



Stolen pay blow



THE Queensland Government says it won't pay any more stolen wages, despite claims from hundreds of elderly Indigenous victims and pleas from unions and others.

The Government's stance – made clear to the *Koori Mail* by a spokesman for Premier Campbell

Queensland Government unmoved by pleas from wages claimants

Newman – has come as a blow to many aged Indigenous former workers in the lead-up to what shapes as a bleak Christmas.

They say they have been left thousands of dollars out of pocket after their wages 'disappeared', and high and dry by a scheme that

has paid some claimants, but denied others.

In a statement effectively saying 'so sue us', Mr Campbell's

spokesperson said: "The Government has no intention of re-opening the (stolen wages) issue. People who feel they have a legitimate, unaddressed compensation claim for losses they have suffered as a result of historical practices have the right to pursue remedies through the legal processes."

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DANCER Matty Shields had the crowd in the palm of his hand when he took up pole position during the 2012 'Strut the Streets' (STS) event in Sydney's Martin Place during lunchtime on Friday. This year, it attracted more than 500 'strutters' and raised more than \$100,000 for AIME's programs. Essentially, STS gives supporters of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) a chance to have some fun while raising much-needed funds. By drumming up sponsorship and then strutting together in their swimmers, supporters send a message that they are willing to go to any lengths to see the day when Indigenous kids finish school at the same rate as every Australian child. AIME is a Sydney-based charity that connects Indigenous kids and university students in NSW, Queensland and Victoria. It is seeking to expand its programs to Western Australia and South Australia in 2013. Getty image

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My FAMILY PELE BENNET – Brisbane, Qld

Pele Bennet and her husband Leaf (holding Leaf Jnr, 3) and Wilson, aged 17. In front are Jangala, 12, and Kuanga, 8.



MY husband Leaf and I live in Brisbane with our four beautiful children – Wilson, Jangala, Kuanga and Leaf Jnr.

My husband Leaf is a proud Murri man; a direct descendent of the Bidhala-Dambari and Ghutahri-Waapa clans of the Gubbi Gubbi Nation from the Cooloola coastal and Mary Valley region of Qld. He is also a descendent of the Kullali people from far western Qld, around the Thargomindah region.

Leaf also holds a spiritual connection to the community of Cherbourg where his old people were removed from country and placed at the turn of the last century.

I am a proud Torres Strait Islander woman and a direct descendent of the Waggadagam clan from Moa Island.

We both have a deep-seated connection to the Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and work with and for our people in the areas of health, education, sports, community engagement and community cultural development.

Our eldest son Wilson is an accomplished rugby union and rugby league player, who has represented Qld and regions in both sports and is now contracted to NRL's Melbourne Storm after his graduation from high school. Wilson is going to university and looks forward to studying business

and sports management in the new year.

Jangala is also an accomplished athlete and has represented the state and region in sports including rugby league and touch footy, and also loves basketball. He recently gained entry into a prestigious college in Brisbane based on his academic and sporting achievements, and is about to graduate from Year 7.

Kuanga is our only daughter and she's also very sporty. She plays tennis and touch football, and loves to sing and dance.

LJ (Leaf Jnr) is the baby of the family and is already starting to display natural talents when it comes to sports and music.

We run a small family business called Natural Talents, which is a sports and cultural management company designed to develop pathways for Indigenous people of all ages using sports and culture as the tool.

We have always encouraged our children to participate in and practice culture.

Whether traditionally (both island song and dance, and mainland song and dance) for family gatherings and in the public eye for community events, this is what underpins our family, and we have a deep respect for our ancestors by keeping our culture alive through traditional song and dance that have been passed down from generation to generation.

OUR CHILDREN



From back left, Sasha Gyemore, Shaykeeda Bell and Clarissa Chapman, and front, Jakada Gadd, Rhonda Walsh and Dameka Jacobs performed island dances at a recent student graduation at Murgon in central Queensland. See page 49 for more on the graduation. Photo courtesy of Marcus Priaulx

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Mary Christmas from our 'Queen'



SHE gets away with saying all kinds of things that us mere mortals

could only dream about and that's one of the reasons why Mary G has been so effective at communicating sensitive and serious health messages.

But after 20 years in the public eye, the undisputed Queen of the Kimberley and 'aunty' still knows how to have fun.

Last week, she got into the spirit of a bush Christmas near her hometown of Broome, along with Noongar/Yamatji pal and 'elf' Gerry Lyndon.

"He's my new toy boy," Mary G explained.

"He carries my bags, does my laundry and scratches my back.

"He's a very lucky young man. Oh yes, I know! Ha ha, whaddayow!!"

● See page 21 for more on 20 years of Mary G and her longtime collaborator Mark Bin Bakar.

Photo by PETER STRAIN

NITV's big day is here



THE big day has finally arrived for the nation's first dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander television service.

National Indigenous Television (NITV) will officially go free-to-air on the SBS4 digital spectrum from noon today, making it available to all Australians.

To celebrate, NITV will broadcast a day of special programming including two live outdoor broadcasts from Uluru in

the Northern Territory, news and current affairs specials, children's programming and film.

"We're excited to invite Australians of all backgrounds to tune in, and join us in celebrating our rich and unique culture," said NITV's Tanya Denning.

The official 'switch on' at midday – the *From the Heart of Our Nation* broadcast to be hosted by Indigenous broadcasters Stan Grant and Rhoda Roberts – will be followed by a special episode of current affairs program *Living Black*,

examining the history of Indigenous broadcasting in Australia and the changing face of the media landscape.

At 3pm, NITV will screen its daily Australian children's programs, followed at 5.30pm by a special edition of NITV News.

From 7.30pm on NITV and simulcast on SBS ONE, there'll be highlights from the *From the Heart of Our Nation* broadcast followed, at 8pm, by a sunset concert at Uluru, hosted by Ernie Dingo and featuring a host of Indigenous stars.



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It's official – Shane really is a local hero



INDIGENOUS leader Shane Phillips has always been a local hero, and now it's official.

A respected member of the Redfern Aboriginal community, Mr Phillips has been named New South Wales Local Hero 2013 in the state's Australian of the Year Awards.

He was recognised for his involvement in issues including juvenile justice and Aboriginal deaths in custody.

He is the chief executive of the Tribal Warrior Association, a non-profit organisation directed by Aboriginal people and Elders that offers training for employment and helps at the grassroots level with

emergency relief for struggling families.

He also operates a mentoring program to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

According to his award citation, Mr Phillips is also credited with improving the relationship between his community and the police.

Award

"Since the 2009 introduction of the Clean Slate Without Prejudice program run in collaboration with the police, the number of robberies committed by young Indigenous people has declined by 80 per cent," the citation said.

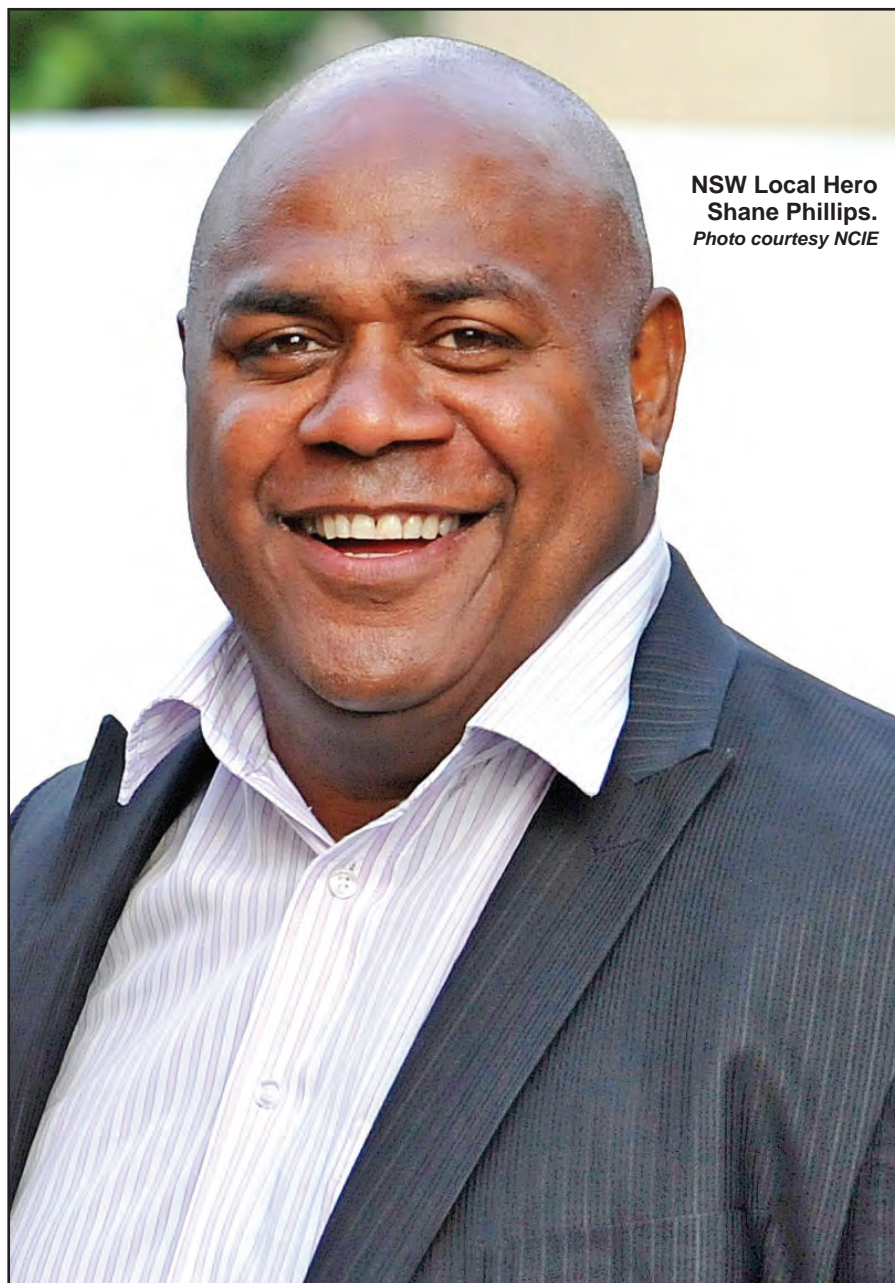
Born and raised in Redfern, Mr Phillips

was described as an outstanding community leader, respected for his great integrity and capacity to work hard and get things done.

He will join recipients from the other States and Territories as finalists for the national awards to be announced in Canberra on 25 January next year.

Program director for the National Australia Day Council Tam Johnston said the NSW award recipients were achieving extraordinary things both at home and on the international stage.

"This year's award recipients are an inspiration to everyone, showing what remarkable feats New South Welshmen can achieve," she said.



NSW Local Hero
Shane Phillips.
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Fears held for future of embassy



A COMMUNITY meeting has been called for today at the Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy,

following reports that the site in Musgrave Park is to be shut down.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said last Thursday that the removal of the tent embassy had been called for by Elders who unanimously supported the move at a special meeting at city hall the previous day.

Mr Quirk said the Elders were concerned about increased levels of violence at the site and an accumulation of rubbish.

"One of the Elders' problems with the whole embassy now is that it's lacking adult supervision," he told the ABC.

"As a result, it has moved away from the original



A sign at the Brisbane embassy.

sovereign embassy and what its activities and operations were."

Not everyone was happy, though, and the Lord Mayor said there had been a verbal confrontation between some occupants of the tent embassy

and Elders. "It's in a mark-time situation at the moment and I'm waiting for Elders to come back to me to see what the next step will be," Mr Quirk said.

"In the end the Indigenous community has to work this out. It's up to them."

After Mr Quirk's comments were reported, embassy spokesman Wayne Wharton called today's meeting with a statement declaring 'The embassy remains in Musgrave Park and the Sacred Fire continues to burn strong'.

Today's meeting at Musgrave Park, 121 Cordelia St, South Brisbane was scheduled to begin at 10am.

Relations with authorities have been strained after the council ordered hundreds of police to remove the embassy earlier this year to make way for a major Greek festival. It was relocated to another position in the park. – **With AAP**

So sue us, Queensland Premier tells stolen wages claimants

Story and photos by Townsville correspondent ALF WILSON



THE Queensland Government is adamant it will pay no more stolen wages claims despite hundreds of the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elderly still being

owed money.

Stolen Wages is a campaign conducted by the Qld Council of Unions (QCU) to seek the full payment of the promised reparations of \$55.4 million for wages withheld from Indigenous workers for decades of the last century.

The QCU wants the Government to pay all outstanding claims, and union officials have met with claimants throughout the State in recent months.

But a spokesman for Premier Campbell Newman has told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Newman has written to the QCU saying the Government will pay no more claims.

"The question of reparation for historical wages and savings issues was settled and closed by the previous State Government," the spokesperson said.

"Excess funds after almost 6000 claims were paid were invested in a perpetual trust. Interest from that trust is used to provide educational scholarships for Indigenous students to complete high school. Since 2009, 400 scholarships have been provided.

"The Government has no intention of re-opening the issue. People who feel they have a legitimate, unaddressed compensation claim for losses they have suffered as a result of historical practices have the right to pursue remedies through the legal process."

On 11 October, a meeting of the Brisbane Stolen Wages Action Group resolved to write to the Premier requesting a meeting with Elders, and insisting that, until the Stolen Wages issue is resolved, Mr Newman should stop wearing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag pins.

A meeting of the Mackay Stolen Wages Action Group two weeks later also resolved to write to the Premier criticising his Government's lack of action.



From left, Mary Twaddle and Kathy Starlight from Palm Island, union official Les Moffitt, Agnes Cresbrook from Woorabinda, Arthur Ahwang from Mackay, Millianna Davey and Mamam Martin from Townsville.

At the latest meeting of claimants in Townsville on 30 November, emotions ran high as claimants spoke of the angst they felt about non payment of monies owed to them, especially in the lead up to the festive season.

The meeting, organised by the QCU to brief Elders, was held at St Theresa's Catholic Church in Townsville. QCU Townsville branch president Les Moffitt said attendees came from throughout the state, including from the Torres Strait Islands, Cape York, and west to Mount Isa and south to Brisbane.

Before the meeting began, many Elders told the *Koori Mail* they were worried they would die before any payment was made.

Mary Twaddle, aged in her 80s, said she was owed stolen wages from working on Palm Island. "The way it is going, I will be dead long before I get what is owed to

me. Payment before Christmas would help us a lot," she said.

Kathy Starlight said she had outstanding stolen wages from her days working as a domestic on Palm Island.

"It is our money but we have not been paid," she said.

Various jobs

Agnes Cresbrook said she worked in various jobs at Woorabinda, including at the hospital starting as a 17-year-old.

"I was paid the first two instalments but not the remainder," she said.

Millianna Davey, 71, of Darnley Island descent, says she is owed wages from her days working at the Thursday Island hospital. "We just want what is owed to us," she said.

Murray Island lady Mamam Martin, 67, said she desperately wanted money

owed to her from work at Native Affair Departments on Thursday Island.

Fay Thimble, 63, said she lived on a pension and was owed money from work she did on Palm Island.

Ernest Burns, 79, is ill and said he was owed wages from his work on Palm Island as a young man.

One of the most publicised cases of stolen wages involves Thursday Island-born identical twins Paul and Arthur Ahwang, 77, who worked together on a pearling lugger off Mackay, free diving to collect pearl shells and doing deckhand duties from the age of 13.

Paul Ahwang has received his wages but Arthur hasn't been paid, even though they did the same job. Arthur travelled from Mackay for the meeting while Paul, who lives in Townsville, was too ill to attend.

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Inquiry action urged

Peak organisations call for Indigenous commissioner



AN Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commissioner should be

appointed to the proposed royal commission into child sexual abuse to ensure the effective participation of Indigenous victims, top organisations say.

National peak bodies SNAICC (the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care) and NATSILS (the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services) have also called for the commission to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the

Child as the basis of its work.

NATSILS chairman Shane Duffy said it was critical that human rights principles framed the commission's work so that the special and unique rights of children were at the forefront of everyone's minds throughout the inquiry and to ensure that well-established human rights standards were applied.

Both organisations said the terms of reference should specifically include the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their parents and placed in institutions.

And they said the commission



NATSILS chairman Shane Duffy

should also consider the establishment of reparations tribunals for victims of child sexual abuse while in state and public institutions, as well as providing counselling and other support

services for victims and their families.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a long and traumatic history with both public and private institutions," Mr Duffy said.

