided by **Business Council member** companies in Indigenous engagement activities, much of this directed at enhancing the capacity of Indigenous organisations;

most companies with Indigenous engagement activities provided employment and traineeship opportunities and undertook cultural awareness activities: and

• there are qualitative benefits of Indigenous engagement which are also important to companies, in particular its ability to improve corporate culture and staff

Mr Shepherd said responses to this year's survey showed 'a growing sophistication' in engagement strategies.

"Employment is clearly seen as an important contribution but it is one of many ways business is contributing to Indigenous economic development," he said.

"Forging partnerships with communities, procuring Indigenous contracts and pro bono contributions to strengthen capacity in Indigenous organisations are also making an impact."

Mr Shepherd said that while there were many positives this year, there was still plenty of work to do, for government and for the business community.

"The BCA and its members didn't want to see individuals or groups facing intergenerational barriers that prevented them from contributing to the economy and being part of the nation's 'growth story'," he said.



Native Title Services Victoria Ltd

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) is undertaking fieldwork between now and the end of January 2013 in the north west of Victoria. Dr Michael O'Kane is meeting with Traditional Owners who assert connection to the country from Boundary Bend on the Murray River to the South Australian border.

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Title win for Jinibara



Jinibara Elder Rebekah Ellis congratulated by Quandamooka Elder John Campbell as Minister Andrew Powell looks on. Photos by Amelia Paxma, courtesy QSNTS



A future as Jinibara native title holders - Kenny Murphy's granddaughters Ruby and Charlotte.



THE Jinibara people have won native title rights to more than 700 square kilometres of land in south-east Queensland in an historic court judgment.

Sitting in Woodford, north of Brisbane, the Federal Court last Tuesday approved a consent determination giving the Jinibara non-exclusive rights to the land.

The site stretches from the Blackall, Conondale and D'Aguilar ranges to parts of the Sunshine Coast and the Brisbane River.

It's the first native title determination in south-east Queensland and has been 14 years in the making.

The ruling gives the Jinibara people a

range of rights, including the ability to hunt, fish, participate in ceremonies and be buried on the land.

It also gives them exclusive rights to 1.38 square kilometres of land to possess, occupy, use and enjoy the area to the exclusion of all others.

Uncle Noel Blair, one of two native title applicants, said he didn't celebrate until the court had made the decision official.

Never thought he'd see it

"I never thought I'd live to see this day," he said.

There were plenty of times we thought it would never happen. Our lawyer told us a few months ago we were set to get native title and I welled up a bit, but I didn't want to get too excited.'

Mr Blair said he hoped the determination could be used to benefit the community at large, particularly in creating an appreciation for Indigenous culture.

"We've all worked together to get this far, so let's keep working together for this to benefit all of the community," he said.

A statement from the Queensland South Native Title Service, which represented the Jinibara, said the claimants had maintained their connection to their country throughout their long history.

"This history stretches deep into the unrecorded past and to some of the earliest contact with Europeans in Queensland," it read. - AAP







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Aboriginal land management skills praised



LAND management problems could be solved by learning from the example of Indigenous people before white settlement, the Queensland premier says. Campbell Newman said

Indigenous Australians had much better land management practices than most

people realised and he had discussed the approach with Australia's climate change commissioner, Tim Flannery. "I have a view that the landscape needs to be

better managed and we have to have a really good look at what the traditional practices were of Aboriginal peoples," he said in Brisbane

"The landscape, arguably, that white settlers first encountered in 1788 was a managed

"And I think a lot of ... intellectual property has been lost over the last 200 years about what was actually going on."

Prof Flannery earlier said he called Mr Newman to discuss serious concerns that Queensland was not doing enough to protect its plants and animals.

"I told him there was a problem with biodiversity conservation in Queensland and something needed to be done about it," he told ABC radio.

"He (the premier) was very positive. I thought he was very interested in solutions.'

Prof Flannery said protecting Australia's biodiversity was above politics.

"We are the custodians of it and if we can costeffectively preserve it there is no argument to not doing so," he said. - AAP

Reconciliation backed



A NEW report has found young people want a better relationship between Indigenous and other Australians. The 'Yarn About Youth' report, co-authored by Reconciliation Australia (RA) and

the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC), also found that young people believe there is a need for reconciliation and want to be a part of it, but many do not know how. And it showed most young Australians (81 per cent) have a strong desire to advance reconciliation, but fewer than half know how to go about it.

The report contains findings from the first national survey of young people's attitudes to reconciliation.

Results indicate most surveyed believe trust between Indigenous and other Australians is low, but 90 per cent think the relationship is important.

Key findings of those surveyed include:

- 90 per cent think the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is important;
- 80 per cent think Australia is better off because we have many different cultures;
- 67 per cent rank their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories
- 51 per cent think the relationship is improving:
 - 35 per cent think the relationship is good;
- 16 per cent think that we trust each other.

The report represents the views from 740 people aged 15 to 26 surveyed online from May to July, and representatives from 22 key youth sector organisations who met to discuss the survey findings and ways forward.

"Young people overwhelming feel the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people is really important, but it is strained by prejudice and a lack of trust," AYAC executive director Andrew Cummings said.

'Smash the gap'

"This report makes clear that the vast majority of young people want to be a part of healing the relationship. As one young person said, 'we do not want to just close the gap, we want to smash the gap!"

Young Indigenous people identified 'racism, discrimination and prejudice' as the most important issue in Australia today. Non-Indigenous young people identified it as the second most important issue.

The survey found signs of change. In comparing responses from young people to those of older generations, the survey found that three in four non-Indigenous young people are proud of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, compared with two in four non-Indigenous people from older generations.

"Like most young Australians, I want to live in an Australia that celebrates its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture," AYAC

Tjapukai head set to retire



THE head of far north **Queensland Aboriginal** performance company Tiapukai will retire, more than 20 years after helping to establish the group.

David Hudson, who helped set up Cairns-based Tjapukai in 1990, will step down as co-head of the group, which has performed before the Queen and European royalty.

Queensland Indigenous Affairs Minister Glen Elmes said Mr Hudson had managed to take Aboriginal music and dance to the world. "David is a role model for young Indigenous people in the way he protects and promotes Indigenous culture locally and internationally," Mr Elmes said. - AAP

Indigenous projects officer Blake Tatafu said.

"I want to live in an Australia free from racism. I want to live in an Australia where there is compassion and love and respect between every member of the Australian family.'

RA and AYAC say every Australian should think about how they can support change towards

"There's no single strand to reconciliation. It takes lots of people doing lots of different things sharing a common goal," RA CEO Leah Armstrong said.

"Seven out of ten young people we surveyed are already talking to others about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

"Everyday actions like these make a significant contribution to improving the relationship.

'Like most young Australians, I want to live in an Australia that celebrates its **Aboriginal and Torres** Strait Islander culture'

– IYAC's Blake Tatafu

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Eastern Guruma rights confirmed



THE Federal Court has found that the Eastern Guruma People hold non-exclusive native title rights to parts, but not all, of the Pilbara mining town of Tom Price.

In a ruling last week, the court confirmed an agreement reached by all parties, including the Eastern Guruma.

The judgment means that while the traditional owners will not be able to veto future development, their native title rights must be taken into account.

WA Attorney General Michael Mischin

welcomed the decision, and predicted that during the next two years, an unprecedented number of State native title claims could be

"Four claims are currently in litigation and there are potentially more than a dozen claims that could be settled by consent between the parties in 2013 and 2014," he said.

"In addition, a successful agreement in the South-West would settle another 10 claims.

Mr Mischin attributed the increased number of native title determinations to the

State Government's 'proactive approach towards what could be included in a native title agreement, including the scope for longterm economic and social development by native title holders'.

"The State Government supports negotiated native title agreements and has the best record in Australia in that regard," he said.

"Native title rights have been determined across 911,667 square km of Western Australia, which covers 60.6 per cent of all the land in Australia where native title rights have been recognised.

"At the same time, the State has an obligation to apply full due diligence to any native title claim and, if necessary, refer matters to the Federal Court for a decision.

"At present, there remain 106 native title claims to be resolved in WA. What the Government hopes to achieve is a big step up in the number of claims finalised.

'The precise number depends on whether the Government can settle any outstanding points of law and whether all respondents – not only the State – support

Thousands view WA firm rare solar eclipse

By MAHALA STROHFELDT in Cairns



THE air shifts and the atmosphere appears to stand still. Neighborhood dogs stop their early morning ruckus. Even the

loud daily birdsong that can usually be counted on stops, as if on cue.

The temperature drops as crescent by crescent, the Sun slowly gets consumed by the Moon, until there is no more light

While clouds threaten the view and tease with their intermittent passing, seconds before totality the final remnants of the Sun emerges in clear view, only to be totally eclipsed by the

It's the moment we've all been waiting for, the stuff science fiction movies are made of.

With a brilliant halo of illumination, day suddenly becomes night at 6:38am on an otherwise regular Wednesday morning. It catches your breath with its rare beauty. It is eerie and strangely arresting.

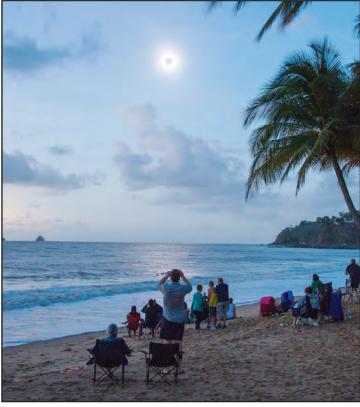
Thousands gaze with awe at what appears to be the night sky at half past dawn. And then, little over two minutes later... just like that, it's over.

The rare celestial event that was the total solar eclipse in far north Queensland on Wednesday, 14 November, attracted thousands of stargazers, astronomy enthusiasts, NASA scientists and even, allegedly, Hollywood stars. For many, it was a once-in-alifetime chance to see what many described as 'otherworldly'.

But for many Aboriginal groups across Australia, the solar eclipse and other such cosmic events are part of a rich traditional web of storytelling dating back thousands of years.

Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park general manager David Hudson said that for the tribes around far north Queensland, the total eclipse represented a time of great cultural importance, and many local Elders and traditional owners honoured the rare event with storytelling and special events including a five-day global summit in Yarrabah attracting hundreds of people.

"The stories that come from our mob up here are that the eclipse is a rare event of great cultural significance," he said.



The eclipse seen from Ellis Beach north of Cairns. AAP image

"The traditional story is that the Moon Lady is coming across and being drawn to the heat of the Sun (man) and cannot help but be drawn in by his heat. When the two finally come together, it is the total eclipse.

"It's known as a very rare and special occasion for our people and a great time for fertility and childbirth. Some groups may view it as an omen, but our people see it as a good thing. A proper eclipse like this one is a very sacred cultural event and very important to our people."

Stories

While Aboriginal astronomy is only just beginning to achieve broader recognition, Indigenous people have been living by, and telling stories of the night sky for millennia.

Many non-Indigenous scientists like astronomer Duane Damacher have been studying Aboriginal astronomy with keen interest and claim Australia's First Peoples to be among the world's oldest astronomers.

US-born Mr Hamacher was in Cairns for the eclipse and said he was awestruck. The lecturer with the University of NSW Nura Gili Indigenous unit has been studying Aboriginal astronomy since he first arrived in Australia many years ago. For him, it's more than a different way at

looking at the cosmos, but a driving passion.

Mr Hamacher said Aboriginal groups across the country held important stories about the eclipse and other rare astronomical events.

"In Kamilaroi country in NSW, the eclipse tells the story of the Moon who believes that his woman, the Sun, is too promiscuous and has too many lovers and sends her away. But (she is) still in love with him so she chases him around in a jealous rage until eventually she catches him and tries to kill him but he convinces the spirits to save him, which they do," he recalled.

"The main themes I've come across are the relationships between the woman Sun and man Moon and either fighting or making love'

Mr Hamacher sees one of his most important roles as trying to break down the divide between Indigenous culture and Western science through Aboriginal astronomy.

"Some of the stories we come across about the eclipse or other astronomical events might not fit in with science, but it doesn't matter," he said.

"Aboriginal astronomy is a huge area and we're only just beginning to scrape the tip of the

on wage scheme



THE WESTERN Australia Government is refusing to further extend the deadline for its Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme

beyond 30 November.

The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) wants the scheme kept open until March 2017 and has said it is disappointed with the Government's decision, as have

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said last week the Government had made a 'very comprehensive' attempt to engage with people affected by stolen wages, extending the scheme for three months past its original August closing date, and further extension was not necessary.

ALSWA chief executive Dennis Eggington said that, as a consequence, many people could miss out.

"Last month ALSWA wrote to Mr Collier seeking an extension, but the Minister has refused," he said on Friday.

"I am so sad for all of the people who will miss out on making an application, it is really disheartening that after all they have already gone through, they will be further disadvantaged through this exclusionary time limit and limited criteria for eligibility.

Eligible

"Since the scheme was announced in March this year ALSWA has become aware of approximately 1600 people who have either expressed an interest in applying, or who ALSWA believes may be eligible to apply for the ex gratia payment of up to

"Whilst the amount offered is comparable with tea and flour, or the crumbs off of the table, it is at least some reparation for those who so greatly contributed to the economic power afforded to this state today."

Mr Eggington said not enough consideration had been given to the task of assisting people with their applications.

"Sadly for some, this offer has

come too late, however for those still eligible, there needs to be more understanding of the logistics involved in assisting people with their applications, including the vast travelling distances and the diverse language groups of eligible applicants throughout remote and regional WA," he said.

To date, ALSWA has lodged applications for approximately 640 people, which means that around 1000 people known to ALSWA will miss out.'

Workload

Mr Eggington said that to cope with the increased workload, ALSWA's Civil/Human Rights Unit has been supported by Legal Aid WA, community legal centres and an alliance of national law firms acting on a pro bono basis.

"Our state benefits hugely from the resource sector and it's unacceptable that the hard working Aboriginal men and women who contributed so much to this state, not only had their wages or pensions withheld, but will also miss out on reparation all these years later," he said.

Mr Eggington said ALSWA had formally requested that the WA deadline be extended to March 2017, making the scheme operational for five years and bringing it into line with similar schemes in Queensland and NSW, which operated for about four and five years respectively.

Meanwhile, Greens MLC Alison Xamon said refusing to extend the deadline was disgraceful.

"As the Minister for Indigenous Affairs of all people ought to know, making an application is not a simple matter of walking into an office and filling in a form," she

"There are big challenges: Western Australia's vast size and language/communication differences, not to mention the number of potential claimants being far greater than the resources available to assist them.

"Many people who could rightfully claim live in such remote areas they don't even know the full details of the scheme yet."



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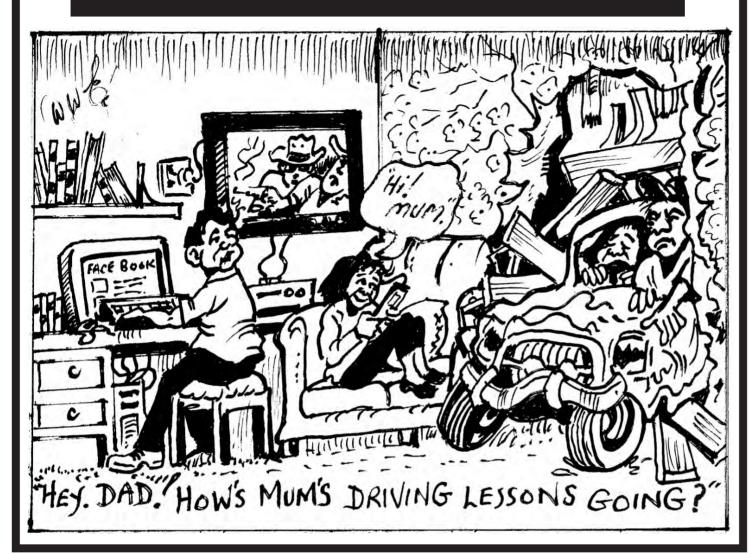
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'When the system here jails one black man, ten white men get rich'

- Noongar rights activist Robert Eggington

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Why native title can't be ignored

N June, Australia marked the 20th anniversary of the High Court's historic Mabo judgment.

It was a time for both celebration and expressions of frustration and despair. Celebration of the courage and determination of the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and his co-plaintiffs in the pursuing recognition of their native

And frustration and despair over what many consider the far too meagre spoils delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through Australia's legislative response to Mabo, the Native Title Act 1993.

It's not correct to say that Indigenous people have gained nothing from Australia's native title regime. Native title determinations since 1994 cover around a fifth of the country and more than 600 Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) have been struck, delivering a range of benefits to traditional owners.

Indeed, this edition of the Koori Mail carries stories of two successful native title claims and one ILUA.

But it is correct to say that we've gained nowhere near what was promised, hoped for, or deserved. And the gains that we have made have generally taken far too long.

The legislation has undergone constant revision, some would say attack, since it was passed in the Senate close to midnight on 22 December 1993. Who could forget former National Party Leader Tim Fischer's ugly promise in 1996 of 'bucketloads of extinguishment' following the Wik case?



While ever the burden of proof rests with native title claimants, the system will be too heavily weighted in favour of miners, pastoralists and other developers... anyone but us.

What native title has done remarkably efficiently is pit family against family, as amply illustrated by the ongoing dispute amongst the Yindjibarndi people in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

There are some who say that the system is so flawed that we should wash our hands of it completely and simply refuse to play.

Indeed, that is the view of some who gathered in Brisbane this week to discuss the sovereignty agenda and protest outside a conference for native title bureaucrats, mining companies and others.

But ignoring native title is not really an option. As Michael Woodlev from the YAC side of the Yindjibarndi dispute says, to do so would leave the door ajar and unguarded.

And, irrespective of how we feel about the pursuit of sovereignty, or the depth of our internal disagreements and disputes, none of us would benefit

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A Yarn



Kalchirri **Jacobs** 20 years old Cherbourg, Qld

Favourite bush tucker? Porcupine.

Favourite other food? Chocolate.

Favourite drink? Water.

Favourite music?

Favourite sport/leisure? Touch football, netball, basketball and rugby league,

Favourite holiday destination? Palm Island.

What are you reading? Magazines, all the girls ones.

What are you watching? Home & Away

Your greatest highlight in life? I'm turning 21, so that will be it and also my work with Murgon Youth Services.

What do you like in life?

What don't you like? Young people not respecting our communities.

Who would you most like to meet? All the Melbourne Storm players because they're my team in National Rugby League.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire? Matt Bowen from NRL's North Queensland Cowboys.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? Work with them to make it better for our people, and listen more.

A Man of Words

By DARREN COYNE

HETHER he is sitting around a campfire in outback Australia reciting bush poetry, or writing about his life while sitting in a studio in Paris, Herb Wharton is rarely short of words.

That passion was recognised last Thursday when Herb received the Australia Council Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature

The \$50,000 award recognises the achievements of eminent writers who have made outstanding and lifelong contributions to Australian

The irony for the 76-year-old was that he hasn't exactly spent his lifetime writing.

In fact, it wasn't until the 1980s - when he was about 50 that he actually sat down and began to write stories and poems.

He obviously had a few other things to do first.

When I was about 13 I went off droving and I was away from home four or five months and that was the start of it," he said, referring to a nomadic lifestyle which took him throughout Queensland and New South Wales for many years.

"I was working on the stations, not droving all the time. We'd be shearing, doing pick and shovel jobs ... it was something to do, especially if you're broke.

"I was in my late 40s and had to have hip replacements from riding the horses so I was sort of pensioned off. I've still got one leg shorter than the other.

"By then I'd given up the booze and had started to write."

Herb wrote his first poem for his mate, Stan Coster, who went on to write songs for Slim Dusty.

The poem was written as a letter to answer Stan's questions 'about the past and the present'.

However, Herb quickly realised that this poem only gave rise to more unanswered questions, and so he began to write more poems to seek further answers about the land and the history of Aboriginal

"About a hundred poems later and a few books. I still haven't answered the question," he told the Koori Mail.

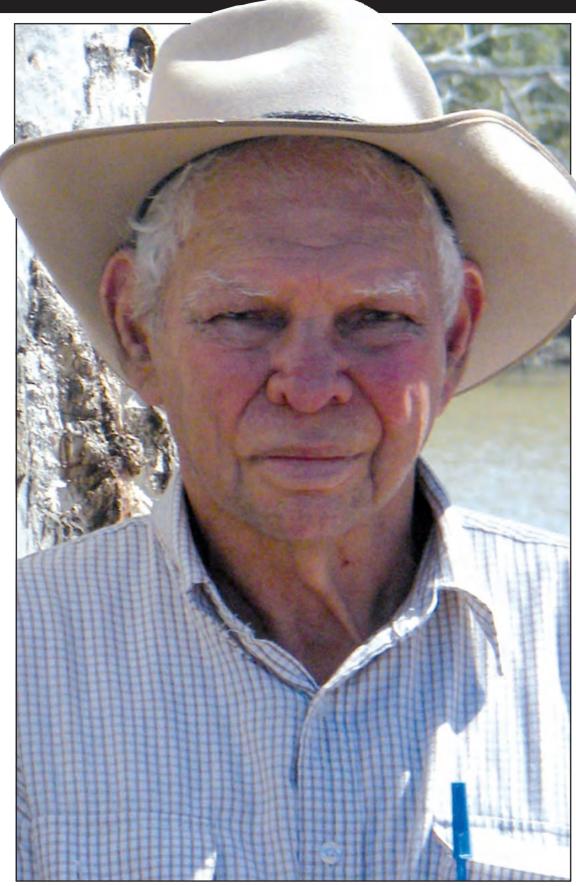
Education

Although he urges young people to pursue their education, Herb is not sorry he left school aged just 13 years to take up the droving life.

"I didn't go to high school but I've always done a lot of reading of books," he said.

When he began writing, he kept it to himself. At first he hid the poems because he reckoned it was a bit of a shame job to be showing people his stories.

But after encouragement, in 1990, he entered several poems in a competition for unpublished



Has pen, will write ... Award-winning author and poet Herb Wharton.

Aboriginal writers, and as a result was commissioned to write a novel for the University of **Queensland Press**

The resulting book, 1992's Unbranded, drew on his experiences as a stockman.

He has since published Cattle Camp (1994) which is based on the true stories of Aboriginal stockmen and women, as well as a collection of short stories in Where Ya' Been, Mate? (1996).

He has also published the semi-autobiography Yumba Days (1999), which he wrote during a residency at the Australia

Council's Paris studio. More recently, he self-published a collection of poems called Kings with Empty Pockets (2003).

The former stockman is a Murri man from Queensland. He was born in Yumba, an Aboriginal camp in the south-western Queensland town of Cunnamulla. His maternal grandmother was Kooma, and both grandfathers Irish.

And although he spent all those years droving in Australia, since trading his horse for a typewriter, his words have since taken him around the world.

"I spent those three months in Paris writing a book and have been to writers' festivals in England, Germany, Japan America and Hong Kong," he

"And I didn't have to ride a horse once," he jokes.

Next book

Herb is currently working on his next book and has also recently bought his home, a two-room 'shack' in Cunnamulla where he made his first notes and wrote his first novel.

"I was in Brisbane for a few

years when the shack I used to rent and wrote me first book came up for auction," he said.

"I put in a bid and bought it because I really wanted to go back there.

"It's a hundred yards from the camp we were reared in on the edge of town.

"One day I want to leave it as a residence for artists to visit in outback Queensland.'

For now, though, he is content to stay at home and work on his novel.

"It's very important to me being close to country," Herb

"I've got family everywhere. A big family ... and all my brothers and sisters had heaps of kids."

Asked if he ever considered getting married himself, Uncle Herb responds quick as a flash.

"I fell madly in love a few times, but my girlfriends wouldn't marry when I was drunk and I wouldn't marry them when I was sober," he says.

Advice

For aspiring writers he had this

"The hardest thing about writing is it only becomes a reality when you actually put your thoughts down on paper.

"It doesn't matter how crudely they go down because they can always be refined later.'

It's advice he has developed from experience because since he began writing, he has furiously jotted down stories from his travels on scraps of paper, TAB forms, the backs of envelopes any blank paper at hand.

As a result of his passion for outback Australia, Uncle Heb was made a Life Member of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre and he is a supporter of their Indigenous Heritage Project.

When announcing him as the winner of the Lifetime Achievement award, Australia Council Literature Board chair Sophie Cunningham praised him as 'unique'.

"Herb's writing presents a unique and otherwise untold perspective of Australian rural heritage," she said.

"Through his stories, novels, poetry, notes, and collection of oral histories, Herb continues to ensure that stories of the Aboriginal contribution to the development of the Australian pastoral industry are told.

"He is a wonderful advocate for Aboriginal literature and stories, as well as rural heritage more broadly.

"The importance of Herb's work in documenting and telling these stories is reflected by the now 20 boxes of his writing, notes and recording of oral histories that are held in the University of Queensland's Fryer Library."

'He is a wonderful advocate for Aboriginal literature and stories, as well as rural heritage more broadly' - Australia Council Literature Board chair Sophie Cunningham

New IBA directors



New IBA directors Anthony Ashby and Claire Woodley.



Business Australia has two new directors. Chartered accountant Anthony Ashby and Claire

Woodley, who has broad business experience, have been welcomed to the nine-member board by IBA chair Dawn Casey.

Mr Ashby, a Gamilaraay-Yuwaalaraay man from northwestern NSW, is treasurer of KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc and a member of the Audit and Risk Committee for the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC).

"I am delighted to be joining the IBA team and am looking forward to working with the board and

executive of IBA to continue achieving outstanding outcomes," he said.

Ms Woodley has a background in the banking sector, as well as clinical and managerial experience in public mental health services and corporate experience in governance, risk management, strategic planning, policy development, business re-engineering and project/program management.

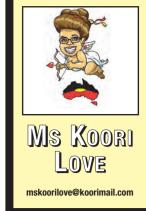
"I am honoured to be joining the board of IBA. I am passionate about providing the opportunity for Indigenous people to create economic wealth through business and home ownership,"

Dr Casey said both directors

would bring outstanding skills and experience to the IBA board that assist with enhancing IBA's strategic and operational capabilities.

She said the board was 'expecting continued improvement and innovation for 2012-13 in the delivery of programs and products, to meet our customers' needs in business support and financing, investments and home ownership'.

"With these additions to the board, I believe that we can continue providing strategic direction that will ensure that IBA continues to make a positive difference in the area of Indigenous economic development," she said.



Ms Koori Love's taken an early start to the holidays this year. She wishes all readers a great Christmas and a love-filled 2013. And she assures us she'll be back next year, just in time for Valentine's Day!

Answers to our Edition 539 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

- 5. Central
- 9. Medicare
- 10. Dodson
- 13. Kakadu 14. Swimming
- 16. Melbourne
- 18. Washington
- 19. Arnhem

DOWN

- 1. Nullarbor
- 2. Kimberley
- 3. Red
- 4. Labor
- 6. Redfern 7. Watercolour
- 8. Commission
- 11. Geale
- 12. Thursday
- 15. Goanna
- 17. Rudd

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NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

For all people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters in the area outlined on the map below.

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests to the land and waters within the area outlined on the map below are invited to attend an authorisation meeting:

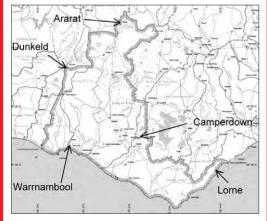
WHERE: Central Court Motel, 581 Raglan Street

Warrnambool

Friday 7th December 2012

START: 1pm-4pm

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise a native title determination application in the Federal Court under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and to authorise a threshold statement for the purpose of entering into negotiations with the State of Victoria under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic) over the land and waters in the area outlined on the map below.



Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including authorisation of native title claim applications and negotiating native title settlements. NTSV is organising this meeting. If you would like further information, including assistance to attend the meeting, please contact Charmaine Singleton on 1800 791 779 by COB Friday 30th November 2012

> Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the meeting.

Our brain-teasers

Edition 540 Koori Mail Word Search

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WORDS

Duchess Wadeye royal Yamatji rainforest Prince musicians community cannabis Paakantyi **NASCA** Kokoda mining models solar Banksia funding Ochre dance basketball Geale

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SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ACROSS:

- 2. Main Torres Strait flag colours blue and ...
- 5. Head of a school.
- 7. Town in northwestern NSW. 9. Proper name
- for grog. Capital of the Northern

Territory.

- 12. Rock formation near Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, Three ...
- Longest Olympic race.
- 17. Person who teaches at university.

DOWN:

1. Person who controls cricket game

- 2. Native Australian lizard.
- 3. Cape Barren Island (Truwana) is part of this state.
- 4. People who sit on company boards.
- 6. Heir to British throne Prince ... 8. This day is on 26
- - 10. US President Barack ... 13. Alice Springs has

December.

many of these

- camps. 14. ABC3 TV show Move It Mob S ...
- 15. Australia's longest
- river.

IOUR SAY



See Page 24 for an extract from Professor **Megan Davis' University of Melbourne Naarm** Oration on the right of self-determination.

Another death in police custody

YET another police death in custody incident has happened, this time at Bulli, NSW, on 9 November.

Details are still sketchy, but it is reported that police 'had cause' to go to a Bulli house of the victim whereby a struggle ensued as the officers attempted to arrest a

Reasons for the arrest have not been stated, however it was reported by neighbours that voices were raised and then there was silence.

Police say the 34-year-old man just stopped breathing after he was handcuffed. The officers said they began the resuscitation procedures and four ambulances attended the scene.

The man was pronounced dead on arrival at the Wollongong hospital. The incident is being investigated by other police.

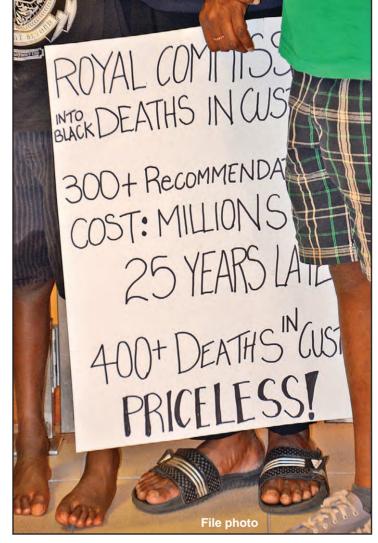
Again, for a publicly unknown reason, the police public order and riot squad started a sweep through the street. Officers formed a line to hunt for any clues, searching under cars, in bushes and along driveways. Detectives were also at the scene.

We will keep our eye on this

Meanwhile, the following letter regarding the death in custody at Alice Springs Police Station early this year of Mr Briscoe has been addressed to Northern Territory Attorney-General John Elferink, with copies to NT Chief Minister Terry Mills as the Police Minister and also to the NT Coroner, Greg

A copy has also been sent to Mr Briscoe's family.

It reads: During the inquest into Mr Briscoe's death, the Coroner was most vigorous in his condemnation of the actions and the lack of actions by the police



involved in the death of Mr Briscoe.

When it came to his decision and recommendations, however, no police officer was portrayed as requiring any remedial attention by him or the Police Commissioner

This is not the way that death in custody incidents will be

stopped. Australian police are not expected to be treated any differently to any member of the public but, as we know, state and territory governments continue to protect their police forces at all

Over the past 32 years there has been more than 200 death in custody incidents involving the

Australian police, yet during that time only one Coroner, Christine Clements in Queensland, has found that a police officer had a legal case to answer and that he had to argue his case in a court of law. That, of course, was Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, whose actions resulted in the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in November 2004 on Palm Island.

The NT has its own criminal code and it makes very interesting reading. The sections of that code apply to all in the NT when it comes to matters of manslaughter of another human being, and we can see no exemption clauses for the NT Police Force.

They are as liable as any other citizen to be brought to account, both for their actions as well as their inactions.

Whether the NT Police, the NT Government or the legal system that they operate believes that police manslaughter due to brutality, racism and the complete lack of duty of care to those in their care is not a bona fide offence, then we may as well live in a jungle.

The NT police at Alice Springs Police Station on the night that Mr Briscoe was so callously allowed to die without their intervention is soundly covered by the NT criminal code, and charges must be laid against those police officers by both the NT Attorney-General, John Elferink, and the NT Police Minister, Terry Mills.

Real justice demands nothing

We await the outcome of our letter with great interest.

> **RAY JACKSON President Indigenous Social Justice Association**

Searching for info on family

I'VE been trying to find more information about my great great grandmother Mary Ann Farrell, who lived in the Mudgee/Windeyer area of NSW in the late 1800s.

I've been in contact with Aboriginal Affairs NSW and they went through their records but couldn't find any information about her.

I've also been in contact with the Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Elders of my family, but again there was very little known about her.

The last of my direct family moved away from Windeyer, NSW, in the 1990s and three of Mary Ann's four known children and her son in law, grandchild (my grandfather Trevos Meroo Williams) and great grandchildren are all buried in Windeyer General Cemetery, but no one knows what happened to Mary Ann Farrell.

Here are the few things I do know about her.

She was born around 1843. I haven't found a birth or death certificate for her that I can confirm as hers or any documents apart from her children's birth certificates.

On her first and second children's birth certificates, as mother she gave her own place of birth as Cloudy Bay' (Kaludabah), near Mudgee/Gulgong.

Four children

She had four children with Thomas Yavion, a Chinese miner who's Chinese name was Yav Yen / Yan Yen or similar, and they lived at Windeyer. Thomas died aged 86 in 1913 while living with his daughter (my great grandmother) at Campbell's Creek, Windeyer. He is buried in Mudgee, but I don't know if Mary Ann Farrell had moved away or had died by that time.

The four children were Mary Ann Farrell (born 1871, who married Walter J Noonan); Elizabeth Ann Farrell (born 1873 who married Thomas Meroo Chick Williams - my great grandmother and great grand father); Thomas Yavion jnr (born 1875 who married Clara Grace Williams); and Rose Farrell (born 1877 who I think died at birth and her burial place is unknown).

Both Mary Ann's adult daughters were married under the maiden names of Yavion, although on their birth certificates they were registered by Mary Ann as 'Farrell'.

Mary Ann's son Thomas Yavion jnr's birth certificate has his surname as 'Yavven' with a double 'v according to official records, but I've seen the certificate and I think it was misread and it looks like Yavyen.

Mary Ann Farrell's great grandson Richard Yavion, who lives in Mudgee. said he has heard Mary Ann Farrell was fathered by one of the Rouse family at the Guntawang estate. He has no idea where the 'Farrell' name came from.

Please contact me by email if you can help.

GREIG WILLIAMS

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ORANA HAVEN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation - Gongolgon **DATE:** 4.12.2012 START TIME: 11am

- 1. Welcome To Country.
- Confirmation of minutes of previous annual general meeting.
- Presentation of general report by directors.
- Presentation of the financial statements and audit report for
- Election of directors*.
- Appointment and remuneration of an auditor

Proxies: Under rule 4.12 of the corporation's rules a member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting by proxy.

*Note that the corporation's rule book states at rule 5.4 that the board of directors

- no more than two directors who are resident in a single town within the "Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone" may be directors at the same
- no more than five directors who are resident in Brewarrina, Walgett and Bourke
- can serve as directors simultaneously.

 not more than one person of an immediate family can be appointed as a director at the same time (notwithstanding that they may reside in a different towns within the Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation Membership Zone").

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> For further information call: Vanessa Hounsell 0437 645 127

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Monday 7th January 2013

A right that is fundamental to our aspirations

HE right to self-determination is taken seriously in most states of the world that have indigenous communities because self-determination in its true form is intended to enhance democracy and enhance political participation and therefore improve health and well being: designated parliamentary seats, Indigenous parliaments, treaty agreements, and constitutional recognition and rights.

And many countries have done this

In Australia, self-determination was adopted in the 1970s as a formal policy by the Commonwealth government. It saw the introduction of very important pieces of legislation including the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act and the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

But in recent years 'selfdetermination' has been eviscerated from the lexicon of Australian politicians, policy makers and political commentators, inelegantly dismissed as a 'failed experiment' and antithetical to Aboriginal economic development.

Yet, despite the adjournment in its use by the political elite, the right to self-determination and human rights remains fundamental to the aspirations of Aboriginal communities.

And given Aboriginal history - the Protection era for example – where draconian controls were placed on Aboriginal people's rights, it would be ahistorical to pillory or admonish the allegiance of the Aboriginal political domain to human rights.

And, as the Expert Panel on the Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution found last year, despite what the political elite may think, selfdetermination remains at the forefront of community reflection when they contemplate

'recognition'.

Still, while Aboriginal communities have been, to a large extent, porous to international human rights law and enthusiastic about and open to rights as informing and framing their relationship with the state, this devotion has been mostly uncritical and sometimes dogmatic, and its implementation

or translation into the domestic domain skewed

I say this because we have promoted an impoverished form of self-determination for Aboriginal women in Australia. And, in the course of my work as a member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, I can say with clarity that this appears to be the case for most Aboriginal women in the world.



MEGAN DAVIS

In my recent Naarm Oration delivered at the University of Melbourne – an Oration aimed at enriching our ideas about possible futures for Indigenous Australia in a way that remains grounded and respectful but also open to new ways of thinking -I expanded on why I believe the right to self-determination as configured in international law, translated by the state and adopted by indigenous communities has been skewed in a way that actually impedes the capacity of Aboriginal women and girls to freely determine their political status and

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right should be managed internally within groups themselves, especially in regard to Aboriginal women's status.

We know this because for over three decades, Aboriginal organisations, corporations and councils - the groups that make up the collective 'self' - have to a large extent ignored the marginalisation and violence experienced by Aboriginal women.

But my inquiry does not stop at women and gender; overseas visitors have long been intrigued by the unique Australian experience of 'corporate selfdetermination'.

This contemporary form of 'self-determination' - incorporated Aboriginal organisations - are established under state legislative acts, not because this is the best way of achieving self-determination, but because so many sectors are reliant on state funding and the regulatory framework compels it.

As with women, the question I ask is, how do you measure 'success'? Is self-determination achieved through successful audits, recurring funding and/or lip service to 'good governance'?

Surely it is dangerous to conflate compliance to corporate regulations with true self-determination.

The problem, as I see it, is one faced by many indigenous communities globally and by human rights in general, and that is the invidious vagueness of rights discourse that, in its discursive narrative, is too often abstracted from and incongruous with the daily lives of Aboriginal people.

It has nurtured a one-dimensional, state-centric idea of self-determination that is unable to facilitate freedom or choice for many Aboriginal people.

In Australia, where Aboriginal groups are highly localised in terms of geography, culture and economy, self-determination can only be elucidated in a context-specific way.

The way we think about self-determination must become more specific and personalised in order to be capable of reflecting meaningfully what it means for individuals in their daily lives: What is the threshold of functioning required to live a fully dignified human life? To find the answer to that, you

don't consult the state or the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; you ask ordinary people and you will be surprised at the answers they give.

 Professor Megan Davis, UNSW and expert member, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. This is an extract from Prof Davis' 2012 University of Melbourne Naarm Oration.

freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

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Less attention was paid to how the

PM Keating's Redfern Speech, 20 years on

Reprinted on this page and the next is Prime Minister **Paul Keating's famous** Redfern Park speech at the **Australian launch of the UN International Year for the** World's Indigenous People in the Sydney suburb of Redfern on 10 December 1992. In that fiery speech almost 20 years ago to the day, Mr Keating became the first Australian prime minister to publicly acknowledge that Europeans were responsible for the difficulties faced by Indigenous people.

Ladies and gentlemen -I am very pleased to be here today at the launch of Australia's celebration of the 1993 International Year of the World's Indigenous People.

It will be a year of great significance for Australia.

It comes at a time when we have committed ourselves to succeeding in the test which so far we have always failed.

Because, in truth, we cannot confidently say that we have succeeded as we would like to have succeeded if we have not managed to extend opportunity and care, dignity and hope to the indigenous people of Australia the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

This is a fundamental test of our social goals and our national will: our ability to say to ourselves and the rest of the world that Australia is a first-rate social democracy, that we are what we should be - truly the land of the fair go and the better chance.

There is no more basic test of how seriously we mean these things.

It is a test of our self-knowledge.

Of how well we know the land we live in. How well we know our history.

How well we recognise the fact that, complex as our contemporary identity is, it cannot be separated from Aboriginal Australia.

How well we know what Aboriginal Australians know about Australia.

Redfern is a good place to contemplate these things.

Just a mile or two from the place where the first European settlers landed, in too many ways it tells us that their failure to bring much more than devastation and demoralisation to Aboriginal Australia continues to be our

More I think than most Australians recognise, the plight of Aboriginal Australians affects

In Redfern it might be tempting to think that the reality Aboriginal Australians face is somehow

"We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life.

"We brought the diseases. The alcohol.

"We committed the murders.

"We took the children from their mothers.

"We practised discrimination and exclusion."



Paul Keating gives his now famous Redfern Park speech, launching the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. Newspix Image

contained here, and that the rest of us are insulated from it.

But of course, while all the dilemmas may exist here, they are far from contained.

We know the same dilemmas and more are faced all over Australia.

That is perhaps the point of this Year of the World's Indigenous People: to bring the dispossessed out of the shadows, to recognise that they are part of us, and that we cannot give indigenous Australians up without giving up many of our own most deeply held values, much of our own identity - and our own humanity. Nowhere in the world, I would venture, is the message more stark than it is in Australia.

We simply cannot sweep injustice aside. Even if our own conscience allowed us to, I am sure, that in due course, the world and the people of our region would not.

There should be no mistake about this - our success in resolving these issues will have a significant bearing on our standing in the world.

However intractable the problems seem, we cannot resign ourselves to failure - any more than we can hide behind the contemporary version of Social Darwinism which says that to reach back for the poor and dispossessed is to risk being dragged down.

That seems to me not only morally indefensible, but bad

We non-Aboriginal Australians should perhaps remind ourselves that Australia once reached out

Didn't Australia provide opportunity and care for the dispossessed Irish? The poor of Britain? The refugees from war and famine and persecution in the countries of Europe and

Isn't it reasonable to say that if we can build a prosperous and remarkably harmonious multicultural society in Australia. surely we can find just solutions to the problems which beset the First Australians – the people to whom the most injustice has been done.

And, as I say, the starting point

might be to recognise that the problem starts with us non-Aboriginal Australians.

It begins, I think, with that act of recognition.

Recognition that it was we who did the dispossessing.

We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life.

We brought the diseases. The alcohol.

We committed the murders. We took the children from their

We practised discrimination and exclusion.

It was our ignorance and our prejudice. And our failure to imagine

these things being done to us. With some noble exceptions, we failed to make the most basic human response and enter into

their hearts and minds. We failed to ask - how would I feel if this were done to me?

As a consequence, we failed to see that what we were doing degraded all of us.

If we needed a reminder of this, we received it this year. The Report of the Royal

Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody showed with devastating clarity that the past lives on in inequality, racism and

In the prejudice and ignorance of non-Aboriginal Australians, and in the demoralisation and desperation, the fractured identity, of so many Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

For all this, I do not believe that the report should fill us with

Down the years, there has been no shortage of guilt, but it has not produced the responses we need.

Guilt is not a very constructive emotion.

I think what we need to do is open our hearts a bit.

Perhaps when we recognise what we have in common we will see the things which must be done - the practical things.

There is something of this in the creation of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

The council's mission is to forge a new partnership built Continued next page

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Paul Keating's Redfern Speech, two decades on

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on justice and equity and an appreciation of the heritage of Australia's indigenous people.

In the abstract those terms are meaningless.

We have to give meaning to 'justice' and 'equity' – and, as I have said several times this year, we will only give them meaning when we commit ourselves to achieving concrete results.

If we improve the living conditions in one town, they will improve in another. And another.

If we raise the standard of health by 20 per cent one year, it will be raised more the next.

If we open one door others will follow.

When we see improvement, when we see more dignity, more confidence, more happiness - we will know we are going to win.

We need these practical building blocks of change.

The Mabo Judgement should be seen as one of these.

By doing away with the bizarre conceit that this continent had no owners prior to the settlement of Europeans, Mabo establishes a fundamental truth and lays the basis for justice.

It will be much easier to work from that basis than has ever been the case in the past.

For that reason alone we should ignore the isolated outbreaks of hysteria and hostility of the past few months.

Mabo is an historic decision we can make it an historic turning point, the basis of a new relationship between Indigenous and non-Aboriginal Australians.

The message should be that there is nothing to fear or to lose in the recognition of historical truth, or the extension of social justice, or the deepening of Australian social democracy to include Indigenous Australians.

There is everything to gain. Even the unhappy past speaks for this

Where Aboriginal Australians have been included in the life of Australia they have made remarkable contributions.

Economic contributions, particularly in the pastoral and agricultural industry.

They are there in the frontier and exploration history of Australia

They are there in the wars. In sport to an extraordinary

In literature and art and music. In all these things they have shaped our knowledge of this continent and of ourselves. They

have shaped our identity. They are there in the Australian legend.

We should never forget – they have helped build this nation.

And if we have a sense of iustice, as well as common sense. we will forge a new partnership.

As I said, it might help us if we non-Aboriginal Australians



Then Prime Minister Paul Keating walks through the crowd before taking to the stage at Redfern Park on 10 December 1992. Newspix Image

imagined ourselves dispossessed of land we had lived on for 50,000 years - and then imagined ourselves told that it had never been ours.

Imagine if ours was the oldest culture in the world and we were told that it was worthless.

Imagine if we had resisted this settlement, suffered and died in the defence of our land, and then were told in history books that we had given up without a fight.

Imagine if non-Aboriginal Australians had served their country in peace and war and were then ignored in history

Imagine if our feats on sporting fields had inspired admiration and patriotism and yet did nothing to diminish prejudice.

Imagine if our spiritual life was denied and ridiculed.

Imagine if we had suffered the injustice and then were blamed for it.

It seems to me that if we can imagine the injustice we can imagine its opposite.

And we can have justice. I say that for two reasons: I say it because I believe that the great things about Australian social democracy reflect a fundamental belief in justice. And I say it

because in so many other areas we have proved our capacity over the years to go on extending the realms of participation, opportunity and care.

Just as Australians living in the relatively narrow and insular Australia of the 1960s imagined a culturally diverse, worldly and open Australia, and in a generation turned the idea into reality, so we can turn the goals of reconciliation into reality.

There are very good signs that the process has begun. The creation of the

Reconciliation Council is evidence

The establishment of the ATSIC – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission - is also evidence.

The council is the product of imagination and goodwill.

ATSIC emerges from the vision of Indigenous self-determination and self-management.

The vision has already become the reality of almost 800 elected Aboriginal regional councillors and commissioners determining priorities and developing their own programs.

All over Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are taking charge of their own lives.

And assistance with the problems which chronically beset them is at last being made available in ways developed by the communities themselves.

If these things offer hope, so does the fact that this generation of Australians is better informed about Aboriginal culture and achievement, and about the injustice that has been done, than any generation before.

We are beginning to more generally appreciate the depth and the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

From their music and art and dance we are beginning to recognise how much richer our national life and identity will be for the participation of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.

We are beginning to learn what the Indigenous people have known for many thousands of years - how to live with our physical environment.

Ever so gradually we are learning how to see Australia through Aboriginal eyes, beginning to recognise the wisdom contained in their epic

I think we are beginning to see how much we owe the Indigenous Australians and how much we have lost by living so apart.

I said we non-Indigenous Australians should try to imagine the Aboriginal view.

It can't be too hard. Someone imagined this event today, and it is now a marvellous reality and a great reason for hope.

There is one thing today we cannot imagine.

We cannot imagine that the descendants of people whose genius and resilience maintained a culture here through 50,000 years or more, through cataclysmic changes to the climate and environment, and who then survived two centuries of dispossession and abuse, will be denied their place in the modern Australian nation.

We cannot imagine that. We cannot imagine that we will fail.

And with the spirit that is here today I am confident that we won't.

I am confident that we will succeed in this decade. Thank you.

'Imagine if ours was the oldest culture in the world and we were told that it was worthless' - Paul Keating, from his Redfern Speech

Pilbara title deal set



THE Pilbara region's first native title agreement providing payments relating to

water use and clearance of native vegetation has been signed.

The agreement, between the Kurama and Marthudunera (K&M) native title group and Iron Óre Holdings Ltd (IOH), also provides for milestone and production payments.

K&M says the arrangement provides an incentive for IOH to minimise the environmental impact of its Buckland Project. The group said IOH also showed flexibility in planning its mine area to avoid any impact on culturally sensitive sites.

K&M traditional owner

Cyril Lockyer said it was now important to continue 'our good working relationship'.

"This area is of great significance to the families involved and we want to work closely with Iron Ore Holdings to see these sensitive places protected," he said.

Simon Hawkins, CEO of native title representative body the Yamatii Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, said: "This unique agreement is due to the genuine goodwill and flexibility shown by both parties, and recognises the cultural and environmental significance of the area for the traditional owners.

"It goes well beyond the requirements of the WA Aboriginal Heritage Act by recognising that water and habitat are inextricably linked to cultural values.



Kurama and Marthudunera traditional owners Bernadette Evans, Roy Evans, Joan Evans and Cyril Lockyer with YMAC staff and IOH representatives.

Toolkit to deal with violence

A 'TOOLKIT' to improve the way unions, employers and business groups can help employees facing domestic violence remain in work is now available.

The 'Safe at Home, Safe at Work?' kit was launched this month in Hobart by Minister for the Status of Women Julie Collins. "Domestic and family violence is,

unfortunately, more common in Australia than many people would like to think," she said.

"It is also much closer to most people than they might think - almost two-thirds of women who report domestic violence are in paid employment.

"Women who are experiencing domestic



JULIE COLLINS

violence may find it hard to concentrate at work, or they may take a lot of time off, or often be late to

"The perpetrator may also be harassing them while they are in the workplace.

"It is vitally important these women are supported in the workplace and this toolkit provides

support for employees and employers.'

Australian Bureau of Statistics research indicates one in three Australian women will suffer physical violence from the time they were 15 years old - and one in five will have experienced sexual violence.

Accountancy firm KPMG has estimated the cost of domestic violence to the Australian economy at more than \$13.6 billion, with that figure likely to rise to more than \$15.6 billion

"Returning to or staying at work is critical to women finding a safe way out of a violent relationship – a job provides them financial security and a safe haven," Ms Collins said.

The Safe at Home, Safe at Work? toolkit can be downloaded at http://www.dvandwork.unsw. edu.au/what-you-need-know



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- be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives, or
- complete the application form in full
- attach all supporting documentation.

For further information on how to apply and to obtain the application form and Recruitment Information Handbook visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs and search for vacancy number 68120288.

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Organisations and individuals are invited to nominate women from all backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Nominations close Friday 7 December 2012.

Inductees to the 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women will be announced during International Women's Day celebrations in March.

Nominate online now at www.women.vic.gov.au or for more information contact the Office of Women's Policy on (03) 9096 2585.

The 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women supports Fitted for Work to assist long term unemployed and disadvantaged women find work and keep it. For further information visit www.fittedforwork.org.



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Kev objectives are:

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- Increased ability to manage daily activities
- Increased community participation (both social and economic, including employment).

Documentation and details on how to apply are available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding

Applications close 3pm EDT Thursday 20 December 2012.

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Some of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir with (back, from left) writer and NCIE Ambassador Anita Heiss, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, Donna Ingram who welcomed launch guests to country, NSW Governor Marie Bashir, NCIE CEO Jason Glanville, and Tim O'Leary and Jacki Coates from Telstra.

NCIE venture wins respect

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT is officially named the Online Community of Excellence but it's already being billed a kind of

black Facebook, built just for our kids with added emphasis on respect and encouragement.

On 15 November, the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney's Redfern unveiled its latest innovative venture, a social media platform designed to connect, engage, support and empower the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

Since the NCIE opened in 2010, more than 14,000 Indigenous young people have passed through its doors. At least 70 of those were consulted on their needs, desires, motivations and dreams and involved in the design process for the new online tool

Writer and NCIE am Anita Heiss officially launched the Online Community of Excellence, which she dubbed 'CofE', describing it as a prime example of digital literacy and a way for Indigenous people to be part of the social media revolution.

She emphasised it was not a place for status updates revolving around complaints or negative statements, 'the kind that weight us down emotionally and psychologically'.

"Rather, our community is the exact opposite," she said.

"It is an affirming, positive, mentoring space where we set goals - professional, personal,





Above: Coen Nicholls, from the Torres Strait, and Taeg Twist and Teagan Johnson, both from Cairns, use iPads to check out the new Online Community of Excellence.

Left: Taylor Sheppard, from Armidale, and Talitha Jarrett, from Bowraville, from **Gondwana National** Indigenous Children's Choir.

health related - and we gain support from those doing the journey with us.

"It is a space where we can congratulate - without shame the successes of our peers around Australia.

Indeed, instead of the 'Like' button popularised on Facebook, the Online CofE has a 'Respect'

The platform was developed by the NCIE in partnership with the Telstra Foundation and designers Digital Eskimo.

Cairns teenagers and

Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir members Taeq Twist and Teagan Johnson were at the launch and told the Koori Mail they had already joined up to the Online CofE.

Taeg said she would use it to reach out to a community that could relate to her own

experiences in a positive way. Teagan said she frequently used Facebook but would use CofE to set goals and plan for her future.

'There's no negativity, which is good," she said.

28TH NOVEMBER TO 11TH DECEMBER



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WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG

- (Entertainment)

 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
- 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
- 5:00 Yevekerte G (Series
- Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids) Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
- 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids) 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Art From The Heart G (Documentary)
 11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary)
- 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
- 12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
 1:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
 1:30 Hypothetical: Closing The Gap PG (Documentary)

- (Documentary)
 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
- Grounded G (Kids)

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 Move It Mob Style PG (kids)
 Work It Mob Style PG (kids)
 NITV News NC (News)
 Tales of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG
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- 7:00 NITV News NC (News)
- 7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series) 8:00 Message Stick: Bob Maza G (Documentary Series)
- 8:30 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)
 9:30 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
- 10:30 Boomalli G (Documentary)
- 11:00 NITV News NC (News)
 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG
 (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG

- (Entertainment)

 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
- 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
 4:00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
- 5:00 Yevekerte G (Series)
- Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids) Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
- 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids) 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
 10:30 Portrait Of A Distant Land G (Documentary)
- 11:00 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
- 12:00 Tales for Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica Tales From The South Seas PG
- (Documentary Series)

 1:00 Vote Yes For Aborigines G (Documentary)
- 2:00 Boomalli G (Documentary)
- 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
- 4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)

- 5:30 NTV News NC (News)
 6:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG
 (Documentary Series)
 7:00 NTV News NC (News)
- 7:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival G (Sport) 9:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
- 10:00 Urban Clan G (Documentary)
 11:00 NITV News NC (News)
 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival G (Sport) 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)

- 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport) 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
- 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Emotions And Feelings G
- 6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids) 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)

- 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
 8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG
- 10:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
- 11:00 Urban Clan G (Documentary)
- 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
- 1:30 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
- 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids) 4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids) 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)

- 6:30 MITV News NC (News)
 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG
- (Documentary Series)
 7:00 NITV News NC (News)
- Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
- 9:00 Samoana G (Documentary)
- 10:00 The Coolbaroo Club G (Documentary)
 11:00 NITV News NC (News)
 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG

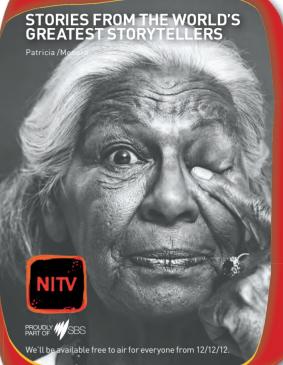
SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG

- (Entertainment)

 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
- 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
- 4:00 Koori Knockout Documentary G (Sport) 5:00 Yevekerte G (Series)

- 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: My Body G (Kids) 6:30 Washiny Time G (Kids) 7:00 Bizou G (Kids) 7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Celebrations G (Kids)
- Grounded G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Samoana G (Documentary)
 11:00 The Coolbaroo Club G (Documentary)
- 12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
 12:30 The Living Edge PG (Documentary)
 1:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
- 2:00 Urban Clan G (Documentary)
- 3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary
- 4:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival G (Sport)
 5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
 6:00 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary) 7:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
- 8:30 A Frontier Coocumentary)
 9:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
 9:30 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
 10:30 True Heart PG (Drama)





SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)

- 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)

- 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Connections G (Kids)
- 6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
 7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Reading The Land G
- 8:00 Grounded 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)

- 10:00 Memory Tree PG (Documentary)
 11:00 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
 12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
 12:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
 6:00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
 7:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
 8:00 Spirits In Bare Feet PG (Documentary)
 9:30 Surfing The Healing Wave G (Documentary)
 9:30 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
 10:30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)

MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER

- 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment) 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport) 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)

- 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Ken Thaiday Snr G (Documentary)
- 12:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary)
 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG
 (Documentary Series)
- 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)

- 9:00 Wanja PG (Documentary)
 9:30 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG
- (Documentary)

 10:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary) 11:00 NITV News NC (News)
 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG

- 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
- 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Friends G (Kids)
- 6:30 Tini Tales G (Kids)
- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids)

- (Documentary Series)

 1:00 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Entertainment)
- 3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
 5:30 NITV News NC (News)
 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
- **6:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas** PG (Documentary Series)
- 7:00 NITV News NC (News)
 7:30 Black And Dusty 6 (Documentary)
 8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
 8:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

- 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
 - 1:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
 2:30 Ella 7's G (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
 - 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Opposites G (Kids)
 - 6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 - 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 - 8:00 Grounded G (Kids) 8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
 - 8:30 Bizou G (kids)
 9:00 Waabiny Time G (kids)
 9:30 Go Lingo G (kids)
 10:00 Crossing The Line PG (Documentary)
 11:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Documentary)
 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)

 - (Documentary Series)

 1:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)

 - 1:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
 2:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 - 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids)
 - 4:00 Grounded G (Kids) 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) 5:30 NITV News NC (News)
 - 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 6:30 Pacifica: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary
 - 7:00 NITV News NC (News) 8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
 - 9:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary) 9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
 10:00 Special Treatment M (Documentary)
 - 11:00 NITV News NC (News) 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)
 - **SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

 - 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment) 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport) 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport) 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport) 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
 - 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
 - 8:30 Bizou G (Kids)
 - 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids) 10:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)
 - 12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News) 12:30 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)
 1:00 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)

2:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG

- 3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary
- 4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport) 5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News) 6:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary) 7:00 Island Of Lies PG (Documentary)

8:00 The Human Race PG (Documentary)
9:00 Marrka Wangka PG (Documentary)

10:30 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)

9:30 Gulpilil: One Red Blood M (Documentary)

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)

- 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport) 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
- 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
- 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
 5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Water G (Kids)
 6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
 7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids) 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary
- 11:00 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary) 11:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary
- Series)
 1:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
- 1:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: The Senses G (Kids) Grounded G (Kids)
- 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids) 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) 5:30 NITV News NC (News) 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)6:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)
- 7:00 NITV News NC (News) 7:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary 8:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
 8:30 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
 9:30 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)

10:30 In The Shed G (Documentary) 11:30 NITV News NC (News) 11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)

- (Entertainment)
 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids) 7:30 Varramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids) 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 11:00 Norforce G (Documentary) 12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News) 12:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
- 3:30 Ella 7's NC (Sport) 5-30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
- 10:30 Jane Elliot's Australian Eye PG 11:30 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)

- 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport) 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
- **7:00 Bizou** G (Kids) **7:30 Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
- 8:00 Grounded G (Kids) 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
- 10:30 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)
 11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
 Series)
- 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)
- 1:00 In The Shed G (Documentary) 1:30 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary) 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Celebrations G (Kids) 4:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) 5:30 NITV News NC (News) 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 6:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu PG (Documentary Series)
- 7:00 NITV News NC (News)
 7:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport) Norforce G (Documentary) 10:00 Among Us PG (Documentary)

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

- 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
- 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
- 8:30 Bizou G (Kids)

- 8:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
 9:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary) 10:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Documentary)
 11:00 NITV News NC (News)

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment) 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)

10:30 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary

- 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
 3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
 4:30 Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend G (Sport)
- 6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- **7:00 Bizou** G (Kids) **7:30 Tipi Tales** G (Kids)
- 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 10:00 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary) 11:00 Lousy Little Sixpence G (Documentary
- 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids) 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids)
- 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series) 6:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series) 7:00 NITV News NC (News)
 7:30 Rosalie's Journey G (Documentary)
- 9:30 The Last Explorer PG (Documentary) 10:30 The Diarn Diarns PG (Documentary)

3:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport) 3:00 Queensain Murri Carnival Nc. (Sport) 4:00 Ella 7's Nc. (Sport) 5:00 Yeyekerte PG. (Sport) 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: What Makes Me Special G. (Kids) 6:30 Tipi Tales G. (Kids) 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport) 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series) 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Life Cycle G (Kids) 6:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)

- 7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
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- 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids) 10:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
 - 1:00 Norforce G (Documentary) 2:00 Among Us PG (Documentary) 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids) 3:00 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
- 4:00 Grounded G (Kids) 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
- 5:30 NITV News NC (News)

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- 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: The Senses G (Kids)
 6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 7:30 Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids) 8:00 Grounded G (Kids)
- 11:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
- **SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan** PG (Entertainment)
- 5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Celebrations G (Kids)
 6:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- Go Lingo G (Kids)
 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary)
- 2:30 Koori Knockout Documentary G (Sport) The Human Race PG (Documentary) 7:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)
 7:30 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary)

8:30 Lousy Little Sixpence G (Documentary)
9:30 Thanks For All The Fish G (Documentary)

- 5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Reading The Land G
- 8:00 Grounded G (Kids) 8:30 Bizou G (Kids) 9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series 12:30 Pacifica:Tales from the South Seas - Fiji PG (Documentary) Series)

 1:00 My Uncle Bluey PG (Documentary)

 1:30 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)

 2:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
- 4:00 Grounded G (Kids) 4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids) 5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) 5:30 NITV News NC (News)
- 8:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series) 8-30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)
- 11:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu PG (Documentary Series)

8:00 Grounded G (Kids)

- 11:30 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 12:30 Pacifica: Vanuatu PG (Documentary Series)
- 3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Reading The Land G (Kids)
- 5:30 NITY New St. (News)
 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)
 6:30 Pacifica:Tales from the South Seas Fiji
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 7:00 NITY News NC (News)
 7:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)

11:30 Pacifica: Kiribati PG (Documentary Series)

- **TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER**
- 12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment) 1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport) 2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport) 3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport) 4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport) 5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
 6:00 Yarramundi Kids: Night Sky G (Kids)
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7:00 NITV News NC (News)

11:00 NITV News NC (News)

4:00 Grounded G (Kids)

9:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary) 10:30 The Last Explorer PG (Documentary) 11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series) 12:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series) 12:30 Pacifica: Tahiti PG (Documentary Series)

1:00 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)

4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids) 5:30 NITV News NC (News) 6:00 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

3:30 Yarramundi Kids: Games We Play PG (Kids)

- 7:30 Crook Hat And Camphoo G (Documentary) 8:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series) 9:00 Strong In The City PG (Documentary)
 9:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
 10:30 Courting With Justice PG (Documentary)
- 11:30 Pacifica:Tales from the South Seas Fiji PG (Documentary Series)

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Lowitja Congress draws

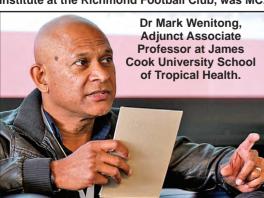
Back, from left, Pauline Shanley, Linda Quall, Josie Atkinson and Kim O'Donnell. Front, from left, Casey Bulman and Megan Williams. Photos by JAMES HENRY, courtesy Lowitja Institute



Josie Atkinson, Shirley Nirrpurranydji and Diane Walker at the Lowitja Congress in Melbourne.



Belinda Duarte, director of Korin Gamadji Institute at the Richmond Football Club, was MC.





Kate Silburn, senior research fellow at La Trobe University, and Carmen Partner, director of Aboriginal Health, NSW Ministry of Health.



MP Ken Wyatt opens day two of Congress Lowitja 2012.

Plea for institute funding



RESEARCHERS, practitioners, policy makers and others have rallied behind Australia's only Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander health research institute, calling for greater government funding.

The Melbourne-based Lowitja Institute has been funded three times under the Commonwealth's Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) program but is yet to receive a commitment of funding beyond 30 June 2014.

But the institute's supporters say it is bridging the gap between researchers and Aboriginal communities - by providing a 'safe

place' for dialogue and partnerships - and, given ongoing poor Indigenous health outcomes, the Government has a responsibility to maintain and, indeed, increase its support.

The plea was made in a statement issued on behalf of about 200 delegates at the 2012 Lowitja Congress, held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on 14-15 November.

"There is currently no commitment for ongoing funding from the Australian government and the Lowitja Institute has been endeavouring to secure private sponsorship to make up this shortfall," the

statement read. "While private sponsorship is a valid source of supplementary income it should not be used to replace the obligation of the Australian Government to ensure there continues to be a viable, national research institute in Aboriginal health the Lowitja Institute."

The delegates said the institute had been a leader in the incorporation of an evidence-based approach to Aboriginal health both in terms of services and programs and policy.

"Its research agenda has helped shape Aboriginal health policy and practice throughout the nation," they said. "It has also provided a safe place for dialogue and partnerships between researchers and their institutes and Aboriginal community controlled health services and Aboriginal communities across Australia.

"Now more than ever we need to

build on this success and strengthen, not weaken, the use of research and the incorporation of evidence into practice in Aboriginal health so that the gains that have been made continue.

Delegates said the Australian Government funded the national peak research organisation, the National Health and Medical Research Council. to more than \$800 million recurrent, whereas just one per cent of that budget would double the current funding to the Lowitja Institute.

"The Australian Government should therefore provide recurrent core funding to the Lowitja Institute, similar to the equivalent organisation in Canada and over and above the current NH&MRC five per cent research target for competitive

> research in Aboriginal health," the statement read.

"Australia is one of the richest nations in the world with a GDP of more than \$1.3 trillion, but in spite of this the health status of Aboriginal people remains unacceptably below that of other Australians - there should be no question of the capacity of this nation to fund the Lowitja Institute from whatever source.'

Congress delegates shared their experiences of knowledge exchange and translation into practice. There were presentations about how research

projects come to be, processes for quality assurance and possible futures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research.

Aunty Joy Murphy-

Wandin opened Congress

Lowitja 2012.

Delegates also heard about innovative ways to communicate, about projects that change policy and practice through knowledge exchange, and listened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers tell their stories.

Panel sessions facilitated an exchange of ideas around funding and commissioning research and finding ways to support knowledge exchange and included representatives from beyondblue, the Ian Potter Foundation, VicHealth, the NHMRC and OATSIH.

The conference dinner at the end of Day 1 celebrated the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student and research award winners.



200 delegates



Vivian Lin, chair of public health at La Trobe University, Tom Calma, national coordinator for tackling Indigenous smoking, Pat Anderson, chair of the Lowitja Institute, Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Lisa Jackson Pulver, Lowitja Institute board member, Malcolm King, keynote speaker from Simon Fraser University in Canada, and Lowitja Institute CEO Lyn Brodie.



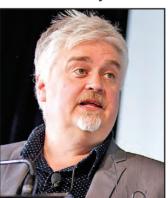
Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher award winner Chelsea Bond, from Inala Indigenous Health Service Qld, Lowitja Institute chair Pat Anderson and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student award winner Raymond Lovett, currently studying at ANU.



Professor Shane Houston, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) at the University



Dr Sue Crengle, from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.



Professor Ian Anderson, director of Murrup Barak, the **Melbourne Institute for** Indigenous Development.



Kim O'Donnell, of Flinders **University Poche Centre for** Indigenous Health.



Doseena Fergie, a lecturer in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine at Australian Catholic University.



Debra Reid of the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategies and Services at the University of Sydney.

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Community Broadcasting Association of Australia Awards

Two wins for CAAMA



taken out two national awards at the Community Broadcasting Association of

Australia (CBAA) annual conference in Melbourne.

The Alice Springs-based broadcaster won the Best Station Production award for work on the program Women's Business, and the Troy Garner Excellence in Sports Programming Award.

CAAMA CEO Michael Robertson welcomed the honours. "CAAMA Radio was a finalist in three categories, which is an achievement in itself, and to win two of the three is a great result," he said.

"The nominations, and the awards, show the positive impact that CAAMA has on the broadcast industry, and it also shows how we connect with so many people within the community.

"CAAMA was formed 30 years ago to give Aboriginal people a voice in the media, to enable them to tell their stories their way.



CAAMA Radio award winners Mikaela Simpson, GMan (Gerry Lyons), and Pam Reilly.

and give an Indigenous perspective to news and current affairs.

"These awards are a tribute to

CAAMA Radio manager GMan and his team, whose hard work, professionalism and drive have shaped the station into an

award-winning network."

Station manager Gerry Lyons (aka GMan) said the awards recognised the talent and

expertise of the CAAMA Radio team.

"We broadcast into South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia and provide an avenue for communities to be informed and entertained, as well as the opportunity for discussion on topics that often aren't covered in mainstream media," he said.

"Shows like Women's Business, which is broadcast on the CAAMA network every Friday and presented by Mikaela Simpson and Pam Reilly, gives women the chance to share their stories and covers issues of particular relevance to girls, women and families.

"And our sporting coverage is hugely popular, with listeners tuning in to be informed, and entertaining coverage on everything from the local footy leagues to the Melbourne Cup."

CAAMA Radio's third nomination in the CBAA Awards was for Excellence in Community Participation, acknowledging the work of the Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service (RIBS).

Phoenix rises to the occasion



BENDIGO-based community radio station Phoenix FM has taken out this year's Contribution to

Indigenous Broadcasting Award. It was part of the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) Awards presentation held this month in Melbourne.

The Contribution to Indigenous Broadcasting Award recognises a station that has demonstrated commitment to Indigenous Broadcasting and has Indigenous people working in key areas at

Phoenix FM is staffed entirely by

volunteers, and Anne Conway has been on its committee of management since the station's inception.

Ms Conway and fellow Koorie woman Sue Tuitupou host the Koori Grapevine program each Tuesday evening.

They nominated one of their programs, 'Fourth Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations', edited by Bill Whitbread, as part of the awards judging.

The award was accepted by Ms Conway, Ms Tuitupou and Phoenix vice-president Samual Harrison.

Pictured: Phoenix FM winners, from left, Sue Tuitupou, Samual Harrison, Anne Conway and Bill Whitbread.



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Language, culture, arts funds on offer



THE Federal Government is providing more than \$26 million for community groups to showcase Indigenous

visual arts, language and culture. The money is part of the 2013-14 Indigenous culture, languages and visual arts funding round designed to support cultural projects including the revival and maintenance of Indigenous languages.

Federal Arts Minister Simon Crean urged groups to apply.

"As home to the world's oldest living culture, Australia has a unique cultural story to tell," he said.

"We are also producing some of the most exciting and dynamic new art forms on earth.

'Our rich Indigenous tradition and culture is part of our national and international identity and is one that we must continue to preserve, promote and show pride in.

"The funding supports activities by

community organisations in urban, regional and remote areas including cultural festivals, music, dance and theatre, multimedia workshops with young people, professional visual arts practice and networks of language centres.'

Funding is available through the following programs:

- Indigenous Culture Support which helps to maintain Indigenous culture through community involvement, assists the transmission of knowledge and skills across generations and develops and supports new forms of cultural expression.
- Indigenous Languages Support which provides funding for the maintenance and revival of Australia's Indigenous languages.
- Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support which provides funding for Indigenous art centres and industry service organisations.

The 2013-14 funding round closes on 1 February.

Schools get CREATivE



YANDEYARRA Remote School in Western Australia. Centralian Senior College

in Alice Springs and Tallowood School in Kellyville, western Sydney, are the main winners in this year's GenerationOne CREATIVE CHANGE School Competition.

The song-writing competition is part of the GenerationOne campaign to end disparity between Indigenous and other Australians within a generation

GenerationOne said this year there were 176 entries involving 30,000 students from schools across Australia.

Yandeyarra Remote School in the Kimberley, where English is not the first language for students, won the Primary School category and \$15,000 in prizemoney. The entry can be viewed online at http://youtu.be/ RkM0WNiVplg

Secondary School category winner Centralian Senior College's entry was inspired by the Warumpi Band's hit from the 1980s, Blackfella/Whitefella. It can be viewed at http://youtu.be/ enJ1ZPLP5h0

And Tallowood, a special needs school for students with moderate to severe intellectual disability, took out the People's Choice Award, in which 13,000 people voted. The entry is at http://youtu.be/Ga5_rzkQw8



Centralian Senior College won the Secondary School category.



Yandeyarra Remote Community School won the Primary School category.

Walgett Community School (north-western NSW) won the CEO's commendation for their own original song, while the Founders' Award went to Nambour State School in south-east Queensland.

"The greatest part of

watching the clips is knowing that kids and teachers are going home and having conversations about this project,' said GenerationOne spokesperson Jeremy

"The songs are breaking down barriers. That's our

aim, to give kids the opportunity to have conversations that haven't been happening.'

GenerationOne says its campaign has won the support of more than 283,000 Australians and 330 employers since it started in 2010.

Joseph Elu the new TSRA chair



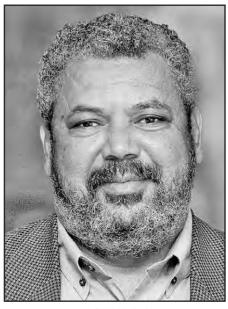
THE Torres Strait Regional Authority has elected eight board members to act as 'policy champions and advocates' to support new chair Joseph Elu. The board members will

represent program areas including culture, art and heritage, environmental management, fisheries, economic development, native title, healthy and safe communities, and governance and leadership.

Mr Elu said the appointment of portfolio areas would allow members to consider the interests and well-being of the entire Torres Strait region.

"This means members are not representing personal or sectional interests and it ensures good regional governance in an open, equitable and accountable way," Mr Elu said.

"The portfolio members all have demonstrated interest and commitment to make advances in their specialist areas and they will be the driving forces in policy and initiatives to foster progress and development.



JOSEPH ELU

They will also provide a valuable link between TSRA staff and outer island and mainland communities by accompanying staff during

consultations and other important community meetings.

Mr Elu said portfolio members would also be invited to represent the views of the TSRA on internal and external committees in and outside the Torres Strait region as required.

Mr Elu takes on the governance and leadership portfolio, while deputy chair Aven Noah, the member for Mer, will look after culture.

Alternative deputy chair Willie Lui, the member for Warraber, will take on the portfolio for environmental management. while Kenny Bedford, also from Warraber, will look after fisheries.