"The royal commission provides an important opportunity for those who were placed under their authority to obtain recognition for the abuse that was commonly perpetrated against them. It will also contribute to a process which we hope will bring about improved policies to prevent such abuse occurring in the future and more robust responses to ensure accountability when it does."

SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said the commission faced many challenges, including arriving at recommendations that sought to heal at the community level.

"Understanding the extent of

the abuse and the levels of cover up is important, although the victim/survivors of the abuse already know much of this. The real challenge will be finding ways forward, to heal individuals, to heal communities and to heal the past so that people can move into the future with a strong sense of resolution," Ms Williams said.

"For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – the systematic society-wide destruction, denigration and impoverishment generation after generation – the task of healing will be more complex and take longer than for most."

"Given that for Aboriginal people, individuals cannot be separated from family and family from community, the commission needs to talk about redress and the long journey ahead for restitution for whole communities, not just the individuals most directly involved."

Cooms to serve as member on title tribunal



FEDERAL Attorney-General Nicola Roxon has announced the appointment of

Ms Valerie Cooms to the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT).

Ms Cooms, a Nunukul woman from North Stradbroke Island, is currently the chairperson of the Quandamooka Yoollooburabee Aboriginal Corporation.

She was previously CEO of Queensland South Native Title Services, and a director of Indigenous Business Australia.

She has extensive experience leading Indigenous affairs organisations in the community and government sectors.

Ms Roxon congratulated Ms Cooms on her appointment.

"The tribunal now has a greater focus on mediation and arbitration of future acts, which are activities or developments that may affect native title, such as the granting of mining leases," the Attorney-General said.

Changes

"The appointment closely follows the introduction of legislative changes to make the native title system fairer and more flexible.

"I am pleased that the Tribunal will be able to benefit from Ms Cooms' experience in land management and Indigenous affairs at this significant time."

Ms Cooms joins the tribunal as a full-time member for a five-year term from February 2013, based in the Brisbane registry.

She will replace Dr Gaye Sculthorpe who has been a member of the tribunal, based in Melbourne since 2000.

"I thank Dr Sculthorpe for over a decade of service to the tribunal and, in particular, her considerable achievements in the mediation of claims in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales," Ms Roxon said.

The NNTT is responsible for a wide range of functions under the *Native Title Act 1993*, including mediation and arbitration of future act matters, and the registration of claimant applications and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

Ms Cooms joins tribunal members Helen Shurven and Daniel O'Dea who were recently reappointed for five-year terms from November and December 2012 respectively.

Both members will continue to be based in the Tribunal's Perth office.

Looking forward to YAGAN



IT was a chilled affair earlier this month when Perth got a sneak preview of the new one-hour feature documentary **YAGAN**. About 800 people turned out for the screening in the Burswood Parklands. Here, the film's writer and director Kelrick Martin (left) can be seen kicking back with Noongar Elder Uncle Patrick Hume and **YAGAN** executive producer David Jowsey. The doco tells the story of Noongar warrior Yagan and his campaign against the colonisers in the early 1800s. Martin said the screening was a wonderful event and he expected the film to be broadcast on national TV in June/July next year. *Photo by ALISON RODRIGUES*

Doubt raised on winning artwork

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE winning artwork in one of Australia's leading Indigenous art prizes has been withdrawn from exhibition amidst suggestions that it incorporates – without permission – a major component created by another artist.

Western Sydney artist Jason Wing took out 2012 Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize's \$40,000 major award in October with a work titled, *Australia was stolen by armed robbery*.

At the time, the art prize organisers described the work, essentially comprising a bust of Captain James Cook covered with a woollen balaclava, as 'a thought-provoking piece reflecting the artist's interpretation of past events and contemporary Australian society'.

However, it's understood that 74-year-old Sydney sculptor Alex Kolozsy is considering legal action on the basis that the actual bust was one that he created in 1970.

The artwork was exhibited in the NSW Parliament House during October, along with the work of 27 other finalists. They're expected to tour the state at a later date.

Neither Hungarian-born Mr Kolozsy nor Mr Wing, who has

Aboriginal (Biripi) and Chinese heritage, would speak on the record at the weekend.

However, the *Koori Mail* has obtained a statement from the Parliament of NSW confirming it was advised on 27 November of 'a legal matter relating to the winning art work'. "Accordingly, the Parliament and our partners are obliged to withdraw it from the 2012 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize Exhibition, and must cease distribution of all known reproductions of the work within its control," the statement read.

"This action has been taken immediately until such time as the matter is resolved."

Established seven years ago, the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize (PNSWAAP) is currently the richest art incentive on offer for Aboriginal artists born or living in NSW. It is judged by a panel drawn from the visual arts community, with winning works selected on the basis of 'artistic merit'.

This year, 61 artists entered 136 works. The judges were National Gallery of Australia curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Tina Baum; assistant curator of Australian art at the Art Gallery of South Australia, Nici Cumpston; and renowned Aboriginal photographer Mervyn Bishop.

In an artist's statement earlier in



A photo of the Captain Cook bust created by sculptor Alex Kolozsy in 1970. At this time, we are unable to publish an image of Jason Wing's artwork *Australia was stolen by armed robbery*.

the year, Wing said it was 'a great honour to be selected to re-write history and offer the general public alternative thoughts and views of contemporary and historical accounts of Australian history'.

"It is validation that I am on the right path," he said. "Art for Aboriginal people is all about social and historical documentation that we can use to measure our society's

progress. My selection proves that the most unlikely artworks can also win. The more Aboriginal people that enter adds to the quality, diversity and the prestige."

On Saturday, Wing told the *Koori Mail* via email that, while he could not comment at the moment, he would be 'happy to chat' after the legal proceedings.

In its statement, the Parliament said it remained committed to its goals in supporting the development of contemporary Aboriginal art in NSW, via the prize.

"Since 2005, it has provided a stepping stone for many artists seeking to engage with the community, and to further their artistic careers," the statement read.

"This highly regarded art prize provides an important forum for members of the Aboriginal community to connect with a broader audience and to share their ideas, creativity and passion.

The PNSWAAP is a partnership between the NSW Parliament, Campbelltown Arts, Arts NSW, the College of Fine Arts UNSW and Coal & Allied.

The *Koori Mail* understands that several other Aboriginal finalists in the art prize are considering withdrawing their works from the related exhibition in protest over the controversy.

Keating speech remembered



THE 20th anniversary of Paul Keating's famous Redfern Park speech was never going to pass unnoticed. Some people regard the speech on 10 December 1992, which acknowledged with stunning honesty the nation's unsettling and often violent past, as the true beginning of the reconciliation process.

Mr Keating was last week fending off requests for interviews, with a spokeswoman saying the former Prime Minister thought the speech stood on its own, 'for what it says and for what it said at the time'. He felt it was for others to raise any associated matters coming from the speech.

Indeed, there was high praise for the speech across the board in the lead-up to the anniversary on Monday.

But there was also anger and disappointment that ongoing Indigenous disadvantage, racism and a range of government policies had impeded progress in the two decades since.

Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, an Aboriginal Elder from the Utopia homelands in Central Australia, told

a forum in Sydney last Thursday that the nation had learned little since Mr Keating's plea for non-Indigenous Australians to consider how they would have felt if the tables had been turned and it had been them whose land had been taken and their way of life smashed. Mrs Kunoth-Monks said the

Northern Territory Intervention was a return to the colonial-style policies Mr Keating spoke against, and that they had done enormous damage to her community.

"We have been traumatised by the NT Intervention," she said in a statement ahead of the event.

"I feel such pain for our young people, like my granddaughter, who like calves branded with an iron, have been singled out as second-class citizens when they are trying to find their place in the world and build a bright future."

Ian Thorpe Fountain for Youth spokesman and former journalist Jeff McMullen told the same forum

that the anniversary of the Redfern speech should compel Australians 'to examine our Government's enormous hypocrisy and double standards in caging Aboriginal people as second-class citizens'.

Elaine Telford of the Women's Reconciliation Network (WRN) said Mr Keating's 'visionary speech

'one step on the path to reconciliation', along with steps to reduce Indigenous juvenile detention and improve education and health outcomes.

Fellow WRN committee member Dianne Hiles said the Act of Recognition before Federal Parliament directly echoed Mr

Keating's speech but questioned the credibility of 'a Government that continued the NT Intervention and had introduced the discriminatory basics card'.

Last week, City of Sydney councillor Linda Scott said she would call for greater local recognition of the Redfern speech through the integration of artworks and commemorative plaques into the city's historical walking tour, the Eora Journey, in time for the 21st anniversary next year.

At the weekend, Reconciliation Australia co-chairs Tom Calma and Melinda Cileto highlighted Mr Keating's reference in 1992

to 'an act of recognition'.

"While at the time he was referring to the recognition of the suffering and exclusion of Australia's First Peoples, his words were perhaps a portent of a more recent development in Australia's journey towards reconciliation, namely, last month's introduction of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012* to the Australian Parliament," Dr Calma and Ms Cileto said.

They said they were pleased that current Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott had both pledged their support for the new Bill when it is tabled next year.

"Constitutional recognition is a key building block in the journey of reconciliation," Dr Calma and Ms Cileto said.

"Keating ended his Redfern speech by expressing his strong view that Australia would succeed in the challenge for reconciliation and, 20 years on, we agree with his assessment and express confidence that current efforts for constitutional recognition will also succeed.

"As Keating told the Redfern audience, 'we cannot imagine failure'."

'Keating ended his Redfern speech by expressing his strong view that Australia would succeed in the challenge for reconciliation and, 20 years on, we agree with his assessment and express confidence that current efforts for constitutional recognition will also succeed'

came close to an apology for the two centuries of dispossession and the discrimination done to Aboriginal Australians'.

But she said that, while many non-Aboriginal Australians thought then-PM Kevin Rudd's apology in 2008 to the Stolen Generation was the end of the matter, it was only

Recognition closer

Legislation introduced in Parliament

By DARREN COYNE



LEGISLATION that recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as 'the first inhabitants of Australia' has been introduced into Federal

Parliament. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said in September the Government realised there was not enough community awareness or support for a successful referendum.

"A preliminary report prepared for the Government by Reconciliation Australia has found that only 39 per cent of the non-Indigenous community have heard about a proposed referendum," she said at the time.

Instead, the parties agreed to legislate recognition, to keep the referendum process in motion.

On 28 November, just before the parliamentary Christmas break, Ms Macklin introduced the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012* into the Lower House.

"The Act of Recognition that will be established by this Bill will continue to help build the momentum we need for successful constitutional change," she said.

"The Act makes a clear statement of recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of Australia, and acknowledges their unique history, culture and connection to their traditional lands and waters."

For supporters, the Bill was a welcome step towards the eventual goal of proper recognition in Australia's Constitution.

Others described it as an insult.



The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012* is now before the Federal Parliament.

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer were amongst those who welcomed the Bill, along with human rights groups, churches and reconciliation advocates.

But Ms Broun was clear in saying 'our eyes remain on one prize and that is a successful referendum that delivers true recognition and equality for First Peoples'.

To keep the issue on the political agenda, the draft law has a two-year sunset clause and a review process to provide advice to a future parliament about the questions that should be put at a referendum.

That review would be given to the relevant minister and tabled in Parliament before the recognition legislation expires.

In the meantime, a joint parliamentary committee has been set up to examine the Bill and report back towards the end of January.

Co-chair Les Malezer said the Congress would continue to work with all parties and politicians, including the new committee 'to better inform Australians about the important transformation'.

"The Constitution must prohibit racial discrimination, and recognise and protect the culture, languages and identity of the First Peoples," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and the Australian Human Rights Commission said the Bill sent a good message to all Australians that the Government was committed to the process.

Opportunity

Mr Gooda said the Bill provided Parliament with the opportunity to demonstrate the multi-party support that would be essential to ensure a successful referendum.

And he said it was critical that the joint-committee engaged with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to secure support for the specific proposals to be put to the Australian people at a referendum.

"As emphasised by the Expert Panel and Government, it is essential this referendum be held at a time when it has the most chance of success," Mr Gooda said.

"This process enables us to maintain momentum and ensure that recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples stays at the forefront of the political agenda."

ANTaR national director Jacqueline Phillips said the Bill and the formation of the committee would provide impetus to the people's movement, and a structure and process for community engagement in the lead up to a referendum.

The National Association of Community Legal Centres (NACLC) national convenor Michael Smith said it was good that there was a clear timeframe to build towards change. "NACLC sees this Bill as a step closer, and not a substitute for, constitutional change, and acknowledges the importance of multi-partisan support to ensure the final step will be constitutional change," he said.

For those pushing for sovereignty, however, the introduction of the Bill was no cause for celebration.

Aboriginal rights campaigner Michael Anderson, spokesperson for the Sovereign Union, formed in Canberra in January to campaign for Aboriginal sovereignty, said the Act of Recognition was an 'absolute insult'.

Mr Anderson released a statement saying that Aboriginal people had been denied human rights since 1788.

"By not declaring war the invasion developed into a genocide, in which women, children and non-combatants were slaughtered and they could avoid taking prisoners of war," Mr Anderson said.

"The Act of Recognition submitted by Minister Jenny Macklin in the Federal Parliament has nothing to remedy the genocidal and ethnocidal practices being perpetrated against Aboriginal people. Not enough people in Australia are cognisant of the destructive impact the genocide has on people, including the intergenerational trauma that results from genocide and ethnocide."

"If Jenny Macklin and the Gillard Government had any decency they would withdraw this Act of Recognition immediately and first consult Aboriginal people nationwide whether they approve of this type of action."

"On the other hand, recognition of our continuing sovereignty is the most prudent way forward."

NSW Land Council silent over Gandangara probe



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) says it won't be commenting on a slew of complaints about its choice of consultants to look into the affairs of a local land council in Sydney's south-west.

Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) chief executive officer Jack Johnson said it was 'unjust' that NSWALC was investigating his organisation in the first place, but the choice of firm O'Connor Marsden (OCM), which had then engaged another firm G4S, made things worse.

In a statement, Mr Johnson said the investigation of Gandangara seemed to have been sparked by a spurious claim, that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has already found had no substance, but he couldn't be sure because NSWALC would not mediate on its concerns or say why it pushed for the investigation.

In July, the NSW corruption watchdog cleared Mr Johnson following allegations of corrupt dealings.

Mr Johnson said OCM was under fire about probity checks on mining leases granted to the former NSW Labor Government, and G4S had been implicated

in a death in custody. G4S was fined \$285,000 last year after pleading guilty to failing to ensure that the safety and health of WA Aboriginal Elder Mr Ward, who died from heatstroke after being transported in the back of a G4S prison van with faulty airconditioning.

NSWALC's choice of such consultants to undertake an investigation of a LALC was 'unforgivable', Mr Johnson said.

Further, he said, OCM had 'ignored genuine efforts to cooperate, been rude and unnecessarily aggressive to Gandangara staff' who had been cooperating with the investigation as much as possible.

Unfounded

"We are just trying to get on with delivering health, education, transport and housing services to our members and instead are having to divert resources into dealing with an unfounded and unexplained investigation," Mr Johnson said.

He said Gandangara LALC's training services in partnership with Woolworths and others had resulted in jobs for 140 Aboriginal people, its medical services had helped more than 4000 clients in the past three years, and its transport service

conducted more than 11,000 trips a year.

The organisation had been shocked to learn how few rights Aboriginal people had in such a situation, Mr Johnson said.

"As it stands the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act allows an investigator to come into a land council with unconstrained powers and no investigation protocols," he said.

"Suspected terrorists and murderers seem to have a clearer set of rights than the staff of an Aboriginal land council under investigation.

"NSWALC consultation has been silent on this discriminatory part of the Act under the current review being conducted by the government."

The *Koori Mail* contacted NSWALC last week but a spokesman said the organisation had no plans to respond to Mr Johnson's claims.

Gandangara's boundaries cover nine local government area councils including Parramatta, Penrith, Fairfield, Auburn, Bankstown, Holroyd, Sutherland, Campbelltown and Liverpool.

Last year, the land council announced plans for a billion-dollar conservation and housing development of 850 hectares at Heathcote Ridge in south-west Sydney.



Just last month, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was awarded an honorary doctorate in music from the University of Sydney. The doctorate had capped off a good year for the blind singer, who sang at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London and achieved platinum sales with his album *Rrakala*. However, such well-deserved accolades have not been enough to protect Mr Yunupingu from racism, as illustrated by a Melbourne taxi driver's refusal to pick him up. Photo courtesy University of Sydney

Heath service plan launched



THE NSW Government has launched a 10-year plan to improve health services and outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Healthy Lifestyles Minister Kevin Humphries launched the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023 last Friday.