Sam Maka, the member for Dauan, will FOCUS on economic development while Maluwap Nona, the member for Badu, will look after native title issues.

Keith Fell, the member for Mabuiag, has been appointed the healthy communities portfolio while John Abednego, the member for TRAWQ, which covers the communities of Tamwoy, Rosehill, Aplin, Waiben and Quarantine, will look after the safer communities portfolio.



Commonwealth Bank executive David Cohen with Gunawirra chief executive Norma Tracey.

Bank digs deep for charities



THE Commonwealth Bank has awarded three Sydney Indigenous charities grants totalling \$27,500 as part of its 2012 Community Grants

Program. Gunawirra Ltd, the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) and The Factory Community Centre Inc were presented with their grants at a ceremony in Redfern.

Gunawirra is a welfare organisation run by Aboriginal representatives and health professionals. The organisation develops and delivers programs to prevent or reduce harm to Indigenous infants, families and communities.

Its \$10,000 grant will support the 'Infant Child Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Parents project, which aims to educate mothers about good nutrition, home cooking and shopping

NASCA, which also received \$10,000, encourages Indigenous children to persist in education. Its grant will support the Aboriginal corporation's Year 7 High School Transition program for Indigenous school students. The aim of the program is to help students get a good start at high school.

The Factory Community Centre, which received a \$7500 grant, is a locally managed community development organisation that identifies with the social housing community from that area, providing support services.

The grant will support The Factory Community Centre's Yurungai Dance Theatre. This group of South Sydney Aboriginal and Islander children performs Indigenous dance, combining contemporary and traditional Indigenous culture.

The annual grant program is funded by the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund, Australia's longest running employee contribution program.

Current and retired bank staff contribute to the fund from their pay, with the bank matching these contributions dollar for dollar.

The \$2 million, which is being awarded to grant recipients across Australia this year, is the largest donation ever made by the fund, and makes it one of the largest in the country.



who is chair of the Staff Community Fund, with The Factory after-school director Helen Wilkinson, and Dianne Rodgers The Factory Yurrungai Dance assistant co-ordinator.



From left, NT Education Minister Robyn Lambley and IMPACT program coordinator Michelle Pipino with participants Jaiden Preece-Forrester (Alice Springs), Naomi Wetherall-Fitz (Darwin), Billie-Jo Wesley (Alice Springs) and Darcy-Rose Marshall (Darwin).

NT program students make a real IMPACT



FIVE students from **Darwin and Alice** Springs have become the first to graduate from the IMPACT program for young Indigenous leaders.

Throughout the program the students participated in a range of workshops and undertook challenges, including a five-day trek with local Aboriginal guides across the Larapinta Trail.

They also completed a four-day volunteering placement in the community of Angurugu, on Groote

The group members will be the first to graduate from the IMPACT program, run by the Foundation for Young Australians in partnership with the Territory Department of

Education and Children's services.

The aim of the program is to form a community of 'connected, confident, self-aware and resilient' young Indigenous leaders who contribute in positive ways to their communities.

As well as taking part in the IMPACT program, all five students have completed Year 12 studies this year.



Year 11 IMPACT student Daniel Hamilton MCing the event.

PROPOSED NARUNGGA NATIVE TITLE CLAIM

TAKE NOTE ON 15 December 2012 the South Australian Native Title Services Limited will be facilitating a meeting of the biological descendants of the following Aboriginal people:

(a) Are the following named individuals (where living) and their biological descendants:

- Narungga woman of the Wallaroo area, married to
- Charlie Angie (China); King Tommy;
- Queen Mary, married to King Tommy;
- Ben Simms
- Ellen Bewes;
- Eli Bewes;
- (viii) Willie Bewes
- George Bewes;
- S(t)ansbury 'Narungga woman of Moonta';
- Tanne Arrito;
- Jim Crack: (xiv)
- (xv) Symonds.

(b) and those with traditional connections to Yorke Peninsula being the descendants (where living) of the following persons:

- Annie Radford;
- Kudnarto;
- (xviii) 'Father of Charlotte
- 'Father of Rodney; Nancy Mitchell;
- Mother of Alice Miller;
- Mother of Sarah Taikarabbie;
- Nellie Raminyemmermin;
- (xxiv) Joe Ware and Eliza (Lizzv): (xxv) Aboriginal Woman (antecedent of Edward Francis
- (xxvi) Alice Thompson (who married Edgar Warrior and Jack
- Cross);
- (xxvii) Polly (woman of Tarcoola) who married Mr Hughes; (xxviii) Nancy (who married Tom Mitchell):
- (xxix) John Newchurch Snr who married Alice and Sarah Ann Elizabeth 'Jessie' Wilkins who married Henry George
- Taylor:
- James Wanganeen who married Mary Jane;
- (xxxii) Aboriginal Man of Venus Bay who married Aboriginal woman of Venus Bay;

- (xxxiii) Emma Williams who married Alfred Spender and
- (xxxiv) Aboriginal Woman of Streaky Bay who married
- Aboriginal Man and Wright;
 Aboriginal Woman who married Mr Yates;
- (xxxvi) Alec Bramfield;

Edward Combo:

(xxxvii) full-blooded Aboriginal woman from Port Lincoln who



For the purpose of authorising applicants under the Native Title Act 1993 to make a native title determination application (over the area depicted on the map above) on

WHERE: Point Pearce Community Hall (Commencing

Please contact Stephen Bromley on 1800 010 360 should you require assistance to attend this meeting. Cut off Tuesday 11th

TAC hopes on forests



THE Tasmanian **Aboriginal Centre** (TAC) says it will support the new **Tasmanian Forest** Agreement, as long

Aboriginal people get to manage newly created reserves.

TAC says Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings intimated earlier this year that might be possible.

Last Thursday, industry, union and community representatives and peak environmental groups reached agreement after decades of wrangling about the best way forward for the state's ailing forest industry.

Under the agreement, more than 500,000 hectares of the state's forests will be placed into reserves (400,000 hectares of it immediately) and the amount of sawlogs available for loggers will be reduced to about 140,000 cubic metres.

Ms Giddings and Deputy Premier Bryan Green welcomed the deal,

which they described as 'a momentous opportunity to heal decades of division'.

However, not everyone is happy with it. The state's peak industry body, the Forest Industries Association, wasn't a party to it and the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) chief economist Phil Bailey described the deal as a sell-out that destroyed any chance of certainty for the forest

TAC legal director Michael Mansell said the forest industry supported Aboriginal management, the environmental movement agreed in the earlier draft of the agreement that the State should negotiate management with Aborigines, and Federal Minister Tony Burke supported Aboriginal management as did Greens Leader Christine Milne.

"There is widespread community support for Aborigines to regain management of our lands," he said.

Researcher rewarded



A YOUNG Aboriginal researcher has been recognised for her efforts to help Indigenous

Australians address alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems in their own communities. Noongar woman Annalee Stearne, from Western Australia, received the First People's Award at the annual Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD) Awards.

The awards acknowledge outstanding contributions to

reducing harm associated with AOD use, recognise and support young scientists with exceptional potential, and provide role models for future generations.

The First People's Award recognises a substantial and practical contribution to the advancement of the health of Indigenous people.

Ms Stearne has been part of the National Drug Research Institute's (NDRI) Indigenous Australian Research Team since 2001, including spending three years in Alice Springs seconded to the Tangentyere Council

Research Hub. Her work focuses on improving the health and social inequities Indigenous people face by empowering them with the knowledge to address AOD issues in their own communities.

Findings

Ms Stearne has also evaluated community-based AOD intervention projects, and has presented findings from her research across Australia and internationally.

"Annalee is a young Indigenous woman who has played a major part in developing, designing and

implementing Indigenous research programs that have helped to shape the delivery of AOD programs in communities," the award nomination said.

"As part of her research work in Indigenous communities, Annalee transfers her skills and knowledge to the local Indigenous community wherever her research is taking place. This has, in turn, empowered communities to begin to shape program development within an evidence-based approach to address issues of concern.'

Ms Stearne was also

recognised with an Unsung Hero award as part of Curtin University's 2010 NAIDOC Week celebrations, and was part of the Indigenous Australian Research Team that in 2006 won a national Drug and Alcohol Award for Excellence in Research and Curtin University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

NDRI is based at Curtin University's Health Research Campus in Perth and is supported by funding from the Federal Government under the Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund.

ABSTUDY review forms wanted



ABSTUDY recipients have been urged to complete and return their 'End of Year Review' form as soon as possible.

Federal Minister for Human Services Senator Kim Carr said almost 33,000 students had the form mailed to them at the end of October.

"To ensure your ABSTUDY payment continues as normal, it's important you let the department know by completing and returning the form without delay if you intend to keep studying in 2013," he said.

The department says that to make it easier, the review can be completed by calling the ABSTUDY line on 132 317.

ABSTUDY provides help with living, accommodation and education expenses.

For more information on ABSTUDY go to humanservices.gov.au, call the ABSTUDY line on 132 317 or ask a Centrelink Agent or regular visiting service.

Pilbara business named the best



PILBARA-based REFAP (Real Employment for Aboriginal People) has been named this year's best Aboriginal small business in Western Australia.

REFAP was among the winners at this year's WA Regional Small Business Awards, announced in Perth

REFAP founder and CEO Triscilla Holborow was delighted with the success.

"We're proud to be a small Aboriginal business and female-owned and operated," she said.

The overall Regional Small Business of the Year was The House Factory, based at Kununurra in the Kimberley.

Applications open for broadcasters



APPLICATIONS for funding through the Indigenous Broadcasting Program (IBP) for 2013-14 are now open. Federal Communications

Minister Stephen Conroy said the program supported a range of Indigenous media

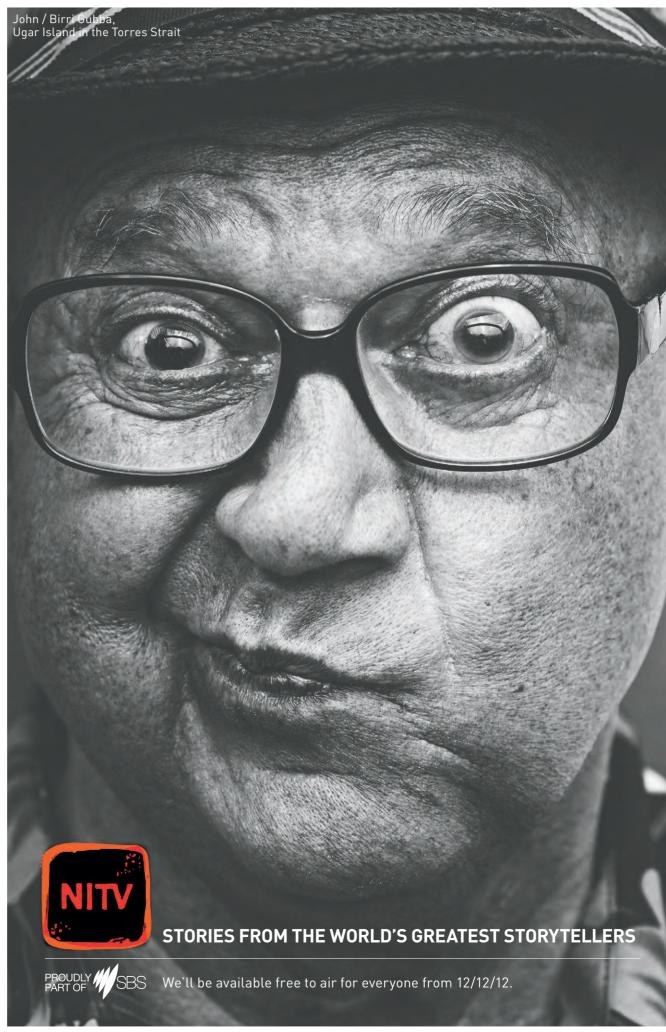
organisations throughout Australia. "The program currently supports the

operational and technical costs of urban, regional and remote Indigenous radio stations, including for broadcasting, training and content production," he said.

The minister said the Government was providing \$15.8 million to the IBP in 2013-14. Applications for the 2013-14 funding round close on 1 February.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online. An electronic submission (eSub) is available at https://apps.indigenous.gov.au/esub/.

For more information contact OFTA on 1800 006 992 or visit DBCDE at www.dbcde. gov.au/ibp



Tasmanian land return delayed



TASMANIA'S **Aboriginal Affairs** Minister, Cassy O'Connor, has criticised a Legislative Council

decision to delay the handing back of two parcels of land to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

State Upper House MPs delayed a decision on returning land at laparuna (the Eddystone Point Lighthouse Historic Site) in the North-East and Rebecca Creek in the North-West, referring the matter to a parliamentary committee

"Many in the Aboriginal community have a deep cultural connection to these parcels of land," Ms O'Connor said.

"It's very disappointing that members of the Legislative Council felt that, at this time, they were unable to support this small, but important,

step towards reconciliation.

"The decision to hand back the land was made in full consultation with the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania.

"I, and members of my office, have also been working with legislative councillors to respond to the issues they raised in a timely and comprehensive manner - to ensure a fullyinformed debate can take place.

"While I am deeply

disappointed the matter has now been referred to a parliamentary committee, I remain hopeful that this land will be returned to the Aboriginal community, under whose management and ownership it belongs.

"I would urge those members of the Aboriginal community who have a deep connection to this land to stand up and ensure their voices are heard by this committee, to ensure members of the Legislative Council understand the historical and cultural significance of this land to that community.

"I would hope evidence prevented to the committee would also go some way to allay the concerns that have been raised in the Legislative Council - concerns which I believe had already been addressed in a number of briefings with key MLCs."

Koorie Youth Council celebration



Past VIYAC coordinator Tim Kanoa, first VIYAC coordinator Jade Colgan and current Koorie Youth Council coordinator Greg Kennedy.



Event performers Lee Morgan, Maurial Spearim and Nikki Ashby.



Alita Thorpe, Rex Dingo, Naomi Bamblett, Koorrin Edwards and Janaya Atkinson at the re-launch.



VIYAC boasts a new name



A CELEBRATION in Melbourne this month has marked the re-branding of Victoria's leading

organisation for Indigenous youth. About 150 people were on hand at the Korin Gamadji Institute at the Richmond Football Club to see the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council (VIYAC) re-launched as the Koorie Youth Council.

Established in 2003 as VIYAC, the Koorie Youth Council will continue as the peak body for the representation of Aboriginal youth affairs in Victoria.

The statewide network is made up of volunteer Indigenous young people aged 12 - 25 who provide a voice to government and community on issues of importance to them.

The re-launch featured performances by the Yung Warriors, Maurial Spearim, Lee Morgan and Nikki Ashby, and members travelled

from across the state to take part in a dance workshop run by Indigenous Hip Hop Projects.

"The Koorie Youth Council is a vehicle for young Koories to express themselves and effect change, council statewide coordinator Greg Kennedy said.

"We know that traditionally our Elders are the voice and leaders of our community.

Step up

"Whilst this is and must always be, with 60 per cent of our population under the age of 25, the time is right for our young people to step up and show the community that we're ready to lead the communities of tomorrow.'

Former co-ordinator Tim Kanoa, who drove the re-branding, said the youth council was about bringing voices together as a collective.

Re-launch event host Clarisse

Slater said she spoke for many when she said VIYAC had given many fond memories and amazing opportunities.

These have helped shape me into a stronger individual, and more importantly, a stronger Aboriginal person," sne said.

"Many of our members are already future leaders in their own right and work hard to strengthen our communities.

"There is nothing more inspirational then being around like-minded people, whose unique stories and passions only heighten your own dreams for the future.

This is what VIYAC has been to me and what I believe the Koorie Youth Council can be for future generations.

The Koorie Youth Council is housed at the Korin Gamadji Institute. It is an independent organisation run under the umbrella of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria

Research highlights risks to youth



NEW research highlighting risks faced by vulnerable young people has been welcomed by the Federal

Government. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report 'Children and young people at risk of social exclusion: links between homelessness, child protection and juvenile justice', looked at young people who had a substantiated child protection notification, completed juvenile justice supervision, or received homelessness services in

Tasmania and Victoria.

Federal Homelessness Minister Brendan O'Connor and Community Services Minister Julie Collins said the report found

important links between child abuse and neglect, homelessness and juvenile crime.

"Almost 15 per cent of young people under juvenile justice supervision had been

homeless in the year before their most recent supervision, and eight per cent in the year after," Mr O'Connor said.

"And six per cent of those with

a substantiated child protection notification had been homeless before notification and seven per cent after, compared with about

'Eradicating violence against women and their children is a key priority for the Australian

> one per cent of young people aged ten years and older in the general population.

Government'

'This research shows the

significance of the Government's commitment to halving the rate of homelessness by 2020.

"The Government has made tackling homelessness a national

priority and has invested an unprecedented \$20 billion in homelessness and affordable housing services and initiatives since coming to office."

Ms Collins said the research highlighted the importance of acting early to protect children and young people from abuse

and neglect. "There is extensive research showing there is a strong connection between children who suffer abuse and neglect and engagement in criminal activity and homelessness," she said.

This research also shows that young women are at an even greater risk, with twice as many women receiving homelessness support in the month after leaving juvenile justice supervision as young men.

Eradicating violence against women and their children is a key priority for the Australian Government.'

Funds to help culture in west



A DONATION of \$500,000 by global energy company INPEX will go towards preserving cultural heritage in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

The funds, given to the Kimberley Foundation Australia, will help enable the perpetual endowment of the Kimberley Foundation Ian Potter Chair in Rock Art at the University of WA's Centre for Rock Art

Research and Management. INPEX, one of the world's largest oil and gas exploration and production companies, has major interests in the Timor Sea, off the Kimberley coast.

INPEX President Director Australia Seiya Ito welcomed the move to appoint Professor Peter Veth as the inaugural Kimberley Foundation

Ian Potter Chair in Rock Art.

'This program will see traditional owners working alongside archaeologists to ensure findings are recorded, maintained and available for future generations.

"Prof Veth's experience will be critical in delivering collaborative and integrated research into the Kimberley's cultural histories and will also help protect Aboriginal rock art of world significance," Mr Ito said.

"We understand the significance of

this research not only for historical reasons but also the opportunities it will create for Aboriginal peoples through education and employment.

"This program will see traditional owners (TOs) working alongside archaeologists to ensure findings are recorded, maintained and available for future generations.

"As part of this process, TOs will be trained as field assistants providing them with the skills to develop their future employment opportunities.

"In addition to this, the research program will help generate economic benefits for traditional owners who choose to share their history with tourists interested in learning about the Kimberley.

"INPEX's Australian head office is located in Perth and we see this as a unique opportunity to demonstrate the company's strong support in advancing the understanding of the State's cultural heritage."





LEE MORGAN



YUNG WARRIORS



URAINE MASTROSAVAS



JASON TAMIRU



BENNY WALKER

PA winners named in Melbourne



THE 2012 Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts (VIPA) awards were announced in Melbourne earlier this week.

Ilbijerri Theatre Company has presented the awards for the past 15 years and this year collaborated with Songlines and Radio 3KND to broaden their scope.

The 'VIPAs' celebrate outstanding achievement in the Indigenous performing arts across Victoria, and are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live and work in Victoria.

At a celebration at Wonderland Spiegeltent in the Docklands on Monday, nine recipients were announced across the three categories of theatre, music and broadcasting.

They were:

- Margaret Harvey, presented by Ilbijerri with the Uncle Bob Maza Award for significant contribution over a number of
- Uraine Mastrosavas, presented by Ilbijerri with the Aunty Eleanor Harding Memorial Award aimed at encouraging and supporting emerging talent;
- Jason Tamiru, presented by Ilbijerri with the Uncle Jack Charles Award for outstanding achievement over the last 12 months. This award includes a \$6000 professional development scholarship supported by Arts Victoria;
- Lee Morgan, presented by Songlines with the Contribution to the Victorian Indigenous Music Industry Award for lifetime achievement;
- Benny Walker, presented by Songlines with the Most Promising Act of the Year Award aimed at encouraging and supporting emerging talent;
- Yung Warriors' 'Standing Strong', presented by Songlines with the Song of Year Award recognising significant artistic success in the last 12 months;
- Gary 'Gilla' McGuiness, presented by 3KND with the Services to Broadcasting Award for lifetime achievement;
- Janina Harding and Kim Kruger, presented by 3KND with the Broadcaster

of the Year Award recognising outstanding achievement over the past 12 months;

 Dylan Clarke, presented by 3KND with the Best New Victorian Broadcaster Award aimed at encouraging and supporting emerging talent.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell said this year's VIPA Awards reflected the breadth and depth of the state's Indigenous performing arts

"This is an opportunity to celebrate those who bring passion, energy and extraordinary talent to their craft, and to strengthening Indigenous culture here in Victoria," she said.

Resilient every day!

<u>'Palm' the</u> focus of

By MARGARET SMITH



IT is nerve-racking for any artist to submit to the gaze of their subjects. But for those behind

a new play chronicling the history of Palm Island, as traumatic as it has been at times it has also been tremendously affirming.

Sitting in the audience when Beautiful One Day opened in Sydney last week were 18 locals from the north Queensland community who declared it 'truthful' and 'beautiful'.

A collaboration between Ilbijerri Theatre Company, Belvoir Theatre and Version 1.0, the production recreates the story of 'Palm', as it is often called, which is 65km north-east of Townsville.

The community there had its beginnings as a mission where Aboriginal people were sent against their will. In 1914, it was gazetted under the state's Aboriginal Protection Act as a place of punishment.

Some strange and terrible events followed and, when one of the island's sons Mulrunji Doomadgee died in police custody in 2004, the community erupted in grief and anger.

In Sydney, Belvoir's Eamon Flack decided he wanted to help create a work in response to the shocking death, and a subsequent not guilty verdict against Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley.





Actor Rachael Maza and Palm Island Elder Erykah Kyle (on screen) at left and, at right, actors Paul Dwyer and Kylie Doomadgee during a scene from Beautiful One Day. Photos by Heidrun Lohr, courtesy of Belvoir

Flack approached Rachel Maza at Melbourne-based Ilbijerri. The renowned actor teamed up with non-Indigenous actor Paul Dwyer and together they set off for Palm Island.

Uncertain of the reaction they'd encounter, they were relieved to find themselves welcomed and the process of researching and workshopping the play began.

Elders became involved and one of them, Aunty Magdalena Blackley, was so passionate that she became chief cultural adviser and, later, a pivotal part of the play's cast.

Two other talented Palm Island cast members emerged.

Mulrunji's 24-year-old niece Kylie Doomadgee, a graduate of Wangetti Campus in Cairns, and Harry Reuben, who works for Centrelink and runs PCYC youth programs, took on the challenging task of creating the drama with

Ms Doomadgee told the Koori Mail there had been no director, as the group discussed and wrote down their ideas on Palm and in Sydney.

Confronting

It was a confronting experience for her personally, as was the recreation of mission days - but one that was immensely valuable.

The play also includes the 1930 story of Superintendent Curry (played by Dwyer) who murders his

In 1961, Harry Pitt died in custody, and later the island's 'Magnificent Seven' stood up against under-award wages.

But it was Mulrunii Doomadgee's death, a subsequent riot and the trial of Lex Wotton that forms the play's heart. Here the actors are watched over by island Elders on giant screens.

It's an incredibly powerful device, especially when the Elders speak about their own memories of the catastrophic event.

A larger-than-life but silent Lex Wotton, who can't speak publicly until his parole ends in July 2014, is particularly moving.

With the play's end comes a sense of regeneration.

Rachel Maza said afterwards that she could feel the spirit of the island all around her when she was on the stage.

Harry Reuben said the play dealt with difficult issues, but there was hope on Palm now.

Adds Kylie Doomadgee, 'I feel very proud of where I come from. It's such a relief to get so much off my chest'.

The Palm residents who flew to Sydney for opening night agreed that change for the better was afoot on the island.

Lex Wotton's nephew Gerald Wotten, who is a plumber on the island, told the Koori Mail, 'It's a beautiful play that tells it like it is'.

Elder Luella Bligh concurred. "I'm inspired by the play. It's so vibrant and is really hitting the nerve," she said.

"It tells the truth, but we are a very resilient and tough people, and we will overcome."

Debate focus on racism

IN the end, it was up to the audience to decide whether racism was holding Australia back. And 71 per cent of business executives at the recent Diversity Council of Australia's

Annual Diversity Debate in Sydney agreed with the affirmative side.

Led by Race Discrimination Commissioner Helen Szoke, the affirmative side had argued that racism was a major roadblock.

"This is evident on a number of counts. Structural or systemic racism not only has costs to businesses and communities but also is lost opportunity costs in an economic and social sense," Ms Szoke said.

In contrast, the negative side argued that Australia compared favourably with other countries in terms of the relative harmony between diverse cultures and communities, and if racism was really holding the country back there would be much more conflict evident.

Past president of the Federation of Australian Indian Associations, Vish Viswanathan, led the negative.

"Australia is not a racist country at all, although a few people with racist attitudes may exist as in any other country," he said.

"The fast growing multicultural community in Australia is a result of its largest per capita immigration program within any OECD country.

"In contrast to many countries where racial strifes affect even the normal day-to-day life,



National Centre of Indigenous Excellence chief executive Jason Glanville, who was on the affirmative team in the debate.

the diverse and multicultural community in Australia is enjoying the spirit of 'mateship', cultural harmony and a sense of inclusiveness, thus making Australia a great place to live in

In the end, MC Tony Jones awarded the debate to the affirmative, although there was a swing of nine per cent to the negative side during the debate.

the world."

DCA chief executive Nareen Young said the clear consensus among all the

panellists was that more needed to be done to address racism.

"All panellists agreed that racism is a problem that exists and must be tackled, although they disagreed on the extent to which it affects Australian workplaces and the wider community," she said.

Ms Young said the debate confirmed the need for a greater understanding and focus on cultural diversity at the most senior levels of Australian business.

To this end, DCA announced at the debate a new research project in partnership with PwC, the Department of Immigration and and ANZ, with the support of IBM.

Called 'Capitalising On Culture Amongst Australian Leaders: An ASX200 Survey', the research will for the first time capture the culturally diverse profile and intercultural capabilities at board and senior executive levels of ASX200 companies.

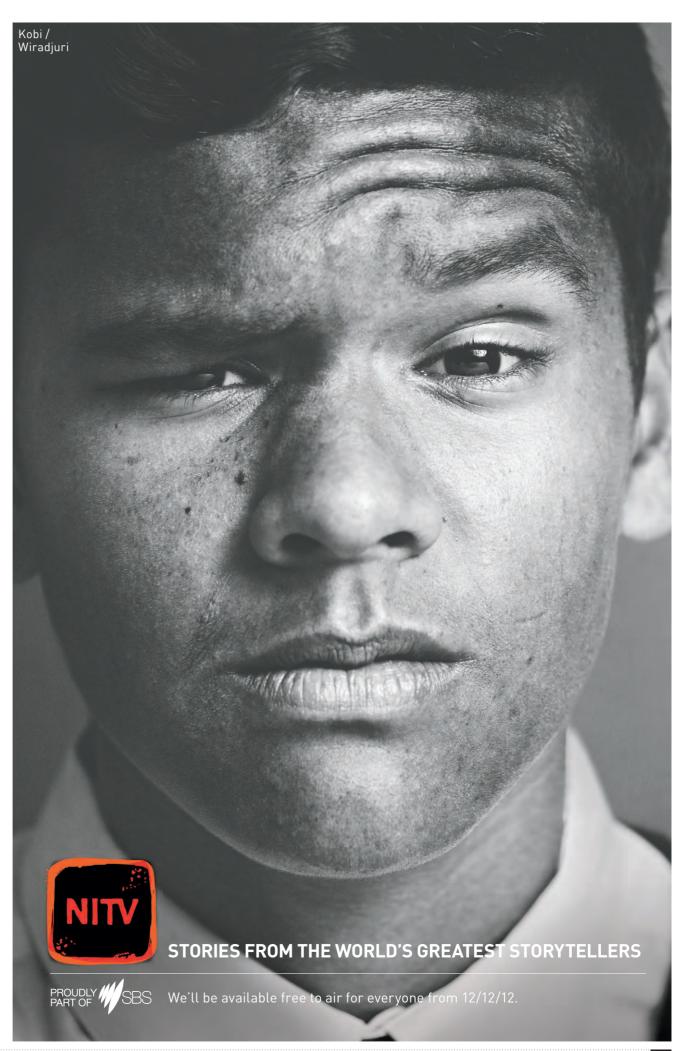
For more information on the research, visit http://dca.org.au/dca-research.html#asx.

The affirmative team also included National Centre of Indigenous Excellence chief executive Jason Glanville and Australian Muslim Women's Association project manager Silma Ihram.

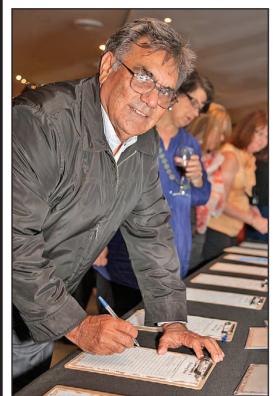
The negative side also included News Ltd journalist Joe Hildebrand who presented the tv series Dumb, Drunk and Racist, and PwC marketing manager Sophie Crawford-Jones.

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Fundraising event marks



SNAICC founding member Phil Cooper bids for a signed Carlton AFL jumper in the silent auction held at the gala celebration.





Archie Roach during his performance.



Natalie Lewis, Cheryl Macourt and Roslyn Webb.



Bill Pritchard, Gillian Brannigan and Wendy Hermeston.



MC Jeff McMullen and SNAICC national executive representative Garry Matthews announce the winners of the silent auction.



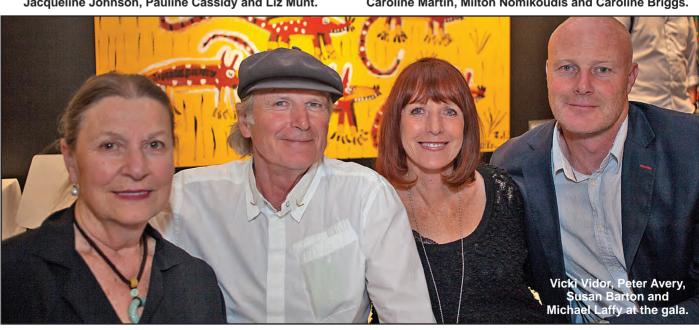
Jacqueline Johnson, Pauline Cassidy and Liz Munt.



Caroline Martin, Milton Nomikoudis and Caroline Briggs.



Founding member of the Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders Claire Vickery with her silent auction loot and SNAICC manager of organisational services Sue Beecher.



SNAICC's 30th anniversary



Liz Greig, David Fox, Cherie Minniecon and Gerry McNamara, from Mackillop Family Services, with the prize won by one person on each table - SNAICC's Our Children, Our Culture, Our Way book celebrating Aboriginal families, diversity and culture, and the 25th anniversary of National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. The book may be bought from SNAICC.

Celebration at culture centre

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander **Child Care**

(SNAICC) celebrated its 30th anniversary last week with a fundraising gala event at Melbourne Museum's Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The evening of top-class entertainment and fine dining raised funds to support the SNAICC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarship and traineeship program through ticket sales, donations, a silent auction and a raffle.

The organisation says its scholarship and traineeship program, for tertiary students and workers, is a practical means of ensuring control over delivery of children's services for Indigenous people, by Indigenous

It all started in 1981

SNAICC, a national non-government peak body, came about after the first Aboriginal Child Survival Seminar, held in 1979, to advocate on behalf of Indigenous children and their families. It was established in executive in 1982 and opened

SNAICC, which has representation from all states and territories, is Federally funded and raises income from membership fees and sales of resources. It has deductible grant recipient status allowing it to seek philanthropic funding and donations.

Over its 30 years, SNAICC amongst other things has

people - something it has long souaht.

Master of Ceremonies Jeff McMullen started the night's

bought together national and international experts in the child welfare sector through four of its conferences. In 1991 it was the first national organisation to call for an inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children their families, and for the past eight years has developed and distributed resources to support services working with Indigenous families.

The body has grown over the years and now has a subscriber network of 3000 and 20 staff.

Last week, Sharron Williams from South Australia was elected SNAICC's new chairperson.

fundraising with a \$4000 donation from the Ian Thorpe Foundation for Youth.

SNAICC national executive

and staff representative Garry Matthews said the night was probably more embracing than had been anticipated.

"There were more non-Aboriginal people there in the right spirit than we expected," he told the Koori Mail. "The idea was to present a gala event to get SNAICC's name out there with all the corporate businesses, we made a lot of links and a lot of the corporate entities wanted to be involved in any future events. The performers were brilliant, it was a very special night."

Mr Matthews said performances from Archie Roach, Neil Murray and Shane Howard, and their stories of why they wrote the songs, were 'just spell-

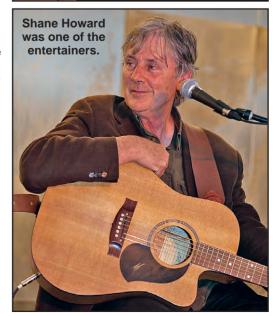
"A lot of non-Aboriginal people got the sense of the meaning behind the songs that these three people had written, and why they had to write them," he said.



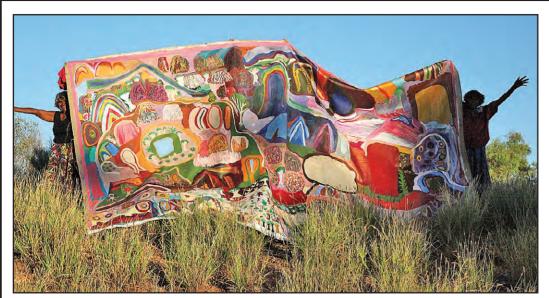
Kate Beecher, from Melbourne, won second prize in the raffle. It's a turtle created by a Cape York Peninsula artist.







'We Don't Need a Map'



Artists Amy French and Lily Long with Karlamilyi, 2011, their 3m x 5m acrylic work on canvas. Photo courtesy Gabrielle Sullivan, Martumili Arts





Second top, above and right are images taken at the opening of the 'We Don't Need a Map' exhibition now on show at the **Fremantle** Arts Centre in Western Australia. Photos by MAX **FAIRCLOUGH**



Focus on Martu people



A WEATHERED old metal phone box hangs suspended from the ceiling. It's surrounded by used phone cards. dangling like tea bags in the air.

On the ground is red Pindan dirt from the Pilbara. Projected on all walls of this surreal space are images of Martu people talking about the importance of the community phone.

Welcome to 'Phone Booth' - an installation which is part of the 'We Don't Need a Map' exhibition at the Fremantle Art Centre.

'Phone Booth' is a quirky, multimedia work by Martu filmmaker Curtis Taylor and Victoria-based artist Lily Hibberd. The work captures just how integral the phone box or booth is to everyday life in remote communities.

"Some older Martu can remember when the communities were built. First they put in a well, then they sometimes made a building like a school. But they always put in a phone booth," Taylor said.

"We wanted to tell the story of the community phone booths because it's an important part of Australia's history."

The phone booth hanging in the Fremantle art gallery is an actual decommissioned phone from Billanooka outstation. Hibberd and Taylor had to drive six hours from Newman to get it. When they got there, they found the old booth had pretty

much rusted into the ground. It look them four hours to grind the booth off it's mounting.

But that wasn't the hardest part of the journey. Actually convincing the Martu to share their phone booth stories proved just as tricky.

"They thought we were crazy!" said Hibberd.

"They don't feel the need to tell their stories anyway, so we had to make sure it was a dialogue, we had to sit down with the Martu first and explain why we wanted to do it."

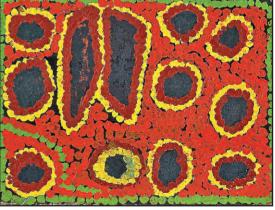
Taylor shot some vision of the

booth, did a few interviews, made a rough-cut film and then screened it for the community on the side of a 'troop carrier'

"We needed to show them what we were going to do. Some people thought it was funny, they said 'don't put my face on that'. But a lot of people really liked it and they understood what it was we were trying to do," he said.

'This is about contact and integration into traditional way of life. The stories we've captured show how Martu use technology in a traditional context.

"The Elders told us they used to talk to each other using fire, they would use





Exhibition works (top) Minyawe Miller, Untitled, 2007, acrylic on canvas, 25 x 35 cm; and above Rita Simpson (Muni) and Ida Taylor, Mukurtu, acrylic on linen,125 x 300 cm, 2007

fire to hunt and to let other communities know when we were travelling across country.

"When the outstations were built, they used two-way radio to talk to each other. Now it's the phone," Taylor

Just this month, mobile phone service finally came to the remote community of Punmu.

Does this mean the days of the phone booth are numbered?

"Not at all," said Taylor. "It's 365km from Newman to

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exhibition in Fremantle



Martu film-maker Curtis Taylor with part of his Phone Booth installation. Photo by Michelle White



Kids in the special bouncy castle at the exhibition opening at Fremantle Arts Centre this month. Photo by MAX FAIRCLOUGH

Phone Booth is a highlight

From facing page

Parnngurr. Punmu is at least ten hours' drive from there... Mobile phone reception ends around the Jigalong turnoff about 70km from Newman. No, we will still need the community booths!"

In another part of the Fremantle Art Centre hangs a series of Martu paintings that tell a story familiar to many Australians

The works have been created by Martu artist Noreena Kadibil and they show the remarkable journey of three young girls along the Rabbit Proof Fence.

Once of those girls was the artist's mother. Daisv. who was just eight years old when she escaped from the Moore River Settlement with her 12-year-old sister Molly and cousin Gracie. The girls walked an incredible 2400km along the Rabbit Proof Fence to get home to their real home and family in Jigalong.

Noreena was unable to make it to the opening of the 'Martu – We Don't Need A Map' exhibition featuring these works, but her daughter and fellow artist, Sonia Williams, were there in her honour.

"This is our family history. My mother wanted to paint this story so she could show us and our children from her point of view," said Williams, as she surveyed her mother's works on the gallery wall.

The Martu exhibition in Fremantle marked the first time Williams and many of the other community artists had seen their works in a professionally hung exhibition.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's good that we can give people who come along a feel for Parnngum country.

The Martu were among the last Indigenous people to make contact with Europeans, as recently as the 1960s.

Biggest

'We Don't Need a Map - A Martu Experience of the Western Desert' is the biggest exhibition staged at the Fremantle centre. It features the works of the Martumilli artists and is the result of a two-year collaboration between Fremantle Arts Centre and Martumilli Artists and the Martu cultural and land management organisation Kanyininpa Jukurrpa.

The exhibition is multifaceted. There's an animation project featuring a cannibal story as told by Yunkurra storyteller Bull Atkins.

There's also a 5m by 3m painting by Lily Long and Amy French that is both a map and montage of Dreamtime stories.

There's a display of woven baskets, too. The Martu artists were creating baskets long before they picked up paint brushes. One of the basket designs has been turned into a bouncy castle for kids to jump in (see photo above).

Artists Lily Hibberd and Curtis Taylor are so pleased with how their Phone Booth installation has turned out, they hope it will tour nationally and perhaps even internationally.

Hibberd says she can see this snapshot of Martu desert life being really appreciated in Europe.

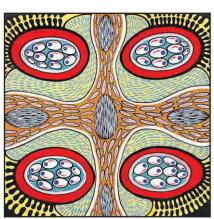
Taylor agrees, but would like the next re-mount to be closer to home.

His dream is to see Phone Booth, and the whole 'We Don't Need A Map' exhibition, displayed in Port Hedland so his countrymen also get a chance to see it.

'We Don't Need A Map' is on at the Fremantle Arts Centre until 20 January.



Murray Islander's work on display



Creek Bed (edge) 2012, acrylic on canvas, by Tatipai Barsa, 90cm x 90cm - copy.



AN exhibition of works on paper and canvas by Murray Islander artist Tatipai Barsa will be launched tomorrow at the

UMI Arts Exhibition Gallery in Cairns. 'Kara Dorge' (Meriam Mer, Murray Islander language meaning 'my work') features a range of abstract artworks by the Cairns-based artist.

"I want people to come and see my artwork because most of the works in the exhibition are based on the sea and the close links that my people have with the sea," Barsa says.

"The abstract images I use in my paintings are based on the tropical sea that surrounds my Island. Some of the subjects and themes that have heavily inspired my works over the years include fish, stingrays, shells; repeated patterns and designs that occur in nature; rock formations; traditional plaiting; and carving techniques.

"Birds and other saltwater creatures have also influenced my paintings.

Barsa says he was inspired after starting an Associate Diploma of Art course in Cairns.

"I realised that I had to find my own style based on Torres Strait Island images," he says.

"All my fellow students were Aboriginal artists and the field trips that we took were to Aboriginal art sites in Cape York which gave me inspiration to research my own cultural background for arts and crafts."

'Kara Dorge' is the result of the artist's participation in the **UMI Arts Exhibition Ready** Program, which provides artists with training in preparing and presenting artwork for exhibition.

'Kara Dorge' continues until 16 January at UMI Arts 335 Sheridan Street, North Cairns.

For more details, call (07) 4041 6152.



Butterfish 2012, acrylic on canvas, by Tatipai Barsa, 44cm x 44cm - copy

Icons feature in show Ganoes



AN enthusiastic audience gathered recently to view portraits

by Sunshine Coast **Aboriginal artist** Jandamarra Cadd.

Among them were Gubbi Gubbi man Lyndon Davis and his son, who are pictured in front of the portrait called 'Ceremony recognising the importance of passing on customs to younger generations.

Mr Cadd's exhibition also includes portraits of Indigenous icons and role models including academic Mick **Dodson and singers** Jessica Mauboy, **Christine Anu and Dan**

After finishing on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, Mr Cadd's 'Past.Present. **Future' Touring Exhibition will visit** Rosebed Gallery in **Eudlo, Wondai** Regional Gallery and conclude at Gympie Regional Gallery, south-east Queensland, in March.

For further information, visit www.jandamarrasart. com or Jandamarra Cadd's Art on Facebook.



Above: Jandamarra Cadd and his wife Amy, with his **Archibald entry** portrait of Professor Mick Dodson.



theme for fest in Taree



ABORIGINAL hand-crafted canoes will feature at the Saltwater Freshwater Festival in the NSW town of Taree on 26 January. The festival aims to celebrate and share Aboriginal living culture on the

NSW mid north coast with the wider community and commemorate Australia Day as a positive, inclusive, family day for all to enjoy.

Organisers say the event will have a strong canoe theme, tying in with a national movement to revive the craft of traditional Aboriginal canoe building and passing on skills to young people.

Canoes from the Dunghutti, Birpai and Worimi nations as well as other centres across NSW will take to Taree's Manning River for a festival finale.

The Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance has worked on canoe projects during the past year. The Kempsey Canoes Project and the Birpai Canoe Revival involved young Aboriginal men participating in canoe building workshops and cultural learning, led by Aboriginal mentors and Elders. Project participants and their canoes will be showcased at the festival.

Achievements

Mission Australia's Uncle Fred Kelly, who led the Kempsey Canoes Project, says the boys are proud of their achievements and keen to display their crafts.

"It's about much more than just building a canoe," he said. "It's about creating the opportunity for young people and old people to work together. To get to know one another and learn about respect, with a focus on regeneration and cultural knowledge.

"It's a traditional way of learning that teaches younger generations respect for others and themselves.'

The award-winning National Maritime Museum project Nawi Exploring Australia's Indigenous Watercraft - will also be at the festival.

Festival organisers say buses will be available for return trips from Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Gloucester and Forster. Fares will be subsidised to

For more details, go to www.saltwaterfreshwater festival.com.au for more information or like www.facebook.com/swfw.festival for all the latest updates.



Japanese link to storytelling



INDIGENOUS artists have been learning a traditional Japanese printmaking technique to illustrate the stories of their country.

The eight artists from Waringarri Arts in

Kununurra, Western Australia, have been learning the technique at Charles Darwin University's Northern Editions Printmaking Studio and Gallery.

Master printmaker Jacqueline Gribbin introduced the Indigenous artists to the technique while visiting Kununurra to hold a workshop earlier this year.

Ms Gribbin said the technique of woodblock printmaking, known as mokuhanga, was a natural form of printmaking.

Ms Gribbin said "You don't need a press or chemicals, and the paints are water based or natural pigments.

"The wooden block is traditionally cherry wood, but you can also use pine or a wood which is particularly receptive to water. It makes this a simple technique that can be transported easily to remote communities in order to be able to collaborate with artists. You can even use some ochre powder."

Images

Waringarri artist Agnes Armstrong has already produced several images using mokuhanga alongside the printmakers at Northern Editions.

An artist since the early 1980s, Ms Armstrong has a particular interest in

landscapes and has been using the ancient Japanese technique to record traditional Indigenous stories.

"It is good to learn new ways," she said. "I had not seen the woodblocks until the printmakers came to do a workshop in Kununurra.

"One of the prints I have done represents a scene at the Ivanhoe Ranges when I was about three or four years old."

Ms Gribbin first took the technique to the Tiwi Islands in 2010, and this year the Northern Editions team has also travelled to Warlayirti Artists Cooperation in Balgo, WA, and in early 2013 they will travel to Bula'bula Arts in Ramingining to work with artists from both Milingimbi and Ramingining.

Leah Purcell, who plays the late Ruby Langford Ginibi.

Show looks at one of our greats



A ONE-WOMAN show based on the life of acclaimed Aboriginal author the late Ruby Langford Ginibi starts tomorrow
(Thursday) at Sydney's Belvoir
St Theatre. Don't Take Your Love to Town,

based on the book of the same name by the Bundjalung woman, stars and is directed by actor Leah Purcell.

Belvoir says the show aims to relive Dr Langford Ginibi's 'big and soulful 70-something years in an evening'

"It is about a lot of things – love, childhood, struggle, humour, family, work – but most of all it is a homage to Black Australia's extraordinary spirit of endurance," the theatre says.

Dr Langford Ginibi is regarded as a great documenter of Indigenous history.

She told her own stories as well as the stories of others through books like My Bundjalung People and Haunted by the Past.

"I wanted to record our history for the Koori people because the white people had been recording it up until now and they were not accurate," she said in 1992.

Dr Langford Ginibi spelt out a message to the white establishment: "Don't be gobbinghmiggingh (greedy guts) and take everything from us. You white people have to learn to give something back. You cannot take forever from us, because in the end, you'll destroy yourselves too.'

Despite leaving school at 15, she was awarded a Doctorate of Letters by La Trobe University, and received the NSW Premier's Literary Award and the Australia Council's Writers Emeritus award.

In 2007 she was named the Aboriginal Elder of the Year, receiving the award in Darwin from Leah Purcell. Dr Langford Ginibi passed away on 1 October last year

● Don't Take Your Love to Town – based on the book Don't Take Your Love to Town by Ruby Langford Ginibi has been adapted by Eamon Flack and Leah Purcell

It starts tomorrow and continues until 30 December at Belvoir Street Theatre. Details and bookings on (02) 9699 3444 or belvoir.com.au

Songlines is the theme



TWO HUNDRED artworks from 11 communities are featured in this year's Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery Christmas exhibition. More than 90 artists have

created the paintings, which will be on show at the gallery in the Sydney suburb of Bondi until 22 December.

All reflect this year's Christmas exhibition theme of Songlines.

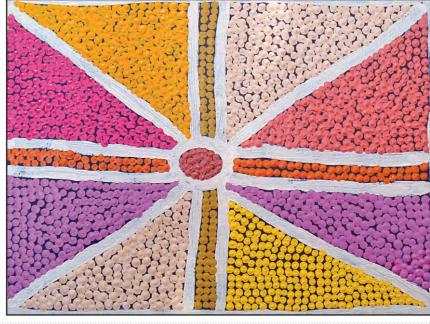
The gallery provides canvas art boards to artists for the works on show.

Curator Mirri Leven expects this year's exhibition to be bigger and better than last year's.

The 11 participating art centres are Ngaruwanajirri Tiwi Artists, Warnayaka Art Centre, Warlukurlungu Artists, Papunya Tjupi Arts, Iwantja Arts, Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, Kalumburu Artists, Bula Bula Arts, Mowanjum Art Centre, Artists of Ampilatwatja and Tangentyere Artists.

For more details, call (02) 9300 9233 or go to www.cooeeart.com.au

Pictured right: 'Inma Dreaming', by Betty Muffler of Iwantja Arts.



NATIONAL CALENDAR Experimental Control of The Voice of Indigenous Australia



WE welcome your items for our **National Calendar of events.** Please keep them to the point and include a daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Submissions may be sent to any of the addresses listed in the panel on Page 23.

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Every Sunday: Traditional family barbeque held at the National Aboriginal Embassy. opposite Old Parliament House in Canberra from 10am-5pm. BYO food and drink. This is an alcohol and drug-free event. All countrymen and supporters welcome, as are donations. For more information, call in at the Embassy and ask for Tellamardi Japanunga (TJ).

Until 13 December: Women Exploring Anger course. This nineweek course covers a number of topics, including creating respectful relationships, recognising anger and abuse and more. Held at the Casino Community Centre, 35 Walker St, Thursdays 10am-1pm. Free and all welcome. Details Linda Wimble at Brighter Futures on (02) 6662

Until 22 December: TIWI Art Exhibition. Featuring artists from Munupi Arts, Jilamara Arts and Crafts (Melville Island) and Njaruwanwanajirri Inc. (Bathurst Island, NT). Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks Street, Waterloo, from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalandpacificart.

Until 20 January 2013: Spirit in the Land Exhibition, exploring the connection between

Australian artists, historical and contemporary, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and their special appreciation and engagement to the spiritual ethos and power of the land. Official opening on Saturday 8 December from 5-7pm, Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Road, Emu Plains, from 9am-5pm daily. Free entry. Details: (02) 4735 1100 or email gallery@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or visit www.penrithregional gallery.org

Until 20 January 2013: Ripple Effect - Boomalli Founding Members Exhibition. Featuring works by Bronwyn Bancroft, Euphemia Bostock, Brenda L Croft, Fiona Foley and more. Held at the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt, from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm (closed over Christmas). Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomali.com.au

Until 1 March 2013:

Registrations taken for the First Australians 2013 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade. This parade celebrates our gay, lesbian, bisexual, sistergirl and brothaboy communities. Community meetings are being held to plan the entry for the 2013 Mardi Gras theme 'Generations of Love'. Register and get more info at www.acon.org.au/aboriginal or freecall 1800 063 060.

28 November: Far North Coast Festival of Ability, showcasing the ability of people with a disability, in anticipation of International Day of People With a Disability. Activities include talent quest, photo competition, puppet show, performing arts and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the

Creation story feature of program

PERFORMANCE of a Kulin nation creation story will be a feature of the Bunjilaka summer school holidays program at the Melbourne Museum.

The bird-themed range of activities starts on 26 December and continues until 28 January.

The story of Waa and the Seven Sisters - a local Kulin legend of how fire came to the

original people of Melbourne - will feature from 2-28 January.

School holiday program participants can also join in Bunjil's Gliders, decorating their own Bunjil glider and learning how to keep him flying.

An exhibition featuring 60 spectacular bird specimens native to the rainforests of Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and northern

And a display Last Man Standing highlights the works of Aboriginal artist Trevor Turbo Brown.

The Melbourne Museum, in Nicholson Street, Carlton, is open daily 10am - 5pm (except Christmas Day). Details on 13 11 02 or visit museumvictoria.com. au/melbournemuseum



Byron Regional Sporting & Cultural Complex, Ewingsdale Rd, Byron Bay, from 10am-2pm. Details: Lee Clark on (02) 6624 5499 or (0421) 055 992 or email northernrivers@scia.org.au

29 November: Gandangara Health Day. Gandangara Health Service is launching the first of four Aboriginal community health days in Liverpool in a bid to improve the health of Aboriginal

and Torres Straights Islander people in the area. The day includes face painting, lunch, show bag, cooking demos and health checks. Free and all welcome. Held at the PCYC, Cartwright Ave, Miller, from 10am-2pm. RSVP to Gail on (02) 9602 9677. Details: Gail Tobler on (02) 9602 5282.

30 November-1 December: Christine Anu Rewind Tour. Don't miss this extraordinary show as Christine honours the queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin in her acclaimed and intimate show REWIND - The Aretha Franklin Songbook. Venue, time and costs as follows: 30 November: Little Theatre, Newell Highway (Cnr Bogan & Dalton St) Parkes commencing 8pm. Tickets \$32.50. Details on (02) 6862 6854 or visit www.parkesmandd.com.au; 1 December: Katoomba RSL, 82-86 Lurline St, Katoomba commencing 8pm. Tickets \$25 (pre-sale) or \$30 (door/online). Details: (02) 4782 2624 or visit www.katoombarsl. com.au or www.moshtix.com.au

6 December: Special Public Forum - After the NT Election. Hosted by Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS), join in the fight for Aboriginal rights, discuss the shifting terrain in the struggle against the NT Intervention. Includes special speakers from Central Australia and Jeff McMullen. Held at Tom Mann Theatre, 136 Chalmers St, Surry Hills, from 6.30pm onwards. Free and all welcome. Details: Jean on (0449) 646 593 or visit www.stoptheintervention.org

15-16 December: 12th anniversary. Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy (SPATE) will celebrate its 12th anniversary with a great community and family friendly non alcohol weekend event for everyone including live entertainment, kids activities, picnics, barbecue, cultural and

smoking ceremony. Held at Sandon Point, Wollongong, from 11am onwards. Entry by donation or \$20. Details: (0439) 707 969 or (0434) 366 374 or visit www.sandon-point.org.au

20 February -3 March 2013: Selling Yarns – 'Weaving the Nation's Story'. Online registrations are now open. This is a conference, workshop, market day and exhibition program that will promote and showcase textile and fibre craft and design practices of Indigenous artists from across Australia. Registration fees apply. Details: To register and for further information visit on (02) 6208 5000 or visit www. sellingyarns.com/2013

Queensland

Until 1 December: Laga Ngu (From The Island Exhibition). This body of work by artist Billy Missi is based of the natural environment on the Western Torres Strait Island life, using acrylics on canvas and medium of lino printing to share his story to a wider audience. Held at the Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba, from Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 9 December:

Transforming Tindale Collection. Unheard stories are given a voice in this powerful exhibition of scientific photographs and contemporary artworks, exploring the legacy of Norman Tindale's 1938 anthropological expedition to Aboriginal communities. Held at the SLQ Gallery, Level 2, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, Southbank from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3840 7666 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

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2000 boost for deb ball

*HE upcoming Armidale Aboriginal Debutante THE upcoming Armidate Abongina 2000
Ball has received a boost with a \$2000 donation from the town's Blue Light Disco committee.

The debutantes helped raise the money by assisting at the last junior Blue Light Disco, and the donation was a thank you.

The ball, which will be held at the Armidale Bowling Club on 8 December, aims to build selfesteem, and prepare the young women to take their place as leaders in their own communities and wider society.

The donation will go towards further preparations for the ball, and will also help the debutantes pay for their dresses.

Blue Light committee nembers Will Green and Senior Constable Rachael Sellers presented the \$2000 cheque at a dance rehearsal on 12 November.

Snr Const Sellers thanked the girls on behalf of the Blue Light committee.

"It's great to be able to support such an accomplished group of local young women as they take this symbolic step into the adult world" she said.

Debutante Amarlie Ahoy in turn thanked the Blue Light committee for the donation, and expressed what it meant to her.

"I saw my dress the other day, and it bought tears to my eyes - it was so beautiful" said Amarlie.

Meanwhile, Snr Const Cheryl Hall who is in charge of the ball's preparations, said tickets should be purchased before 3 December in order to arrange appropriate catering.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include entry, a three-course dinner and entertainment provided by local band Terra Firma.

Tickets can be purchased from the Armidale Police Station, where a special Elder ticket price is



Members of the Armidale Aboriginal Debutante Ball, and organisers, are getting ready for the big event.

NATIONAL CALENDAR FROM The Voice of Indigenous Australia



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Until 21 December: Nominations for 2013 Warriors Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival. Open men, maximum of 10 teams, nomination fee \$1000 per team. Open women, maximum of 4 teams, nomination fee \$500 per team. Held at the Newton Rugby Leagues Club, Toowoomba, Saturday 2 February, 2013. Registration & nomination fees to be paid by 21 December 2012. Details: Tom Clevin on (0411) 617 769 or Ken Edwards on (0409) 281 511 or email bclevin6@bigpond.com.au or kevedwards@westnet.com.au

Until 19 April 2013: State of Emergency Exhibition. In marking the 30th anniversary of the 1982 Commonwealth Games when Brisbane came alive with political demonstrations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander civil liberties, the exhibition includes original footage, photographs and personal stories. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, Southbank from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/ showcase/state-of-emergency

2 December: Jimbelungare 2012 Super Series Touch Footy final leg. Includes touch footy divisions for open men's, women's and mixed, U12, U15 & U18 mixed. Held at Kingsridge Touch, Gould Adams Park, Kingston, Logan. Free ground entry. Details on (07) 5563 9866 or visit www.jimbelungare.mytouchfooty.

5-7 December: 2012 National Indigenous Health Conference -'Many Pathways, One Outcome'. The conference is designed to bring together government and nongovernment agencies working in the field of Indigenous health with the belief that working together can close the gap. Workshops, keynote and international guest speakers. Held at the Watermark Hotel, 3032 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, Surfers Paradise. Registration fees apply. To register and for further information, contact Thomas on (0427) 408 271 or email admin@indigenoushealth. net or visit www.indigenous

South Australia

Until 2 December: Our Mob 2012 Festival, a statewide celebration of South Australian Indigenous art and artists. This annual exhibition is an engaging experience that raises public awareness and understanding of Indigenous art and cultures from across South Australia. Held at the Artspace Gallery and Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre, Festival Dr, Adelaide, from 12-4pm (Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun), 12-8pm (Thur). Free and all welcome. Details on (08) 8216 8600 or email artspace.gallery@ adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Western Australia

28 and 30 November: AIMSC Western Australia Roadshow. To promote their new office and presence in WA, the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) has organised a roadshow up the west coast. The roadshow includes guest speakers from AIMSC member companies, business opportunities, certification for Indigenous businesses an information session. More information and to Register, contact Kate on 1300 055 298 or visit www.aimsc.org.au/events/



THE rest of the country will have to wait until next year, but Perth locals and visitors can get a sneak preview of Perth writer/director Kelrick Martin's new film early next week. The one-hour feature documentary YAGAN will have a free outdoor community preview screening on Monday, 3 December, at Bankwest Movies By Burswood, off Resort Drive, Burswood Parklands.

It tells the story of the conflict between the Swan River colony and the Noongar people where the young warrior Yagan emerged and refused to submit to the harsh punishments handed to his people.

Yagan fought back against the colonisers, with swift retaliation. Sadly he paid the ultimate price, and by 1833 he was murdered by those he trusted.

Almost 180 years later the efforts of Noongar Elders, after a long, drawn-out battle with Australian and British governments, finally saw the return of Yagan's lost skull to Noongar country for reburial.

Writer and director Kelrick Martin, of Spear Point Productions, said YAGAN was based not just in the past but also very much in the present. "The ramifications of the event of Yagan's death have resounded throughout the generations of Noongar descendants," he said. "The discovery of his stolen remains and their return to a traditional resting place was not only significant for Noongar people but Indigenous communities nationally who had been affected by the removal of their ancestors remains for anthropological study.

"I wanted to ensure that in telling this story, audiences were made aware of the fact that Noongar culture is not extinct, nor is it relegated to the regional and remote areas of our state.

"Yagan's journey was set right on the shores of Fremantle, the urban stretches of concrete of the city of Perth, and the sprawls of

YAGAN was produced by David Jowsey (Mad Bastards, Satellite Boy) and is expected to air on ABC TV in mid-2013.

For next week's preview screening, gates open at 6.30pm and

there'll be a welcome to country at 7.30pm.

Entry is free but a gold coin donation is requested to aid the Derbal Yerrigan Health Service.

It'll be an alcohol-free event, with BYO picnic as well as sausage sizzle/pizzas available on site for purchase (pre-orders available). There's plenty of free parking adjacent to the venue. Seating is BYO or available to hire on site.

For venue information, visit www.moviesbyburswood.com.au



Renowned actor Jack Charles as Midgegooroo.

WA_Roadshow

Dates, venue and times as follows: 28 Nov: Port Hedland (Pilbara), Pindan College, 8 Byass St, Sth Headland from 2-4pm. 30 Nov. Broome (Kimberley), Oaks Broome, 99 Robinson, Broome from 10am-

3-4 December: Second annual Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations (IBEC) Conference. Represents an opportunity to hear Indigenous business leaders, corporate representatives, leading academics and policy-makers talk about the new opportunities for Indigenous people. Held at the University of Western Australia Business School, M263, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley. Registrations now open. Details on (08) 6488 8561 or email csiconf-business@uwa.edu.au or visit www.business.uwa.edu.au/ ibecconference

Victoria

Until 22 December: Hampton Exhibition. Paintings from Fitzroy Crossing comprising 29 works. Held at Bridget McDonnell Gallery, 392 Hampton St,

Hampton from Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm and Sat 10am-3pm. Free entry to Gallery. Details: (03) 9598 8398 or visit www.bridgetmcdonnellgallery.

29 November: Blaktracks 2 Film launch. Come and check out a series of short films, art and original music created by participants of the Blacktraks project including Jodie Briggs, Angel Buckland, Darlene Balhas, Teri Ann Gordon, Aden Hitchins, Remy Salmon and Keiran Stewart. Held at the Koori Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, from 6pm onwards. Free and all welcome. Details: (03) 8622 2600.

5 December: 19th Maurice Blackburn Oration. Presented by Professor Clare Martin on the topic 'An issue of Equity': Is it fair and just that there are 230,000 secondclass citizens in the Northern Territory. Held at Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydnev Rd. Brunswick, from 7pm onwards. Free and all welcome. RSVP required. Details: Jo Graham on (03) 9240 2373 or email eadsd@moreland.vic.gov.au

10 December: 'It starts with us'. Remembering the Redfern Speech 20

years on. On 10 December 1992, Prime Minister Paul Keating gave a momentous speech in Redfern Park, which acknowledged the impact of European settlement on Indigenous Australians. On this 20th anniversary of the speech, Reconciliation Victoria encourage all Australians to talk about what these words mean and where we go from here. Details on www.reconciliationvic.org.au

Northern Territory

7 December: The Long Walk Women's luncheon. Come along and help celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's achievement in this 20th anniversary year of the historic Mabo decision. Guest speakers include Jessie Mabo and Michael Long. Held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade, 116 Esplanade, Darwin, from 11.30am onwards. Cost is \$110 per person. Bookings for a table of 10 are encouraged, guests can also book individual seats and men are welcome. RSVP by Wednesday 28 November. Details: Sarah Ladds on (08) 9230 0343 or email info@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www. thelongwalk.com.au

Partnership aspires to help students



A NEW partnership aims to help Indigenous high school students achieve their academic potential.

The Aurora Project and the University of Canberra (UC) have formed the national Aspiration Initiative, which is designed to increase opportunities and support for Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander high school students.

The Aurora Project is the collective name for a number of programs designed to help Indigenous people.

UC vice-chancellor Professor Stephen Parker said the partnership with Aurora reflected a key step in the university's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"It will further strengthen the

work our Ngunnawal Indigenous Higher Education Centre is doing to support and inspire Indigenous students to succeed at university and beyond," he said.

Through the partnership, the university aims to support a number of projects including 'academic enrichment camps' for high school students from across NSW, Victoria and Western Australia, and a scholarship

program including the Charlie Perkins Trust and Roberta Sykes scholarships to study at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

UC deputy chancellor Tom Calma said that as both UC's deputy chancellor and trustee of the Charlie Perkins Trust, he was delighted the Commonwealth had supported the initiative. "The academic enrichment project is an exciting initiative which will build

the aspirations of our Indigenous high school students to be all that they can be, ensuring they finish school with the option of further study at university. In most cases, that's an option their parents never had, and it will open up a world of possibility.

The number of Indigenous students studying at UC has more than doubled from 62 students in 2008 to 128 students this year.

RATEP takes award



A JAMES Cook University teacher education program for Indigenous people has taken out a Federal Goverment teaching award.

RATEP: Community Based Indigenous Teacher Education, based in JCU's School of Education, received the \$25,000

Programs that Enhance Learning award for its 'outstanding contribution' to tertiary education from Tertiary Education Minister Chris Evans.

He presented the award to program director Helen McDonald at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra. The award also named team members lan Hodges, Gail Mitchell, Associate Professor Lyn Henderson, Max Lenoy, and Woendi Southwell.

Senator Evans said the Remote Area Teacher Education Program (RATEP) had been recognised as making an outstanding contribution to the quality of student learning and student experience in higher education, and set a benchmark for similar programs.

He said the 2012 Australian Awards for University Teaching recognised Australia's best higher education teachers, quality university teachers and their contributions to student learning.

Pro vice chancellor of JCU's Faculty of Arts, Education and Social Sciences Professor Nola Alloway said RATEP was offered in partnership with the Queensland Department of Education and Training and Tropical North Queensland TAFE.

Requirements

"It enables Indigenous people to remain within their local community whilst completing the requirements of the Bachelor of Education at a RATEP site or Thursday Island campus," she said.

"Our School of Education has pioneered the delivery of teacher education programs to remote and regional Indigenous communities throughout Queensland.'

The RATEP program, started in 1990, offers the Bachelor of Education through interactive multimedia course materials, combined with short on-campus sessions in Townsville. Students study the same subjects with the same lecturers as JCU students in Townsville and Cairns. They receive additional support from Education Queensland teacher coordinators at each site and the School of Education Indigenous student support officer.

"Professional experience is undertaken in schools in the student's local community as well as in Townsville.

"The success of the program can be seen in the growing number of Indigenous teachers in our region.

"As registered teachers with a Bachelor of Education from JCU, graduates are qualified for employment as primary school teachers anywhere in Queensland and beyond," Prof Alloway said.



Teachers Mutual Bank CEO Steve James with a group of the Aboriginal students featured in the book.

Students 'are closing achievement gap'



A NEW book says Aboriginal students in Sydney public schools are

'closing the achievement gap' despite facing many challenges. Burbangana - Take hold of my hand and help me up highlights the achievements of

Aboriginal students in public education in inner Sydney. It was created by Teachers Mutual Bank in conjunction with the Department of Education

and Communities Sydney

The book includes case studies and personal stories from Aboriginal students and teachers on the importance of education in improving learning and understanding about Aboriginal culture.

"While we acknowledge there is still much work to be done in bridging the national literacy and numeracy divide, there has been some outstanding progress and this inspiring publication is a celebration of what our teachers and students have achieved," NSW Department of Education

regional director, Sydney, Phil Lambert said.

"Anyone who reads this book will be excited and impressed by the stories, insights, comments and artworks from young people featured, some of whom have had to overcome a range of challenges.

"Behind every child in this book are their families, their Elders, and their people, as well as the resources of Sydney region's public schools. There is great pride in what our students and our schools are achieving - they inspire us to maintain our efforts.

One such example is Grant Maling, school captain at J J Cahill Memorial High School

Having won awards for his school work, and for his role in the Aboriginal reconciliation process, Grant co-hosts a radio show and now has a traineeship with the Nine Network.

"It was a long road to get where I am, but now I'm about to wrap up 13 years of schooling and start a new chapter of my





Above: Sydney regional director of the Department of **Education Phil Lambert** with Grant Maling of J J Cahill Memorial High School, who helped MC the event.

Left: Alesha Saunders from **Dulwich High School** of Visual Arts and Design who is featured in the book. She performed at the launch.

Education



Governor in visit to school



ABORIGINAL students and local culture were front and centre this month when

NSW Governor Marie Bashir visited Coomealla High School in far western NSW. Prof Bashir came to the school after being invited by student Tamika Smith who met the Governor during a recent conference at nearby Lake Mungo.

Tamika, who is junior president of the Coomealla High Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), said the Governor enjoyed her visit.

After a welcome to country from Barkindji Elder Rex Smith, Prof Bashir met with members of the Junior AECG, Coomealla High captains, Aboriginal staff and students and others.

She also visited the school agricultural plot, saw construction students working on a project at the school, and viewed the school's new science laboratories, before inspecting a showcase of students' work.

Tamika said the Governor was impressed by the school and was keen to visit again.



Jackson, Kyera Wise, APO Amanda Johnson, Coomealla High AECG junior president Tamika Smith, Prof Bashir, Tanara Mitchell, ACLO Leanne Taylor and Kylie Mitchell.

Right: Uncle Eric Murray, Aunty Moraine Taylor, Aunty Dawn Smith and Prof Bashir.

Bottom right: Coomealla High principal Rob Scotton, deputy Robin Lynch, Prof Bashir and SIP manager Neil Plumridge.









The Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE) provides an opportunity for Indigenous students to choose from a wide range of courses that will be delivered in a culturally appropriate way. Selected courses are also available to non-Indigenous students, interested in Indigenous Knowledges and policies.

ACIKE offers flexible study options to meet your commitments and personal needs. Study full-time/part-time, online from home or on-campus in three different locations in the Northern Territory.

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ACIKE has a variety of scholarships available to students, and courses are eligible for government HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP.

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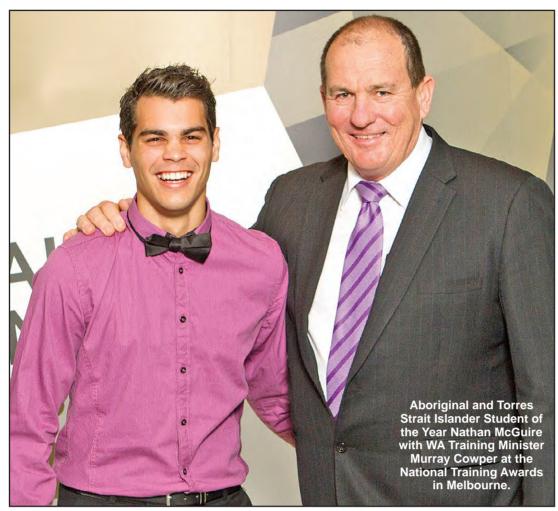
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A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY AND BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

He's got grand designs





Nathan McGuire has designs on a big future. And he's well on the way to just that after being named the

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the National **Training Awards**

The 22-year-old from suburban Karawara wants to be a commercial

interior designer. He's just completed the Advanced Diploma of Interior Design through Central Institute of Technology in Perth, and is now on the lookout for a job.

"Right now I'm after anything that will get me into interior design, but down the track I'd really love to get into some large design jobs," Mr McGuire told the Koori Mail.

"I'd be really keen to do interior work for top-end hotels and the like - places where people like to be and where you can do great

Mr McGuire says he's proud of his

"It's a real honour," he said, "And I

think it'll look pretty good on my resume, too.'

Interior design isn't the only thing Mr McGuire is good at.

He's a top-class hockey player, representing Western Australia at the top level.

And he also does plenty to help his people, assisting with managing programs at the Nyoongar Sports Association, Hockey WA and

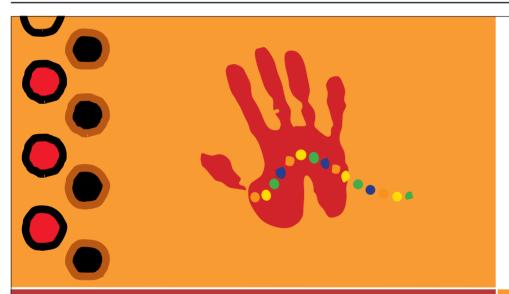
volunteering with the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

The National Training Awards, now in their 18th year and presented this month in Melbourne, are the peak national honours for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, and recognise outstanding contributions of training organisations,

employers, trainers and individuals.

Mr McGuire was one of six winners from WA at the awards.

Other winners included Challenger Institute of Technology in Fremantle, which took out the Large Training Provider of the Year title.





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Testing dates: 21 and 22 January

*ABSTUDY recipients may be eligible for additional funding to meet the costs of travel, accommodation and meals.

To find out more contact the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on 1800 032 923 or visit www.uws.edu.au/badanami

Clontarf college graduation



College board chairman Ben Wyatt.



Student Mary Jo Coppin delivers her address.

Year 12 look to future

By GEOFF VIVIAN



YEAR 12 students graduated from Perth's Clontarf Aboriginal College at a

school ceremony earlier this month.

School board chairman Ben Wyatt, who is also the West Australian Shadow Treasurer, congratulated the students on their achievements.

Year 12 boy Omar Farrell gave a welcome to country on behalf of the Nyoongar people.

The 21 boys and seven girls come from towns and communities across Western Australia and into the Northern Territory.

Deputy principal Jim Lawson said 27 of the students passed their WA Certificate of Education (WACE), and all received vocational training in a variety of industrial skills.

The graduating boys all play Australian rules football with sister organisation Clontarf Football Academy.

Gavin Stretch, Zenneth Cox and Daniel Cox all hail from Halls Creek in the Kimberley, and have been offered places with WAFL team Claremont Colts next season.

Gavin said he was not sure of his next step, but he was keen to stay in Perth and play football.

Daniel who won the Football, Outdoor Education and Science and Technology awards, had a similar answer: "Do footy and I'm not really sure.

Looking ahead

Zenneth, who gained a Certificate II in Construction, is also looking forward to next football season and is hoping to find an electrical apprenticeship.

The girls, who all play a variety of sports with Clontarf Girls' Academy, grabbed their luggage after the ceremony to board a flight to Hobart. Over the next couple of days they played a series of games with school and women's basketball teams, winning every match.

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Clontarf College graduates Daniel Cox, Gavin Stretch and Zenneth Cox are looking forward to playing Australian rules football with Perth club Claremont.



Education

Graduates the first



National Indigenous Training Academy at Yulara graduate Phillipe McLeod.



FOUR Ayers Rock Resort Indigenous trainees have graduated from the National Indigenous Training Academy at Yulara. All four - Karen Brown, from Mimili community in the NT, Teneille Stewart, of Eden, NSW, Jacob

Wighton, from Dubbo, NSW, and Sydney-sider Phillipe McLeod, are the first from the resort to complete the Government-backed program.

Federal Youth Minister Peter Garrett said the trainees completed a 12-month program through the academy, which provides pre-employment support, accredited paid on-the-job training and ongoing mentoring. "Indigenous trainees also benefit from literacy and numeracy training funded from the Australian Government's Workplace English Language and Literacy program," he said.

Opportunities

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins said such programs offered job-seekers opportunities to get proper training and qualifications.

"Graduates are then able to return home or move elsewhere in Australia to use and share their new skills and knowledge," she said.

The Yulara initiative is funded through the Indigenous Employment Program, which is providing \$5 million in funding to support the Indigenous Land Corporation increase the number of Indigenous employees at the resort to about half by 2018.