Mr Humphries said the plan outlined a vision, goal and strategic direction for the state's health system to meet the challenge of closing the health gap between Aboriginal and other people.

"Through this plan we will reform the way Aboriginal health services are delivered to Aboriginal people and ensure services meet the needs of local communities," he said.

"The unacceptable disparities in health outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in NSW have been well documented over many years.

"Governments of all political persuasions and at all levels have spent considerable time, resources and money in reducing the mortality and morbidity gap, but major differences in health outcomes remain.

"We have made a commitment to try a different approach to turn around the inequality in health outcomes, which will see us make long overdue changes in the way that mainstream services work with Aboriginal people.

"This plan recognises the importance of this approach and provides an outline for system-wide reform and increased support for local health care workers to help implement changes that will make a real difference to the lives of the state's Aboriginal people."

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner said the plan would provide strategic direction to the NSW Ministry of Health as



NSW Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles Minister Kevin Humphries and chief executive of the Western NSW LHD, Scott McLachlan at the launch

to how Aboriginal health should be organised, funded and delivered over the next 10 years.

"Implementing this plan and achieving its vision will involve all parts of the health system in NSW," she said.

"We all have a role to play in improving Aboriginal health and ensuring the well-being of generations to come."

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the plan was an important step towards a healthier outlook for the

state's Aboriginal communities.

"The hard work will begin now as we work across Government and the health system to implement the plan and reform the way in which health care is provided to Aboriginal people in NSW," he said.

"This will include the NSW Government working more closely with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and with Aboriginal people and communities."

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) chair Christine Corby welcomed the NSW Government's new direction for healthcare for Aboriginal people.

"The AH&MRC commends the NSW Government for its commitment to improving Aboriginal health, which it has demonstrated by developing the NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023," she said.

"As the peak representative body for the state's Aboriginal community controlled health services, we believe the Plan marks a significant step in the long journey to improve the health of Aboriginal people in NSW."

The NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023 was launched in tandem with 'The health of Aboriginal people of NSW: Report of the Chief Health Officer 2012', which

showed some improvements in Aboriginal health in the past 10 years including decreased infant mortality rates and a narrowing of the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal rates.

As well, there have been decreased rates for avoidable mortality in Aboriginal males, decreased proportion of babies born to Aboriginal mothers who are of low birth-weight, and a drop in smoking rates.

Gurrumul refused taxi ride



BLIND Aboriginal singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu has been refused a taxi for racial reasons after a gig in Melbourne, his manager says. The singer is on tour with Missy Higgins and was refused a taxi after performing at the Palais Theatre last Tuesday night, said his manager Mark Grose.

"After the show I went out and hired a taxi and got the taxi driver to come down and stay (at) the door," Mr Grose told ABC radio last Wednesday.

After Mr Grose collected Mr Yunupingu and his partner, the driver refused to take the fare.

"The taxi driver looked at him (Yunupingu), said no, locked the car and drove off," he said.

"I was absolutely gobsmacked by it."

Mr Grose says he saw no other explanation for the refusal, other than the singer's race.

"He just looked at the colour of his skin and said that's it," he said.

Mr Grose said Mr Yunupingu had been refused taxis in Sydney and Darwin and racism was a common experience for black artists.

"Like most Aboriginal people that we work with they've experienced these things before and they're less shocked than we are," he said

"You sit there absolutely heartbroken for them."

As well as being blind, Mr Yunupingu suffers from a complex chronic condition that affects his kidney, liver and heart and requires constant medication. — AAP

Passion at the VIPAs



THE performance of Shiralee Hood, below, at the recent 2012 Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts (VIPA) awards was heartfelt, while dancer Nikki Ashby, right, really felt the groove. The VIPAs, which celebrate outstanding achievement in the Indigenous performing arts across the state, were announced in Melbourne late last month. Amongst the awardees were Margaret Harvey, Jason Tamiru, Yung Warriors, and Janina Harding and Kim Kruger. *Photos by Steve Rhall, courtesy of ILBIJERRI*



'Tis the season to watch debt

By MAHALA STROHFELDT in Cairns



'TIS the season to be jolly...or so the song goes. And yet, all around the country, instead of decorating the Christmas tree and sharing a festive meal, thousands of families

will instead face eviction, live out of their cars or on the streets, and worry where their next meal is coming from.

Cairns-based Indigenous Consumer Advice Network (ICAN) says that for an already financially vulnerable group, this holiday season puts Indigenous consumers at even higher risk.

Many of us have been there before: put that phone bill on hold until next month; maybe skip the rent for a week; perhaps get a small loan from Cash Converters to buy the kids that Nintendo they've been asking for all year.

ICAN Indigenous financial counsellor Unaise Buli says a number of factors will lead to many Indigenous families facing higher than usual debt levels this festive season.

"At this time of year, families are visiting, and phone and electricity bills and rent get set aside. We see people getting personal loans then getting into trouble in the New Year. Christmas usually brings higher costs and, with the added debt, comes stress," she says.

Ms Buli says that during the Christmas period, the aggressive pursuit of signing people up to high-interest loan items and long-term contracts are at an all-time high in Indigenous communities, and things get worse the more remote you go.

"Our people are already vulnerable but at this time of year they become even more



Indigenous Consumer Advice Network (ICAN) financial counsellor Unaise Buli.

susceptible to unethical deals either by door-to-door salesmen or phone sales – anything from mobile phones to family portraits," he says.

"Sometimes when listening to the recorded conversations of the contracts you hear people saying yes when, culturally, they're only meaning to be polite. But oral contracts are legally binding and if you think you've been coerced into a deal then you need to talk to a professional.

"We find a lot of rental arrears around this time of year as people are opting to miss a rental payment or two to make up for other things. What they don't realise is that once they're on 'tick' (or book up), they're on it for a long time.

"Another major problem around Christmas is the use of payday lenders for cash loans. These easy personal loans can

be up to 48 per cent interest, the majority of one pay goes to pay off the debt, leading to another loan being taken out, a destructive never-ending cycle."

While quick-fix loans can seem like a good solution, problems came months later when threatening letters arrived in the mail. Ms Buli advises people never to be 'too shame' to reach out and ask for help, no matter how bad the debt crisis.

"We see entire Indigenous communities being targeted at this time of year and our aim is to target these things proactively but, individually, we understand how hard it is for people to seek help," she said.

"There's that shame factor involved, especially if someone hasn't entirely understood an agreement and signed up. Some of the big things to avoid this Christmas are personal loans with big interest, door-to-door salesman and telemarketers.

"Also getting your super released due to financial hardship may seem like a quick fix, but it has long-term consequences. We can intervene at any point but the earlier you seek help the better.

"If you think you're in financial trouble, even if you've signed a contract, get assistance as soon as possible. Companies are often willing to set up payment plans and any easy quick scheme that look harmless often ends up being the worst."

Ms Buli encouraged people to utilise organisations like Lifeline and Salvation Army that give emergency relief for food and bills as well as Christmas hampers and toys to children.

For information on financial counselling services near you and other helpful information, go to <http://ican.org.au> or www.financialcounsellingaustralia.org.au

NSW death rates high



ABORIGINAL people in NSW are more likely to be hospitalised for alcohol and more likely to smoke during pregnancy than non-Indigenous people, a new report

shows. The 'Report by the Chief Health Officer', released last Friday, also found life expectancy at birth for Aboriginal males in the state from 2005 to 2007 was 69.9 years – almost nine years shorter than for all NSW men.

And life expectancy for Aboriginal females for the same period was around 75 years – more than seven years less than the rest of the women in the state.

Mortality for Aboriginal children aged less than five years is 2.5 times the rate of other children, while infant mortality is 1.3 times higher.

"There is a large disparity in life expectancy, and the burden of disease is higher in Aboriginal people, particularly in preventable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, mental health conditions, chronic respiratory disease and cancer," NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said in a statement.

Disease

According to the report, some Aboriginal people continue to live in overcrowded and poor quality housing, leading to the spread of infectious disease.

It also found Aboriginal women were 4.8 times more likely to smoke during pregnancy.

When it came to alcohol use, the report found Aboriginal people were almost twice as likely to report drinking above the recommended guidelines, with Aboriginal males more than three times as likely to be hospitalised for alcohol-related causes.

But Dr Chant said the report showed some inroads had been made.

The report found a significant increase in the proportion of Aboriginal mothers attending antenatal care before 14 weeks' gestation over the past 10 years, from 64 per cent to 80 per cent. There has also been a decrease in the proportion of babies born to Aboriginal mothers who are of low birth weight. —AAP

Australia's stars come



Paul Kelly, Jessica Mauboy, Dan Sultan, Andrew Farriss and Peter Garrett perform with Yothu Yindi at the 26th ARIA Awards. AAP image

Yothu Yindi enter the Hall of Fame

By DARREN COYNE



THE stars were out in force for the 2012 Australian Record Industry Awards (ARIAs) in Sydney earlier this month, but the brightest of them all came from up Arnhem Land way.

Members of the trailblazing band Yothu Yindi were inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame, and performed a powerful rendition of their hit song *Treaty*.

The band also used the opportunity of their induction to raise the profile of the push for the recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution.

The packed audience at the Sydney Entertainment Centre rose to their feet as front man Mandawuy Yunupingu and the band were joined by old friends Peter Garrett and Paul Kelly, and new ones Dan Sultan and Jessica Mauboy.

Together, they rocked the house.

Earlier, country singer Troy Cassar-Daley said he was 'really glad' he was at the Entertainment Centre to witness the induction.

"Look at what they've done," he said. "They're showing Indigenous music to the rest of the world. Gurrumul's doing the same thing now and it's wonderful to encourage people to listen to our music."

Australian music expert Richard Wilkins described Yothu Yindi as an important part of



Witiyana Marika, Mandawuy Yunupingu and Peter Garrett at the ARIAs.

Australia's musical history.

"Back in the 90s when the first ARIAs were put to air, I had the pleasure of hosting them with Julian Lennon that year and it was the year that Yothu Yindi were nominated for *Treaty*," Wilkins said.

"I've been a fan of them and Mandawuy for a long time and I think it's going to be a really special moment when they get inducted."

He was right.

During the induction, Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett, the front man of Midnight Oil, spoke of his admiration for the band.

"I remember seeing this band for the very first time and I was amazingly captivated by their rock

and their Aboriginality that was right through their work," Mr Garrett said.

"It was powerful, it was evocative and it was really challenging.

"Yothu Yindi's great achievement was to take their songs, their culture and their careers from the remote regions of north-east Arnhem Land to the rest of Australia, and then to the world. Fantastic.

'Their vision'

"Yes, they had a good team to help along the way and everyone needs that team, but ultimately it was their vision, it was Mandawuy's vision.

Mr Garrett said, "They sang

songs from the heart, of country, songs of conscience that marked them as a special band.

"A band that paved the way for others to come along."

Aussie songwriter Paul Kelly described Yothu Yindi as 'not so much a band as a physical philosophy ... art holding opposites together'. "For artists, balance is at the heart of dance so long may Yothu Yindi dance," he said.

After being inducted, Mandawuy Yunupingu threw the band's support behind the push for Constitutional recognition of Indigenous people, and also spoke of the ravages of diabetes plaguing Aboriginal communities.

"As musicians, recognition from

our peers is important to us," Mr Yunupingu said. "As Aboriginal Australians, recognition from our Constitution is even more important."

As they made their call for recognition, some members of the band wore the new logo for the movement to recognise the First Australians.

'Recognise' is the new campaign from the You Me Unity project – the people's movement for change which has now recruited more than 110,000 supporters.

The movement wants to see a referendum held after the 2013 election to formally recognise the First Australians in the Constitution.

Mr Yunupingu later told the *Koori Mail* that he had not given up hope that Australia would one day sign a treaty with Indigenous people.

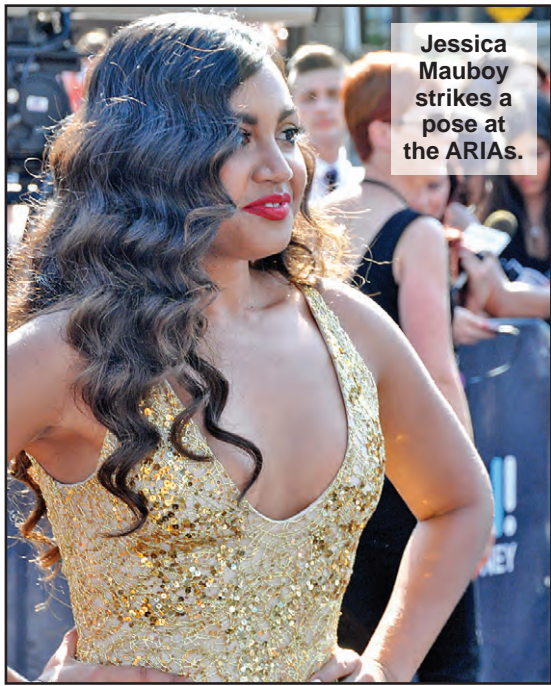
Performer Dan Sultan also backed the need for recognition of Indigenous Australians in the Constitution.

"I think everything starts and ends with respect – a huge part of respect is acknowledgement. No-one wants to be ignored," he said.

"Constitutional recognition is not a left or right wing issue, it's not a black or white or a political issue. It's just about what the right thing to do is. It's about right and wrong.

"Australians – we're really good people. We look after each other. If there's a disaster we pull together, be it a fire or a flood. Everybody wants the right thing."

out at this year's ARIAs



Jessica Mauboy strikes a pose at the ARIAs.



A section of the crowd inside the main auditorium at the ARIAs.



Troy Cassar-Daley with his wife Laurel Edwards.



Yalmay Yunupingu, wife of Mandawuy, with their daughter Gayli.



The members of Yothu Yindu and other guests address the audience.



Grant Hansen, executive producer of Toombak Indigenous Production company.

The Sapphires scores 12 AACTA nominations



The Sapphires has secured 12 nominations for the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) Awards, to be presented on 30 January.

The movie, which tells the story of a singing group of four Aboriginal women who tour Vietnam during the war in the Asian country, has already won international praise.

Its AACTA Award nominations cover various categories, including Best Film, Best Direction (Wayne Blair), Best Lead Actress (Deborah Mailman), Best Lead Actor (Chris O'Dowd) and Best Supporting Actress (Jessica Mauboy). The movie has also been nominated for excellence in the craft categories of Best Visual Effects, Best Production Design, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Cinematography (Warwick Thornton), Best Costume Design, Best Editing and Best Sound.

The ABC's *Redfern Now* is among the nominees for the Best TV Drama award, and Aboriginal actor Leah Purcell is a Best Actress finalist for her role in the series. It also has nominations for Best Guest or Supporting Actor in a Television Drama (Luke Carroll), Best Guest or Supporting Actress in a Television Drama (Shareena Clanton) and Best Screenplay in Television (Steven McGregor), bringing its total



The Sapphires stars Jessica Mauboy, Miranda Tapsell, Shari Sebbens and Deb Mailman on stage at the Australian premiere of the film. Photo: Joseph Mayers

number of nominations to five.

Jimi Bani has also been nominated in the Best Actor in a Television Drama category for his performance in the ABC drama *Mabo*.

AACT, established in August last year, is a membership body comprising

accredited screen professionals. The AACTA Awards recognise Australia's best performers, practitioners and productions.

The AACTA Awards will be held at Sydney's The Star Events Centre. — **with AAP**

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NT Govt under fire over cuts



THE Northern Territory Government has been criticised for a series of cuts to programs aimed at preventing crime.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency principal legal advisor Jonathon Hunyor said the NT Government was closing the SMART Court and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Tribunal, as well as cutting funding for night patrol services.

"These are bad decisions that will cost more than they save," he said.

"The priorities are wrong and the economics is wrong.

"If the Government was serious about cutting costs, they would be looking at ways to reduce prison numbers and prevent crime. Instead they are cutting the SMART Court that deals with the causes of crime and funding for night patrol services which divert people from police custody.

"There is strong evidence that problem-solving courts like the SMART Court are an effective way of responding to offending that is linked to a person's drug or alcohol problem.

"In other jurisdictions drug and alcohol referral courts have been shown to have an impressive impact on recidivism rates.