"Around Australia, the IEP has achieved 101,000 placements in employment and training-related activities over the past three years," Ms Collins said.



NITA graduate Karen Brown receives her certificate from Federal Youth Minister Peter Garrett. Photos: Carly Earl



Hey you fellas, are you interested in becoming a primary school trained teacher?



Then, think about coming to Australian Catholic University (ACU), Sydney. ACU is a publicly funded, national university open to students of all beliefs and backgrounds. With six campuses in Brisbane, Sydney (North Sydney and Strathfield), Canberra, Ballarat and Melbourne, ACU offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs. ACU offers the following undergraduate study opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a flexible study program involving attendance at residential blocks and supplemented by study at home.

EDUCATION COURSES

These courses qualify graduates for employment in State, Independent and Catholic Schools, or in Community Education.

Associate Degree in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 2.5 years full-time, mixed mode, Strathfield and Brisbane campuses.

This courses provides graduates opportunities in community liaison and roles such as AEA (Aboriginal Education Assistant/Teachers Aide) and Community Education Counsellor.

Bachelor of Education (Primary) Indigenous Studies

2.5 years full-time, mixed mode, Strathfield and Brisbane Campuses.

Graduates from this course are eligible for teacher registration and accreditation to teach in government, independent and Catholic Schools.

STUDENT SUPPORT

ACU has an Indigenous Higher Education Unit on each campus, with Indigenous staff available to assist and support students undertaking courses and to liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

HOW TO APPLY

For application information please contact Yalbalinga, our Indigenous Higher Education Unit on (02) 9701 4258. Applications close on Friday 4 January 2013.

Pictured with Australia's Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, are ACU Education students, Tracey Edwards and Lavinia Rossiter. Tracey and Lavinia were recipients of \$25,000 Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship's.

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Certificate bridging course is now ready



ABORIGINAL training and publishing company TwoWay Talk has launched

a bridging course for Aboriginal support workers wanting a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

The course, called Getting Ready, was funded under the **Federal Workplace English** Language and Literacy Program.

TwoWay Talk said it developed the course during the past 18 months and earlier this year trialled it at the Yarradamarra Centre, Western Region TAFE, Dubbo campus.

The company says Getting Ready gives participants an understanding of what the Cert IV course is about.



TwoWay Talk owners Kelli **McIntosh and Margaret Cossey.**

TwoWay Talk owners Kelli **McIntosh and Margaret Cossey** say they are keen to create a large pool of qualified Aboriginal trainers who can deliver training to Aboriginal people across all vocational areas.

Review sparks USQ plan



THE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) is working to establish an Elders and Valued Persons Advisory Committee.

The move was sparked by the recent Review of Higher Education Access and **Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres** Strait Islander People ('The Behrendt

USQ says the proposed committee will comprise representatives from Indigenous communities across its catchment

Vice-chancellor and president Professor Jan Thomas said the opportunities for USQ to play a leading role in this area were significant.

"Among the report's 35 recommendations to bring Indigenous education and employment rates in line with community expectations, there are a number of proposals that provide the university with a blueprint for moving forward - especially how we might parallel our response to the Behrendt Report in conjunction with the upcoming USQ Strategic Plan.

The report calls for universities to develop a whole-of-university approach to Indigenous student success and to develop and implement an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teaching and learning

"What is needed is an action plan and a timeline of action to ensure

that USQ can meet the expectations of the report, and put in place initiatives to bridge the current gaps affecting the take up of tertiary education among some Indigenous communities," Prof Thomas said.

"I will lead this process with support from all members of my executive.

"In line with recommendations that call for a whole-of-university approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student achievement, a teaching and learning strategy will be fast-tracked to improve graduate outcomes for all Indigenous students including those entering higher degree research areas,' she said.

Response

"The development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research strategy and improved career training and employment plans will also feature in USQ's response to the Behrendt Report."

Prof Thomas said the new Elders and Valued Persons Advisory Committee would be the principal source of advice to the university executive on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander/First Nations higher education issues and affairs.

The vice-chancellor also said there would be a review of the Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK) during the first half of 2013 to ensure that USQ had in place the most appropriate mechanisms to respond to the cultural and educational needs of Indigenous students.



Trainees Mattison Ling and Gemma Evans at front with, back from left, Coal & Allied's Cate Sims, trainee Andrew Rinkin, NovaSkill senior Indigenous employment officer Bryan Saunders, trainee Ben Steed and Singleton Council general manager Lindy Hyam.

Council role in traineeships



ABORIGINAL high school students school-based

traineeships at Singleton Council as part of a new partnership with Coal & Allied and NovaSkill

The program involving tourism, horticulture, automotive, and business administration is part of the NSW Government funded 'Indigenous Youth Careers Program', which is being administered locally by training provider NovaSkill.

Singleton Council general manager Lindy Hyam welcomed the program.

"We're proud to be involved in this initiative to help build the sustainability of the local Aboriginal community as well as the wider Singleton community," she said.

"This program is also helping build cultural awareness amongst our staff.

"Four students commenced their traineeships in July and will be completing 100 days of on-the-job training over the two-year period.

"During this time they'll be receiving work experience and supervision in their chosen field and practice in developing common skills for the workplace such as teamwork."

Singleton High School Year 10 Business Administration Trainee Mattison Ling said she wanted to undertake the traineeship because she knew that the knowledge and experience she would gain would offer a solid start.

"As part of my traineeship, I'm currently working at the front desk and I'm developing a range of skills including

customer service, data entry and using different computer programs," she said.

"I'm becoming more confident in my abilities and I'm enjoying the chance to meet new people and establish some work contacts."

Novaskill senior Inc employment officer Bryan Saunders said he valued the opportunity to mentor, support and guide the students.

Coal & Allied Aboriginal relations specialist Cate Sims said that through the Coal & Allied Aboriginal Community Development Fund, the company worked to support initiatives that demonstrated strong potential to address disadvantages experienced by Aboriginal people and enabled them to take full advantage of economic and social opportunities across the Hunter Valley.

Good news on rates of Hepatitis B



A NEW study shows drastic improvements in the rates of chronic hepatitis B infection among Indigenous people. A vaccination program for Aboriginal

babies in the Northern Territory started in 1988, 12 years before the rest of the country, to counter high rates of hepatitis B infection in Aboriginal people.

The study, published in the international journal Vaccine, has found that rates of infection are 80 per cent lower in young Aboriginal women born since the program began, compared to those born before the program.

In Aboriginal women from remote communities, rates have fallen from five per cent to one per cent.

The study, conducted by the University of NSW's Kirby Institute with the NT Department of Health, was based on testing for hepatitis B among pregnant women. The institute says a similar decline may be expected in other Australian states and territories once children vaccinated from the year 2000 onwards become old enough to be included in hepatitis B testing programs for pregnant women.

Hepatitis B is a potentially life-threatening infection that causes cirrhosis, cancer and failure of the

The institute says the study findings highlight the importance of immunisation programs in preventing chronic diseases such as hepatitis B.



Anne-Marie McHugh holding the award with WA AMSSU team members and health service chief Graeme Boardley.

Unit delivers award



WESTERN Australia's Aboriginal Maternity Services Support Unit (AMSSU) has taken out a State health award. The unit, a part of the Women and Newborn Health Service, won the Excellence in

Developing Partnerships award for its project Collaborative Partnerships to Close the Gap in Indigenous Early Childhood Development.

The AMSSU, established in 2010, is a partnership with the Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) aimed at fostering strong partnerships between Aboriginal community controlled health services and WA Health.

Statewide coordinator Anne-Marie McHugh said the partnership aimed to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal families through better health care for Aboriginal women and babies.

"The role of the AMSSU is to work with Aboriginal health services and maternity service providers across WA to provide clinical advice, research, resources, health promotion and professional development to ensure continuous service improvement for Aboriginal women and their babies," she said.

Partnerships

During the past two years, the AMSSU has developed partnerships with other state and federal health departments, nongovernment organisations, primary health care providers, the education sector and research bodies

In June, the unit organised and hosted the inaugural Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Conference in Perth, attracting 214 representatives from its partner organisations, to provide an opportunity for networking and information sharing about health issues affecting Aboriginal families.

Women and Newborn Health Service executive director of midwifery, nursing and patient support services Graeme Boardley said that in just two years the AMSSU had made a significant contribution to the goal of closing the gap in maternal and child health in WA. "It is wonderful to see the AMSSU receive this acknowledgment for their important work throughout the state and their ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal families," she said.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

AGED CARE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AND HEALTHY AGEING GRANTS FUND -**ROUND 2**

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ITA DOHA/116/1213

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications for funding under the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund (the Fund), to support activities that strengthen the capacity of the health and aged care sectors to deliver high quality aged care and promote healthy ageing.

The Fund's second round has been expanded to include elements of the Living Longer Living Better aged care reform package, announced in April 2012. The aged care reform package includes additional funding for activities that increase support for people with dementia, support the uptake of evidence based better practice in aged care, and greater recognition of and support for older people from diverse backgrounds. Applications are also sought from eligible organisations to undertake activities for Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Services.

Funding Available

There is up to \$60.8 million available under this second grants round. Funding will be available for periods of up to four years, with some projects starting in 2012-13.

Where to lodge applications

Tender Box

Department of Health and Ageing

Sirius Building

Foyer, Ground Floor

23 Furzer Street

WODEN ACT 2606

by 2.00pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time - AEDT)

on Friday, 21 December 2012

Interested applicants will need to address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the Invitation to Apply DoHA/116/1213 and in accordance with the Fund Guidelines which are available by registering on the Department's Tenders and Grants internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

Greens call on diabetes



THE Greens have backed improved access to fresh fruit and vegetables as an important part

of addressing high rates of type-2 diabetes among Indigenous people.

Speaking on World Diabetes Day (14 November), Greens Indigenous health spokesperson Senator Rachel Siewert said diabetes was three times more common among Aboriginal people than others Australians.

"It commonly occurs at an earlier age among Aboriginal people, and the death rate from the disease is also significantly higher," she

"The theme for 2012 is Protect Our Future. We need to work hard on improving health outcomes across Aboriginal

communities, especially amongst children.

"This is a crucial aspect of closing the gap and ensuring kids are able to engage with the schools and their communities.

"To effectively address these issues we need to see a stronger investment in funding

'A lack of fresh food, particularly vegetables and fruit in many communities around Australia is a significant problem which contributes to the increasing rates of diabetes.'

> for diabetes prevention and treatment. It is essential that this includes improved access to facilities for treatment such as dialysis.

"Providing dialysis services in communities rather than requiring people to travel

large distances or leave their homes altogether is an important part of improving the care and quality of life of people with diabetes.

"A lack of fresh food, particularly vegetables and fruit in many communities around Australia is a significant problem which contributes to

the increasing rates of diabetes.

"As it stands, the draft National Food Plan is woefully inadequate for ensuring appropriate access to fresh food.

"This needs to be addressed to reduce the prevalence of so-called 'food deserts'

across remote and regional areas of our nation.

"It is important that we act now to address the factors which contribute to this rate of diabetes and reduce the impact of the disease on the next generation."



New Maari Ma ealth service manager Tim Agius.

New primary health boss at Maari Ma



BROKEN HILL-based Maari Ma Health **Aboriginal Corporation** has a new primary health services chief.

Tim Agius, a Kaurna and Nurrungga man from the Adelaide Plains and Yorke Peninsula of South Australia, has taken up the position of director regional primary health care.

Maari Ma interim CEO William 'Smiley' Johnstone said Mr Agius came to the position with a wealth of experience in health, particularly Aboriginal health.

"Tim was previously the director of Aboriginal health in the NSW Department of Health and has most

recently come to us from a similar role in western Sydney," he said.

"His desire to change his focus to community-controlled Aboriginal health has been to Maari Ma's good fortune.

'Tim's extensive experience not only in Aboriginal health management but his work and engagement with Aboriginal communities and organisations in western Sydney, across NSW and in South Australia will be a great asset to us.

"We very much welcome Tim to Broken Hill to take up this position at an important time of Maari Ma's growth in primary health services."

Greens call for action to tackle grog



THE Greens have called for a united approach to tackle foetal alcohol

spectrum disorder (FASD) in Aboriginal communities.

Senator Rachel Siewert, the Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, says investment in holistic, community driven programs is needed to address the alarming impacts of FASD.

"FASD has long been identified as a serious health concern amongst Aboriginal children, but reports of its prevalence in the Kimberley make for very hard reading," she said.

"These figures clearly demonstrate why an effective, national strategy to target alcohol abuse is so desperately needed.

"This is a tragic situation that needs a concerted effort on the part of the states and the Commonwealth.

"There is no one answer to reducing the impact of alcohol, and importantly the issues being raised cannot be effectively addressed through the top-down action seen in the Northern Territory.

"Unlike the approaches being taken under the NT



- Greens Senator Rachel Siewert



Intervention, we need to start working with communities to implement a range of measures to reduce the harm being caused.

"These must be community-owned and driven initiatives, such as we have seen in Fitzroy Crossing.

Programs

"Potential mechanisms include supply controls, pricing mechanisms such as a floor price and end of highly discounted alcohol, diversion programs, rehabilitation programs and improved access to health services.

"Many of these mechanisms require government to take action as part of a comprehensive approach.

"Clearly the long-term impacts of FASD for children are significant and life-long. Education, employment and social engagement can all suffer significantly.

"I would encourage the Federal Government to work with the States and Territories to develop a nationwide, cooperative and evidence based approach to reducing the harm caused by alcohol."

Healthy lifestyle move for regions



Foundation has movea to promote a healthy lifestyle

among Indigenous people in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions of southern NSW

The foundation's 'Be Stronger, Live Longer' program to start in the regions incorporates a Koori cooking program and exercise sessions designed to help reduce the risk of illness and death.

Spokesman Andy Mark said the program was designed to help Aboriginal people with chronic and complex health

problems to stay fit, strong and independent and included a specialised exercise routine, guest speakers and team events.

"Aboriginal people are more likely to suffer from chronic health conditions such as heart

'Aboriginal people are more likely to suffer from chronic health conditions such as heart disease, and therefore diet plays a big part in maintaining good health'

> disease, and therefore diet plays a big part in maintaining good health," he said.

"As part of the program we

show that it is easy to cook healthy food on a budget.

The food we cook is healthy and increases fruit and vegetables in the diet at the same time as cutting down on saturated fat and salt."

The Heart Foundation has worked with other groups in the region including the Koori Men's Support Group's 'I am Phat' (Physical Health and Training) program based at Albion Park Rail to

provide nutritional and physical activity options.

More details at www.heartfoundation.org.au



An important announcement regarding registering consent for organ donation in NSW

From November 2012 Roads and Maritime Services will no longer record and collect organ donor preferences.

NSW residents now need to register their organ and tissue donation decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register.

You can register at donatelife.gov.au/decide, visit your local Medicare Customer Service Centre, or call 1800 777 203.

For more information visit donatelife.gov.au

to close gap



WORK is under way on a new Western Sydney project designed to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

The Doonside Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is part of an initiative of the National Partnership Agreement.

Lead Agent for the Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child and Family Centre development and ChildrenFirst CEO Jason Cummings said the purpose-built facility would give parents and families access to culturally appropriate services designed to give children the best start

"This centre will be an asset not only to Aboriginal community but also for the wider community within the Blacktown Local Government Area," he said.

"Aboriginal children aged 0-4 are the main target group, however the centre will also provide support and services to all other children, particularly those from disadvantaged families."

Responsible

The NSW Department of Family and Community Services is responsible for establishing the centre in Doonside, as well as eight others across NSW.

Department manager regional strategies Jenny Ranft said the centre would bring together family, early childhood and health services as part of a \$74 million Council of Australian Governments (COAG) program aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and families across NSW.

"Doonside was chosen as the location for one of the nine centres due to the size and needs of the Aboriginal community in the region, and the potential to link with other services already established in the area," she said

Centres are also being established in Campbelltown, Mt Druitt, Ballina, Gunnedah, Lightning Ridge, Brewarrina, Nowra and Toronto.

Monaghan gets board position



MANY Rivers Aboriginal Health Alliance's Scott Monaghan has been appointed to the board of North Coast Medicare

Local. Mr Monaghan, who is also chief executive officer of the Grafton, Tenterfield and Casino Aboriginal medical services in northern NSW, will be one of nine directors of the new organisation.

Medicare Locals, a national network of primary health care organisations, were established last year by the Federal Government.

They aim to build on the strength of the current Divisions of General Practices Network to provide a broader range of health care activities and streamline services

The Government says Medicare Locals will be independent legal entities with strong links to their local communities, health professionals, service providers, consumers and patient groups. This will ensure that Medical Locals are responding effectively to local health care needs.

Mr Monaghan has more than 16 years of experience with Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation in Grafton and has been its CEO for the past seven years.

New facility project goal Cadetship works for Alex





ABORIGINAL Cadetship Program success story Alex Blackman has become the first graduating cadet to accept a position at WA Health. The 23-year-old is now a scientific officer in WA

Health's Environmental Health Directorate. He completed his cadetship in the directorate while studying for his Bachelor of Science degree.

"I feel privileged to be the first cadet to graduate from the program and be offered employment at WA Health," Mr Blackman said.

"I think being offered a job after completing my cadetship shows other

Aboriginal students that it is more than just an opportunity to earn while you learn there are real career opportunities available.

Mr Blackman says he is looking forward to being involved in broader environmental health projects.

"While I will still be involved in Aboriginal environmental health projects, I'm already working on other environmental health programs and learning new skills," he said.

WA Health says it is committed to increasing Aboriginal employment opportunities and the influence of Aboriginal people at all levels across its workforce.

Director of Aboriginal Health Jenni Collard said the program promoted WA Health as an employer of choice for undergraduate Aboriginal students and offered win-win outcomes for all involved.

"A cadetship is an ideal way to gain valuable, real-life work experience while balancing study commitments," she said.

'Cadets gain paid work experience and can lay the foundations for a career in WA Health, while our workforce benefits from access to talented students keen to gain hands-on experience.

"Attracting and retaining strong performing cadets into WA Health's skilled workforce will also help shape future strategies to improve Aboriginal health."

'True team effort' results in award



A 'TRUE team effort' has led to a southern Perth health service taking out a state award. Moorditi **Koort Aboriginal**

Health and Wellness Centre, at Kwinana, received the WA Health Award 2012 for Excellence in Service Delivery at a ceremony this month.

Perth South Coastal Medicare Local (PSCML) manager of Aboriginal health services Jonathon Ford said it was 'a true team effort' that had led to the success.

"It is great recognition to receive this award, as it reflects the success of having such great partnerships in place,"

"The reason we have been so successful is that the local



Winners ... Peter Cook from PSCML, Elder Sealin Garlett. and PSCML Aboriginal Health Manager Jonathan Ford.

community has ownership of how the services are designed and delivered.

"Our services have been widely embraced by the

community and include chronic disease coordination, a maternal health program, school based clinics and a range of allied and specialist health services.'

The award was presented by WA Health Minister Kim Hames and Director General of the WA Health Department Kim Snowball.

PSCML managing director Peter Cook also praised Moorditj Koort (the name means Good Heart).

"Whilst the award recognises specifically the work of Moorditj Koort in an area of excellence in service delivery, I believe the whole of PSCML fits into this category," he said.

"We have received many well wishes from people congratulating us, and it was pleasing to see many were knowledgeable in their praise for Moorditi Koort and PSCML.

"Moorditj Koort is highly regarded within the community and this award is a reflection of that."



Award to institute



This year's women's group in the workshop observing equipment operations. Photos courtesy Minerals Council of Australia



The 2012 men's group ready to conduct their risk assessments of the HNC site at Batchelor.

THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) was amongst the winners at this year's Australian Training Awards.

The Institute won the Industry Collaboration Award for its Indigenous Mines Pre-Employment Program.

Batchelor and the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) – Northern Territory Division implemented the pre-employment program in June 2010. It focuses on providing Indigenous people in remote communities with the skills needed to enter the mining industry, with participants spending half their time on selected courses at Batchelor Institute and workshops with other registered training organisations, and the remaining time on the job with a mining industry employer.

"The award provides substantial national recognition for the Institute but also for everybody's efforts over the last few years to make us more relevant and to improve the employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the training we deliver," Batchelor director Adrian Mitchell said. "Hopefully winning this award will open up even more doors. Working in collaborative relationships is how we want to do all our business, not only providing improved learning pathways for our students but also ensuring that our lecturers are better supported and have more resources to assist their delivery."

Mr Mitchell also thanked external partners including the Minerals Council NT, and the Central and Northern land councils, the many mines who took part in the program, government and other service providers.



Batchelor director Adrian Mitchell holding the National Training Awards 2012 Industry Collaboration Award.

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Koorie Engagement Support Officer – ES2.4

Salary range \$69,288 to \$81,700 (48/52) per annum Full time ongoing position available, North - Eastern Victoria Region.

The Victorian Department of Education & Early Childhood Development is seeking a suitably experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person to work in the Eastern Metropolitan Region as a Koorie Engagement Support Officer.

The successful applicant will work as part of the regional Aboriginal Education Team, responsible for the implementation of the Wannik Education Strategy. They will be responsible for the delivery of programs for Aboriginal children and young people through early childhood, school completion and transition to further education.

The successful applicant will have a sound knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal communities and their needs relating to education. They will possess highly developed leadership and interpersonal skills, to ensure the successful delivery of educational support services, and provision of advice to schools, kindergartens, families and community on strategies to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.

This role is an identified position. Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander people only, need apply. VCAT exemption [# A195/2009].

Applicants are encouraged to apply on-line via the Recruitment Online website at: https://schooljobs.education.vic.gov.au/psp/ROLPRD_EA/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

Job reference number: 810746 Applications close: 11 December 2013

For a more detailed position description, key selection criteria and contact details please refer to: https://schooljobs.education.vic.gov.au/psp/ROLPRD_EA/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

For more information about the Wannik Education Strategy, please visit: https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/sc/sites/hume/KE/Shared%20Documents/ Wannik%20Strategy.pdf

Children's Court Koori Conference Registrar

- 12 Month fixed term
- VPS Grade 5 (\$78,908 \$95,472 + super)

There is now an opportunity for an individual to join the Children's Court as a Koori Conference Registrar. An integral part of this role will be to undertake training and be accredited in appropriate dispute resolution in accordance with the National Mediator Accreditation System. This training and accreditation will be facilitated by the Court. This position will be responsible for assisting with the efficient administration of the Children's Court as well as conducting conferences as required by the President of the Children's Court. Major elements of the role will also be to contribute effectively to caseflow and listing functions and to monitor and interpret relevant legislation, procedure and guidelines and formulate appropriate and authoritative advice on matters related to family division of the Children's Court.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Departments Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close Sunday 2 December 2012



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opportunity

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The Supervisors will provide day-to-day work coordination, support and guidance to Indigenous trainees and make sure they are integrated into all operational aspects of the Station.

The successful applicants will have proven experience in the pastoral industry with a strong interest in developing people and an understanding of employment based training/coaching. Ideally you will have sound understanding of Indigenous culture and issues.

This exciting and rewarding opportunity offers a competitive salary including quality accommodation and meals located on one of our Stations that is identified above. The successful applicant will be employed by NIPE on a two year Fixed Term Employment Agreement.

You must be an Australian resident, have a current unrestricted driver's licence and employment will be subject to medical and police clearances.

For further information, please contact Stephen McCarthy, National Operations Manager, Employment and Training on (08) 8100 7100 or Free Call 1800 818 490. A duty statement is available at www.ilc.gov.au

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and the Cover Note (located on the ILC website) and should be in 'MS word'. Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview. Please include on the Cover Note your preferred property.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 5th December 2012. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, Adelaide SA 5001.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.





Aboriginal Access and Assessment Officer (ATSI Identified Position)

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin) Ngangana Home Care Service of NSW Condobolin **Permanent Full-Time** Job Reference No. 00001A8P

Total remuneration package valued up to \$74,487 per annum (Salary: \$61,198 pa -\$67,501 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Assess the eligibility of Aboriginal people referred to Home Care for services provided by the Home Care Service.

Assess the service needs of and develop care plans for older Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with disabilities and their carers referred to Home Care for support services.

Co-ordinate and advocate on behalf of customers and the Aboriginal communities regarding access to HACC services to enable Aboriginal frail aged people, Aboriginal people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- · Demonstrated understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people, including an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people. Experience in working with Aboriginal Communities and organisations.
- Knowledge of the HACC program and service provider network including: community care and welfare systems; health and disability systems.
- · Capacity to build relationships and partnerships with service delivery stakeholders.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights and issues including confidentiality, privacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Experience in interviewing and assessing the needs of clients with complex needs.
- Experience in the use of word processing and the capacity to use databases to create and maintain customer records.
- Current Driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records checks.

Enquiries: Thelma Brown - Ph (02) 9841 9172 Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00001A8P Closing Date: 14 December 2012



boriginal Health & Medical Research Council

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Located at the Aboriginal Health College in Little Bay (Sydney), the AH&MRC are currently seeking applications for the following positions

Vocational Educator & Assessor (Aboriginal Primary Health Care)

CD: 3 December 2012

The position will teach and assess students in Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Community and Practice) qualifications as well as units of competencies in the areas of TAE, Working with Medicines (WWM), Asthma, Hypertension and Diabetes.

Project Officer

(Course Development & Student Support) CD: 3 December 2012

The position is responsible for organising and supporting the development of learning and assessment products including secretariat for reference groups and assisting with AHC functions such as Training Needs Analysis and workshops

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



Bourke Aboriginal Health Service

Regional Social & Emotional Wellbeing Coordinator (External - Part-time .5 FTE)

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

The Bourke Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS) is looking for a passionate, motivated individual interested in working as the Regional Social & Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Coordinator. The successful applicant will have extensive experience and appropriate qualifications working in the area of Social and Emotional Well Being (SEWB) - Mental Health

The Regional SEWB Coordinator will be responsible for the clinical support and coordination of the Social Emotional Wellbeing Team (SEWB) of each member organisation of the Upper Sector of the Bila Muuji Region which includes, Bourke AHS, Cobar SEWB Centre, Brewarrina AMS, Orana Haven Rehabilitation Centre and Walgett AMS and outreaches to Enngonia and Collarenebri

This part-time position involves coordination of all SEWB services, program management, legal compliances, undertaking administration duties and conducting system reviews and performing SEWB staff supervision. There are no client counseling duties in this position. The position also includes the ongoing development of relevant policies, procedures and guidelines for the regional member organisations.

The Coordinator will undertake a circuit of all services during a one week (5 day) cycle every fortnight via a SEWB vehicle, commencing in Dubbo or the nearest convenient location to the Coordinator and will visit each site and consult with staff and perform required duties and then travel to the next site. Approximately one-third of the position is expected to involve travelling as the Coordinator will not be based in one service.

Qualifications and Education Requirements

Tertiary qualification in counseling or psychology and membership of relevant professional body

Management qualifications or similar work experience in

coordinating teams and programs. Further education / training in area of specialty or expertise.

Preferred Skills

Appropriate training and experience in facilitating group programs. Experience working in rural/remote communities

Position Benefits

- A salary package or contract will be negotiated with the successful applicant depending on skills and experience (Award Salary - NSW Health Service Health Professionals (State) Award). Additional benefits related to the position could include salary sacrifice, five (5) weeks annual leave, a generous personal leave entitlements and a uniform provided depending on the choice of employment.
- There is an option to undertake the position as a contract condition based upon a negotiated hourly rate equivalent to .5 FTE.
- Friendly and family orientated rural communities

Information relating to the position:

- 1. An Job Application Package is available from contacting the person below which contains instructions on applying for the
- 2. Any Applications must address the selection criteria in this package in a written application and will be used to determine the successful applicant.
- 3. Under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 it is an offence for a prohibited person to apply for this position.
- 4. Criminal Record Check & Working with Children Check will be carried out on all applicants
- 5. The applicant must hold a current NSW Driver's License.

To find out more or apply for the position contact: Rose Gordon – Acting CEO. Phone: (02) 6872 3088 Bourke Aboriginal Health Service PO Box 362 Bourke NSW 2840 Email: roseg@bahs.com.au

Applications close: 7th December 2012



NURSING

Wilcannia

Registered Nurse - Primary Health Care

PFT, Salary: \$54,234-\$76,159 pa, Recruitment No: 107746, Enquiries: Linda Lynott, (08) 8082 9843 or llynott@gwahs. health.nsw.gov.au Close: 08/12/12.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for a ositions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

Family Connector: Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Burnside is seeking two Family Connectors to join our 'Family Referral Service' located in Dubbo. The Family Referral Service (FRS) offers a voluntary and integrated service to meet the needs of families. Some of the responsibilities of the Family Connector will include providing telephone advice and information; needs assessment; referral support; case coordination. This is a targeted position Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 7 December 2012

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uire a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and ile Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as nployer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed t



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Mackay Children and Family Centre Manager

Specified Position

Full Time: Contract till June 2014

Community Development Coordinator Identified Position

Full Time: Contract till June 2014

Applicants are welcome to apply for one or both positions

For further information contact Sarah Callinan on 0438 006 172 or email s.callinan@candk.asn.au

Closing date: 30 November 2012.

To view a Position Description or to apply, please visit the Careers Section of our website



www.candk.asn.au Where children come first



FIELD OFFICER PRISONER THROUGHCARE

Parramatta temporary full time

Prisoner Throughcare is funded to intensely focus on a small number of sentenced prisoners at identified locations with the primary objective of overcoming a return to gaol.

Our Field Officers are responsible for the Case Management of Prisoner Throughcare clients by ensuring appropriate Case Management plans are developed, implemented and monitored in line with the Attorney-General Department's policy on Throughcare of Prisoners.

See www.alsnswact.org.au "JOBS" or contact Nioka Bill PTCU Manager phone 02 6249 8488 or email nioka.bill@alsnswact.org.au for an information package.

This role is an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander identified position

> **Applications close: 14 December 2012**

Indigenous Australian Employment

- Do you want to be part of and contribute to a University that is educating tomorrow's Doctors, Nurses, Psychologists, Teachers, Engineers, Architects and Leaders of Industry?
- Do you want to continue to learn and develop your skills and knowledge?
- Do you want to be challenged and pursue rewarding work?
- Do you want a secure job with great remuneration?

If YES then the University of Melbourne is a great place for you to consider as your employer of choice!

The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers

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Jobs that make a difference

Home and Community Care Aboriginal Regional Development Officer VPS 4

Aged Care

Traralgon Office \$68,388 - \$77,593 + superannuation

Are you committed to developing collaborative partnerships that will improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Gippsland and increase their access to the quality Home & Community Care (HACC) services that will enhance their well being and quality of life?

This role will focus on assisting Aboriginal community controlled health services and generic health services in Gippsland to plan, develop and implement, review and monitor, culturally sensitive HACC services for Aboriginal communities.

Specialist Expertise required: A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal community HACC needs. An ability to communicate well with people from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds.

An exemption under Section 83 of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act 1995 has been granted the exemption number is: A067/A068/2010/0089. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can apply for this position.

To apply online and view the job description, visit www. careers.vic.gov.au with reference number: VG/DH/ MHDR/333133

For more information about the role contact Jennifer Doultree on (03) 5177 2625

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for the position, contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email aborginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 2 January 2013

www.careers.vic.gov.au







International Indigenous Volunteer Network Coordinator

- > Are you passionate about creating Indigenous Networks and supporting international volunteering?
- > Three day a week part-time role until 30 June 2013
- > Located AVI Head Office Fitzroy, Melbourne

Australian Volunteers International (AVI), Australia's leading international volunteer sending agency has created an exciting new role to help support and build Indigenous* participation in international volunteering. This role is responsible for coordinating an International Indigenous Volunteer Network (IIVN), connecting and engaging with Indigenous communities throughout Australia through their international volunteering and overseas development experiences. It also seeks to support and increase this involvement and

Working with a range of Indigenous and volunteering organisations, this role will see you building the membership as well as organising and coordinating events. These events are opportunities for Indigenous people to network and share their experiences of volunteering overseas, as well as encouraging other Indigenous people to be involved in international volunteering.

For more information about this role and how to apply please look at the role profile which can be found on the AVI website: www.australianvolunteers.com/about-us-/work-at-avi.aspx or feel free to call Kate Seager on 03 9279 1755.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

Applications close: 5pm, Tuesday 11 December 2012. AVI is committed to ensuring a diverse and inclusive workplace

*For the purpose of this role, the term Indigenous refers to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Administration Support Worker

Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service

Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service is looking for a part-time Admin Support Worker to join its passionate and committed team working to make a difference to the Aboriainal and Torres Strait Islander community in the Eastern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne for 12 months

In this role you will provide high level administrative support to the Manager of Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service and be responsible for maintaining the day to day personnel, finance and administrative services.

To be successful in this role you will have previous experience in an administrative role and be proficient in using the Microsoft Office suite. You will have strong time management skills and demonstrate a high level of empathy, understanding and confidentiality towards our clients.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply for this position

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria to be considered for the role.

For specific information about the role, please contact: **Melissa Saunders on** (03) 9843 6581 or Melissa.Saunders@dhs.vic.gov.au

BOORNDAWAN WILLAM

For a full position description and/or to apply on line please visit our Careers Centre at: http://each.currentjobs.com.au & enter ref code: 1135316. Applications close 12 December 2012.

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

The role To promote strategies and develop activities internally and externally to recruit, develop, and support career development to retain Indigenous Australians. NOTE: Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an Aboriginal person.

Remuneration \$70,969 - \$77,622 p.a., plus 17% super. Full-time, continuing appointment at HEW Level 7.

Applications close 13 December 2012

Reference No. 494097

Visit www.uq.edu.au/uqjobs for more career opportunities and to obtain a copy of the position description and application process. UQ is an equal opportunity employer.









Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer

Education Officer, (ETS) Temporary Full-Time, Illawarra Regional Office, Warilla Position number 155231

Total remuneration package valued to: \$95,739 p.a. (salary \$52,527 to \$86,759) p.a plus allowance of \$2,489 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of issues affecting the regular school tendance of Aboriginal students. Knowledge demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs. Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies. Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills and ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

These are temporary appointments for a period up to 27 January 2014. Administrative hours

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Alice Foerster (02) 4267 6100

Email: Catherine.foerster@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply online please visit our website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 155231.

Closing Date: 12 December 2012

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Heath and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.



Children and Family Centre (CFC) Manager - Kununurra WA

CSSU is a not for profit organisation that supports community and childcare services throughout Western Australia and the Northern

An exciting opportunity has become available for a Centre Director for our new service at the Kununurra Children and Family Centre (CFC).

About the CFC

The CFC's purpose is to provide access to quality early learning and development opportunities through the delivery of a range of programs and services for children and their families. Programs and services will include the following;

- Playgroups and early learning educational programs
- Family education.
- Community child and maternity health.
- Culture and language programs.

Position requirements

- To ensure the effective and efficient day to day operation of the CFC.
- To manage the facilities associated with the CFC ensuring access to those organisations/services that increase opportunities and improve outcomes for children and families through integrated
- To work in collaboration with government and non-government agencies, local business and community groups to establish mutually beneficial relationships that support integrated service delivery and maximise on the availability and accessibility of services to families.
- To engage with the Aboriginal community in Kununurra working from a 'both ways' approach that supports the participation of Aboriginal families in the Centre.
- To ensure the Kununurra CFC meets all the funding and reporting

Successful applicant will;

- · Be intrinsically motivated to perform at the highest possible standard and to achieve outcomes.
- Have a desire to lead by example, demonstrating an admirable work ethic and to mentor others.
- Have the ability to self reflect and improve performance as a result.
- · Be tertiary qualified in social science, management, organisational
- development, leadership and/or other relevant qualifications.

The successful applicant will also have knowledge and experience (of):

- Working with Aboriginal people and communities.
- The principles and practice of working from an integrated services model and/or a community development framework.
- Working in the community services sector.
- Working in rural and remote communities
- Developing a positive workplace culture.
- Developing and working in accordance with policies, procedures service/business plans and quality assurance processes and
- Managing and organising the areas of human, physical and financial resources.
- Managing a range of service types, preferably in the area of health, education, culture and/or Community services.
- Managing a multidisciplinary team.
- Managing relationships internally and externally Establishing/setting up new services, programs and/or business.
- Evaluating and continuously improving service delivery.
- Collecting and collating information and statistics for the purpose of reporting service outcomes.
- Producing a high standard of written documentation
- · Communicating effectively with people from different professional, cultural and socio economic backgrounds.

Aboriginality is considered a qualification and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Please contact Irene Odongkara on (08) 9470 6886 for a position description OR forward your resume along with a cover letter to Irene.odongkara@cssu.org.au

Trainee Aboriginal Health Worker Orange, NSW

* All training provided as your earn qualifications!

* Long term career opportunities! Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS) has a great opportunity for a Trainee Aboriginal Health Worker to join

their team in Orange. You will undergo a Certificate IV in Indigenous Primary Health Care whilst working within the Primary Health Care team to promote a primary health care approach addressing Aboriginal health needs. Be rewarded with attractive remuneration \$31,000 - \$35,000 plus salary sacrifice options. Start your training and career with a growing healthcare organisation! Apply Now!



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Financial Counsellors

(2 Part-time positions-4 days per week each) (1 Part-time position – 1 day per week)

Illawarra Legal Centre Inc. www.illawarralegalcentre.org.au

The Illawarra Legal Centre (ILC) is an independent Community Legal Centre. ILC is funded by State and Federal Government to provide a number of free services in the Illawarra, including financial counselling services. ILC received funding from NSW Fair Trading until June 2015, to continue and expand its financial counselling

We seek to employ Financial Counsellors to provide financial counselling services to clients within Wollongong and Shellharbour Local Government Areas (LGA) and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait (ATSI) clients within the Illawarra region.

Part of the duties of the financial counsellors is to provide services in a number of outreach locations within the two LGAs and provide services to ATSI clients in the wider Illawarra Region

Applications are invited for each of the above three positions.

Applications are also accepted from those who wish to apply for a full time position that combines one of the 4 days a week positions and the 1 day per week ATSI position. Applicants must satisfy the selection criteria for each position.

The Financial Counsellors must be fully accredited members of the Financial Counsellors Association of NSW or working towards

It is highly desirable for the applicant for the ATSI position to identify as an Aboriginal Person but not a requirement of the position

The wage range is pro rata, within level 4 of the ILC Enterprise Agreement based on the SACS award depending on qualifications, skills and experience. Salary packaging is available.

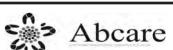
Applications must address the selection criteria and include the names and contact details of two most recent referees. An information package and the selection criteria are available by calling the Centre

Applications must be made by post to:

The Co-ordinator Illawarra Legal Centre Inc PO Box 139 Warrawong NSW 2502

Contact ILC on (02) 42 761939

Closing date for applications is 4pm Monday 10th December 2012.



Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre (Abcare).

Coordinator Out of Home Care

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality (documented)
- Demonstrated experience in child protection, foster care support, out of home care or child related discipline Demonstrated experience in managing a small team Strong computer skills and ability to provide accurate reports
- though use of Microsoft Office programs, Data base.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills Demonstrated ability to engage and work effectively with
- Aboriginal people & Communities Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Extensive Case management & Time management skills
- Tertiary qualifications in Welfare or related area
- Strong working knowledge of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 **Current NSW Drivers licence**
- Understanding of WHS
- Understanding of OCG
- **Desirable Criteria:**

• Experience in working in or with and Aboriginal organisation

- Certificate 4 in Workplace Training and Assessment or willing to Knowledge of NSW Office of the Children Guardian OOHC
- Benchmark Standards Job Notes: The position is 35 hours per week and has been classified under the Social Community, Home Care and Disability

Salary Packages \$60,000 Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Attractive Salary Packages with a \$16,000 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience. You must be willing to work on a weekly roster on call system for after hours.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti - Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries and Information Pack: contact Ms Natasha Laurie Executive Assistant/Administration on (02) 6648 3680 or email:

Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson, Abcare, Po Box 521, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 and marked "Confidential".

Closing date for applications: Friday 4pm 7th December 2012.



Located in Adelaide, the Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc. (AHCSA) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled health organisation managed and governed by an Aboriginal Council. AHCSA is the peak body representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health, Substance Misuse Services and Aboriginal Health Advisory Committees in South Australia.

AHCSA is recruiting for the following position:

Manager, Sexual Health Program

Salary: \$79,681 p.a. full time equivalent Contract to 27 June 2014 Reference: Pos1712

Please visit http://www.ahcsa.org.au/careers for a detailed advertisement along with a copy of Job & Person Specifications which need to be addressed.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Project Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

Aboriginal Services Unit, Clerk 5/6 Package to \$87,000

Help administer, develop, implement, monitor, review and evaluate work conducted by the Aboriginal Services Unit, with a primary focus on Aboriginal employment and career development strategies to increase and maintain the number of Aboriginal staff members within Legal Aid NSW This includes the administrative requirements of the Aboriginal Services Unit and project management of

Please go to jobs.nsw.gov.au for the Position Description and Information Pack

Applications must be submitted online at jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered

The requisition number is 00001CUK.

Closing Date: 7 December 2012



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) 4985 3150.

Trainee Patient Transport Officer

Health Transport Unit - Tamworth Enquiries: Margo Roland, 0427 864 591

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 126 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Reference ID: 112394

Closing Date: 9 December 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 Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Government of Western Australia Legal Aid Western Australia

Cadet

Web Search No: LA12129

Level/Salary: Level 2.1, \$52,579 pa

Legal Aid WA has an outstanding opportunity for a law cadet to start their legal career at Western Australia's largest legal practice. To be considered, applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent and must be enrolled in full time study in a first law degree at an Australian University. The successful candidate will undertake paid work experience, participate in a structured mentoring program and will be sponsored to fly to a remote Legal Aid office to complete Courts Circuits. Upon successful completion of the cadetship, a place in the Legal Aid WA Graduate program will be offered.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Colleen Moore, Senior HR Consultant on (08) 9261 6258 or to speak to one of our Aboriginal staff members, please call Louise Romano, Supervising Solicitor on (08) 9261 6328.

Aboriginal Intensive Program

Support Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8

Services Our Way Program

Metro North Region, Penrith

Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)

Job Reference No. 00001BZY

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum

(Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to

To coordinate and undertake research and policy development and provide

policy analysis and advice to support Aboriginal people with a disability

and their carers to plan and prepare current and future living and care

1. Aboriginality and a demonstrated experience and understanding of the

2. Demonstrated experience building strategic partnerships with a wide

3. Proven project management and policy development skills with

4. Sound organisational skills including the capacity to plan, set priorities

5. Excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills including an ability

6. High level written communication skills with the ability to prepare and deliver

7. Computer skills and competence in using standard PC office software

clear and concise correspondence, briefs, submissions and reports.

experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget

and contribute as an active member of a project team to deliver agreed

to build and maintain effective relationships with identified stakeholders.

range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal human service groups and

contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal people with a disability and

superannuation and annual leave loading

Job Description:

Selection Criteria:

their carers.

constraints.

programs

arrangements and supports.

Location: Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 10 December 2012 at 10am.



Indigenous Partnerships Group Environment and Sustainability Branch Townsville, QLD

APS Level 3 Salary range \$54,810 - \$58,965 plus superannuation

The occupant of this position is responsible to the Indigenous Partnerships Director for business and administration support services with the Indigenous Partnerships section and will work effectively in a cross cultural environment where business acumen, teamwork and communication are essential. This position will be required to communicate and work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures and the issues affecting these societies.

The occupant of this position will be required to provide business management support for the Indigenous Partnerships Group including project management; section budget and reporting progress on program and contract administration. In addition to these tasks, the occupant is required to undertake administration duties for the group which would include internal and external meeting organisation, minute taking, filing, workshop organisation, general correspondence tracking and report compilation.

This is an identified position and is one which part or all of the duties involve interaction with Indigenous Australian communities or their representatives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply

*** Applications must address the selection criteria ***

- 1. Applicants applying for this Identified position must supply a reference from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation.
- 2. Must hold a current open Queensland Drivers Licence

Contact

Karin Gerhardt - Manager Reef Rescue, Indigenous Partnerships Group (07) 47500871

Applicants must address selection criteria found on the website at www.gbrmpa.gov.au.

Applications for all of the above position closes 17:00 Wednesday

Email applications to recruitment@gbrmpa.gov.au



AG70411



Senior Aboriginal Intensive Program Support Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10 **Services Our Way Program** Metro North Region, Penrith **Permanent Full-Time**

Job Description:

Lead research, policy development and implementation of family centred programs under the Services Our Way Program. Develop strategic partnerships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal human service groups and organisations to improve the lives of Aboriginal people with a disability and

Selection Criteria:

- capability to contribute to the development and implementation of
- 3. Demonstrated ability to effectively lead and build strong relationships with key Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal human service groups and
- policies and projects for Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
- teamwork and outcomes focus to support the achievement of business objectives
- monitor the delivering of services and programs through service

this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria (to a maximum of 3 pages). Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Evidence authenticating Aboriginality will need to be provided by the applicant. Successful applicants will be subject to a working with children check and a criminal records check. Successful applicant will be required to have a current NSW Class C Driver's Licence and be willing to travel.

Enquiries: Simon Jovanovic on (02) 9407 1637 or 0427 218 952 Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00001C03 Closing Date: Monday, 10 December 2012

Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Job Reference No. 00001C03

Total remuneration package valued up to \$113,802 per annum (Salary: \$93,586 pa - \$103,128 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

their carers

- 1. Aboriginality and a demonstrated experience and understanding of the contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal people with a disability and
- 2. Demonstrated understanding of the policy process and a proven strategic policy for Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
- 4. High level communication skills and organisational skills to lead and
- 5. Demonstrated ability to lead and motivate staff, develop a culture of
- 6. Strong analytical, critical thinking and research skills and capacity to

Job Notes: There are two Permanent Full-Time positions available. Further information about these positions is available online and applicants Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Further information about must address the full selection criteria (to a maximum of 3 pages). Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Evidence authenticating Aboriginality will need to be provided by the applicant. Successful applicants will be subject to a working with children check and a criminal records check. Successful applicants will be required to have a current NSW Class C Driver's Licence

> Enquiries: Simon Jovanovic on (02) 9407 1637 or 0427 218 952 Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00001BZY

outcomes across the organisation.

Closing Date: Monday, 10 December 2012

Case Manager Level 1 (Identified)

Clerk Grade 3/4 Metro North Region, Penrith **Temporary Full-Time**

Job Reference No. 00001C17

Total remuneration package valued up to \$73,946 per annum (Salary: \$61,198 pa - \$67,010 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide case management support to people with a disability, their families or carers to enable them to improve their quality of life and participation in the community.

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Aboriginality and a demonstrated understanding of current issues, trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers
- 2. Experience in case management or the ability to provide case management services to people with a disability with a range of needs.
- 3. Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills.
- 4. Capacity to apply culturally appropriate case management practices with Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- 6. Ability to work collaboratively as a member of multi-disciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- 7. Diploma in a relevant field or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
- 8. Current NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position. Applicants must address the full selection criteria (to a maximum of 3 pages). This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to six months, from which an eligibility list may also be created to fill future vacancies that arise. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Evidence authenticating Aboriginality will need to be provided by the applicant. Successful applicants will be subject to a working with children check and a criminal records check

Enquiries: Simon Jovanovic on (02) 9407 1637 or 0427 218 952

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00001C17 Closing Date: Monday, 10 December 2012

Manager Aboriginal Workforce Development

Web Search No: 00030504

Level/Salary: Level 7, \$102,830 - \$110,213 pa, PSGOGA

The Manager Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre (AWDC) leads the development, implementation and evaluation of a range of services, programs and strategies that lead to sustainable employment outcomes for Aboriginal people and contributes to the implementation of the Training Together - Working Together Aboriginal Workforce Development Strategy

To Access Detailed Information: Visit: www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. Applicants are required to apply online.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Karen Ho, Director Service Delivery Strategy on (08)

Closing Date: Monday 3 December 2012, at 4:00pm (WST)



Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer

Education Officer, (ETS) Temporary Full-Time, Batemans Bay Position number 155232

Total remuneration package valued to: \$95,739 p.a. (salary \$52,527 to \$86,759) p.a plus allowance of \$2,489 p.a. including employer's contribution to superannuation and

Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of issues affecting the regular school attendance of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of the Home School Liaison program and demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs. Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies. Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills and ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

These are temporary appointments for a period up to 27 January 2014. Administrative hours and conditions apply.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants

Inquiries: Sharon Gown (02) 4475 3326 Email: sharon.gown@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply online please visit our website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword 155232.

Closing Date: 12 December 2012

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Heath \S and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.



Juvenile Justice Officer -(Aboriginal Identified Position)

Clerk Grade 5/6 **Juvenile Justice Operations Kempsey Juvenile Justice Community Services Permanent Full-Time**

Position No: 00001D3T

Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 per annum (Salary: \$72,242 pa -\$79,711 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focussed intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within indigenous communities.
- · An ability to interpret legislation and an understanding of issues relevant to juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients. • Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills including well developed
- · Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines

· Current minimum Class C Driver's Licence.

computer and keyboard skills.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Applicants must address the selection

It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Tamara Saunders - 0428 648 003 Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00001D3T Closing Date: 14th December 2012



Solicitor Grade I-III

(Aboriginal Outreach) **Early Intervention Unit, Family Law**

Applications must be submitted online through jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing Date: 5 December 2012

Provide high quality legal advice, outreach and CLE services to Aboriginal clients of Legal Aid NSW across NSW in accordance with Legal Aid policies and guidelines in order to contribute to the implementation of the Legal Aid's mission to deliver high quality legal services to our clients and to assist them to resolve their legal problems.

Chronic Disease Management **Practice Nurse**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Applicants are encouraged to apply

Our client a growing and successful Aboriginal Health Service are seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Practice Nurse to work in the area of Chronic Disease Management.

The position will be responsible for:

- Implementing and supporting an Aboriginal Chronic Disease program into the service.
- Implementing a prevention, detection and treatment program for diabetes and other chronic diseases
- Providing integrated expert clinical nursing care to Aboriginal people.
- Creating and enhancing functional partnerships between all stakeholders.
- · Building relationships with internal and external

The successful applicant will have a current practicing certification of registration with the Nurses Board of NSW, prior relevant experience as a Practice Nurse, and appropriate skills and experience in communicating effectively with the local Aboriginal community. A strong interest in chronic disease management, particularly in diabetes and an understanding of health issues affecting Aboriginal people is also required.

The position offers an attractive salary in line with qualifications and experience. To apply please contact;

www.mppersonnel.com.au Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285 admin@mppersonnel.com.auPO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

Administration Manager

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Administration

Reporting to the CEO this position will be responsible for the day to day running of the health service. These duties include providing administrative support to the CEO, management and supervision of all administrative and transport staff and all matters relating to Medicare Australia. This position is also responsible for accounts and payroll, budget management, WHS and risk management.

The successful candidate will possess;

- Minimum of 3 years experience in medical or health
- administration management. Exceptional communication skills.

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- High level of computer literacy.
- Experience in budget and finance management.
- Strong organisational abilities.
- An understanding of health issues affecting
- The ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non-discriminative and professional manner is also essential.
- Relevant qualifications in management

If you think you possess the skills and qualities to be successful in this role then please contact us to discuss your suitability.

www.mppersonnel.com.au Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285 admin@mppersonnel.com.auPO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640



St Patrick's College Shorncliffe



St Patrick's College, Shorncliffe, is a Catholic day school in the Edmund Rice tradition, established in 1952 by the Christian Brothers. It currently has an enrolment of 1150 boys on an integrated year 5 - 12 campus.

The College maintains a strong tradition of providing for the total development of its young men in the Catholic tradition.

Applications are called for the following teaching position for 2013. Relevant role description is available on website

Head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

All applicants for this position will be subject to Edmund Rice Education Australia and legislative screening procedures and will be required to authorise such checks and provide identification. These checks are consistent with Edmund Rice Education Australia commitment to protection policies and

Applications which include a letter of application, CV and details of referees, close on Monday, 3 December

> The Principal St Patrick's College 60 Park Parade, Shorncliffe 4017 website: www.stpatricks.gld.edu.au email: jthompson@stpatricks.qld.edu.au



Part Time Casual Teaching Opportunities

Kempsey and Macksville or **Grafton and Maclean Personalised Learning and Employment Support** to Aboriginal Students

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position

Status: Casual

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Hourly Rate: \$71.59

Jobs NSW Reference No: 00001CY7

Applications are sought from suitably qualified and experienced people who wish to be considered for placement on a suitability list for casual teaching vacancies providing support to Aboriginal students.

Job Notes:

- Successful applicants will work with Aboriginal students across 2 campuses: either Kempsey and Macksville or
- Grafton and Maclean as Aboriginal Teacher/Coaches. Prior to applying applicants are encouraged to discuss their interest in the position with Therese Murphy on 6674 7256 or 0405 728 350.
- For qualification requirements applicants are required to obtain an Information Package and apply online via
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination

Interested: Please visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Closing Date: Sunday 9 December 2012

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER (AEW)

James Sheahan Catholic High School, Orange 7 – 12

Current enrolments 921

Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School, Orange

K – 6 Current enrolments 504

Part-Time Temporary Positions 60 hours per fortnight • Two Positions Commence 29.01.2013 to 20.12.2013

Provided by and tied to the Commonwealth Government's

Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Programme (IEP) Applications are invited for the above positions. The successful

applicant will need to be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of and sincere commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education, including the values of social justice, equity and reconciliation.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander • Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in literacy and numeracy
- especially as it relates to assisting students. Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Aboriginal students and knowledge of local issues which impact on
- Aboriginal students.
- . Build links with the local Aboriginal community. Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community

A role description and application package to be obtained by contacting Jenny Cosgrove on (02) 6338 3000 or j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au

Written applications to be submitted to:

The Manager Employee Services Catholic Education Office PO Box 308 BATHURST NSW 2795 Phone: (02) 6338 3000 Fax: (02) 6338 3001 Email: j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au

Applications close: Friday, 7 December 2012 at 3.00pm Child Protection Legislation requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening

> The Catholic Education Office Bathurst is an equal opportunity employer

Chronic Care Coordinator Health Professional - Eastern Sydney, NSW

* Coordinate care services for Aboriginal people! * Attractive remuneration circa \$75,000 - \$83,000!



Eastern Sydney Medicare Local has a fantastic opportunity for a full time Chronic Care Coordinator to join their dynamic Care Coordination & Supplementary Services (CCSS) Program based in Sydney's eastern suburbs. This is a pivotal role in which a qualified Healthcare professional will coordinate multidisciplinary care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have chronic health conditions. You'll be rewarded with an attractive remuneration circa \$75,000 \$83,000 plus super, leave loading and generous salary packaging options!



ApplyNow.com.au/Job39853 **Apply Online** or Call 1300 366 573



Mission Australia is a community service organisation that has been transforming the lives of Australians in need for more than 150 years. Mission Australia has recently taken over the delivery of three community services on Mornington Island (MI), Queensland, that aim to reduce the incidence of domestic and family violence. We currently have the following positions available based on Mornington Island:

Team Leader - Safe House

As the Team Leader you will provide recovery focused support to clients within the service whilst leading and motivating your team towards the achievement of client

You must be willing to relocate to Mornington Island. Mission Australia will cover relocation costs of personal goods, accommodation and 3 return flights back to the mainland

Foster Carer Support Worker

In this role you will recruit, assess, train and support Foster and Kinship Carers to ensure all Mission Australia clients receive appropriate and quality care services in a safe and supportive environment.

To be succesful in this role you will have previous knowledge of case management along with knowledge of issues surrounding child protection and out of home placements and an understanding of the issues that impact on families. Please note accommodation is not provided for this position.

For further information and to apply for these positions please visit www.transformlives.com.au Enquiries can be directed to Jonathan Mindel on (02) 9219 2042. Applications close COB on 10th December.

Mission Australia is dedicated to increasing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Learn about our Reconciliation Action Plan, a strategy to reduce the gap in living standards between Aboriginal people

and their fellow Australians Transform your career at www.transformlives.com.au

TRANSFORM

Taree Women and Children's Refuge

Child Support Worker Taree Women and Children's Refuge is seeking a suitable applicant for the position of Child Support Worker, focusing on the safety and wellbeing of children.

To be the successful applicant you will have relevant tertiary qualifications and/or experience in the field, be a dynamic proactive professional with experience in case management, team dynamics, children's developmental stages and have a good understanding of the impact of Domestic and Family Violence on children.

A written application is required addressing all the essential criteria set out in the information pack. A Criminal Record Check and a Working with Children Check is a requirement

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and CALD women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Salary and conditions are in line with skills, qualifications and experience in accordance with SCHCADS Award (MA000100).

Information Pack is available by phoning 02 65510011. Applications close on Monday 17 Dec by close of

To be a female is a genuine requirement for this position under (section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Health

South Western Sydney Local Health District

Trainee (Aboriginal HEO Non-Grad) -**Aboriginal Mental Health**

Ref: 110816, F/T at Liverpool/Macarthur

Salary: \$45,818–\$67,482 pa Enq: Ms Shai Grigg Ph: (02) 9616 4250

Closing Date: 14 December 2012

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Liasion Officer -

Temp F/T

Ref: 98377, Temp F/T up to 16 October 2015 at

Camperdown, Narellan Eng: Deborah Thomson **Ph:** (02) 9515 9420

Closing Date: 21 December 2012

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

> Please apply online by visiting: http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Support Coordinator Older Parent Carer Program

- · Leading not for profit organisation
- 38 hours a week (Maximum term contract until June 2015)
- Coffs Harbour Location

Carers NSW is the peak organisation for carers in NSW. It is a member of the national Network of Carers' Associations. It has an exclusive focus on supporting and advocating for carers of all ages and circumstances.

Position statement

This position is responsible for providing the efficient delivery of services to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander older parent carers of a person with a disability or long term illness across their geographic

Essential Criteria

- Formal qualification in social science, welfare, Aboriginal health, community nursing, aged care or other relevant disciplines
- Experience in a service delivery position
- Strong knowledge and understanding of the aged care/disability service system
- Demonstrated capacity to provide high quality case management · Strong group facilitation, negotiation and meditation skills
- Good knowledge of local Aboriginal communities and the network of services in the area
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills and good organisational skills
- · Ability to travel and work flexible hours
- Current driver's licence

See the Position Description for the Desirable Criteria.

The Salary Package is between \$63 - 66K inclusive of super. On top, you will have access to generous salary sacrificing benefits and training and development opportunities.

The Position Description is available to assist with your application and can be found on our website www.carersnsw.org.au See the 'Instructions for Applicants' http://www.carersnsw.org.au/aboutus/employment/instructions-for-applicants on how to address the Essential and Desirable Selection Criteria for this position. For further information please contact our HR department on: (02) 9280 4744.

Please forward your application addressing the Selection Criteria to Human Resources, PO Box 20156 World Square NSW 2002 or

Applications close Thursday, 6 December 2012



A better way to live.

A stone's throw from Sydney and Canberra, Wingecarribee Shire boasts the best of urban bustle and rural quiet. It offers that true sense of community, natural beauty, and enviable lifestyle only semi-rural living can offer. At Council we strive to make it an even better place to live That's our vision. This is your chance to add to it

Aboriginal Liaison Office

Maximum Term

\$1111.20-\$1288.20 weekly (gross) + super at 30 hpw

A fantastic opportunity has become available for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our team to develop and foster effective and strong communication networks between the Wingecarribee Shire Council, the local and regional community services sector and the wider Aboriginal community.

This role will also play a key role in advocating for improved service provision, the translation of community needs into Council policy, liaising with local community organisations and the planning and facilitation of community development projects and events.

The successful applicant will be degree qualified and/or have relevant experience in the Government or Community Sector. They will need to have demonstrated experience in undertaking research for project planning and policy development and have knowledge of Government initiatives in relation to 'Closing the Gap'

High level of communication and conflict resolution skills, being customer service oriented, having the ability to build harmony and consensus through the diplomatic handling of disagreements, ability to manage cultural and individual differences in an effective, equitable and consistent way and an understanding of personal and/or cultural differences to guide own behaviour is also crucial to this role.

This is a funded position for 30 hours a week until 30 June 2014. The continuation of this position is subject to ongoing funding by the NSW State Government. This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position as per Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination

If you have an interest in this role, please visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au for details on how to apply and take the next step in your career with an organisation serving its community. Alternatively, call Nicole Williams on (02) 4868 0866 for further information.

Closing date: Monday, 10 December 2012.

www.wsc.nsw.gov.au





interested in the hospitality industry.

- · Be committed to developing an ongoing career within
- Be able to communicate with a wide variety of people





Program Officer (Aboriginal)

Aboriginal Identified position

Operational Programs Command, Major Events and Incidents Group

Clerk Grade 7/8 Permanent Full-Time **Parramatta** Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001CVY

Salary Package: \$100,283. Salary: \$82,098 - \$90,877. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Program Officer (Aboriginal) is a member of the Aboriginal Coordination Team (ACT) with responsibility for ongoing coordination, development, implementation, monitoring and review of policy and programs, which facilitate the delivery of policing services in line with corporate objectives and government and NSW Police policy.

The ACT works closely with the Corporate Spokesperson for Aboriginal Issues and maintains a support and liaison role for operational Police officers involved in program delivery. Each officer in the ACT has lead responsibility for particular facets of the Team's work.

The Program Officer (Aboriginal) assists or takes a lead role in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing policy or programs that bring about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people and which are in line with NSW Police policy.

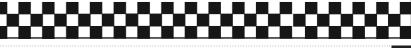
The Program Officer (Aboriginal) works closely with the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers (ACLO's), Aboriginal community, Aboriginal community organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) promotes an awareness of NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities and promotes an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police. The Program Officer (Aboriginal) will be required to develop working partnerships/relationships with Police of various ranks.

- This is an Aboriginal identified position and forms part of the NSW Police Aboriginal Employment Strategy and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification in terms of sections 9 and 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- · For your application to be considered, you must 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.
- The successful applicant will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Enquiries: Ken Jurotte on (02) 9768 0705

For selection criteria, downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00001CVY.

Closing Date: Sunday 9 December 2012



PRODUCER INTERNSHIP -**FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION**

(Salary Range \$43,241 - \$51,775 including superannuation)

Blackfella Films is an Indigenous owned, independent film and television production company. Our productions include the documentary series First Australians, the telemovie Mabo and the drama series Redfern Now

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hard working Indigenous person to take up a paid internship as a producer within the company for a period of up to three years. The position is based in Sydney, and applicants should be able to travel for work if

You must be committed to making high quality and compelling Indigenous film, television and online media projects. You will be involved in all of the company's activities, acquiring skills in developing scripts, production, financing, marketing and distribution

The successful applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Some experience in media production is preferable but not essential. Further training will be provided in addition to hands-on

Please send written applications with full resume and contact details for referees to:

info@blackfellafilms.com.au

or post to:

10 Cecil St. Paddington,

NSW, 2021.

Applications close on 7 December 2012.

All shortlisted applicants will be advised by

15 December, and should be available for interview on 21 December 2012.

It is expected that the successful applicant will be available to commence work in January 2013.

All enquiries should be directed to Blackfella Films on (02) 9380 4000 or info@blackfellafilms.com.au

This position is a targeted industry development measure supported by the Indigenous Department of Screen Australia.















Our Tanami Operations, 540km north-west of Alice Springs, are on Aboriginal freehold land in the NT's remote Tanami Desert. A fully equipped 800-bed village, 40km from the mine, offers modern leisure facilities to the workforce who FIFO direct from Perth, Darwin and Alice Springs. Having recently changed from a contractor mining model to owner-operator, there are new projects planned for an extended mine life to 2020, and we're excited to be able to provide a stable and secure working environment for our Tanami employees.

Senior Social Responsibility Advisor

- Opportunity to make your mark on indigenous employment
- FIFO 9:5 roster

A rare opportunity has arisen at our Tanami operations for a Senior Advisor, Social Responsibility to join our Environment & Social Responsibility team on site. This is a key role which will give you the opportunity to implement and develop the indigenous recruitment strategy (in conjunction with Human Resources), build and grow successful relationships with key stakeholders including the Central Land Council (CLC), community members and relevant government agencies, and support and mentor indigenous employees

Key areas of focus will include:

- · Stakeholder engagement with the CLC, community, government agencies and the traditional land owners
- · Implementation of Indigenous employment programs and their ongoing review and
- Overseeing the delivery and planning of the site social responsibility plan
- · Wider community engagement
- successful applicant will be required to spend a portion of their time in Alice Springs with key stakeholders.

To apply for this role click on the link below or go to www.newmont.com click on careers then select the Asia Pacific Region.

Providing mentoring support for all Indigenous staff and trainees to develop

We are seeking a results focused individual with a proven track record in a similar

role, including prior experience managing

indigenous employment and community development programs. Your relationship

your leadership, sensitivity and respect for communities and stakeholders, and your ability

to relate to and communicate with Indigenous people. Relevant tertiary qualifications will be

Our excellent remuneration package includes

immediate family. Not only will you work in a

dynamic and collaborative environment but you will also benefit from the opportunities

that only a global company can offer. The

a fly-in, fly-out allowance plus subsidised medical premiums for yourself and your

building skills will be complemented by

their career paths

well regarded.





careers in government



Indigenous Cadetship Support 2013

- an Indigenous person interested in a career with the Northern Territory Government?
- interested in getting paid while you study a diploma, advanced diploma or undergraduate degree?

The Northern Territory Government is offering Indigenous Territorians currently studying full-time or commencing study in 2013, the opportunity to put theory into practice by applying for a cadetship with the Northern Territory Public Sector.

The cadetship offers:

- reimbursement of Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) fees on passed units
- · a fortnightly allowance while studying
- full-time paid employment during semester breaks (12 weeks)
- on-going employment upon successful completion.

Mandatory requirements:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- · identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- · be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives, or has lived
- be enrolled or intending to be enrolled for 2013 at a TAFE, College, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or University located in Australia for a Diploma, Advance Diploma or your first Undergraduate Degree
- be an Australian resident
- · complete the ICS application form and selection criteria in full
- · complete the selection criteria in full
- attach all supporting documentation; and
- register with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) at www.ics.deewr.gov.au and complete the ICS registration form.

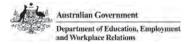
For further details and how to apply:

Refer to the 2013 Indigenous Cadetship Support Handbook for selection criteria and application form, which can be obtained from www.nt.gov.au/jobs (quote vacancy 68120289).

For enquiries please email employmentprograms.dbe@nt.gov.au or contact the program coordinator on (08) 8999 4164.

Quote vacancy number: 68120289 Closing date: 7 December 2012

This project is supported by funding from the Commonwealth Government under its Indigenous Cadetship Support, administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations



The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity groups are encouraged to apply.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

GRADUATES / APPRENTICES / INDIGENOUS CADET SUPPORT

www.nt.gov.au/jobs





We care

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is looking for an experienced Admin Assistant to provide admin support to the Centre Manager

Do you have:

- Experience with Microsoft word and data base
- A mature, compassionate and friendly approach.
- A passion for working within the Aboriginal Community. · A positive 'can do' attitude.
- The desire to work as part of a team.

Then this role might be right for you.

Contact Paul Bates on 9621 3260 or 0422 677 283 or email <u>paul.bates@childrenfirst.asn.au</u> for a full position description

Aboriginality is an essential requirement and genuine occupational qualification for this position and authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Applications close 30th November, 2012



THARAWAL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Remuneration Package- Negotiable)

The Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of full-time Chief Executive Officer.

The CEO will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Tharawal LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; vision of sound and accurate advice and the imp of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner

The successful applicant will have demonstratable 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.

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 June Wilks by email: jwilks@tharawal.com.au or on (02) 4681 0059.

Applications can be forwarded to jwilks@tharawal.com.au marked "Confidential" and posted to:

> The Chairperson Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 168, PICTON NSW 2571

Applications close: 1st February 2013.

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Development Officer

Aboriginal Health Management North Ryde, Sydney

* Attractive salary circa \$85,993 - \$93,313!

* Salary sacfrice up to \$16,050 + great benefits!



Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) has a fantastic opportunity for an Aboriginal Health Management Development Officer to join their dedicated team based in North Ryde, Sydney on a full time 17 month fixed term contract. You'll be responsible for ensuring that targets for participants in the ACHSM Graduate Health Management Program (GHMP) are achieved, with a particular focus on Aboriginal participants. In return, you'll be rewarded with an attractive salary circa \$85,993 - \$93,313 + salary sacrifice up to \$16,050!



ApplyNow.com.au/Job39153 **Apply Online** or Call 1300 366 573



Teacher, Literacy & Numeracy (Aboriginal)

Offender Services and Programs, **Wellington Correctional Centre Permanent Full-Time**

Vacancy Number: 00001A6T. Total remuneration package valued at \$91,298 pa including salary range of \$73,802 pa to \$82,735 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for delivering courses to offenders and providing administrative & case management support for these courses

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Degree in Education or Degree plus Diploma in Education or equivalent and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40110, TAA400104 or BSZ40198) or completion of TAE40110 within 12 months of appointment. Degree or Diploma which includes subjects in Literacy and/or numeracy and Indigenous studies. Experience teaching adults or demonstrated knowledge of adult teaching principles. Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance practices which comply with national standards. Ability to provide flexible course delivery to meet learner and institutional need. Proven ability to undertake administrative duties related to teaching. Ability to work within a case management team under a Throughcare strategy. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.

- In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification & is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
- A Degree or Diploma in Education which includes teaching subjects in the core learning areas will meet the Education and teaching subject(s) qualification criteria.
- Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and attach their resume including details of qualifications as a Word document.
- Copies of qualifications and academic transcripts must also be attached to their online
- application and originals be presented at interview. Overseas qualifications must be accompanied with relevant statement of Australian
- Applicants must provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which must be a current or recent supervisor
- All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.
- An eligibility list may be created for future permanent and temporary vacancies which may occur in various locations over the next 12 months.

The decision to appoint or recommend appointment is based on the applicant's written job application, performance through the selection process, a referees check and a satisfactory conduct and performance check.

Inquiries: kerry.josephs@dcs.nsw.gov.au (02) 6840 2919.

Closing Date: 16/12/2012



Administration and Research Assistant, Aboriginal Business Advisor Program

- Unique opportunity
- Part time role 5 day fortnight
- Fixed term until 30 June 2015

The Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) is Victoria's largest most influential employer association, informing and servicing more than 15,000 members, customers and clients around the State. VECCI is committed to growing Aboriginal enterprise and is establishing the Aboriginal Business Advisor Program, which will focus on providing comprehensive business advice and support to Aboriginal businesses throughout Victoria

We are seeking a friendly and diligent administration and research assistant to work directly with the Manager, Aboriginal Business Advisor Program (ABAP) to provide administrative support for the Aboriginal Business Advisors Program.

Responsibilities will include

- Performing a variety of administrative tasks including correspondence, database management, data entry and diary management; and
- Assisting with general research tasks.

Your success in obtaining an interview will be dependent on how well your resume demonstrates the following key selection criteria:

- Good organisational skills and the ability to multi-task;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Demonstrated research and analytical skills:
- Proficient in MS Office suite, including Microsoft Access;
- Demonstrated customer service skills; and
- Previous experience in an administrative role is essential

Knowledge and/or experience working with Indigenous business communities would be highly

A competitive salary and range of employee benefits will be offered to the successful candidate. This is a part-time fixed term role until 30 June 2015.

Applying for this position

All applications should include a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria listed above. The Position Description for this role can be accessed via our website www.vecci.org.au under the Careers section or by emailing recruit@vecci.org.au.

Applications, including the covering letter referred to above, should be forwarded to Jane McKay at recruit@vecci.org.au by COB on Wednesday 5 December 2012.

Please note the successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory police check as a pre-requirement for selection.

VICTORIAN EMPLOYERS' CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND IN

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous **Land Use Agreements**

State of Western Australia

Notification day: 5 December 2012







WI2012/010 RTIO and Ngarlawangga People ILUA (Area Agreement)

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 1420 sq km and is located approximately 70 km west of Newman.

Relevant LGAs: Shires of East Pilbara and Meekatharra

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, Landgate (WA).

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

- Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd; and
- Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd on its own behalf as a Venturer and as Manager for and on behalf of the Robe River Iron Associates (comprising Robe River Mining Co Pty Ltd, Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd, Cape Lambert Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited, Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd, and Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd], Pannawonica Iron Associates [a business carried on under that name by Nippon Steel Australia Pty Limited and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd], and North Mining Limited); and
- Hamersley HMS Pty Ltd as Manager for and on behalf of the Hope Downs Joint Venturers (comprising Hamersley WA Pty Ltd and Hope Downs Iron Ore Pty Ltd); and
- Hamersley Resources Ltd on its own behalf as a Venturer and as Manager for and on behalf of the Rhodes Ridge Joint Venturers (comprising Hamersley Resources Ltd, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd and Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd)

(each) c/- Ashurst Australia

Level 32, Exchange Plaza

2 The Esplanade

Perth WA 6000

- Tadgee Limmerick, Maisey Hyland and Dianne Limmerick on their own behalf as registered native title claimant and on behalf of the Ngarlawangga People

c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

Level 2, 16 St Georges Terrace

Perth WA 6000

The agreement contains the following statements: (unless described below, capitalised terms are otherwise defined in the agreement)

[Explanatory notes in brackets have been inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal. Where relevant, text in brackets may be a summary of the relevant clause (or part of a clause) of the agreement in accordance with section 24CH(2)(c)(ii) of the Native Title Act 1993. Further detail about those summaries or any of the following statements may be obtained from the NNTT (see freecall phone number at the bottom of this notice), or by contacting one or more of the parties to the agreement via the address details above.]

8.1(a) The Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and continue to agree with, consent to and support the Existing Operations including all RTIO [Rio Tinto Iron Ore] Existing Titles. (b) Subject to clause 11.11 of the Northern Claim Area Participation Agreement, the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support, and continue to agree with, consent to and support: (i) the doing of every Future Act; (ii) the Grant or Modification of every: (A) Approval; and (B) Interest, and (iii) the Modification of every RTIO Existing Title,[;] that is for an Agreed Purpose.
8.2 Without limiting clause 8.1, the Native Title Applicants agree with, consent to and support and

continue to agree with, consent to and support the reliance on and the conduct by RTIO Entities of all activities required, permitted or contemplated by each Agreed Act, including as Modified. 8.5(a) An "Agreed Purpose" means any of the following from time to time: (i) the Existing Operations; (ii) any Modification of any of the things comprising those operations provided they remain part of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; and (iii) the planning, development, operation and expansion, further expansion and decommissioning of any aspect of RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business from time to time, including new iron ore mines, borrow and ballast pits and necessary supporting infrastructure. (b) Without limiting clause 8.5(a), the development, operation or expansion of each of the following is deemed to be an "Agreed Purpose" if a Substantial Reason for its development, operation or expansion is for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business: [new power, water, rail and road infrastructure and associated infrastructure and works; iron ore processing infrastructure and works; construction camps; town infrastructure and accommodation infrastructure.)