"We haven't had enough time to properly evaluate the SMART Court in the NT and see how we can make it work better."

Mr Hunyor said the cut to night patrol funding flew in the face of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, which emphasised the need to minimise contact between Aboriginal people and police.

"This decision will place a greater burden on police and see more Aboriginal people locked up when they could be more safely diverted from custody. This is a recipe for disaster," he said.

Big issues in focus at conference

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE need to remove barriers that prevent Indigenous people benefitting fully from

Australia's mining boom, build the Indigenous business sector, empower Indigenous communities, and end over-reliance on government fixes. They all got a guernsey last week at the second annual Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference (IBEC) in Perth.

More than 300 Indigenous community representatives, academics, corporate leaders and politicians attended the two-day event at the University of Western Australia (UWA) Business School.

Sixty sessions on topics such as Indigenous entrepreneurship, native title agreements, corporate partnerships, the Indigenous art economy, and the role of education, tourism, health and housing provided plenty of food for thought.

The University of Melbourne's Professor Marcia Langton called for urgent reform of Australia's legal and tax laws, which she said were restricting the ways mining companies could support Indigenous communities to benefit from the nation's mining boom.

Prof Langton said mining companies were ahead of governments in understanding how Australia could close the gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"It's no longer the triple bottom line," she told delegates. "Companies know that if they don't have a good relationship with locals, their projects could very well end up in trouble.

"Recognition of native title in Australia has had a transforming effect on relationships between

Indigenous peoples and the resources sector."

Prof Langton said tax incentives for companies entering into partnerships with Aboriginal groups such as native title communities would be the most effective way to increase Indigenous skills and capacity, and transfer expertise to Aboriginal communities.

However, convincing the Federal Government to legislate the reform of tax policy and law, and tax incentives was the most difficult challenge, she said.

Indigenous business leader Neil Willmetts said it was time for 'blackfellas' to start talking about having careers, not just jobs.

The Indigenous Business Council of Australia chair said

talk about closing the gap on business. When are we going to see more Aboriginal businesses?"

WA Labor MP and Aboriginal man Ben Wyatt used his speech to call for an end to what Norwegian economist Professor Erik Reinert had coined 'palliative economics' – a defeatist attitude 'premised on Aboriginal culture dying'.

Mr Wyatt said government policy had been based on such an approach for too long and should instead build Indigenous self-determination, and governance and relationships between Indigenous communities and industry.

Mr Wyatt defended native title rights, saying 'property rights, however weak, give Aboriginal people a bargaining position'.

He said it was not for miners who sought access to country to decide 'the moral virtue of their claims'. However, mineral deposits were too often a lottery and the fact that Indigenous communities in the Kimberley would receive benefits if a gas processing plant was built onshore but not if it is built offshore – despite the same gas fields being exploited – was 'somewhat absurd'.

Emphasising the need for Indigenous people to avoid relying on government to 'fix' their social and economic problems was National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun.

"As First Peoples, we need to assert our right to control our destinies," she said.

"We have a right to control our own institutions, make decisions for ourselves and tailor services to our specific cultural needs."

Ms Broun called for greater inclusion of Aboriginal businesses in service delivery and government procurement processes.

'As First Peoples, we need to assert our right to control our destinies'

the proportion of Indigenous business owners was too low, and Australia's Indigenous business sector should develop a ten-year strategic plan, 'not some three- or four-year economic development strategy that is tied to political terms or political parties'.

"We're at a point in our life where it's our time to start taking back," Mr Willmetts said.

"Only six per cent of the Indigenous population are business owners, compared to 17 per cent for non-Indigenous people.

"We've got to move beyond being a business owner to having a successful company, and a big company.

"There is an urgent need for change, for reform. We don't



Professor Marcia Langton called for urgent legal and tax law reform.



National Congress co-chair Jody Broun, Willmetts Group managing director Neil Willmetts, and AIMSC CEO Natalie Walker.

Photos by Matt Galligan, courtesy of the UWA Business School



Delegates at the IBEC conference in Perth.



Delegates Ingrid Collard, Carol Innes and Rebecca Harcourt.

74 years later, Germans take protest letter

Story and pictures by DEVI RAJARAM



A YORTA Yorta man's letter condemning the Jewish persecution in Germany has been

formally submitted to the German consul-general in Melbourne – more than seven decades after it was written.

The submission follows a re-enactment of the world's only known private protest against the atrocities of Kristallnacht ('Night of broken glass') that took place on 9 November 1938, when Nazis attacked Jews in Germany.

Upon hearing about the atrocities, William Cooper, who himself had limited rights in his own land, led a protest march from his home in the Melbourne suburb of Footscray to the city's German Consulate.

The 77-year-old co-founder of the Australian Aborigines League intended to submit a letter requesting the then German Consul (Dr R W Drechsler) to forward the resolution to his Government, but the letter was refused.

Exactly 74 years on and a re-enactment of the historical march by Mr Cooper's grandson, Alfred Turner (widely known as Uncle Boydie), last week saw the current German Honorary-Consul in Melbourne, Michael Pearce, accept a replica of the letter.

Uncle Boydie, 84, presented the letter to Mr Pearce in Collins Street last Thursday after sharing its contents with a group of about 50 people.

"We protest whole-heartedly at the cruel prosecution of the Jewish people by the Nazi government in Germany. We plead that you will make it known to your government and its military leaders that this cruel prosecution of their fellow citizens must be brought to an end. We respectfully request that you accept this resolution and we look forward to the news of an immediate end to these atrocities," the letter read.

Mr Pearce told those gathered that he was pleased to 'right the wrong' committed by his predecessor at the same place 74 years earlier when he refused to accept Mr Cooper's original letter.

"It was undoubtedly wrong of the consul to refuse to accept the resolution from William Cooper," Mr Pearce said.

"It was wrong because it denied the responsibility of the German government for the crimes that were then being committed against the Jews.

"It was also wrong because it failed to acknowledge the courageous gesture of a people whose freedoms and rights in their own land were heavily circumscribed and whose very survival in their own land at that time remained precarious."

Mr Pearce told the crowd he would work with the German embassy in Canberra to ensure the replica letter received a prompt and sufficient response from the German foreign office.

"We'll see exactly what they do respond but I think it's a strong sense



Uncle Boydie (second from right), William Cooper's grandson, with Kevin Russell (third from right), great grandson of William Cooper, on Collins Street, Melbourne, with participants of the re-enactment march waiting to witness Uncle Boydie's submission of the replica letter to the German Consul.



Uncle Boydie, middle, with Kevin Russell, left, leading the re-enactment march in Melbourne.

from a lot of people that we've closed the circle here," he said.

Uncle Boydie remembers his grandfather as a 'fairly big man' who 'a lot of times, couldn't get out of bed, was really sick but used to write letters in bed to prime ministers, politicians'. He said to 'finish the job' was good for him, the family and for everyone.

The re-enactment brought together not only different Australian communities but also survivors of Kristallnacht.

Marianne Roth, 92, was about 18 and living in Berlin when the atrocities against which William Cooper protested took place. During the course of the re-enactment, she recalled taking her brother out to see what was going on despite her mother telling her not to go.

"Non-Jewish people came and were very rude to the people that were sitting in the cafes. They were breaking windows of the shops and crystal pieces were everywhere on the floor," she said.

"We then walked back home to our flat and that was a start of horrible things – synagogues... I saw it burning."

Kevin Russell, great grandson of William Cooper, said the re-enactment was 'another step in the awareness and acknowledgement that we (Aborigines) as a people have that compassion'.

"That we're good people. We're wearing a label that was stigmatised with all these tags. We're good people and we want to take our rightful place in the community because racism is so rife in the community today still sadly," he said.

Mr Russell said he hoped the re-enactment would bring together the German and Aboriginal community in Australia.

New role for Szoke



HELEN Szoke is leaving her position as Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner to become chief executive of aid agency Oxfam Australia.

Dr Szoke, who will start the position in February 2013, said joining Oxfam was 'a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity'.

She will replace Andrew Hewett, who was Oxfam CEO for the past 11 years.

Dr Szoke was just 16 months into her five-year term as Australia's first Race Discrimination Commissioner. A replacement is yet to be announced.

NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Meeting

Newcastle Yowies would like to invite 2 delegates (**only**) from each Knockout side to attend a meeting at;

Venue: Yamuloong Centre
Date: Saturday 15th December 2012
Address: 71 Prospect Road, Garden Suburb, NSW, 2289.
Time: 10am.

The meeting will be dealing with items that relate to the 2013 Knockout.

Please confirm your attendance by calling Yamuloong on (02) 4943 6877, or if you would like any further information contact Jim Wright.



NAIDOC WEEK EVENT MANAGEMENT 2013

Quote No. 216/12

The City of Sydney invites quotations from suitably qualified and experienced organisations for the management of the City's NAIDOC Week Event in Hyde Park on Monday, 8 July 2013.

The bidder will be required to manage all aspects of the event including planning, creative content, community engagement, event operations, booking of vendors and entertainers and event marketing. The bidder will be required to liaise with City staff as required.

Bidders are required to demonstrate their capacity, financial and technical capability for completing the project within the required timeframe, have had previous experience on similar sized projects and demonstrate a commitment to WHS and environmentally sound principles.

Quotation documents can be obtained by registering through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com/cityofsydney

If you experience difficulties accessing this website please contact the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

Contract enquiries may be addressed to the Tendering Officer via the online forum accessed on the portal.

Alternatively for further enquiries please contact:

Mr Michael Lowe, Tendering Manager:

Telephone: (02) 9265 9057

Email: mlowe@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Submissions endorsed 'Quotation No. 216/12, NAIDOC Week Event Management 2013' must be lodged online at www.tenderlink.com/cityofsydney or alternatively placed in the Tender Box on Level 2, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney no later than **11am on Tuesday, 22 January 2013.**

LATE SUBMISSIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED

Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services

Aboriginal Heritage

Newell Highway, Trewilga realignment

Roads and Maritime Services invites Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places for the Trewilga realignment to register to be consulted.

To register your interest, please contact:

Jeffery Charlton, phone: 6861 1444 or
email: Jeffery.Charlton@rms.nsw.gov.au

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 21 December 2012.**

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to realign the Newell Highway, 36.6km to 43.1km north of Parkes. The project would make the road straighter, improve the sight distance and provide wider shoulders on the highway making the road safer, and more consistent with adjoining sections of the Newell Highway.

The proposal may result in Roads and Maritime Services:

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

For general information please contact the project manager, Mr Dane Hendry on (02) 6861 1444.



**Education
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State Training Services

ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Call for Applications for 2013/14

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

The **Permanent Employment** element aims to get Aboriginal people into permanent careers in the NSW public and local government sectors.

The **Temporary Secondment** element aims to improve career development for Aboriginal employees in the NSW public and local government sectors.

The **Career Development** element offers funds to make it easier for NSW public service departments and local councils to give Aboriginal employees training or other career development experiences.

The **Partnership Project** element funds special projects to create jobs for Aboriginal people within any sector.

The **Graduate Work Experience** element encourages employers to give new Aboriginal graduates a start in the workforce by subsidising a work experience placement (maximum 12 weeks) in the person's field of training. Any employer is eligible to apply, subject to the conditions in the Guidelines.

The **School-based Traineeship** element aims to get Aboriginal school students into a traineeship as part of their Higher School Certificate in the NSW public and local government sectors.

Program Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from:
https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/edaep.html

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 22nd FEBRUARY 2013.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Sad state of affairs — Dodson

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE general population of Australia know little about their own history and even less about

Aboriginal history, according to human rights campaigner Professor Mick Dodson.

And it's a tragic state of affairs, the Yawuru man says.

Prof Dodson, currently director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University (ANU) and a professor of law at the ANU College of Law, gave the keynote address at the Victoria University's recent Place and Displacement Conference.

He spoke on the displacement of Aboriginal people from traditional lands and the meaning of country and place.

The former co-commissioner of the National Inquiry in the Separation of Aboriginal Children from their Families reflected on the forced removal of Aboriginal people from their ancestral lands, their devastating losses and how, despite this, attachment to country lives on and continues to underpin Aboriginal identity and survival.

"It was not just a physical parting," Prof Dodson said.

"It also severed profound religious and spiritual connections reaching well back to the earliest organised societies.

"Colonialism and its devastating laws and policies shook the foundations of Aboriginal sense of place.

"In a sense we Aboriginal people have been fenced out, the takers of the land have one side, the best side and we have the other.

"And on our side we are also separated, we're separated by a fence... on one side there are those of us that can claw back some of the dispossession, and on the other there are some who have little prospect of clawing back any."

Prof Dodson said that while most Aboriginal people knew where they were from, it was tragic that some didn't.

"But they still have a sense of identity as an Aboriginal person. There's not a great deal of them, but there are too many, one is too many," he said.

He asked: "Are they the truly dispossessed, are they the truly displaced?"

Prof Dodson quoted



Professor Mick Dodson spoke of the meaning of country to Aboriginal people and displacement of Aboriginal people.

anthropologist WEH Stanner: "No English words are good enough to give the sense to the links of an Aboriginal group and its homeland.

"Our word home, warm and suggestive though it be, does not match the Aboriginal word that may mean camp, heart, everlasting home, totem place, life-source, spirit centre and much else.

"Our term land is too spare and meagre. We can scarcely use it except with economic overtones unless we happen to be poets," the quotes concluded.

Confronting

Prof Dodson recommended that every Australian should read or listen to Stanner's late 1960s 'Boyer lectures', describing the anthropologist's words as poetry, genius, beauty, honesty and confronting about the relationship between black and white Australia.

"They are as relevant today as they were overdue back then," he said.

Prof Dodson said place was at the heart of Aboriginal reason for existence and went on to discuss connection to land in relation to creation, culture, lore and identity.

"In the Aboriginal context, country has an altogether different meaning and a different

sense," he said. "When we say country we might mean homeland, tribal clan area, and in saying so we might mean something more than just a place somewhere on the map.

"We're not necessarily referring to a place in the geographical sense; we're talking about the whole of the landscape, not just the places on it. And country is a word for us that can immediately abbreviate all the values, the places, the resources, the stories and the obligations associated with the area and its places."

Prof Dodson spoke about the impact of the British renaming of Aboriginal places – sometimes with Aboriginal words but rarely place names – and in particular yarns about names of the country on which he delivered the lecture, the Kulin nation.

Academics and students gathered for the three-day conference to discuss identity and place for Aboriginal and other people, freedom fighters and Occupy protestors, refugees and long-time residents in changing suburbs.

Other Aboriginal speakers were Paola Balla, Tony Birch, Rebecca Garrett-Namgee, Karen Jackson and Tania Chalk.

Prof Dodson's lecture will be published by the Victoria University in the New Year.



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Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

End of year checklist for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

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The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2012. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalties for each report not lodged are: corporations—\$13 750, secretaries—\$550.

NEED HELP?

If you need help filling in your reports, are not sure what to lodge or you just need extra time, contact the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

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Pope sees special map



Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See John McCarthy presents Pope Benedict XVI with a copy of the Indigenous Australia map.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Australians are on the map, as far as the Vatican is concerned.

Australia's new Ambassador to the Holy See (the Catholic Church in Rome) John McCarthy and his family were received by Pope Benedict XVI last month for the presentation of Mr McCarthy's credentials as the successor to the former ambassador Tim Fischer.

Amongst items that Mr McCarthy, a lawyer, presented to the Holy Father were a copy of an Australian Aboriginal languages map given to him by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

He said the country and continent of Australia had not always been known to the Holy See.

"The world famous 16th century painting in the cloister of the Secretariat of State displays in detail all the continents of the world as then known, but without the Great South Land," Mr McCarthy told the *Koori Mail*.

"It was only dreamed of by explorers, but was given a name by the Spanish explorer Captain Quiros – Terre Australis de Espritu Santo (South Land of the Holy Spirit). But the unknown continent existed and should now be 'put on the map', at least in understanding.

"It was therefore my great pleasure to present to the Holy Father a map of Australia, not of post-European Settlement Australia, but of Indigenous Australia as it was projected in retrospect to times which would have included the late 16th Century.

"This map was presented on behalf of Australia, but particularly of Indigenous Australians. I did so at the specific request of the

Indigenous people, for whom I have appeared as senior counsel in land (native title) claims in Australia, to underline to the Holy See, and the entire world, that the presence of Indigenous people in Australia long precedes European settlement."

Mr McCarthy said the Holy See was committed to reconciliation and harmony between peoples and to promotion of engagement and understanding between faith communities.

"This commitment by the Holy See is of special significance for Australia as we expand our endeavours to build a global culture of peace through international dialogue, understanding and co-operation," he said.

'Committed'

"...I informed the Holy Father that Australia remains firmly committed to overcoming poverty and promoting development in the world through our aid program.

"We are also working to close the gap in life outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Next year, the Australian Embassy to the Holy See will lead celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the start of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Holy See.

Mr McCarthy's ambassadorial term is for three years. When he visited AIATSIS before heading to Rome, he also received a copy of the recent Aboriginal Studies Press publication *The Lone Protester*.

The book is about an Aboriginal man called A M Fernando, who was arrested in Rome in 1925 for handing out leaflets calling for Catholics to do something about the plight of Aboriginal Australians. Mr Fernando also tried to petition the Pope.

Ross looking to Rio Games



HAVING experienced the full gamut of emotions at the London Olympics, Aboriginal sprinter Josh Ross has the 2016 Rio Games firmly in his sights.

After making a second comeback to track and field, the six-time national champion was furious Athletics Australia did not select him to run the individual 100m in London, meaning there was no green and gold representative in the 2012 Games' blue-riband event.

The 31-year-old Ross threatened to quit the Olympic team, before channelling all his efforts into the 4x100m relay.

And that decision was rewarded when he led a squad including Isaac Ntiamoah, Anthony Alozie and Andrew McCabe to an Australian record-equalling time of 38.17 seconds in the heats, earning them a berth in the final.

"Getting out there in London and seeing the crowd was great," said Ross, who won the Victorian 100-yard title at the Zatopek:10 meet.

"I was in the call room with the Jamaican team, the relay team,

enjoying the feeling. I want to be on the world stage, running better than I have. The best is definitely yet to come for me."

Ross' 100m personal best of 10.08, set five years ago in Brisbane, puts him third on the Australian all-time list behind Patrick Johnson and Matt Shirvington.

He uses evergreen Caribbean sprinter Kim Collins, who was selected to contest a fifth Olympics in London aged 36 before falling out with St Kitts and Nevis officials, as proof that age is no barrier.

"I have to make it work now," said Ross. "I am not going to be able to run forever and this is the period of my life where I have to soak it up and do what I can."

Ross, now coached in Melbourne by Piero Sacchetta, powered through a stiff headwind to win the Victorian 100-yard title at Lakeside Stadium in 9.82 ahead of Joel Bee and Michael Beltrame.

"I am not ready to run fast now," said Ross. "I am looking forward towards the (2013 Moscow) World Championships as every athlete is. I always run fast when it matters." – AAP

Expression of interest CityArt

Eora Journey – Place Projections
Expression of Interest No. 1712
Invitation to Artists

The City of Sydney invites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit proposals for video, still projection or other light based public artworks for Eora Journey - Place Projections. This project aims to reactivate the 'memory' of specific places and events in recent Aboriginal history at sites within the city.

Submission Deadline 11am Tuesday 12 February 2013.

For a copy of the Expression of Interest documents please contact
Mr Anthony Manuatu, Tendering Officer:

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Gladstone deal welcomed

By CHRISTINE HOWES



GURENG
Gureng traditional owners in and around Gladstone on Queensland's

central coast will have better opportunities for a fair go after they signed a 'social compact' with 17 unions last week.

In June last year, the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) facilitated a similar agreement between the North Queensland Land Council and 19 unions.

The deal means support for Gureng Gureng during project and wage negotiations involving developments and industry on Aboriginal land.

Central Queensland organiser for the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) Craig Giddins said the initiative meant a great deal to him.

"I think it's been a long time coming and it's great to see that people actually put this together and will come together to try and make it work," he said.

"What the contract will mean is proper job outcomes, training and a fair go for TOs.

"Nobody should be segregated because of



Union representatives and traditional owners at the signing of the 'social compact' in Gladstone, Queensland.

race, colour or creed, and unfortunately Australian history is blotted with that problem.

"So, having a fair go for everybody and everybody reaping the fair benefits of these big industrial developments is what it's all about – making sure everybody gets a fair go and utilising the union's expertise and knowledge in negotiating contracts and agreements to make sure people are getting the best outcomes for their communities.

"It's not so much

leverage as knowing how they operate and knowing the best way to obtain the outcomes that we're seeking. It's going to be fantastic to be working with the local community to make sure that we increase our relationship and partnership, and we hope it works out for the benefit of those people concerned.

"It's a privilege to be involved with it and something I'm very proud to be amongst."

Gureng Gureng representative Nathaniel Minniecon said the

compact would usher in a new era of partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and unions.

"All the parties here have worked in accord with one another to give meaning to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) principles on Closing the Gap," he said.

"It means employment and training will be taken out of the compensation regime of Indigenous Land Use Agreements and similar negotiations, and will be treated as a right.

"We are now in partnership with unions in pursuit of social justice, and this is just the first step."

QCU general secretary Ron Monaghan said the compact was important in a pro-development environment.

"This agreement will ensure that union expertise, influence and knowledge are a key component in traditional owners' dealings with large and powerful government organisations and commercial entities," he

said. This will be especially important as the LNP Government starts to implement its pro-development agenda which could cause land-use conflicts in regional Queensland.

"It is increasingly obvious that companies enjoying the benefits of Australia's rich regional natural resources are doing very little to genuinely advance the rights of and opportunities for the traditional owners of many of those resources and assets."

Income management is failing, report says



INCOME
management is a disempowering control measure and there is little evidence it is helping people in the

Northern Territory manage their money, an independent evaluation has found.

In a scathing interim report, two leading universities said the program operated more as 'a means of control' than as a way to build an ability to effectively manage money.

"There is little evidence to date that income management is resulting in widespread behaviour change," the Australian National University and University of NSW report said.

"It does not in itself motivate people to develop the skills to manage their finances in the longer term."

There were many people subject to compulsory income management who were unlikely to benefit from the measure, and for whom the restrictions created unnecessary frustrations and challenges, the report said.

There was little support available to help people present

cases to be exempted, it said.

However, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the report had found a significant perception amongst Indigenous Territorians subjected to the controversial measure that their ability to afford food had improved, and that income management 'may' contribute to improved wellbeing.

Ms Macklin announced on 29 November the Federal Government would be making exemption processes clearer.

The changes would apply from 1 July 2013 and involve Centrelink staff giving parents reminders about requirements for exemptions – regular child health checks, immunisation and school attendance.

The Federal Government says it will also ramp up money management services on offer to help increase financial literacy.

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert said the report showed that people on income management felt discriminated against and Ms Macklin was misusing the evaluation to 'justify the continuation and expansion of the flawed policy'.

"The report shows that there is no measurable and clear evidence

of any positive impact of income management," Senator Siewert said. "Those who do support the scheme tend to do so because of benefits such as fee-free banking, similar benefits they receive through voluntary income management or Centrepay arrangements.

"The report suggests some people have better perceptions about their lives than they did before they were subjected to income management, but those not on income management also report a similar improvement.

Perceptions

"That shouldn't be the way we're managing policy in this country. Perceptions are very different to real outcomes. Despite these findings, the report has been used to expand income management and widen its reach.

"Compulsory income management should be ended immediately and the money redirected to more appropriate and effective forms of assistance."

Income management has been used in NT Aboriginal communities since 2007.

Laws were passed in June to expand income management for

people on welfare to trial sites at Bankstown (NSW), Playford (South Australia), Shepparton (Victoria), and Rockhampton and Logan (Queensland).

Under the arrangement, 50 to 70 per cent of people's welfare payments are quarantined on a 'Basics' card that can be used on certain items only at Centrelink-approved stores.

In October 2011, more than 16,000 people in the NT were on income management, including almost 12,000 on compulsory income management. Overall, 91 per cent of people on income management are Indigenous.

The system has failed to stop the practice known as humbugging, or relatives begging for money from family members.

"Basics cards are used for currency in card games and gambled," the report said.

The report quotes people on Basics cards saying they have difficulty paying for flights to attend funerals and frequently miss out on attending sporting and social events, such as the Darwin Show, that do not accept the card.

The Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) said the report documented significant

experiences of humiliation, discrimination and hardship.

"(It) vindicates long-standing calls to abandon compulsory income management," STICS spokesman Paddy Gibson said.

"...There is no 'strong' evidence the program has met its goals. Only one-third of people forced on to the income management say it has provided benefits – and these could easily have come through expansion and improvements to the voluntary Centrepay system.

"It is outrageous that FaHCSIA prohibited the researchers from conducting a cost benefit analysis until 2014. More than half a billion dollars has been wasted in the NT on this failed system while people languish in third world conditions."

STICS held a major forum in Sydney last week to protest the NT Intervention, ongoing under the Government's Stronger Futures legislation (see separate story)

The evaluation did not look at if income management was providing value for money. A final evaluation is due in 2014.

The report can be accessed at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/node/17196/>

– AAP with additional reporting from the Koori Mail

Bowls club found to be racist



A WESTERN New South Wales bowling club racially discriminated against an Aboriginal woman when it suspended her for two years for swearing on the phone, a tribunal has found.

Bourke Bowling Club imposed a 'harsh' penalty on Patricia 'Bo' Brown for swearing in March 2009, despite the fact other members freely admitted swearing was 'common' in Bourke, the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (ADT) said.

The tribunal ordered the club to pay \$8000 to Ms Brown and apologise for racially discriminating against her.

Ms Brown took a case against the club after she was suspended for two years by the board for saying 'f***' and 'f***ing' while on the phone to her niece.

However, the ADT heard Ms Brown was with just one other woman in the smoking area of the club at the time and no-one else was in earshot.

'(Ms Brown) received a very harsh penalty for a relatively trivial matter for which no prescribed penalty exists'

The club had no penalty for the use of 'obscene or objectionable language' and every witness who came before the tribunal admitted they used the same swear words themselves – including the staff member who made the complaint.

"(Ms Brown) received a very harsh penalty for a relatively trivial matter for which no prescribed penalty exists," the tribunal panel said in its decision handed down last Friday.

"We have had regard to the fact that the evidence is that swearing is common in Bourke."

The tribunal also heard evidence that a non-Aboriginal member of the club who threatened to kill staff members during a drunken incident was only given a six-month suspension.

"The tribunal finds that the evidence before us is sufficient to support a finding that (Ms Brown) was treated less favourably than a person who is not an Aboriginal person would have been treated in circumstances that are the same or not materially different," the decision said

Ms Brown reported feeling 'very isolated and upset' as a result of the suspension, which has since expired.

However, the Tribunal found her claim for \$100,000 in damages was excessive. – AAP

Shell joins BP in agreeing to sell non-sniffable petrol



SHELL will join the fight against petrol sniffing in remote Aboriginal communities after agreeing to sell non-sniffable Opal fuel for the first time. Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon said last Monday that Shell would join BP in producing and supplying the fuel in remote Australia.

BP will continue supplying the fuel in Central and South

Australia and parts of Western Australia, including the Goldfields and the Ngaanyatjarra lands, while Shell will focus on supplying the Top End of the Northern Territory, Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria and Cape York, and WA's east Kimberley.

Under the new arrangements, Opal fuel will be sold at an extra 39 sites.

Late last month, the Senate passed a private member's bill making mandatory what has been a

voluntary Opal fuel rollout in remote parts of the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

A total of 123 petrol stations sell Opal fuel in remote parts of Australia, but six retailers in the rollout zones don't. The handful of petrol stations boycotting the voluntary program could be forced to sell Opal fuel once the legislation is endorsed by the Lower House next year. – AAP



WARREN SNOWDON

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AMSANT warning on juice



A PEAK Aboriginal health body has taken the extraordinary step of calling on Northern Territory community stores to de-stock and stop stocking some fruit juice products, warning that consuming them could have lethal consequences.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) says international research has flagged potential adverse – including fatal – interactions between a growing range of common medications and grapefruit juice, Seville orange marmalades, limes and pomelos.

Apparently, varieties of sweet orange, such as navel or valencia, do not produce this interaction.

“Recent research out of Canada, highlighted on ABC Radio National’s Health Report, makes it clear that a disturbing and increasing number of very common medications, in combination with grapefruit juice, can have adverse effects or even kill,” AMSANT CEO John Paterson said on Thursday.

“That is well known by clinicians but may not translate into the reality of going to the community store. After all, health professionals encourage us to drink fruit juices for our health. But grapefruit juice is not so innocent.

“As researchers have shown us, the number of new medications being implicated in these risks has been growing rapidly in recent years. It includes medications that are regularly



AMSANT CEO John Paterson prescribed by our services, and cover accepted treatments across a range of chronic diseases.

“This issue is unlikely to be known to managers of our community stores – they would be unaware that many of their customers are likely to experience multiple chronic diseases, and therefore may be taking multiple medications that are affected by grapefruit juice – greatly increasing the risks.

“In the interests of their customers and their families, we are asking that community stores take this request seriously, and act urgently.”

The interactive drugs involved anti-cancer agents, anti-infective agents, anti-lipemic agents, cardiovascular agents, CNS agents, gastrointestinal agents, immuno-suppressants, and urinary tract agents.

The predicted interaction risks, across 43 medications thus far

identified, range from intermediate to very high, with risks skewed towards high and very high.

AMSANT said the combination of grapefruit juice and certain medications could lead to cardiac arrest leading to death, damage to bone marrow, renal damage leading to kidney failure, abnormally low blood pressure and gastrointestinal bleeding.

Put simply, the action of an element within grapefruit juice increases the absorption rate of those medications leading to an effective overdose of the medication.

“As a community controlled organisation, we have been able to identify this link between public health and community store policy, and act accordingly and appropriately,” Mr Paterson said. “...If we don’t do it, no one will.”



Richard Frankland, Kevin Coombs and Premier Ted Baillieu.



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell and John ‘Sandy’ Atkinson.



Pamela Pedersen, left, and Ivy Bell. Photos courtesy of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Community Development, Local Government and Regional Development



Premier Ted Baillieu with Reg Blow and family.

Another 15 on roll of honour



FIFTEEN more outstanding Victorians have been inducted into the state’s Indigenous Honour Roll.

They follow 20 others who last year became the inaugural members of the roll, which is designed to recognise Victoria’s outstanding Indigenous citizens.

The 15 recent inductees were the late William ‘Bill’ Onus, the late Lady Gladys Nicholls, the late Reg Saunders, the late Henry ‘Banjo’ Clarke, the late Iris Lovett-Gardiner, the late Mollie Dyer, John ‘Sandy’ Atkinson, the late Eleanor Harding, the late Mary Atkinson, Reg Blow, Kevin Coombs, Ivy Bell, the late William ‘Lin’ Onus, Robert ‘Wally’ Cooper and the late Linda Twite.

State Premier Ted Baillieu said all 15 had played a significant part in the

community. “The Government is proud to recognise the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal Victorians to our shared history,” he said.

“The remarkable achievements of these outstanding individuals provide an inspiring legacy for future generations.”

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Jeannette Powell said the Indigenous Honour Roll would ensure Victorians could acknowledge and celebrate the wide-ranging achievements of past and present Indigenous Victorians.

Awareness

“This roll is another step in raising the awareness of the many Aboriginal Victorians who have helped shape who we are today, and where we will be heading in the future,” she said.

The inductees include Aboriginal

activist Lady Gladys Nicholls, the first Indigenous paralympian Uncle Kevin Coombs, and the first Aboriginal officer in the Australian Army Reg Saunders.

“The Honour Roll is an Australian first, and is an important recognition of Indigenous Victorians instigating change and making lasting contributions that benefit the community at a state, national and international level,” Mr Baillieu said.

Inaugural inductees of the 2011 Indigenous Honour Roll included champion boxer the late Lionel Rose and leader in reconciliation and former State Governor the late Sir Douglas Nicholls, husband of Lady Gladys Nicholls.

Recommendations for the honour roll are provided to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs by an independent advisory panel, which includes Aboriginal community leaders.

Mental health report card given support

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander organisations have backed the National Mental Health Commission's (NMHC) first national report card into mental health and suicide prevention, 'A Contributing Life'.

Launched in Sydney and handed to the Federal Government late last month, the report card contains ten recommendations, largely around making mental health a higher national priority and getting agreement on the best way forward.

The Lowitja Institute and the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples both welcomed the report card, especially a recommendation that the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples be included in national 'Closing the Gap' targets.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) also supported the report, but said it could have gone further.

One in five Australian adults experience a mental health difficulty annually, the report found, while each year there are more than 2000 reports of people taking their own lives.