(c) In this clause 8.5, "Substantial Reason" means, subject to clause 8.5(d), on the balance of probabilities, it would have been unlikely to be developed, constructed or operated were it not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business, even though it may be used for other purposes.

(d) [Dwellings or commercial facilities within a town will be an Agreed Purpose if: (i) they are being established under a Government Agreement that requires not more than 20 per cent of the dwellings or facilities to be offered for sale or lease to the public; and those that do not need to be offered to the public would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's Pilbara Iron Ore Business; or (ii), where (i) does not apply, if and insofar as each of the dwellings or facilities would have been unlikely to be developed were they not required for RTIO's

11.4 For the purposes of section 24EB(1) of the Native Title Act, the parties consent to all Agreed Acts to the extent they involve Future Acts without conditions but in accordance with this document [Agreed Acts are those agreed to under clauses 8.1 and 8.21.

11.6 The process set out in Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act, known as the "right to negotiate" process, is not intended to apply to any Agreed Act.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified: Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd, the representative bodies for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA, 6000 by 5 March 2013.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

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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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the Mining Act 1978:

| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Mining Lease | 24/944 | KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED | 280.50HA | 54km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat: 30° 15' S | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| | | | | | Lona: 121° 27' E | |

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

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 28 February 2013. 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 filling a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 28 March 2013), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



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:

| I | Exploration No. | exploration No. Applicant | | lg No Area Locality | | Centroid | Shire |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| l | 36/659 | CREW, Christopher | 408038 | 114.55HA | 28km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 120° 58' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| I | | CREW, Ross Frederick | | | | | |
| I | | MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey | | | | | |
| l | 37/859 | RUDD, Alan Paul | 406946 | 199.20HA | 38km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 121° 3' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| I | 74/324 | STRATHMERTON PTY LTD | 406748 | 62.41HA | 19km S'ly of Ravensthorpe | Lat: 33° 44' S Long: 120° 8' E | RAVENSTHORPE SHIRE |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

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 28 February 2013. 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

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. 28 March 2013), 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.



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

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

AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

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

LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 352 on Deposited Plan 220599 Volume 3114 Folio 861 Area: 1785355 square metres

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 220599 LAND SITUATED IN: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests in the land under the heading 'Description of

Land', including native title rights and interests, other than interests of the Crown,

rom the natural surface of the ground to a depth of 30 metres. Also excluding Easement

F924685 issued pursuant to Goldfields Gas Pipeline Agreement Act 1994.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Sale of Land

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: Sale of Land to LandCorp for Industrial Development REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

Suitable to meet future needs for industrial land in the Goldfields

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 6 March 2013

DPI FILE: 50924-2007-01RO **DPI REF.:**070218

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, Midland Square, Midland, 6056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamie-lee King, South East, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4584.

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 WA 6872 OR Level 2. 140 William Street. Perth no later than 5 March 2013.

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

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 5 December 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 5 March 2013. 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 6th Day of November in the year 2012

DIRECTOR GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS For and on behalf of the Minister for Lands, under delegation.

Sport

Amanda meets the royals



Aboriginal Paralympic swimmer Amanda Fowler is pictured with NSW Governor Marie Bashir at the Opera House on 9 November. Amanda was invited by the Governor to the Diamond Jubilee reception hosted by Her Excellency and attended by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall. Apart from meeting the royals, another highlight for Amanda was spending a few minutes with Aboriginal singer Gurrumul Yunupingu. Photograph courtesy Rob Tuckwell Photography

Calling teams for Ella 7s...

NOMINATIONS are open for the 2013 Ella 7s rugby union tournament to be held at Coffs Harbour on 1-2 March next year.

It will be limited to 32 men's teams and 12 women's sides - the same was allowed in 2011.

Organisers say those wishing to enter second teams are welcome on the understanding that the second teams will be in the same half of the draw as the first team.

Each team will consist of 12 players and two management staff and each team is allowed a maximum of two non-Indigenous players. Teams have been urged to enter as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

\$1210 to enter

It will cost each team \$1210 to enter. (This will include a team kit of jumper, shorts and socks).

Each team will be provided with a training ball, water bottles and 14 recovery packs, including a meat/salad roll, piece of fruit, sports drink and chocolate.

Jersey designs must be sent no later than Friday 4 January.

Teams not complying will be assigned a kit designed by the organising committee.

Teams can organise their own sponsorship and have these logos on their jumpers.

Teams that register after Friday February will incur a \$250 late fee, bringing the total to \$1460.

No team designs or sponsor logos will be added to team playing kits after Friday 1 February.

The men's competition Cup winner will receive \$10,000 - based on a minimum of 24 teams.

In the women's draw, the Cup winner will receive \$5000 - based on a minimum of 12 teams.

There will also be prizemoney for the runners-up and the minor competitions of Plate and Bowl.

As part of organisers' arrangements with Coffs Harbour Council, all visiting teams must book their accommodation through the Coffs Harbour Information Centre. Visitor Information staff can be contacted on 1300 369 070 (toll-free in Australia) or (02) 6648 4990.

Entry to the tournament will be \$5 for everyone, including players and

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games.

With teams limited to 12 players, there will be a maximum of five replacements per game.

Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return to the field. Exceptions will be made for a blood bin

Teams must provide at least a coach and manager.

Cup, Plate, Bowl

Events will be run on Cup, Plate and Bowl format.

All pool, quarter and semi-final, games will be seven minutes each

The finals in each Cup, Plate and Bowl will be ten minutes each way with a two-minute break at half-time.

All players must complete an ARU registration form and must be over the age of 18. Players turning 18 in 2013 can apply for dispensation. These need to be lodged before arriving in Coffs Harbour.

The Ella 7s Coffs Harbour will be held at the BCU International Stadium.

Details: http://ella7s.blogspot.



Two in Olympic Youth Festival



AT least two young Indigenous sportspeople are in the Australian Youth Olympic Festival to be held in Sydney next January.

They are rugby union player Arthur Currie and artistic gymnast Paige James, a 12-year-old Wongi-Yamatji girl from Perth.

Arthur will be in the 2013 men's rugby union 7s squad.

He is a student at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, and was a member of the National Indigenous team that finished second to South Australia at the Novotel Australian Schools Rugby division two championships at St Ignatius College, Riverview, Sydney, last July.

He was one of five Moree boys in the Lloyd McDermott ('Lloydies') Indigenous team at

The 'Llovdies' won their first match against the Northern Territory 38-25, then thumped Tasmania 65-10 before losing 19-17 to South Australia.

Currie scored a try against the Northern Territory and scored three tries in the game against Tasmania.

He also scored a try in the game against South Australia.

He then was selected for the President's XV that played Tonga later in the week and was beaten 36-13.

The President's XV was made up of the best players from the division two ranks.

Currie scored one of the two President's XV

The 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival will be held in Sydney from 16-20 January.

The rugby 7s will be played at St Ignatius College on 18-20 January, with teams representing Australia, Japan, China, Samoa, Fiji, South Africa, Great Britain and Tonga.

Making history

PAIGE James is the first Indigenous girl to have been selected in an Australian gymnastics team and is the youngest in the gymnastics squad selected for the Youth Olympics.

She is the current International Development Program (IDP) level eight Australian champion, having won the All Around (AA) champion in Sydney this year, winning gold on the floor, silver on uneven bars and bronze on the beam.

Paige competes on all four apparatus and is considered an all-rounder, but is strongest on the

In November, at the National Clubs Championships in Geelong, Victoria, she won silver AA, gold on the floor, silver on the vault and silver on uneven bars.

Paige lives in Perth with her dad Allan, a Wongi-Yamatji man (Goldfields region) and mum Penny, a Bidujara woman (Qld south-west

Her day starts around 5am, when she



(08) 9222 3828.

prepares for morning training, which finishes around 8.45.

She trains at the West Australian Institute of Sport under Nikolai Lapchine and Martine George (Olympic coaches from London 2012).

After training she goes to school. This is generally a 30-minute trip, where she

has an after-training snack and some catch-up sleep

Every school day except Thursday, her parents pick her up at 2.45 to take her to afternoon training that finishes around

All up, Paige trains between 27 and 29 hours a week.

She wouldn't have it any other way. Her parents are deservedly proud of her.

"The dedication and discipline that Paige displays for such a young person is an example for all Aboriginal youth in a not so common sport for our mob," her parents said.

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| Tenement Type | No. | Applicant | Area* | Locality | Centroid | Shire |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Exploration Licence | 04/2223 | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 9BL | 125km S'ly of Derby | Lat: 18° 23' S Long: 123° 57' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2223 | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 11BL | 67km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat: 18° 9' S Long: 124° 57' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2225 | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 200BL | 124km SW'ly of Fitzroy | Lat: 18° 56' S Long: 124° 44' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| | | | | Crossing | | |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2226 | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 93BL | 128km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat: 18° 40' S Long: 124° 29' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2227 | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 17BL | 88km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing | Lat: 18° 0' S Long: 124° 47' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 04/2228 | ASKINS, Paul Winston | 30BL | 67km S'ly of Derby | Lat: 17° 54' S Long: 123° 43' E | DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 09/2010 | PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED | 140BL | 160km NE'ly of Kalbarri | Lat: 26° 39' S Long: 115° 17' E | SHARK BAY SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1331 | BULLABULLING OPERATIONS PTY LTD | 6BL | 28km S'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 31° 12' S Long: 121° 10' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 15/1342 | MLG OZ PTY LTD | 14BL | 77km E'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 120° 16' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 16/445 | ST BARBARA LIMITED | 2BL | 60km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 52' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 16/448 | MOUNT FINNERTY PTY LTD | 3BL | 57km E'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 120° 6' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 20/804 | LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert | 15BL | 31km NE'ly of Cue | Lat: 27° 16' S Long: 118° 8' E | CUE SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence Exploration Licence | 20/814 25/484 | TURNER, Raymond Edward SAUNDERS, Frederick Charles | 29BL 1BL | 40km NE'ly of Cue 41km NE'ly of Kambalda | Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 118° 11' E Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 59' E | CUE SHIRE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2248 | SKYDOVE HOLDINGS PTY LTD | 78BL | 118km W'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 124° 2' E | DUNDAS SHIRE, KALGOORLIE- |
| Exploration Electrice | 20/22-10 | ONTO VE HOLDINGO I II EID | 7 ODL | Troidir W iy or Hawiiina | Eut. 01 21 0 Long. 124 2 L | BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2257 | SIRIUS GOLD PTY LTD | 1BL | 114km N'ly of Balladonia | Lat: 31° 26' S Long: 123° 42' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 28/2261 | MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED | 96BL | 163km of Balladonia | Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 123° 26' E | KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1019 | LEGACY IRON ORE LTD CAZALY RESOURCES LTD | 1BL | 108km E'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 122° 9' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1020 | LEGACY IRON ORE LTD | 1BL | 107km E'ly of Menzies | Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 122° 8' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| | | CAZALY RESOURCES LTD | | = y = | | |
| Exploration Licence | 31/1028 | MINGS MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD | 2BL | 106km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 35' S Long: 122° 23' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 36/794 | GIANNI, Peter Romeo | 6BL | 54km NE'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 121° 3' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 36/795 | ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED | 13BL | 31km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 121° 0' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1148 | ENCOUNTER RESOURCES LTD | 70BL | 79km E'ly of Leinster | Lat: 27° 54' S Long: 121° 30' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 37/1149 | GREAT SANDY PTY LTD CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RARE EARTHS PTY LTD | 40BL 5BL | 55km SE'ly of Leinster | Lat: 28° 13′ S Long: 121° 9′ E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence Exploration Licence | 38/2751 38/2763 | FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD | 20BL | 18km SE'ly of Laverton 193km E'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 28° 41' S Long: 122° 34' E Lat: 26° 2' S Long: 122° 40' E | LAVERTON SHIRE WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2766 | GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED | 83BL | 111km E'ly from Cosmo | Lat: 28° 14' S Long: 123° 59' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
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| Exploration Licence | 38/2767 | SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD | 12BL | 103km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 27° 32' S Long: 121° 59' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 38/2775 | WASSE, Bernfried Gunter Franz | 3BL | 13km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 44' S Long: 122° 22' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1694 | NORTHERN DRILLING PTY LTD | 12BL | 100km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 123° 5' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1703 | PILKINGTON, Anthony Gerald | 1BL | 68km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 122° 8' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1704-5 | BYRNE, Gary Arthur BYRNE, Simon Gary | 2BL | 69km S'ly of Laverton | Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 122° 9' E | LEONORA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1710 | BECRUX RESOURCES PTY LTD | 105BL | 140km NW'ly of Rawlinna | Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 124° 32' E | MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 39/1712 | VENTURE EXPLORATION PTY LTD | 22BL | 69km SE'ly of Leonora | Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 54' E | LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/3415 | BOXCUT MINING PTY LTD | 32BL | 72km SW'ly of Telfer | Lat: 22° 18' S Long: 121° 56' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 45/4082 | TIANDA RESOURCES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD | 66BL | 33km SE'ly of Shay Gap | Lat: 20° 45' S Long: 120° 20' E | EAST PILBARA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 53/1723 | DESHON, Brendon Chevely | 5BL | 36km S'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 120° 52' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 63/1565 | ATRIPLEX PTY LTD | 26BL | 77km NE'ly of Norseman | Lat: 31° 54' S Long: 122° 31' E | DUNDAS SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | 69/2936 | IRON WEST RESOURCES PTY LTD | 200BL | 174km N'ly of Wiluna | Lat: 25° 4' S Long: 121° 16' E | WILUNA SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence | | ALBANY ENERGY PTY LTD | 200BL | 39km NE'ly of Albany | Lat: 34° 47' S Long: 118° 12' E | ALBANY CITY |
| Exploration Licence | | RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED | 27BL | 5km E'ly of Manjimup 30km SW'ly of Halls Creek | Lat: 34° 15' S Long: 116° 12' E | MANJIMUP SHIRE HALLS CREEK SHIRE |
| Exploration Licence Prospecting Licence | 80/4736 | GOLD & MINERAL RESOURCES PTY LTD NANKIVELL, Dennis William | 1BL 120.49HA | 21km SW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat: 18° 24' S Long: 127° 27' E Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 120° 58' E | COOLGARDIE SHIRE |
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| Prospecting Licence | | SVOBODA, George | 9.71HA | 32km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 122° 38' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | | GLOBAL METALS EXPLORATION NL PLATINA RESOURCES LTD | 125.37HA | 57km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission | Lat: 28° 4' S Long: 123° 27' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
| Prospecting Licence | 38/4051 | ELLIS, Kim Maree | 61.78HA | 14km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 17' E | LAVERTON SHIRE |
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| Prospecting Licence | | ROCLA PTY LIMITED | 524.67HA | 24km N'ly of Perth | Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 115° 55' E | SWAN SHIRE |
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Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant. Notification day: 28 November 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 **28 February 2013**. 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. 28 March 2013), 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

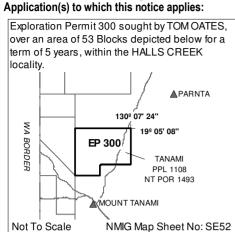
For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that application/s has/have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit/s (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith St Mall, DARWIN NT 0800

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 ADELAIDE SA 5001, telephone (08) 8205 2000.

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the Native Title Act, the notification day is 28 November 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) FOR THE FAIRVIEW PIPELINE PROJECT AND THE **EUROMBAH CREEK LATERAL PROJECT**

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited and its related entities (APLNG) propose to develop a world scale, long-term coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Queensland (APLNG Project). The APLNG Project comprises 3 principal components: the further development of APLNG's Queensland-based CSG fields in South Central Queensland; the construction and operation of a high pressure

underground gas transmission pipeline system from the gas fields to a LNG facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone where the CSG will be liquefied (Pipeline Project); and the construction and operation of the LNG facility and of ancillary onshore and marine facilities. including a marine offloading facility and an export terminal containing specialised LNG loading facilities and berths so that the LNG can be exported to international

To facilitate delivery of CSG to the planned LNG facility as part of the APLNG Project, APLNG proposes to develop a network of in-field high pressure pipelines that will: collect gas from a number of gas processing facilities (GPFs) in the gas fields; and then deliver that gas to the mainline pipeline system that will be the subject of the Pipeline Project. APLNG proposes that the development of this high pressure gas pipeline network will include the construction and operation of a high pressure pipeline from the Fairview GPF to the Spring Gully GPF (Fairview Pipeline Project). As well as to enable delivery of CSG to the LNG facility, it is proposed that gas transmitted as part of the Fairview Pipeline Project will also be allocated to the domestic market.

APLNG also proposes to construct and operate an additional gas transmission pipeline that will form a component of the Pipeline Project (Eurombah Creek Lateral Project).

APLNG proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA), with the native title claim group for the Iman People #2 native title determination application (NNTT No. QC97/55; Federal Court No. QUD6162/98) (Iman Claim). The ILUA will relate to:

- the Fairview Pipeline Project; and
- the Eurombah Creek Lateral Project,

(together, ILUA Project).

The land and waters that will be affected by the ILUA Project (ILUA Area) are depicted on the map in this notice.

The ILUA Area is located wholly within the external boundaries of the Iman Claim. The Iman People #2 native title claim group is described in the Iman Claim as the descendants of each of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Ada Robinson, Maggie Palmtree, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Mary Ann (mother of Maggie Dunn), Fanny Waddy/Sandy, Dick Bundi/Bundai and John "James" Serico.

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the ILUA Project, and to the undertaking of the ILUA Project. APLNG will be seeking that the nonextinguishment principle apply to the proposed Agreed Acts and to the undertaking of the ILUA Project.

Authorisation of the ILUA by the persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area is sought in accordance with the NTA. As a result of responses to public notices and other inquiries, the members of the native title claim group for the Iman Claim have been identified as the persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

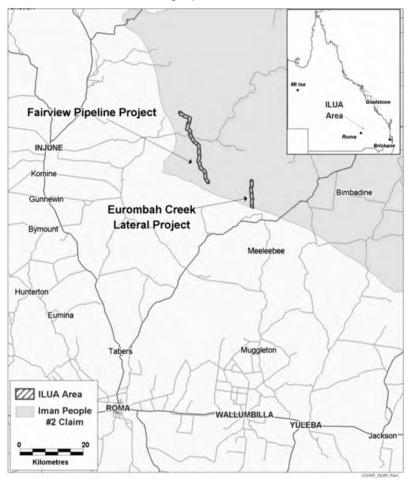
Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting

An authorisation meeting for the proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

Date and Time: Saturday, 15 December 2012, 8:00 am registration and a meeting start time of 9:30 am.

Place: Central Queensland University, Rockhampton Qld 4700; Building 32, Theatre 1.28, entry via Yaamba Road.

Purpose of the Meeting: To authorise the ILUA between APLNG and the native title claim group for the Iman Claim.



You are invited to the meeting if you consider that you fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Iman Claim, as described in this notice. If you intend to attend the authorisation meeting, or if you have any questions in relation to it, please register attendance by contacting:

Ms Melissa Anapo Senior Native Title and Cultural Heritage Officer **Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited GPO Box 148, BRISBANE QLD 4001**

Telephone: (07) 3867 0550, Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840.

Email: Melissa.Anapo@originenergy.com.au

Registrations should be received by not later than 5:00 pm on 7 December 2012, if possible, so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering. Travel assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria.

If you consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters within the ILUA Area, but do not consider that you fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Iman Claim as described in this notice, please contact Ms Anapo, using the contact details given above, as soon as practicable.

Sport

NT names its Imparja Cup squad



THE Northern Territory has named its squad to prepare for the 2012 Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

Eight Darwin players and 11 Alice Springs-based players are in the squad, with the final

team being announced in mid-January. The Imparja Cup will be played from

17-23 February and it brings together the best Indigenous cricketers in Australia playing for their states and territories.

New South Wales will be seeking to win the cup for the third successive year.

Training for the Darwin-based NT squad began at Marrara Cricket Ground on 15

November under the quidance of NT Imparja Cup coach Greg Aldam.

The Alice Springs-based players will be under the guidance of NT Cricket development officer Phil Lovell as they play in the Alice **Springs** competition in the lead-up to the Imparja Cup.

Aldam said he was looking

carnival. forward to seeing the Darwin squad members in action.

"It's exciting to see the squad starting to come together to work towards the Imparja Cup. The squad includes a mixture of quality senior players and some impressive junior talent, indicating that the state of Indigenous cricket in the NT is heading in the right direction," Coach Aldam said.

Adrian McAdam is one

of the Alice Springs'

players in the NT squad

preparing for the 2012

Imparja Cup cricket

Darwin-based squad members: Ayden Allen-Vowles (captain), Alan Fett, Daniel Fett, Dylan Fuller, Leo Harrison, Brandon King, Jordan Ludwig, Brian Manning.

Alice Springs-based players: Charlie Dick, Joel Liddle, Greg Louis, Darrell Lowe, Adrian McAdam, Doug McClure, Dillon Measures, Curtis Marriott, David Parrington, Hudson Tippett, Ken Vowles.

Meanwhile, registrations for teams in the Major Centres and Community Divisions of the Imparja Cup are open. Further information and registration forms are available at ntcricket.com.au

Lalor in NSW Shield team

EFT-arm swing bowler Josh Lalor was added to the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues squad for their Bupa Sheffield Shield match against Queensland that started yesterday (Tuesday) at Manuka Oval, Canberra.

Lalor and leg-spinner Adam Zampa have replaced Mitchell Starc and Trent Copeland from the previous Shield match against Victoria.

Starc is 12th man in the Adelaide Test match against South Africa, while Copeland is recovering from ankle ligament damage.

Because of Lalor's commitment to Sheffield Shield and other NSW commitments, he was not considered for selection in the NSW Indigenous team for the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs next February.

Footy fun on Palm Island

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



SOME rugby league stars of the future may have been on show when 12 teams of primary school players battled it out for the Obe Geia Jnr Challenge on Palm Island.

Each side played five games of ten minutes duration at the carnival at the Palm Island football oval.

Three local sides - Barracudas Green, Bwgcolman Warriors and St Michael's - came up against Townsville District schools Marian, St Joseph's, Magnetic Island, Good Shepherd, Shalom, Rasmussen, Vincent, Kelso and last year's winners Heatley.

The three Palm Island sides and Shalom had Indigenous players, but most of the other teams included footballers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

In the grand final, Marian Catholic School defeated Heatley Primary 8-4 in a quality match.

Obe Geia Jnr was the first Palm Islander to have played A grade football for the North Queensland Cowboys.

The visiting players, their teachers, coaches and some parents travelled to Palm Island by ferry, leaving Townsville at 7am.

Also at the carnival were Cowboys assistant coach Terry Matterson, back Robert Lui, and Bowen.



Milton Thaiday, left, and North Queensland Cowboys back Robert Lui.

Visitors were welcomed by traditional owner Allan Palm Island, with speeches by Deputy Mayor Mislam Sam, Cr Eddie Walsh, former NRL star Milton Thaiday, Robert Lui and Obe Geia

"It is good to see so many local players and families as well as the visitors here. Most times our youngsters have to travel away and at this carnival they play in front of their families," Obe Geia Jnr said.

St Michael's Catholic School dancers performed before the games.

Partnership

The Challenge, now in its fourth year, is a partnership between the Palm Island community, the North Queensland Cowboys, the NRL All Stars game, the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Palm Island PCYC, and is hosted and run by the Palm Island community.

Each young footballer earned the right to play at the carnival thanks to their regular attendance and positive behaviour at school throughout the

The venue was divided into two mod-sized fields.

Each player received a participation medal or winners/runners-up trophies, supplied by the Palm Island Council, a hat donated by major sponsor Evolution Mining, and a participants' Obe Geia 2012 shirt and water bottle supplied by the North Queensland Cowboys.



Obe Geia Jnr speaks at the opening ceremony





St Michael's dancers getting ready to perform.



Bwgcolman Warriors, from Palm Island.





- ABOVE: St Michael's side, from Palm Island.
- LEFT: A Palm **Island Barracudas** forward is tackled near the sideline.
- RIGHT: Good Shepherd coach Neil Sabatino, of **Hammond Island** descent, with players, from left, Drew Dawson, Joequan Seden. Tyreece Whyte and Zion Osae.



Sport - Hobart basketball tournament

Rebadged, downsized

Story and pictures by JILLIAN MUNDY



A REPLACEMENT Indigenous basketball tournament went ahead in Hobart this month following the 11th-hour cancellation of the seventh annual National Indigenous

Basketball Championships. The rebadged tournament poceeded in a downsized format at the venue booked for the cancelled carnival.

Last year the championships attracted about 50 teams, but this this year six teams turned up in Hobart - some travelling from as far away as Broome and Rockhampton.

For these teams, it was too late to pull the pin following the cancellation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islandeer Basketball Association (NATSIBA) tournament.

Roberta Simpson and her husband Joe Coppin had travelled from Perth for three out of the previous four NATSIBA championships.

She said basketball was their life, spending about half their year on the road attending tournaments.

"We'd rather support our kids than have them turn to drink and drugs," she told the Koori Mail.

This year they came to Hobart with nine of their children, plus seven boys from the team, and like other teams, had fundraised and secured sponsorship.

"We couldn't get our airfares back," Roberta told the Koori Mail.

"We only got notice (of the cancellation) ten days before we left; some of the boys come from as far away as the Kimberly and the Pilbara.

We didn't want to dishearten the kids.' Roberta said the kids had fun and made some new friends, and they were grateful that the competition went ahead, and to those who had made the national event possible.

But whether they attend a national competition next year will depend on how it's run.

Despite low numbers, there was still plenty of dunks, dribbles and hoops, with teams competing against each other, with additional teams coming from local high schools and in the Kingborough Basketball Associations rostered

Clontarf Girls Academy, from WA, took out the women's final in a close and exciting game against the Bundaberg Flames.

It was 17-all at half-time, but Clontarf ran away to win 38-31.

The WA Buccs clenched the championships from the Whyalla Stealers in the men's final. Again, it was anyone's game at half-time, with

the teams locked at 31-all.

Crucial baskets

But the Buccs converted more crucial baskets towards the end of the game, winning 69-51.

Glenn Shaw, from Hobart, the Queensland Traditional Owners Alliance, Cherissma Blackman from Queensland and the Kingborough Sports Centre were credited for their efforts in ensuring the championships proceeded.

Next year's national competition is yet to be

NATSIBA co-ordinator Stephen Ridgeway has said his organisation's tournament would resume next year in Canberra following the Hobart cancellation.

Sydney talent scout Nathan Lovett, who travelled to Hobart in search of the next Paddy Mills or Nathan Jawai, told the Koori Mail he had been in discussions with Glenn Shaw, Cherissma Blackman and others to ensure a national championships proceeded next year and should have dates finalised in a couple of weeks.



Roberta Simpson, from Perth, is pictured here with just some of the 16 children she and her husband bought to Tasmania for the event, from the left, Ashley Wingo, Mary Jane Njana, Roberta holding Eric Njana. Ronan Copping holding Tamara Mitchell, Mary Larry and Pearl Coppin.





ABOVE: Kim Downey. from Perth, and the man who helped to saved the day, Glenn Shaw, from Hobart, are pictured here with Glenn's daughter and grandson Katherine **Luffman and Blaze** Cameron.

LEFT: Under 14 and Under 16 Rockhampton All Blacks players Holly Adams and Brittany Doyle-Jansen, sat it out for some of the adults games. "They were too big and too rough," they said.



RIGHT: **Whyalla Stealers** Girls Under 18s side, from rear, left, Nakita Wilson, Katherine Luffman, Maddison Rhodes and **Ebony Wedding**; front, coach Lydia Lim, Melissa Calliss. Malika Carter and Linikka Richards.





• LEFT: **Whyalla**

Stealers Boys Under 18s side. from left, rear, coach Michael Brooks, Jordan Trevorrow, Jake Eyles, Jayden Darcy, Liam Croft and team manager Debbie Giles; front. Jake Shannon, Steven Robinson. Frank Trevorrow and Montana Trevorrow.



Most valuable player trophies went to Bronwyn Johnson for senior female, and Savannah Shaw for junior female.



Most valuable player trophies went to 17-year-olds Jordan Trevorrow for junior male, and Dominick Coppin for senior male.



Buccs coach Joe Coppin dribbles the ball toward the hoop.



Maddison Rhodes, from the Whyalla Stealers, takes a shot at goal between Cassandra Mogg and Bronwyn Johnson from the Bundaberg Flames.



From left, Tamsyn Tatow, from Rockhampton, with new friends from Perth, William Yarran, D'shanti Indich, Selwyn Yates, Xzarliah Yarran, Alex McKenzie and Ashley Wingo.

Sport – Hobart basketball tournament



Clontarf Girls Academy side, from left, rear, coach Marita Payne, Alisha Smith, Havlee Wilson, Denika Hansen, Savannah Shaw, Mary-Jo Coppin and coach Desiree Delcoure; front, Jacqueline Wallace, Deseree Riley, Nakita Smith, Dulcie Ryder and Bethany Flann.



Bundaberg Flames, made up of three families, from left, rear, team manager lan Mogg, Tania Orchard, Bronwyn Johnson, Debbie Corrigan, assistant coach Don Corrigan; front, Krystal Mogg, Belinda Johnson, Kylie McCartney, Kassy Mogg and



WA Buccs Under 18s side: from left, rear, Lattrell Matthews, Kobe Coppin, Azmin Taylor, Dominick Coppin and coach Joe Coppin; front, Jayden brown, Rhys Edgar, Isiah Coppin and Doug Lewis.



Rockhampton All Blacks women's side, from left rear, Holly Adams, Tammy Tatow, Taneesha Williams, Roslyn Doyle and Brittany Doyle; front, Diane Adams, Jonaya Tatow and Shanell Lyall.

Marty makes World team



Marty Jeffrey with his gold medal and World All-Star certificate.



DUBBO'S Marty Jeffrey has been named in the indoor

cricket's Junior World All Stars team.

This follows his brilliant performances for Australia at the under 12 Junior World Series in South Africa during the October school holidays.

Marty's team became world champions when they beat the previously undefeated South Africa in the final.

Following that game, he was selected in the World All Stars team.

Marty claimed his best bowling figures of 7 for negative 30 while on tour, and ended the tournament with 17 wickets and about 130 runs.

Marty bowled exceptionally well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Statistically, he was one of the best three competitors at the World

Series in any age group. Marty's dad Mick, his mum Sandy and his big

brother Mike accompanied him to South Africa. Mick Jeffrey told the Koori Mail he was proud of the way Marty conducted himself on and off the court.

"But by far the best moment of the whole tour was to sit in the crowd as a parent and watch Marty line up in green and gold for his country and listen to our National Anthem being played before his matches. I will never forget it as long as I live," Mick Jeffrey said.

Away from the game, the boys went on safari at Pilensburg Game Park, 200km north-west of Johannesburg.

"Seeing wildlife up close and personal is a real experience. The boys saw lions and cheetahs." Mick Jeffrey said. "Marty made a lot of new friends and is looking forward to the next national championships to catch-up with team-mates."

Heartache for Demos



By CHRIS PIKE



WOLLONGONG'S home-grown basketball star Tyson Demos is not only committed to his National Basketball League (NBL) career in

his area, but also to helping his fellow Indigenous people as he begins the first year of his new three-year contract with the Hawks.

The 24-year-old combo guard who was born and raised in Wollongong is now in his third season playing with the Hawks, and is guaranteed of at least two more after this 2012-13 NBL season, but he and his team-mates have been rocked with the sudden passing of his

Kon Demos passed away after collapsing at work on Monday 12 November. He was a well-known sporting and business identity in the Illawarra region, having played rugby league with the North Sydney Bears and coached at various levels, and in the business field, particularly the construction industry.

It was a shock to everyone who knew Kon when he collapsed and passed away at just 54 years of age and it goes without saying that it was a difficult time for his 24-year-old son.

However, all of his team-mates and the club got right behind him and continue to do so. Wollongong Hawks chairman Peter Bahlmann paid tribute to Kon Demos.

"On behalf of the Wollongong NRE Hawks and all Hawks members and fans, I want to express our deepest sympathies to Tyson Demos and all his family on the sudden loss of Tyson's father," Bahlmann said.

"This is a tragic loss for Tyson and his family. We know Tyson's team-mates, coaches and everyone involved in the Wollongong Hawks will band together and provide support to Tyson at this sad and difficult time.

"Kon was a great supporter of the Hawks and of basketball in this region as well. He was, as they say, larger than life and we'll remember him.

Demos soldiered on to take part in Wollongong's 73-59 win over the Cairns Taipans just five days after his father had passed away as the Hawks

improved to a 6-1 record to start the NBL season to hold on to second position on the ladder just behind the defending champion New Zealand Breakers.

After graduating from the Australian Institute of Sport, Demos began his NBL career with the Gold Coast Blaze in the 2007-08 season and in three years there he became a solid part of the rotation, culminating in the 2009-10 team that pushed eventual champions the Perth Wildcats in the semi-final series

After three years on the Gold Coast, he was lured back home to join the Wollongong Hawks, and he had an outstanding 2010-11 season, posting career-high numbers, averaging 5.7 points a game.

While last season was a tough one for the Hawks, coach Gordie McLeod continued to be impressed with Demos' versatility, ability to play as a point guard and shooting guard, his tenacity and aggressiveness, and wanted to lock him in for the long-term.

Three-year deal

That saw Demos agree to a three-year contract with the Hawks and McLeod was delighted to secure him for such a period.

"It is important that as a team we maintain key elements and players. Tyson has a set of skills in the position of combo guard that we need to continue to develop," McLeod said.

"He has a good solid future in the NBL and we are looking forward to seeing him develop further this year after being an understudy to Mat Campbell the past couple of years here."

While his NBL career and trying to help the Hawks win a first championship since 2001 is obviously Demos' number one goal, he continues to be proud of his Indigenous heritage and wants to do everything to help his people in the Illawarra area.

"One of the things off the court I want to continue to do is be a role model to the young Indigenous in the Illawarra,' Demos said.

"I'm proud of my heritage and I want to continue working with the local Indigenous groups. I love my basketball and through the Hawks I'm looking forward to giving back to our community as much as I can."

Forum maps out rugby league

By ALF WILSON



EVERY player from the Torres Strait Islands, Northern Peninsula Area, Central Cape York and Three Rivers League will potentially have the opportunity to represent North Queensland next season following the first ever Indigenous Rugby League Forum held in Cairns.

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division divisional manager Scott Nosworthy said 38

attended the forum, including Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey and Lockhart River's Wavne Butcher.

"They are rugby league enthusiasts and we discussed all topics such as pathways. representative football, development, education, All Blacks carnivals, regional Indigenous advisory councils and

generally how rugby league can work with communities to create change and improvement in many areas," Nosworthy said.

"It was a great day and I think it is a stepping stone to bigger and better things."

The Torres Strait was represented by the Kaiwalagal Rugby League's LJ Shibasaki and Julia Yorkston, and the Outer Island Rugby League's Wayne Guivarra and Rita Kebisu.

Weipa development officer Karl Adams was also there, along with Dave Kennedy (Kowanyama) and veteran referee Rod McCrae.

Three Rivers official Peter Scott was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Nosworthy said the proposed plan was to have representative sides picked from the Torres Strait Islands, the NPA, Central Cape, Three Rivers, Bowen and Palm Island to compete at a Far North Queensland (FNQ) Challenge carnival

in Cairns early in the rugby league season.

"We want to give every player from these remote regions a chance to represent North Queensland. From this carnival a representative side will be picked." Nosworthy said.

He said that the Remote Area Rugby League (RARL) side would then compete against sides from Townsville. Cairns and Mackay at a carnival, possibly in Townsville.

Marlins team selected

"After that, a North Queensland Marlins team would be selected. They would each play two games," he said.

It is proposed that a RARL side would also still play against a Queensland Outback representative team in 2013.

"It will possibly be at the North Queensland Cowboys home ground," Nosworthy said.

These decisions from the forum were set to ratified at the QRL Northern Division annual meeting in Townsville in late

November.

"The dates for the remote area games would be decided when we check what the entire division and the QRL has planned," Nosworthy said.

He said all forum participants were given the opportunity to speak about their

MEANWHILE, Nosworthy and QRL Northern Division independent delegate in charge of juniors Doug Pitt travelled to Palm Island on 30 October for the local league's annual meeting.

Lex Wotton was elected chairman and Norman Bounghi the treasurer.

Mr Wotton replaces long-serving former chairman Ili Dabea, who did not seek

"Palm Island Shire councillors Frank Conway, Mislam Sam and Eddie Walsh were at the meeting, attended by more than 20," Nosworthy said.

Aboriginal culture lives on in Goulburn Valley



MORE than 150 secondary school students attended the third annual Academy of Sport, Health and Education (ASHE) Buroinjin Challenge at Shepparton in Mid-October.

It is organised and run by the ASHE students. The challenge is put to local secondary school students to take on the traditional Indigenous game of Buroinjin.

ASHE manager Phillip Guthrie said the day was a great opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture by playing the traditional Indigenous game

"Buroinjin was originally played with a ball made from kangaroo skin and filled with grass. Two teams take on each other in a 'rugby-style' challenge trying to score goals before getting tagged by the opposition team," said Mr Guthrie.