NMHC chairman Allan Fels attributed the high suicide rate to the fact mental health remained 'a rather low priority' for the nation, saying there needed to be more emphasis at a local level on having effective suicide prevention services.

Professor Fels said that, despite Indigenous suicide rates being double those of the broader community, Indigenous mental health was not currently given high enough priority. He summarised the report by saying Australia was good on policy pronouncements but weak on delivery, and needed to improve.

At the report card launch, West Australian Aboriginal psychologist and NMHC commissioner Pat Dudgeon said it was crucial to recognise cultural differences when dealing with Indigenous people's mental health.

She said she would like to see the Government take responsibility for setting up a national Indigenous mental health body. She acknowledged the work of Indigenous community controlled health organisations and said it was government that had yet to 'step up to the plate and make some more policy and invest some money behind it'.

The National Congress said the report's chapter on Indigenous peoples emphasised the importance of mental health



ALLAN FELS

and wellbeing to extending life expectancy and in reducing early deaths.

"The necessity of a more holistic approach to Aboriginal health has been a consistent message I have heard during the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan consultations during the past two months," Congress co-chair Jody Broun said.

"That is, that health and wellbeing, culture and family are all linked with our physical health."

Ms Broun said the Congress also supported a recommendation that key Indigenous health groups be central to decision making about health and mental health in Australia.

"The information in the report card should also play an important role in informing the

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan," she said.

The Lowitja Institute said having mental health as a close the gap target would ensure that governments treated it as a priority. And the institute called for an adequately funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health, and social and emotional wellbeing plan.

"The report reminds us what we have known for decades – that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people suffer unacceptably higher rates of mental illness and suicide," it said. "We should not lose sight of the fact that poor mental health outcomes are linked to factors that include: inter-generational grief, loss and trauma, the effects of colonisation and dispossession, contact with the criminal justice system, as well as poor education, employment and housing outcomes."

"This, of course, then feeds into a vicious cycle of disadvantage that further exacerbates mental and physical health issues."

Justin Mohamed, chairman of the national peak Aboriginal health body NACCHO, called for increased community engagement.

He said that, while there was strong support for investing in culture and communities to

support social and emotional wellbeing, there had been a lack of coordination and commitment to date.

Mr Mohamed called on the Commonwealth and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to increase the engagement of Aboriginal communities and their service providers in the development and implementation of policies and programs; resource NACCHO to assist in the development and implementation of those policies and programs; and make COAG more accountable.

Federal Mental Health Minister Mark Butler welcomed the report card, saying it highlighted important areas for reform in areas such as employment, physical health and housing but also the need for 'significant work to be done by states and territories'.

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) said it was important to build on the report's recommendations.

"This document can't turn into another false dawn, where there is a lot of talk but very little action," said the council's CEO Frank Quinlan. – **With AAP**

● Contact Lifeline on 131 114 if you are in need of immediate assistance, or talk to your local Aboriginal medical service, your GP or someone you can trust.

People share their stories

BELIEVED to be the first report of its kind in the world, 'A Contributing Life' is based on the personal stories and experiences of people who aren't often heard – people with a lived experience of mental health difficulty, their families and supporters.

It takes a 'whole of life' perspective, recognising that all people want the same things; a stable home, a decent education, a job, family, friends and healthy relationships, good treatment and rights – and all of these are important to recovery and for people to lead a contributing life.

Chris is a son, a brother, an uncle, a fiancé and a father. He's also someone who, in his own words, was 'lost' until he got help a few years back for a mental illness – bipolar disorder – that he didn't know he had.

Chris and Darwin Aboriginal woman Julie, whose daughter took her own life, both courageously shared their personal stories in the report card.

Chris, a member of the Stolen Generations from NSW, candidly shared a string of tragedies he experienced over a 12-month period.

"Things were really bad; I had



Darwin woman Julie and NMHC Commissioner Prof Pat Dudgeon after the report card launch in Sydney.

nowhere to go. I started to self-medicate with illicit drugs and was hospitalised," he said in the report card.

"If only I knew then what I know now – that I have a mental illness. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and looking back I can see the periods of depression, mania and psychosis.

"My untreated illness was woven throughout my life, impacting my ability to cope. I needed help, but without

treatment like others would get for other illnesses, I was lost."

However, diagnosis and treatment, getting to know his biological family and learning about his country are all now helping Chris to live a positive life.

Single mother Julie has lost three children: one to drowning, one to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and a third to suicide.

In the report card, Julie tells of the horrible pain and despair she suffered, but says finding a support group was 'a lifesaver' for her.

"I knew they were available by phone 24/7, and willing to talk or listen," she said.

"Just knowing that helped reduce my sense of isolation. They gave me hope. I also knew as a single parent I had to help myself, to help my surviving children."



Chris from NSW shared his story as part of the national report card.

Julie said in the report card it was through the loss of her three children, that she was taught her life learning lessons and had become who she was today.

"The knowledge that I am strong enough to handle my job as a single parent is what gives me the courage I need to survive," she said, adding that she knew her children were walking with her in spirit.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Rarriwuy Hick, 22

Actor living in Sydney (originally from Arnhem Land)

Favourite bush tucker?
Saltwater turtle (cooked underground).

Favourite other food?
Homemade Cornish pasties.

Favourite drink?
Banana smoothies.

Favourite music?
I love all music.

Favourite performer?
My partner, Yung Nooky.

Favourite movie?
Yolngu Boy.

Favourite holiday destination?
Jervis Bay, NSW.

What are you reading?
My script for *The Gods of Wheat Street*.

What are you watching?
A lot of ABC shows like *Redfern Now* and *A Moody Christmas*.

What do you like in life?
Working with kids. I love it when I can see that I have made a difference to them and inspired them.

What do you dislike?
Stuff like Twitter and Instagram. I come from the bush and they're just one step too far. It's all a different world to what I'm used to.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My late grandmother, my grandfather John Munyarryun and my mum Janet Munyarryun.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I would stop the NT Intervention. I've been on income management myself and it is discriminatory and makes people feel self-conscious. We have the right to determine how we'll live.

Quote



'Our eyes remain on one prize and that is a successful referendum that delivers true recognition and equality for First Peoples'

— National Congress co-chair Jody Broun

● See Page 7

Unquote

Christmas, and the riches that money can't buy

THIS can be a funny time of year. After months of wishing that December would arrive, now that it is finally here there seems nowhere near enough time to do all that needs to be done before year end.

Amidst the commercialism and busy-ness of the encroaching festive season – extra travel, buying gifts, stocking the cupboard and the like – it is easy to get caught up and forget something very important.

That is, to be grateful for what we have and do what we can to assist those less fortunate.

While some will lament a lack of time off, know that others will be desperate to find work.

Some will be thrilled at the prospect of big family gatherings, while some will wish for time by themselves. Others will be feeling lonely and isolated.

The lucky ones amongst us will have managed to put away a little extra cash to make Christmas expenses a little easier to afford. Others will feel the pinch keenly.

For those who've seen tough times this year, we hope things get better. For those who've had a good 2012, we wish you more of the same.



OUR SAY

As the year-end summary in this edition shows, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community life is a feast that never runs out.

We've said it before and will say it again here – our problem has never been finding material to fill our pages; it is squeezing everything in. This is a great problem to have and we sincerely thank all of our readers, advertisers and other supporters.

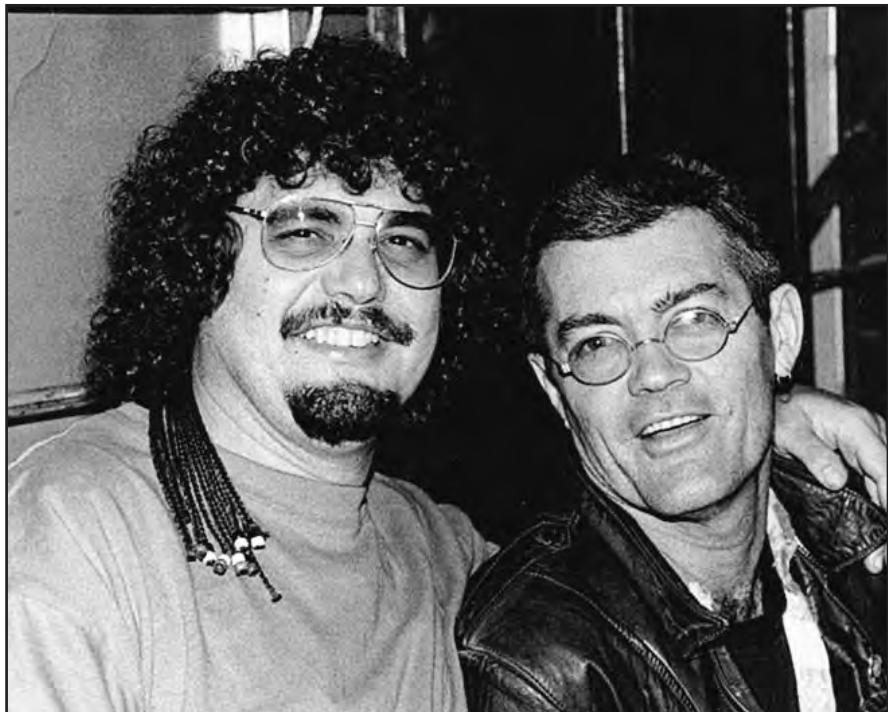
This festive season, we urge you to spend time in the sun, love, laugh, eat healthily, rest and regenerate.

And, as much as you can, spend time on country and immerse yourself in culture. These are the riches that money can't buy.

Whatever kind of Christmas you're planning – a Murri one or Koori, Koorie, Nunga, Noongar, Palawa or other – make it a good one. 'Til next year.

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Two decades of an Indigenous icon



Pre Mary G, Mark Bin Bakar with Broome sound technician and good mate Mick Connolly.



Mary G performing in Leonora during the recent tour in the Goldfields region of Western Australia.

By GEOFF VIVIAN



MUSICIAN and broadcaster Mark Bin Bakar is sitting on his front veranda.

It is easy to leave Broome's muggy climate from where he sits. He can see the one main highway out of town, and it is just a short walk to the airport. Nowadays he spends at least five days a month away from home and all because, 20 years ago, a woman came into his life.

It began when someone suggested Bin Bakar volunteer to host a weekly music program at Radio Goolari. Loving the West Kimberley Kriol he grew up speaking, he used popular sayings and exclamations to create names and characters.

"The original show was called the Geddardyu Show," he says. "Geddardyu means 'stop pulling my leg'. If I say 'that woman eyeing you off' you say 'geddardyu!'"

Between songs Bin Bakar would banter away with an imaginary character that he based on Stolen Generations women like his mother and aunts.

"Basically, I got sacked," Bin Bakar says. "When the ratings went through the roof, Mark Bin Bakar got asked to be the producer so that Mary G could take over."

"Mary G on television came about basically after radio," Bin Bakar says. "People wanted to see (her in the flesh)."

"I wasn't prepared for public appearances – or Mary G wasn't – until there was some interest in TV commercials. It was very early days but I started shaving the moustache off. To dress up as Mary G, I bought myself the biggest bra size and let my hair out. Then I had this idea of doing a live variety show. I spoke to SBS and Bridget Ican said 'yes'."

Since then, life has been a bit of a blur for Bin Bakar. When he is not working from home, he is likely to be off somewhere doing a corporate gig with Mary as a keynote speaker, or a concert, or shooting a TV

Mary G turns 20



Mark Bin Bakar under the mango tree at his home in Broome, just a few years back.



Larger than life, with the Koori Mail board of directors at the Koori Mail Twenty500 20th anniversary celebrations held in Sydney last year.

commercial or corporate video. Mary G is much in demand for her ability to connect with Aboriginal audiences, even in culturally sensitive areas such

as health. "She's a maban woman," Bin Bakar says.

"I think people are just fascinated, in awe, and love her compassion, her ability to make

people feel comfortable."

Nevertheless, he says Mary has barely forgiven him for accepting the honours of Indigenous Person of the Year

(2007), Western Australian of the Year (2008) and an honorary doctorate at Edith Cowan University (2009). "She was disappointed that she didn't get the recognition, it should have been her," Bin Bakar says.

Nowadays, the Mary G Show comes mostly from a little radio studio in a room off to the side of Bin Bakar's front verandah. On Wednesday nights when he's in town fans line up outside for a chance to talk on the radio.

On the road, he carries two laptop computers, a microphone and a tie line so Mary G can hit the airwaves, live, from any place with a land line phone.

Just last month he completed a 21-day 'No Grog, No Drugs' tour of WA's Goldfields, before flying off to Melbourne for recording sessions with Mervyn Mullardy jnr. Back home in Broome, it is late at night. Something thuds on the roof outside. The mango tree is dropping another of its overripe fruit.

Bin Bakar and his wife Tania get much of their admin work done after midnight, when the phone finally stops ringing.

Right now, they're planning Mary's 20th anniversary gig with a variety of Kimberley musicians in Perth.

● The Mary G Show – Music and Comedy at Perth's Charles Hotel, 8pm show on 22/12/12. Dinner available from 6pm.

Winning singer aims high

By DARREN COYNE



SOME might say Bundjalung singer Tom Avery has his head in the clouds but he doesn't mind ... because he reckons it belongs in space. "I want to be the first Aboriginal artist to sing in space... why not!" he told the *Koori Mail*. "You've got to dream big and I'm into manifesting things and it's worked this far." Fresh from winning both the people's choice award and the best original protest song category in the recent CSG Idol competition in Lismore, northern

NSW, Mr Avery is certainly not lacking in confidence. The CSG Idol competition was held in Lismore as part of ongoing protests against proposed coal seam gas mining in the Northern Rivers region. His winning song, called *What's it going to take?*, was written a few months ago. It has themes of politics, the destruction of the earth through mining, but also hope. "We need to stop the mining giants and the political criminals from destroying our land," Mr Avery said. "Protests songs can help." His winning song, which has hip-hop style lyrics with a singalong chorus, is just one

of many he has written. "The song contest was a good opportunity to get my music out there," he said. The winning sound was accomplished by using a loop pedal, a didgeridoo and a beat box. Mr Avery, who performs under the name Blakboi, has become a regular at pubs, clubs and festivals throughout the region. As for singing in space, he reckons his dream is not impossible. "(Entrepreneur) Richard Branson's sending people to space soon. They're going to have to be entertained," he said.



Tom Avery (Blakboi), with the CSG Idol trophies he won.

Answers to our Edition 540 Crossword. How did you go?

- ACROSS**
- 2. Green
 - 5. Principal
 - 7. Moree
 - 9. Alcohol
 - 11. Darwin
 - 12. Sisters
- DOWN**
- 1. Umpire
 - 2. Goanna
 - 3. Tasmania
 - 4. Directors
 - 6. Charles
 - 8. Boxing
 - 10. Obama
 - 13. Town
 - 14. Style
 - 15. Murray

Our brain-teasers

Edition 541 Koori Mail Word Search

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Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is inquiring into the **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Recognition Bill 2012**

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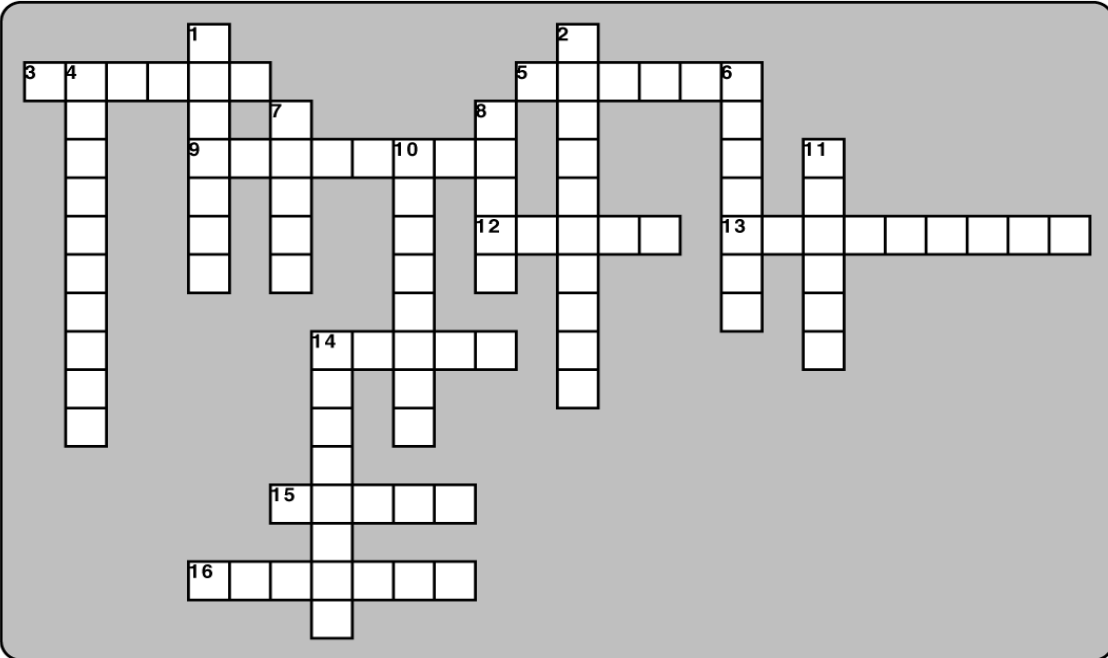
SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ACROSS:

- 3. Another word for food (6)
- 5. South Australian town ... Pedy (6)
- 9. Famous rugby league ground Lang Park is in this city (8)
- 12. Three cricket wickets on a row, hat... (5)
- 13. Boss of a company, chief ... (9)
- 14. Controversial police weapon (5)
- 15. Torres Strait island, Prince of ... (5)
- 16. Astronomical event obscuring sun/moon (7)

DOWN:

- 1. Marcia Ella-Duncan and



Bianca Franklin played this sport (7)

- 2. Kalgoorlie is in this WA region (10)
- 4. Place of learning.

- (10)
- 6. Paul Keating made his famous speech here 20 years ago (7)
- 7. Native Australian

- dog (5)
- 8. Capital city of Western Australia (5)
- 10. NT Government minister Alison... (8)

- 11. Bob Brown was the leader of this political party (6)
- 14. Lara Giddings is premier of this state (8)



Support for commission



HANNAH McGLADE

I REFER to the reporting of the royal commission into child sexual abuse in institutional settings.

Having undertaken a PhD over the course of a decade into the issue of Aboriginal child sexual assault, and long advocated for improved responses for Aboriginal victims of sexual assault, I support the Government's announcement.

The *Koori Mail* (Safe place call for child abuse inquiry, 14 November) refers indirectly to an

article in *The Australian* newspaper in which I am quoted as saying that previous inquiries into Indigenous sexual abuse should not be redone.

Unfortunately my comments to *The Australian* were not published in full. They were to the effect that the royal commission should engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities about the serious history of abuse

in religious and state care.

I also support Indigenous engagement in the royal commission process consistent with human rights law principles. These principles provide support for the approaches suggested by Assistant Professor Tjanara Goreng Goreng as published in the *Koori Mail*.

HANNAH McGLADE
Perth, WA

POETRY

It's Christmas

My brothers and sisters from the north, south and east
Let's celebrate Christmas, let's have a feast
We are here now and have been long before
Others came and nearly took it all.

It's Christmas time they want us to share

It's funny really they still don't care
So let's all stand together here as one
And let's make this Christmas a lot of fun

You and I can smile at each other
And we know the past has been very rough
But we have been there many times before
Even when times were horribly tough

That's what brings the Christmas spirit out in all of us
For we are one and we stand together 'cause we aren't fussed
Christmas to me means happiness
That's what I want to share

So have a merry Christmas my brothers and sisters
From way, way over there.

JERRY MAHER
South Hedland, WA

Kingfisher Man

Kingfisher man building his nest,
taking the time to be still and rest.

Gathering information to enable him to see,
the strength he can access through his family tree.

Knowing the branches which are stable and strong,
finding the space to grow and belong.

When kingfisher man is ready to fly,
his branch will hold his nest close by.

Creating a binding spiritual tie,
providing the will, the reason to try.

To be the best he can be,
knowing his place on his ancestral tree.

KATHLEEN MORGAN
Forster, NSW



They'll be missed ... the *Marngrook Footy Show* team of Ronnie Burns, Shelley Ware, Gilbert McAdam, Grant Hansen, Leila Gurrwiwi, Alan Thorpe and Chris Johnson. Image supplied

Marngrook Footy Show axing is disappointing

IT is with dismay that we learned of the axing of the *Marngrook Footy Show* on ABC TV. In my opinion, *Marngrook* was easily the best football show on television. It provided something that other football shows do not provide.

The content of the show was such that any member of the family could watch it. It provided an excellent opportunity not only

to highlight the contribution of Aboriginal players to our great game, but also allowed Aboriginal people to show themselves as the talented, articulate, decent people that they are.

We think that the ABC is reducing Aboriginal shows generally and this concerns us. The ABC appears, to us, to be losing its soul and is acting more

and more like commercial channels.

Now the ABC has axed an excellent program that made an important contribution towards a more positive perception of Aboriginal people by the general society. We are very disappointed.

MARGARET BROWN
Burnie, Tasmania

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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Even if sent via email, all letters and

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– EDITOR



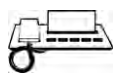
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Council working to fight racism

I'M writing to let your readers know that the findings of the Vic Health Aboriginal Experiences of Racism Survey ('New report reveals huge racism, *Koori Mail*, 14 November) have not gone unnoticed by Greater Shepparton City Council.

We know that those who bear the brunt of racism suffer detrimental effects to their mental health. When a whole section of the population is suffering in this way, it has flow-on effects for the whole community.

Above all, however, Aboriginal people have the fundamental right to go about their day and participate in the community without having to deal with verbal and physical abuse simply because of who they are.

Greater Shepparton's participation in the survey came about through its involvement in the LEAD (Localities Embracing and Accepting Diversity) program, in which it is involved through its good track record on engaging with the challenging issue of racism and disadvantage in its Aboriginal and culturally diverse populations.

Council is already investing in projects to reduce racism in the community, such as the very effective 'See Beyond Race' campaign which featured local people from the Aboriginal and culturally diverse population to encourage the community to see them as individuals, beyond preconceptions of their cultural background.

Greater Shepparton City Council is committed to doing what it can to reduce racism in the region and we will continue to work for its eradication in partnership with the local Aboriginal community.

CR JENNY HOULIHAN
Mayor, Greater
Shepparton City Council
Victoria



Mayor Jenny Houlihan



Sue Russell and her brother David Russell at the memorial in Taree and, at right, Elder Susan Russell viewing the disc she designed and painted which depicts her family history.



Memorial garden on Biripi country

ON 15 November, Marrangbah Cottage (also known as Biripi Aged & Community Services) at Taree, NSW, unveiled a memorial garden specific to Biripi families, Out of Country Aboriginal families and Aboriginal veterans.

Marrangbah Cottage Aboriginal Memorial Garden was a concept of respected Biripi Elders who had hoped to have a tangible place that would acknowledge Biripi families and where they could sit and reflect on times past and heal through yarning.

But this concept became much more than just the hope of a garden; it was to develop into a memorial, a memorial that would acknowledge not only families of Biripi but to be inclusive of all Aboriginal families.

After all, just as Australia is a diverse and multicultural country, so too is Biripi home to many Aboriginal families from other tribal nations who have made Biripi country their home.

For two consecutive years, the Marrangbah Cottage Team consisting of management, staff, Elders and volunteers of Biripi Aged Care worked in partnership to create something beautiful.

Thoughtful, respectful consideration went into this endeavour. With a minimal budget, we knew it was important to connect with Biripi Aged Care's partnerships and call for volunteers to realise the vision of our Elders.

However, one major source of financial assistance came from the Department of

Veterans Affairs. With funding from the Saluting Their Service Commemorations Grants, we were able to acknowledge our Aboriginal veterans appropriately.

Biripi Elder my brother David Russell designed the memorial garden. It was designed not only with aesthetic appeal in mind but also to be able to inspire feelings of peace and harmony. David, together with George Morris, John Bridge, Kevin Clarke, Jade Clarke, Brandon Clarke, William Clarke and Paul McDermott – all volunteers – created something truly wonderful.

Our committee decided it would be wonderful to have discs and boomerangs to add a cultural flavour to the garden painted by a member of each Aboriginal family, telling their stories, totems and history through art.

Partnership

Working in partnership with Gungga Marrang Art Gallery and Cultural Centre and artists like Joan McDonald was a wonderful opportunity. Joan was able to bring out the artist in Elders who had never picked up a paintbrush. True healing through artwork has enabled many of our Elders to release their emotions into their artwork; it was truly amazing to witness.

The unveiling ceremony for the memorial garden was all that we could have hoped for, beginning with cultural protocol of a welcome to country of our Guttang language

translated into English by our Biripi Elders Aunty Melva Clarke and Aunty Wilma Morcome.

Chatham Primary School Choir joyfully sang the Australian national anthem accompanied by a didgeridoo, while the St Joseph's boys traditional dance group added a further cultural tone to the day by performing a dance that honoured Aboriginal veterans.

The highlight for me personally was the formal protocol of the Taree RSL Sub Branch, which included the Ode of Remembrance. This solemn and dignified display was for me a moment that I will long remember.

As a Biripi Woman who has only been involved in my Aboriginal community for the last six years it has been a truly defining journey for me in my personal and professional life.

I have undergone great change in this last two years and I am discovering not only my Biripi culture but learning more about myself.

My Elders have given me a wonderful gift, one that I have not taken lightly.

These last two years working in partnership with them has been the most challenging and worthwhile experience of my life.

SUE RUSSELL
Taree, NSW

Top award for *The Block*



BROADCASTER SBS has won a major journalism award for its interactive online documentary *The Block: Stories From a Meeting Place*. The web-only production, made in partnership with the Redfern Indigenous community, won this year's Walkley Award for Coverage of Indigenous Affairs.

The program was described as a 'virtual time capsule that explores the history and significance of

Redfern's Indigenous-owned housing precinct, *The Block*'.

The production began in late 2010, soon after *The Block*'s 41 remaining residents received notice to vacate their homes.

Diversity

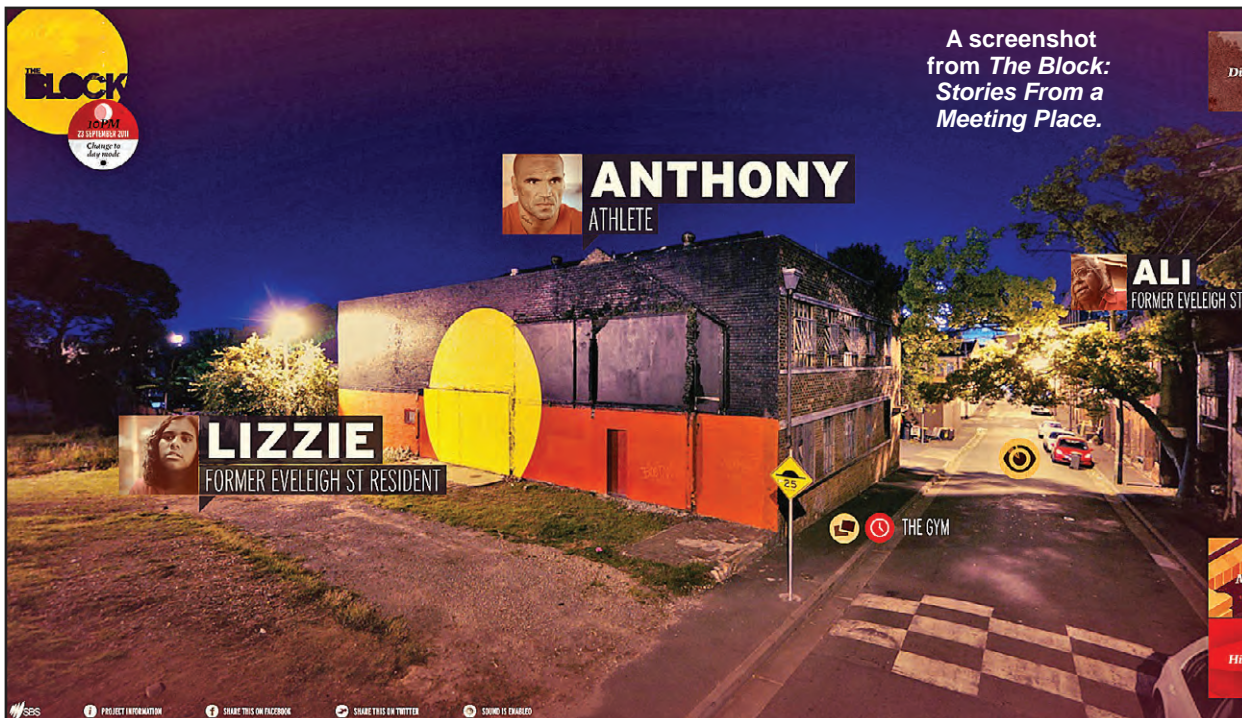
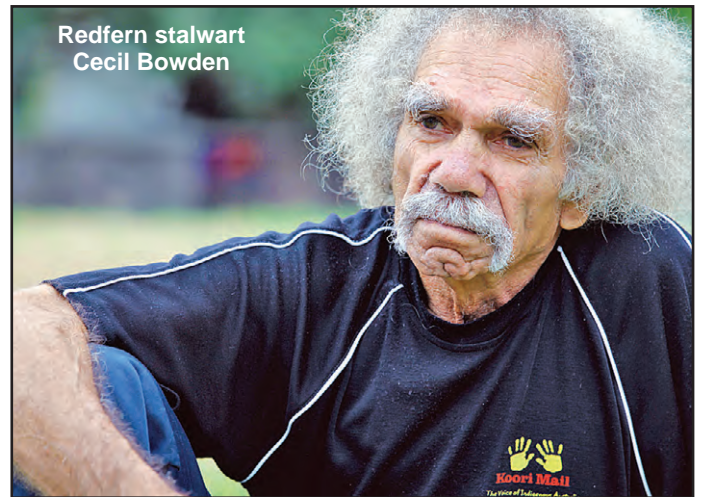
It combined interviews, panoramic photography, and an ambient soundscape to allow users to explore the diversity of *The Block* and its community. Other features included a timeline of events using

material from the SBS archives.

SBS managing director Michael Ebeid said the accolade was recognition of SBS 'continuing to lead the way in producing powerful and insightful interactive online content that brings important subjects to the attention of all Australians, in unique and meaningful ways'.

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Boxer Anthony Mundine at *The Block*.

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Forum participants came from across the mining sector.
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Mining mums on job

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



MOTHERS who choose to work away at mine sites face many challenges – separation from partners, long-distance parenting and fatigue to name a few – but high wages and workplace achievement are helping balance the ledger.

Strategies for coping with challenges were explored candidly by female miners and mining mothers at the Indigenous Women in Mining Workshop held in Perth. About 100 employees from across the West Australian mining sector attended the forum.

Women cited difficulties like juggling work and family-long distance, harassment and bullying in the workplace, and balancing social needs with rest upon return, when working fly in-fly out (FIFO).

Returning to the workforce after maternity leave can pose obstacles for women, but solutions are available, Lynette Upton said.

She found there were support frameworks for female employees to resolve problems, such as workplace bullying and child-care needs, that previously would have threatened women's job security.

Ms Upton said that, while her children were older now, they still missed her when she travelled and worked away. But she says she maintains an ongoing dialogue with home 'to make sure everything is organised'.

She also recommended exercising patience in the workplace.

"If you're doing a good job and you have good management above you



At the conference, back, Sue Boyd and Angela Ryder and, front, Lynette Upton and Raylene Bellottie. Photo by Liz Murray

they're going to recognise that and the opportunities will follow," Ms Upton said. Angela Ryder, from Relationships

Australia WA, discussed factors affecting fly-in fly-out (FIFO) workers' family, marriage and social life, and emphasised

the need to plan leisure time carefully, to eliminate challenges and make the most of time off.

"FIFO has become a valid and accepted lifestyle and choice for all Australians, and also for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," she said.

She said women needed an awareness of what to consider before accepting a FIFO job, and to understand the impact of their work on relationships. Problems in relationships with a FIFO worker could involve 'loneliness, resentment, mistrust and feeling left behind, isolation and jealousy'.

To counter these and other emotional problems, Ms Ryder said it was important for women to be particularly aware of their own needs and feelings, and to plan time for rest and structuring time together with loved ones.

FIFO arrangements could be disruptive to family life and isolating when away from home, occupational health and safety expert Dr Yossi Berger told the *Koori Mail* after the forum.

Odd work patterns and rosters could affect the health of FIFO workers and there were added complexities and health considerations regarding women's work, private, domestic and social life, Dr Berger said.