'We had seven schools from the Goulburn Valley in total participate – Mooroopna Secondary College, Shepparton High School,

Wanganui Park Secondary, Notre Dame College, McGuire College, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Nathalia and St Joseph's College (Echuca).

This year saw division one and two competitions, with the games played in a round-robin style, and the two teams that finished on top playing off in the final.

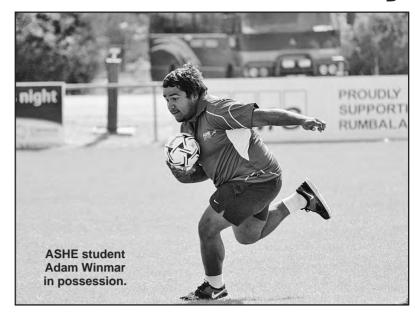
The division two final was played between newcomers St Mary of the Angels and frontrunners Shepparton High School.

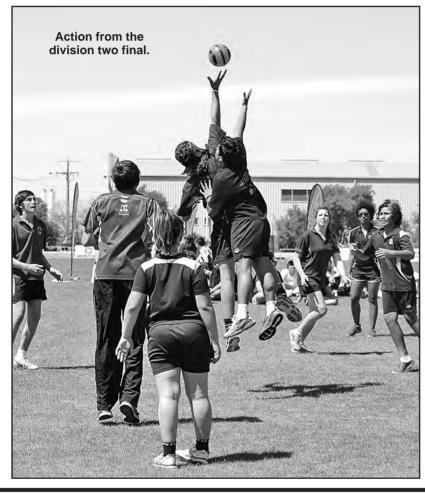
It ended in a tie and an extra ten minutes was played, and Shepparton High School won by one

The division one final was a rematch of last year's final between Shepparton High and McGuire College.

Shepparton High were premiers the previous two years and went into the final hoping for a

In an intense, close defensive game, Shepparton High proved too good.







Division one Buroinjin Challenge premiers Shepparton High School.



● LEFT: Uncle **Lance James** giving the official Welcome to Country.

RIGHT: **Brothers Linsday** Bryant (Div 2) and **Eddie Bryant** (Div 1) hold the premiership shields.



Not Long to go now



ESSENDON Australian football legend Michael Long last week joined Regional Australia Minister Simon Crean in touring the site of the new Michael Long Northern Territory Thunder Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin

Mr Crean was met by AFLNT chairman Ross Coburn and remote projects manager Tavis Perry at TIO Stadium, where construction is expected to start next April.

Mr Crean said the Learning and Leadership Centre represented a major partnership investment in the future of young Indigenous

The project will cost \$15 million and the Commonwealth Government is kicking in with \$11 million.

"This centre is about developing passion for sport, but channelling it into life skills to reinforce the importance of education and closing the gap," Mr Crean said.

"This project joins the dots between having broad benefits for young Territorians, leveraging other funding sources and delivering a strong social and economic

dividend,' Minister Crean said last week.

"It's also another example of a project located in a capital city, but one that services remote centres right across the Territory.'

The project was announced as part of the second round of the \$1 billion Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) - which is focused on leveraged investments.

"RDAF is contributing \$7.5 million, with the remaining \$3.5 million invested through the Aboriginals Benefit Account, which distributes royalties from mining on Aboriginal land," Mr

"This project was unsuccessful in the first round of RDAF, but the applicants learned from the feedback, strengthened the partnership and persisted with the project.'

Michael Long said construction plans would be finalised in the next few weeks and everything was on track for work to start in

"I remain grateful for the continued support provided by the Federal Government, the NT Government, the Aboriginals Benefit Account committee and the AFL, who share my vision and passion for the project," he said.



Michael Long, right, and Federal Minister Simon Crean at the site of the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin last week.

16-year-olds Thurston spotted are All Stars



TWO 16-yearolds are among eight new faces chosen last week in the Indigenous

Women's All Stars squad to play a curtain-raiser to the 2013 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium on 9 February.

Bathurst's Kandy Kennedy, whose father William 'Bubba' Kennedy played for the Balmain Tigers, and Belmont's Nakia Davis-Welsh were named in a 20-person squad, which also includes 36-year-old Teresa

Anderson, from Springfield, Queensland.

The squad was chosen after a trial match at the Gold Coast in mid-November and features eight Queenslanders and 12 NSW

The squad is (*debutants): 1 Teresa Anderson, 36 (Springfield Qld), 2 Kandy Kennedy, 16 (Bathurst NSW), 3 Bianca Ambrum, 23 (Innisfail, Qld), 4 Ashleigh Monkland*, 23 (Inala, Qld) 5 Mahalia Murphy*, 18 (Doonside, NSW), 6 Theresa Anderson, 33 (Hendra, Qld) 7 Amber Saltner, 22, (Bald Hills, Qld) 8 Rebecca Young, 30

(Newcastle, NSW), 9 Naomi Bobongie, 25 (Mackay, Qld), 10 Caitlin Moss*, 19 (Rockhampton, Qld), 11 Emma Young*, 24 (Newcastle, NSW), 12 Ashleigh Singleton, 25 (Cairns, Qld), 13 Natalie Gala, 19 (Bundaberg, Qld), 14 Elsja Mosby, 22 (Injinoo, Qld), 15 Sarah Sailor, 20 (Injinoo, Qld), 16 Eunice Grimes, 26 (Waterloo, NSW), 17 Candice Clay, 21 (Maryland, NSW), 18 Lavina Phillips*, 28 (Alexandria, NSW), 19 Rosie Parsons*, 22 (Mount Isa, Qld), 20 Nakia Davis-Welsh*, 16 (Belmont NSW).

Coach: Dennis Moran: assistant coach: Dean Widders.

at Canterbury



Queensland rugby league superstar Johnathan Thurston (pictured) has met

with Canterbury officials amid speculation about his future when he comes off contract at the end of next season.

News Ltd reported last week that Thurston had been shown around the Bulldogs' Centre of Excellence in Belmore.

Thurston began his career with Canterbury in 2002 and won a premiership in 2004 before moving to Townsville.

Sources close to the 29-yearold say he may be tempted to return to Sydney and possibly Canterbury.

However most believe he will re-sign with the Cowboys, who



remain adamant he'll be staying.

Earlier last week, Thurston was linked to Penrith, but the Panthers released a statement denying they were chasing the five-eighth.

News Ltd said Thurston arrived at the Bulldogs' Belmore facility about 8pm last Wednesday to avoid the media spotlight. - AAP

Buffaloes charge to victory



THE Buffaloes are the holders of the 2012 Nitmiluk Cup after beating the Timber Creek Dingoes in the final of the Super 8s cricket carnival at Katherine.

Eight teams took part and the Katherine South Primary School oval was consumed by a carnival atmosphere.

Other teams competing were Miwatj Health, who travelled down the Central Arnhem Highway from Nhulunbuy, Katherine Rangers, the Kalano Crocs, the Vendale Bats, the Vendale Lightning and the Vic Daly Shire's Pie Chukkas.

The final provided a suitably dramatic climax as the Timber Creek Dingoes fell 37 runs short of the Buffaloes' mammoth target of 105 off their ten overs.

As the Buffaloes deservedly took out the Nitmiluk Cup, the inaugural Tony Tilley Nitmiluk Shield saw the Kalano Crocs narrowly defeated by the Miwatj Health side.

Gove team impressive

The lads from Gove were the youngest side in the competition and won friends on and off the field.

It was fantastic to see the raw talent of these youngsters

The future participation of Kalano will be strongly aided as the community

embarks on their inaugural cricket competition starting in the next few weeks.

Both Vendale sides turned heads over the weekend as it became clear that they possessed some genuine cricketing talent that could be on show at the Imparja Cup in February.

Marcus Rosas again was the host and driving force behind the weekend.

His Rangers side, along with the Pie Chukkas, competed to the last, but the Dingoes and Buffaloes were always going to be the sides to beat.

Results:

Vendale Bats defeated Vendale Lightning.

Vendale Bats 37 all out defeated. by Kalano Crocs 41 all out.

Buffaloes 144/2 defeated Timber Creek Dingoes 83/4.

Pie Chukkas 50 all out defeated by Miwatj Health 51/2. Rangers 54/0 defeated Kalano Crocs

Miwatj Health 43 all out defeated by

Buffaloes 46/0. Vendale Lightning 61 all out defeated by Rangers 68/2.

Timber Creek Dingoes 94/1 defeated Pie Chukkas 84/5. Rangers 65/4 defeated Vendale Bats

Pie Chukkas 72/4 defeated by Buffaloes 78/2.

Kalano Crocs 36/3 defeated by Vendale Lightning 39/2.

Miwatj Health 46/4 defeated by Timber Creek Dingoes 93/2.

Semi-Finals: Timber Creek Dingoes 68/4 defeated Rangers 46/5, Buffaloes



Lewis Lampton, of the Katherine Rangers, plays a cross-bat, but middles the ball.

101/1 defeated Vendale Bats 55/1.

Tony (TJ) Tilley Nitmiliuk Shield final: Miwatj Health 70/1 defeated Kalano Crocs

Nitmiluk Cup Final: Buffaloes 105/2 defeated Timber Creek Dingoes 68 all out.



Daniel from Miwatj Health (Gove) swings at a ball outside the off-stump.



Travis Matlop, from Timber Creek Dingoes, steps down the wicket.



Dwayne Hector, of the Timber Creek Dingoes, swings and misses.

Cool draft from Yalgoo

MAGIG⁹S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THE importance of the AFL Draft to a club's immediate future cannot be under-estimated.

Fresh talent is part of a club's constant challenge to evolve and have a succession plan that enables it to remain competitive from one season to the next.

That is why there is a lot of research, not only into a player's athletic ability, but also their off-field attributes.

Talent is not enough as many potential players found out this week.

The story of the immensely talented Josh Simpson is a case

Freemantle picked the lightning-fast wingman Simpson with its first-round selection.

Simpson, an East Fremantle

product who hails from remote Yalgoo, has barracked for the Dockers all his life and said it would be his dream come true to go to Fremantle.

Although an acknowledged talent, AFL clubs were queuing up to re-interview one of the nation's top draft prospects after learning he was a father.

Lobbing a curve ball into the countdown to Thursday's national draft, recruiters were surprised by news that electrifying wingman Josh Simpson has a one-year-old daughter near Geraldton, Western Australia.

With the help of Simpson's management, the AFL notified clubs of the development in an

While talent chiefs insisted that being a father would not hinder his draft hopes, many wanted to talk to Simpson about the prospect of living away from his daughter, or relocating his family, before they drafted him.

Such is the importance of a top draft pick that clubs have to try to ensure the player will be able to cope with the demands of the jump to the professional level, particularly if they have to relocate from home.

Port Adelaide, Gold Coast and Geelong were believed to be keen on Simpson and had the opportunity to pick him up before Freemantle.

Staying in WA closer to his family may well have been a deciding factor.

The lightning-fast midfielder-forward is highly regarded for his devastating run and carry game, and goal sense. The right-footer blitzed the kicking test at the AFL draft camp, scoring an

equal-high 29 out of 30.

For his part, if Simpson gets his way, he'll put the tiny Outback town of Yalgoo back on the map.

About 500km north-east of Perth, the outpost of about 100 residents is bursting with pride ahead about his emerging career.

Simpson, a proud Yamatji man, was interviewed recently and he showed a maturity and determination that should help him in his quest to become an AFL player.

Simpson is a young man not so much caught between two worlds, but rather enriched by, and grateful for, his experiences in both of them.

Having spent three years at a boarding school in Adelaide on a football scholarship and time in Perth this season playing colts for East Fremantle and representing WA in the national under-18s championships, he appreciates the opportunities he has been

Control switch

"I've kind of got a switch on me or something," Simpson said.

"Once I go back to Perth or wherever, you switch and you're living that life. You come back here, and you switch again. Coming back home, I kind of get back into my old ways," he said.

"Both sides are a lot different. Sometimes our fridges aren't even really that full of food. They're just making it through the week, low on money and that, so being drafted would be good.

"I owe my grandmother a lot, so hopefully once I'm drafted, I can give back to her and also give back to the people in my life and help them out."

He says he was 'given' to his



JOSH SIMPSON

maternal grandmother, Margaret Simpson, when he was two weeks old and he has called her Mum ever since.

The whole town is basically my family," he said.

"There's kind of two big families: the Hodders and the Simpsons and my dad's a Hodder and my mum's a Simpson, so that kind of put me between two big families.

"It's a quiet little place and I like quiet. I'm with the family I've always grown up with and my heart just knows that it's home.

"And it keeps you out of trouble. In the city, I've got a lot of family that likes to go out at night and a lot like to party, so I like to be out here where I'm out of mischief and out of trouble."

His childhood was spent playing barefoot on the street and in a local playground, with a set of monkey bars with openings of about one metre used as the goalposts.

"That kind of made us be accurate kicks," he said.

"You used to skin your toe

here and there, but you'd wake up the next day and want to do it again.'

Simpson has overcome some tough challenges in his life and uses this as motivation.

He was devastated when he was left out of a Sharks' under-16 development squad, despite team-mates from his premiership-winning Mullewa under-14s side being included.

"Me being the captain and winning the grand final, best-and-fairest, I kind of thought I'd have a little chance of going

and then I missed out," he said. "I'm fine with it now. As a kid, it was pretty upsetting."

Shortly after that came personal heartbreak as his six-year-old brother Michael was killed in a horrific road accident after being hit by a truck on the highway that runs past town.

All the turmoil prompted him to chase a fresh start and a scholarship at South Australia's Rostrevor College on the recommendation of a friend.

"The setbacks happened early in my life, at the age of 14, so I had to take in a lot and I had to leave a lot here," he said.

"It was very hard and I didn't know what to do. I sat down and had a good think about it and decided I'd go over and try something new. That actually made me stronger in myself and my ability, just to take new things

"I thought about my young brother - do it for him - and now I'm almost there.'

His story is already inspirational and I will follow his journey with interest.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Bring back Marngrook, says Minister



TASMANIAN Aboriginal Affairs Minister Cassy O'Connor is leading the fight to save the Indigenous TV footy show Marngrook. She is urging the ABC

management to reconsider their decision to axe Marngrook.

"Marngrook is a really funny, tremendously entertaining sports show – but it's also so much more," Ms O'Connor said.

"It's a ground-breaking piece of television that celebrates the sporting achievements of Indigenous Australians and provides people of all backgrounds with an insight into Aboriginal culture.

"Marngrook also gives a strong voice to women - Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal."

The program, produced and hosted by Deadlys award winner Grant Hansen, has a range of panellists, including Magarey Medallist Gilbert McAdam, former Geelong champion Ronnie Burns, two-time All Australian Chris Johnson, former Swans and Carlton player Alan Thorpe and reporters Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelley Ware.

"The ABC should be proud to host such a wonderful, deeply Australian program," Ms O'Connor said.

"But instead, they appear to have chosen ratings or merchandising value over the great contribution a program like this can make to Australian culture.

"As the national broadcaster, I would



The Marngrook Footy Show crew, from left, Ronnie Burns, Shelley Ware, Gilbert McAdam, host Grant Hansen, Leila Gurruwiwi, Alan Thorpe, and Chris Johnson.

have thought the ABC would support a program like this – a program that nourishes Australia's heart, promotes the contribution Indigenous Australians make and reflects the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to our national

'Short-sighted'

"Instead, they have made what I believe is an extremely short-sighted decision.

"I would urge ABC director Mark Scott and the ABC board to properly consider the wonderful contribution a program like this makes to our culture, let common sense prevail and bring Marngrook back to our television screens next year."

Meanwhile, historian John Hirst has taken the ABC to task for axing Marngrook.

Writing in The Australian, Hirst says the show has a recognisable Aboriginal tone and in essence is Aboriginal people talking about a game in which they excel.

He says the ABC is citing costs as the reason for axing the show.

But in Hirst's opinion, these costs are

"If the ABC takes seriously its obligations to Indigenous people, it would do anything rather than kill this show," Hirst says.

"The ABC and the Government should adopt this fundamental principle - where there is Aboriginal initiative, nurture it.

"Billions have been spent on Aboriginal

programs that have not worked. It may be time to spend only on projects that work."

The ABC's audience and consumer affairs spokesman Kevin McAlinden told the Koori Mail the decision to stop production of the program after two seasons was not taken lightly.

"The ABC takes a number of factors into consideration when producing or acquiring programs - whether the program is distinctive, the level of audience engagement and interest in the program, and the costs involved in producing or acquiring the program," he said.

Limited audience

"Regrettably, despite the show's distinctiveness, there was limited audience interest in The Marngrook Footy Show and in spite of moving the timeslot of the show from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in 2012, the program was unable to find a sustainable audience

"Considering the high production costs for the program, ABC2's finite resources. and the fact that across pay and free-to-air television there are 18 footy shows in total, the ABC had to make the decision that our audience is better served by us investing elsewhere in other programs.

"Nonetheless, the ABC acknowledges that the program had a core of devoted followers who watched the program each

Nunga netball is on the rise

Story and pictures by PÉTER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS netball is growing at an impressive rate if the third annual South Australian Nunga netball carnival is a guide.

With a vision to 'create and develop sustainable

pathways within the South Australian netball community, along with increasing participation of Aboriginal people in netball, and produce elite Aboriginal netballers and administrators', the Nunga carnival was held on Saturday 17 November at Argana Parkcourts in the Adelaide suburb of Elizabeth.

The brainchild of former Netball SA state level premiership player Vanessa Wilson, the tournament brings top-level junior Indigenous talent together in four grades from 11 to 17 and under, and selection in special development squads.

"There was plenty of exciting young talent on display," Wilson told the Koori

"Heading up the selectors were SASI coach and 19 and under State coach Megan Carter and State League players past and present, Aboriginal development coaches and Oakdale Netball Club junior development

"This year we added the 17 and under grade and we had more than 200 players," Wilson said.

"It is growing and the need is there. "Teams that participated were Kaurna, Bookyana, Raukkan, Ravens, Black Panthers and Port Lincoln.

"The inaugural Elders' lunch and match was held this year.

"It will occur from now on, as we want to acknowledge our Elders in netball and get them to enjoy the day.

"We presented best and fairest awards for each team, plus an overall winner and runner-up for each grade," Vanessa Wilson said.

The four Grand Final matches were all quality contests.

In the 17 and under decider, it was an all-Raukkan affair in, with the strong attack of the Raukkan 2 side being the difference.

Port Lincoln was the dominant team in the 15 and under final, with Zaneeta Walsh being a pivotal performer at goal

Winners and losers

Raukkan held on against Kaurna in the 13 and under competition, while Kaurna reversed fortunes in the 11 and under competition.

Wilson's former team-mate, Dallas Kennedy and current captain of the Phoenix side was involved with her charity Butterfly Movement.

The founder and director of the charity said its aim was to provide shoes to people in Australia, who were disadvantaged because they did not have shoes to participate in activities, including sport, schooling and employment.

A number of girls at the carnival appreciated the Butterfly Movement's

Grand finals: 17 and under, Raukkan 2 defeated Raukkan 1; 15 and under,

Port Lincoln defeated Kaurna; 13 and under. Raukkan defeated Kaurna: 11 and under, Kaurna defeated Ravens 2.

Under 17 best and fairest, I O'Loughlin (Black Panthers); 15 and under, S Weetra (Raukkan); 13 and under, A Schmick (Kaurna); 11 and under, K Agius (Kaurna).

Top Ten - Development teams: 17 and under: Tori Wilson (Raukkan), Elly Wilson (Raukkan), Tamika Karpany (Raukkan), Alex Coe (Raukkan), Nekia Wilson (Raukkan), Kalesha Crain (Kaurna), Adeline Wilson (Raukkan), Kiara Pring (Kaurna), Chantel Weetra (Raukkan), Elly Taylor (Raukkan).

15 and under: Zaneeta Walsh (Pt Lincoln), Montannah Double (Pt Lincoln), Chelsea Platt (Kaurna), Tayla Kropinyeri (Pt Lincoln), Tarlina Flavel (Pt Lincoln), Gabrial Millar (Kaurna), Amekia Rigney (Raukkan), Kieota Milligan (Pt Lincoln), Narsheka Sian Jones (Kaurna), Latisha Branson (Bookyana).

13 and under: Kiara Agius (Kaurna), Alannah Aldenhoven (Kaurna), Katie Aspel (Raukkan), Skyeisha Rigney (Raukkan), Janika Newchurch (Bookyana), Gina Mansfield (Raukkan). Helena Norton (Kaurna), Janaye Grose (Black Panthers), Rikeisha Miller (Black Panthers), Nasya Turner (Ravens).

11 and under: Chole Milera (Kaurna), Olivia Agius (Kaurna), Illara O'Loughlin (Black Panthers), Ashanti Phillips (Kaurna), Thalia Gollan (Raukkan), Tanaya Wanganeen (Kaurna), Miah Jones (Kaurna), Colleen Karpany (Raukkan), Shanika Bilney (Black Panthers), Alkira Goldsmith (Black Panthers).



11 and under overall best and fairest Kiara Agius (Kaurna).



17 and under best and fairest Illanya O'Loughlin (Black Panthers).



One of the exciting performers in the carnival was Port Lincoln goal attack Zanetta Walsh.



Members of the 17 and under development squad for 2012.







Kaurna's Maih Jones defends in the game against Ravens.



Bookyana shooter Kirah Taylor moved to centre and looked impressive.



Port Lincoln mid-courter Gabrial Millar passes the ball.



Bookyana wing defence

Jessie

Pike-Weetra.

Here comes the next generation

By PETER ARGENT



THREE Aboriginal players with a history in South Australian football - Tim Sumner, Brad Hartman and expat West Australian Josh Simpson

were added to Australian Football League (AFL) ranks at the 2012 National Draft on the Gold Coast last Thursday.

Simpson, who played in the 2012 national under 18s titles with Western Australia, donned a Croweaters jumper in their under-age program in 2011, while going to the prestigious Adelaide football college, Rostrevor.

He was collected by the Fremantle Dockers, with their initial first-round selection, number 17, after spending the recently completed season with East Fremantle in the WAFL.

Senior coach Ross Lyon said the outcome of the draft was a positive one for the club.

"We went in with a view that we wanted some height on our list and a young tall defender or forward with some real speed and line-breaking ability," he

"Josh Simpson is an exciting talent, with a strong running capacity and skill

"He has all the skills that are required and we are looking forward to getting him and making the most of that talent."

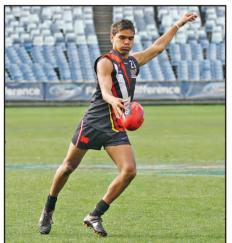
Dockers supporter

Simpson hails from remote Yalgoo and has barracked for the Dockers all his life.

The younger sibling of one-game Sydney Swans footballer Byron, Tim Sumner was snapped up by the Gold Coast Suns.

They selected him with their third round pick, number 55.

Sumner had a meteoric rise this year. After spending the 2011 season with



Jake Neade. Image Peter Argent



Gold Coast Suns' 17-year-old priority pick Jack Martin. Image: Peter Argent

Woodville South in amateur football, he played all three grades in the SANFL competition and debuted at League level alongside his brother against Sturt in early September.

A strong marking forward with good pace for his size, Sumner can win his own football and is clean with his ball handling

"Tim Sumner has some X factor. We back our young players and we were trying to get someone who has something a bit different," Suns list manager Scott

"He can play forward and back and I have seen him take great marks, land like a cat, and kick great goals.

"And I have seen him play in defence and run it out and be very creative.

"He's young and needs to work hard, he's got a big change ahead of him and it's going to be exciting."

One of the left-field selections taken late in the draft was Murray Bridge Ramblers talent Brad Hartman.

Collected by a club noted for their ability to pluck innovative late selections who become long-term AFL footballers, Hartman was selected in round four at selection number 77 by the Geelong

He spent the majority of this season playing with Sturt at under 18s level, and being promoted for one reserves game.

He is seen as a player with the ability to break games open and

impact on the scoreboard.

In his 18 matches this year, Hartman kicked 52 goals as a key lead-up forward. He also impressed in the SA State screening in mid-October.

Brad Dick was upgraded from rookie status with the West Coast's number four, 79th selection.

Four Indigenous talents were pre-listed before the draft: Jake Neade, Jack Martin, Dominic Barry and Jed Anderson.

Neade is off to Port Adelaide and Martin as a 17-year-old priority was picked by the Gold Coast Suns.

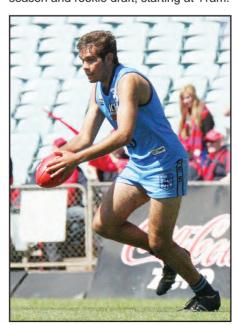
GWS Giants pocket rocket Neade, a Northern Territory zone selection and another player were pre-traded to Port Adelaide for its round two selection.

Complicated

In a complicated trade, the GWS Giants also exchanged another NT zone selection Dominic Barry along with its trade incentive selection and its round one compensation selection to Melbourne for a pair of round one

The Hawks added to its Indigenous contingent when it secured Northern Territory captain Jed Anderson, a polished and exciting midfielder pre-listed by Greater Western Sydney.

There are two more opportunities for prospective talents to make it to the AFL list on 11 December, at the AFL preseason and rookie draft, starting at 11am.



Geelong draftee from Sturt - Brad Hartman. Image: Peter Argent



Tim Sumner playing for the South Australian under 18s this year. Image: Peter Argent



Jed Anderson in the colours of the Northern Territory.





Shooting stars

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist PRESTON CAMPBELL

ONE of the great innovations of the All Stars concept was the introduction of the women's game.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have not only been great fans of the game, but have been a significant part of the growth of female involvement in actually playing the game.

Some of the best games I have seen have been at Indigenous carnivals when the girls have had the opportunity to show

Despite the increased opportunities for women and girls in the game, there is still a lot to be done.

I see my role as part of the ARL Indigenous Council – to promote and support the role of women in our game and in our communities - and hope that we can make a difference.

I know there are a lot of NRL players who support me in this and am pleased to see Dean Widders has joined his cousin Denis Moran on the coaching staff for the upcoming All Stars match.

Two 16-year-olds are among eight new faces chosen in the Indigenous Women's All Stars squad to play a curtain-raiser to the 2013 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game at Suncorp Stadium on 9

Bathurst's Kandy Kennedy, whose father William 'Bubba' Kennedy played for the Balmain Tigers, and Belmont's Nakia Davis-Welsh were named in a 20-person squad, which also includes 36-year-old Teresa Anderson from Springfield, Queensland.

Bubba Kennedy is a legendary figure in Indigenous rugby league and if his daughter has inherited his talent, she will be one to

It is great to see so many communities represented in the team.

The squad was chosen after a trial match at the Gold Coast the weekend before last and features eight Queenslanders and 12 NSW players.

The weekend was a great event in its own right, with the participants sharing their personal stories as part of a personal development component of the weekend.

I know that Deano felt privileged to be part of the weekend.

Just as importantly, he and Denis were

impressed with the talent on display and the selectors had a difficult task in finalising

I hope the girls who missed out on selection are not devastated and continue

I know what it feels like to miss out on selection, but always found the joy of playing the game at any level quickly helped me overcome these disappointments.

It is important that we show our support for the women as much as the men and I would encourage you all to get to Suncorp Stadium in time to watch this game as well as the under 16s clash.

Tamou popular choice

MEANWHILE, interest in the selection of the NRL All Stars team continues to grow as the voting process approaches its second stage.

Just seven months after making his langaroos and Blues debuts, James Tamou looks set to add NRL All Stars to his list of representative honours, with the Cowboys prop among the leaders in the first stage of public voting for the 2013 team to play on February 9.

Tamou is in fourth place with more than 7900 votes, 500 behind overall leader Jarryd Hayne (Eels), and narrowly trailing Akuila Uate (Knights) and Brett Morris (Dragons).

Morris' twin brother Josh (Bulldogs), and the Storm's premiership-winning Kangaroos and Maroons stars Billy Slater and Cooper Cronk are also polling well and feature in the top ten in overall voting for the NRL All Stars team for the 2013 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match.

"It's very humbling to have so much support from the fans," Tamou said.

"It's a bit of a shock really.

"I'd love to play in the All Stars game so hopefully the votes keep coming in."

Tamou had an outstanding season and is the model for the modern prop with his pace and agility matching his size and strength.

He will be part of a 'shortlist' of 64 players (top two forwards and two backs from each club) will be announced for stage two voting.

This final voting stage opens 10 December and closes on 14 January, with the public having to choose only one player from each club.

The top ten players for the 2013 NRL All Stars in stage one voting so far are:

1 Jarryd Hayne (Eels), 2 Akuila Uate (Knights), 3 Brett Morris (Dragons), 4 James Tamou (Cowboys), 5 Billy Slater (Storm), 6 Fuifui Moimoi (Eels), 7 Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), 8 Josh Morris (Bulldogs), 9 Cooper Cronk (Storm), 10 Michael Jennings (Panthers).

Players surviving after stage two will join NRL All Stars captain and New Zealand skipper Benji Marshall and Australian captain Cameron Smith, who are automatic selections.

Coach Wayne Bennett and the NRL All Stars coaching staff select the remaining two players to form the final 20-man squad.

Already they have the basis of a great team, but I remain confident that the Indigenous team will be ready to square the

It would be great if this was to follow a win in the women's game as well.

I will be there with all the fans barracking for our three teams.

See you at the game!

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Trail-blazing Aboriginal golfer Scott Gardiner is:

Off to US PGA Tour



Gardiner hopes to be a role model after capping years of toil by

becoming the first Aborigine to collect a United States **Professional Golf Association** (PGA) Tour card.

Gardiner was joined by fellow Australians Cameron Percy and Alistair Presnell in graduating from the secondary web.com Tour to golf's richest stage after the trio finished inside the top 25 of the money list following the season-ending Tour Championship.

Percy, who finished 13th on the list returns to the big stage after stints in 2010 and 2011, while Gardiner (15th) and Presnell (23rd) are heading up for the first time.

For 36-year-old Gardiner, the promotion has been a long time coming, having finished 30th on the secondary tour money list in 2007 and 2009 and an agonising 26th in 2010 where a late double bogey in the last round left him just over \$2000 short of a tour card.
"It's great to officially be in,"

Gardiner said.

"I've been pretty comfortable for a while which has allowed me to enjoy the last few events this year and now I can't wait for January to get out there on the big stage and play with some of the guys I've known and seen make the transition for years.

"There is certainly some relief. Until you actually get there, you never really know if you're ever going to make it.

"I have had some really close calls in the past... But now I am there and it's a big thrill for me and my parents who are over here this week and who always supported my dreams.'

Gardiner, born of Aboriginal mother Gloria, from a community near the tiny northwest NSW town of Goodooga,

20km south of the Queensland border, and Scottish father, hoped to inspire others as the first Indigenous Australian to represent on golf's biggest stage.

"I am very proud... it's a great feeling," he said.

"Golf has become more popular the past 10-15 years with Tiger Woods bringing attention to the game and in turn more Aboriginal people are aware of it.

"There was a great program I was in right before I turned pro with the National Aboriginal **Sports Corporation Association** which really helped me a lot in my development.

"Hopefully, I can help inspire a few others to go for a career in golf and I hope I can be a role model.'

Having waited so long to earn his chance, Gardiner was adamant he wouldn't waste it.

Short season

The 2013 US PGA Tour season will be a short one, starting in January but ending early with a new wrap-around schedule due to start the following season from September or October.

This gives rookies, and everyone else, less time to play well and find a place inside the top 125 on the money list to secure their futures.

"I have to make sure I get into the season early and do what I know I am capable of doing," Gardiner said.

"But I'm excited to start in Hawaii in January and before then I can now head back to Australia and play in the Australian Open and Australian PGA on two of my favourite golf courses (The Lakes and Coolum), something I have been unable to do for some time.'

"I have a great respect for my heritage and the athletes we have produced," Gardiner said. Gardiner, 36, grew up

idolising rugby league players Cliff Lyons and Laurie Daley.

His journey to the PGA Tour encompassed stints at the NSW Institute of Sport before he turned professional with the help of NASCA - the Aboriginal body headed by former rugby league player David Liddiard.

"He had the talent," Liddiard told The Australian.

"He could always play. He's one of the most laid-back guys you would ever meet. We saw the potential there and wanted to support him. His temperament was amazing. Nothing fazed him."

- With AAP

Aboriginal golfer Scott Gardiner blasts from the pond at the 13th hole during the first round of the **Nationwide Tour's Stadion Classic** tournament in Athens, east of Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2011. - AP image

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Christian sidelined after outbursts



SOUTH Australia has suspended cricket all-rounder Dan Christian for repeated incidents of damaging change rooms when dismissed.

Christian missed the Redbacks' Sheffield Shield game against Victoria in Melbourne that started last Friday after being banned for ill discipline.

SA Cricket Association director of cricket Jamie Cox said Christian had damaged change rooms on three occasions after being dismissed this season.

"Everyone experiences pressure and disappointment at work, but that is not an excuse for bad tempered behaviour that includes damaging property," Cox said.

He said Christian's behaviour was not in keeping with the values and standards required

"While playing against the Tasmanian Tigers at Adelaide Oval, Daniel was given a verbal

warning for damaging the change rooms after he was dismissed," Cox said.

"This ill-disciplined behaviour post-dismissal occurred again in Hobart, where the Blundstone Arena change rooms were also damaged, and at that time Daniel was given a written warning and was fined his match fee.

"On both occasions he has apologised and paid for the cost of repairs.

"Disappointingly, despite these two prior warnings, a similar incident occurred after a dismissal in Perth for a third consecutive time.

"While in isolation, none of these incidents are hanging offences, the cumulative effect has seen this action as necessary.

"Daniel has an obligation to himself, his team-mates and to cricket to uphold the values and standards of our team and the game."

"Daniel's repeated inability to curb his behaviour after he is dismissed leads us to believe that some time away from State cricket will be of benefit to him." - With AAP

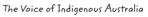
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30 January: The big fight



DANIEL Geale's International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight world title defence against fellow Australian Anthony

Mundine will take place on 30 January at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

The two have already met once before, with Mundine inflicting Geale's only loss as a professional, by winning a points decision in 2009.

Geale, still smarting from remarks a few weeks earlier by Mundine about Geale's Aboriginality, has vowed to even the score by knocking Mundine out.

He will be making the fourth defence of the title he won from Germany's Sebastian Sylvester last year.

Stripped of WBA belt

The IBF will be the only belt on the line as Geale was recently stripped of his World Boxing Association (WBA) title for opting to fight Mundine instead of his mandatory opponent.

This is the fight Australia wants to see and I'm thrilled it will take place in my home town of Sydney," Geale said.

It will be Mundine's eighth professional fight at the Sydney Entertainment centre.

"I made my pro debut and won my first world title here, it's a special place for me," Mundine said.

"It's been a long time since I've fought in Sydney and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to defend my title in front of the fans who have supported me on my quest to become the best middleweight in the world".

The announcement marked a homecoming for Mundine, who will returns to his 'spiritual home' as a professional.

"I've had some of my best fights in this venue and I can't wait to get back here



Boxer Anthony Mundine gestures what his intentions are towards Daniel Geale at a press conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 14 November to promote their IBF world title bout on 30 January 2013. Image: Newspix

again on 30 January," Mundine said.

"I made my pro debut and won my first world title here, it's a special place for me and in January I'm gonna write another

chapter in my legacy by stopping Daniel Geale."

Mundine is a former WBA and International Boxing Organisation (IBO)

world champion in the middleweight and super middleweight divisions.

Tickets for the fight are available through www.ticketmaster.com.au

Chasing hat-trick



NSW captain Jeff Cook takes a back seat as match hero Pat Rosser is greeted by team-mates after his explosive innings that steered the Blues to a comprehensive win over Queensland in the final of the 2-12 Imparja Cup in Alice Springs. Image: Graham Hunt



NEW South Wales will blood two newcomers in their 13-man squad to defend cricket's Imparja

Cup in Alice Springs next February.

Last year's captain Jeff Cook again will lead the Blues as they chase their third successive Imparja Cup starting on 17

Cook, who is a former New South Wales Country captain, will lead a squad full of talent.

Included are two debutants -Lain Beckett and Harrison Kelly. Beckett, is a Cricket NSW under 17 Academy squad member from Illawarra, while Kelly is a former NSW under 17 captain from the Central North region.

The NSW squad has ten players returning from last season's championships.

NSW SpeedBlitz Blues bowler Josh Lalor was not considered due to State matches being on during the period of the championships.

Cook is one of the most experienced Aboriginal cricketers, having played county cricket in England, primarily for Northamptonshire.

He had earlier stints with Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

In 2001, Cook acted as a substitute fielder for England in a Test match against Pakistan at

Lord's Cricket Ground in the absence of injured England captain Nasser Hussain.

Following his retirement from professional cricket and return to Australia, Cook discovered he was of Kamilaroi descent.

The 13-man NSW squad for the Imparja Cup is: Jack Manning-Bancroft (Uni of NSW), Lain Beckett (Illawarra), Dan Caldwell (Mosman), Jeff Cook (Wests capt), Damien Duroux (North West Svdnev). Andrew Gordon (Wests), Kris Halloran (Central North), Harrison Kelly (Central North), Aaron Muir (St George), Nathan Price (Randwick-Petersham), Pat Rosser (Western), Tyrone Thomas (Southern), Jake Turner (Easts).

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