He said there were opportunities to lessen the burden of separation from family and home for Indigenous women on mine sites through improved and relevant leisure areas and social activities.

Forum chairperson Christine Ross said the event was a first.

She said organisers were 'blown away' by the amount of interest across the sector in the event, which explored issues around professional development.



Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child & Family Centre provides a mix of services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in the Mt Druitt community including supported playgroup sessions, early literacy programs and family support. Development of a new purpose built, licensed early childhood service that will deliver quality early childhood programs is currently underway. We are looking now to expand our team to establish this exciting project and are offering the following opportunity:

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Applications close Monday, 7 January 2013.



Tanami Michael, one of Woodside's 2010 Aboriginal Employment Strategy graduates, at the forum. Photo by Liz Murray



Leighton Contractors Indigenous employment superintendent Christine Ross, who chaired a workshop at the conference.

Gooda uses reports to call for new approach



ABORIGINAL and Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda has used the launch of his annual social justice and

native title reports to plead with governments to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians a chance to 'take control'.

"Effective Indigenous governance must start with us, with our peoples and our communities," Mr Gooda said before the Sydney launch on 30 November.

The two reports cover the 2011/12 financial year. Mr Gooda said Indigenous communities had not been properly supported, enabled or empowered in the past and a new approach was required.

"In order for a community to achieve its aims, the governance structures of that community must be culturally relevant and meaningful," he said.

"For Indigenous governance to be effective it is not enough to import foreign governance structures into communities and expect that those communities will be able to function effectively within those structures."

Mr Gooda's reports look at 'ill-conceived government action', including the Northern Territory Intervention, which combined with local government reforms had been felt by communities as 'one assault'.

"The extent and regularity of imposed change faced by remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities has unsettled the governance structures and shifted decision-making responsibility from communities to centralised government institutions," he said.

"...To leave people feeling like they have no control over their lives has a real human impact as highlighted in the NT in the last five years. We know from national and international research that disempowerment results in ill health and even increased suicide rates."

Mr Gooda suggested a three-pronged framework encompassing community governance and self-determination, effective organisational governance, and government and other external influences.

He said research had shown that governments could and often

did have a determinative impact on communities' ability to achieve their aims but governments typically lacked the capacity to engage effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Further, funding is often provided on a short-term basis and the requirements of government agencies are often onerous in proportion to the amounts of funding available or provided," he said.

"Where government plays the right role in the governance framework, that is, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to govern themselves, great things happen."

Included in the reports were success stories where communities had found solutions to complex challenges, 'often in the face of significant obstacles'.

Mr Gooda said he was constantly impressed by the creativeness and commitment of

Indigenous communities and groups within communities to finding solutions to such challenges.

Federal Attorney-General Nicola Roxon and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin thanked Mr Gooda for his reports, which they said would help inform related Government policy.

Ms Macklin noted the reports' emphasis on how strong governance could enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's capacity to realise their aspirations.

"The Government supports effective governance and strong leadership in Indigenous communities, as an important part of closing the gap

on Indigenous disadvantage," Ms Macklin said.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council CEO Geoff Scott backed Mr Gooda's calls for greater investment in sound Aboriginal governance.

"It's no secret strong and effective governance brings with it sustainable economic, social and cultural outcomes," he said at the launch. "We need to shift the focus back to developing credible and legitimate governance structures, and governments must play their part."

"That said, part of this drive is about accepting responsibility as the First Peoples of this country and demonstrating that fact."



Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda (fourth from right) with NSW Aboriginal Land Council chief executive officer Geoff Scott (left, back) and others at the launch of the 2012 Social Justice and Native Title Reports. Photo courtesy of Sabine Kacha



Health

Important community announcement

Changes to the law on smoke-free outdoor areas

From 7 January 2013, there are new requirements in NSW making the following areas smoke-free:

- Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in an outdoor public place;
- Open areas of public swimming pool complexes;
- Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events;
- At public transport stops and stations, including platforms of passenger railways and light rail stations, ferry wharves, light rail stops, bus stops, taxi ranks and the area where people gather or queue to wait for the bus, taxi or light rail; and
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a building (meaning a non-residential building or a building that combines residential and commercial uses). This requirement will operate from 6 July 2015 for hotels, clubs, restaurants and cafes.

From 6 July 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas will be required to be smoke-free.

Smoking will not be permitted in an outdoor public place that is:

- A seated dining area – an area in which seating is provided and in which food that has been purchased and served on plates or packaged for immediate consumption is consumed - but only while food is being consumed or is available for purchase and consumption there;
- Within 4 metres of a seated dining area on licensed premises or at a restaurant, or
- Within 10 metres of where food is sold or supplied for consumption at a food fair.

From 6 July 2015, hotels, clubs, restaurants and cafes will need to comply with the ban on smoking within 4 metres of any pedestrian entrance to or exit from a public building.

Penalties will apply for anyone who fails to comply with the new laws.

These amendments to the *Smoke-free Environment Act 2000* are a key measure in reducing community exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke, tobacco-related harm and the uptake of smoking in NSW.

For more information please visit the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412. The Tobacco Information Line can be accessed by non-English speaking persons via the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50.

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Free ATMs open



SELECTED remote Indigenous communities now have access to fee-free automated teller machines (ATMs).

The Australian Bankers' Association (ABA) and 15 retail banks working with the Federal Government and two independent deployers formed an ATM Taskforce to provide 79 fee-free machines at communities in the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia. The move was in response to concerns that residents in remote communities relied far more on ATMs and were being hit for more costs for using them.

ABA chief executive Steven Munchenberg said the banking industry recognised that Indigenous people and residents in very remote communities had to pay fees, typically to access their social security payments, 'which exacerbates social and financial disadvantage in these communities'.

"The ATM Taskforce, with input from other Government agencies, community groups, the banking industry and the ATM deployers, has determined the criteria for identifying a number of ATMs eligible for inclusion in the proposed arrangement," he said.

Information campaign

Mr Munchenberg said the banking industry welcomed a new Federal Government information and education campaign in the communities through the existing financial management program and targeted workshops.

"The ABA is also pleased that the Federal Government is establishing a multi-party working group to explore longer-term solutions and develop strategies for addressing ATM usage and related issues, including identifying options for alternative cash transaction service delivery and working with regulatory authorities to promote Indigenous consumer protection," he said.

The 15 retail bank brands involved in the scheme are ANZ, Bankwest, BankSA, Bank of Melbourne, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Bank of Queensland, Citibank, Commonwealth Bank, HSBC, ING Direct, ME Bank, NAB, St George, Suncorp and Westpac.

A list of the communities involved is at <http://banking.treasury.gov.au/banking/content/atms.asp>

High praise as Scott's novel wins top prizes



IT has been quite a year for Indigenous artists and writers. And the latest winner is Kim Scott, the West Australian Aboriginal writer, who on 30 November won a combined \$50,000 for two NSW Premier's Literary awards for his novel *That Deadman Dance*.

He received \$40,000 for the Christina Stead Prize and \$10,000 for Book of the Year.

Set on the WA coast at the start of the 19th century, *That Deadman Dance* is a story of early encounters between Noongar people and Europeans.

The judges said the book is 'peopled with a broad cast of compelling, complex characters' and a 'work of astounding beauty'.

Thirty-three judges read hundreds of nominations for the nine literary awards and five history awards, with a collective value of around \$360,000 in prizemoney.

Commentator Clive James was awarded a \$10,000 Special Award, which is given under exceptional circumstances, isn't open to entry and can't be awarded to a work that has been submitted to the awards.

James, 73, who has leukaemia, was a member of the Aussie 'Push' who went to London in the early 1960s and included feminist Germaine Greer.

Writer Gail Jones was awarded the People's Choice Award for *Five Bells*, a novel set in Circular Quay, and Russell McGregor won the Australian History Prize for *Indifferent Inclusion: Aboriginal People and the Australian Nation* (Aboriginal Studies Press).



Ross Tanimu, Prof Mick Dodson, MP Shayne Neumann, Jason Tamiri, MP Sharman Stone, Alf Bamblett and Belinda Duarte pictured following the Melbourne roundtable hearing for the inquiry into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring.

Sport is vital, inquiry hears

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SPORT saves lives – that was a key message heard by the House of Representatives Committee on

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs inquiry into the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring. Hearings in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane were told first-hand accounts of the importance of sport in Indigenous communities, factors contributing to the success of Indigenous sporting programs and events, mentoring and strategies to increase participation.

'Witnesses' included major sporting codes, not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs, academics, peak sporting bodies, recreation officers, interested individuals and Indigenous sports stars, including high-profile people such as the NRL's Preston Campbell and tennis champion Evonne Goolagong.

Sport is accepted as playing a major role in physical wellbeing, but its important role in mental wellbeing is often overlooked.

Professor Colin Tatz, from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), told the Sydney hearing that sporting participation was wider than the players on the field, and also included the viewers, fans, officials, trainers, newsletter writers, fundraisers, badge makers and so on. He has conducted research on Indigenous people and sport for more than 20 years.

Like others to attend hearings, Prof Tatz said sport had an indelible impact on Aboriginal communities and their wellbeing, reducing non-natural deaths including suicide.

"Sport is an anticipatory activity," he said. "We are all interested in what is going to happen next week, what is going to happen at the end of the season, who is going to win the final,

what is going to happen. It is all future-oriented – that is one of the beauties about sport as an activity.

"This means that the kid who is playing or the kid who is watching or the kid who is involved as a fan has got something to anticipate and look forward to, whereas the lives of most suicide kids – and I have talked to hundreds of Aboriginal kids who have attempted suicide – are absolutely cemented into the past and the immediate present.

"There is no sense of anticipation, there is no sense of a future."

At the Melbourne hearing, Prof Mick Dodson reflected on his visits to 50 schools as Australian of the Year in 2009. He agreed that sport played

funding for sports, especially in remote Aboriginal communities where there were few or no local businesses to provide sponsorship, and the role of sport as a means to engagement in education, health and a range of other positive life experiences.

Committee chair Shayne Neumann MP said sport played an important role in closing the gap.

He said the hearings were told of the need for investment in sporting infrastructure in regional and remote areas, particularly those with large Indigenous populations.

"Whether it is swimming pools, tennis courts, footy grounds or gym equipment, investing in carnivals and activities that have an Indigenous focus, that's money well spent," he said.

Mr Neumann praised the Learn Earn Legend! program launched by the Federal Government in February 2010 to encourage and support young Indigenous Australians to stay at school so they could get a job and be a legend for themselves, their family and their community. He said there was a strong

push and very strong encouraging evidence on the need to expand the program from Year 12 into lower grades, possibly even primary.

The hearings will conclude in Canberra in the new year, and a report is due in the first half of 2013.

Mr Neumann said the inquiry arose from recommendations of a 2010 inquiry 'Doing Time – Time For Doing: Indigenous youth in the criminal justice system', which urged the Australian Government to support mentoring programs and sports outside of school, ensure continuous funding of such programs and infrastructure, and investigate impediments to participation.

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'Whether it is swimming pools, tennis courts, footy grounds or gym equipment, investing in carnivals and activities that have an Indigenous focus, that's money well spent'

a role in filling the 'mischief space' for young people.

Belinda Duarte, director of the Korin Gamadji Institute, who also spoke in Melbourne, said the ceremonial significance of grassroots sport should not be underestimated.

"Traditional ceremony has a place, but culture continues to evolve over the years," she said.

Ms Duarte said evidence showed events and activities that celebrate contribution or engage communities where they feel a sense of belonging, pride and a coming together on something that is positive and not connected to sorry business was critical in embracing a sense of belonging and celebrating identity.

She referred to sport as a religion common to all in Australia.

Others spoke of the importance of government and philanthropic

Knowledge used for environmental tool



A DARWIN-based scientist has used Aboriginal knowledge of Australia's landscape to help develop an environmental management tool.

The CSIRO's Emma Woodward worked with Aboriginal Elders as part of the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge Program to develop six seasonal calendars from six different language groups – Ngan'gi, Malakmalak, Gooniyandi, Walmajarri, Wagiman and Larrakia – across the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The calendars provide early warning signs of environmental change, which she says will help scientists manage water use and monitor the impacts of climate change.

"Changes or disturbances to patterns of expected behaviour and connections between plants and animals are noticed and queried immediately, potentially alerting us to more serious higher-level problems," Ms Woodward said.

Each calendar depicts between four and 13 seasons in an annual cycle of climatic and ecological understanding. Focusing on river systems, they follow the activities of



Larrakia traditional owners Lorraine Williams and Annie Risk discuss the new Larrakia seasonal calendar with CSIRO's Emma Woodward and Maeli Cooper.

plants and animals which are driven by the monsoon in northern Australia.

Ms Woodward says her work taps into a previously under-utilised resource.

"Aboriginal knowledge is different and adds to Western science. It can make a unique and important contribution to the problems of managing the Australian environment," she says.

"Aboriginal people have a deep understanding of the connections between everything in the environment. Their observations have revealed relationships and links between plants, animals, water and climate that we weren't aware of before."

Ms Woodward says it is crucial to draw on the best information available when making decisions

about water management.

"Aboriginal people are key water users and bring valuable knowledge about these important resources, including detailed information about fish behaviour and habitats within the rivers," she says.

"Indigenous ecological knowledge is being used in other countries for environmental monitoring and management but it is still very early days in Australia.

"The calendars are the first step in facilitating this process."

Ms Woodward says schools and universities have shown interest in the calendars as an educational resource. The Larrakia calendar, from the Darwin region, is being converted into an interactive online educational version.

Free calls to Centrelink



THE Federal Government has introduced free calls to Centrelink's Indigenous phone lines.

Human Services Minister Kim Carr said ABSTUDY students, Indigenous people and those on income management could now contact Centrelink from

any landline free of charge.

"The Government is committed to improving service delivery, particularly for those living in remote Indigenous communities," he said.

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Plea to stop development

By DARREN COYNE



BUNDJALUNG Elders have appealed to the NSW Planning Minister to deny a proposal to develop the North Lismore Plateau (NLP).

Uncle Micky Ryan has written to Minister Brad Hazzard saying that the plateau is called Banyam Baigham, meaning Sleeping Lizard, and is a sacred place to local Aboriginal people.

He has also written to the Lismore City Council (LCC) outlining his objections to the proposal on cultural heritage grounds. "It is not acceptable to have the most significant sites for local Aboriginal people to be impacted upon by any development," he wrote.

"The site has not been properly assessed, only a small portion, this showed significant sites but LCC won't complete the assessment."

The public exhibition for the proposed rezoning plan for 255 hectares of the plateau has ended and Mr Ryan is expecting the proposal to come back

before the council in the new year.

The NLP site has been identified as potentially suitable for future urban development in the strategic town planning documents, the Lismore Urban Strategy and the Far North Coast Regional Strategy.

If approved, the development would consist of between 1200 and 1500 homes on what is now farmland, and would significantly increase the amount of available land in Lismore, according to the council.

Not go ahead

In his letter to Minister Hazzard, Mr Ryan said the proposed rezoning should not go ahead.

"I am asking you personally to deny land development of the NLP on the grounds of spirituality, history, education, culture, belonging and respect for our peoples," he wrote.

"Our ancestors are buried on the NLP all along the ridgeline, where we hunted and lived.

"Some of these burial sites

and other significant sites are registered with the Department of Environment and Heritage, and some are not, for reasons unknown.

"The question I want to ask, Sir, is: How many of these landowners and Lismore City councillors ancestors are buried on this same plateau?"

"None!"

Meanwhile, activist Robert Corowa, speaking for the Bundjalung Elders group, has warned that legal action could be taken if the council approved any rezoning proposal for the land.

"I would like it known now, before they get started, that it really is a no-go area as far as development is concerned under any circumstances. People should respect that," Mr Corowa told local media.

"Over thousands of years of Aboriginal culture, people have come to understand that this lizard that lives here has its home and dreaming in that mountain.

"They understand that that mountain represents the lizard and it should be respected."

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4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Yarramundi Kids PG (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 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
11:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 From The Heart Of Our Nation PG (Entertainment)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Best Of NITV Sport NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Your Stories Your Voice: A Living Black Special NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 From The Heart Of Our Nation: Reflections PG (Entertainment)
8:00 From The Heart Of Our Nation: Concert PG (Entertainment)
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

12:00 Best Of NITV Sport NC (Sport)
12:30 From The Heart Of Our Nation: Reflections PG (Entertainment)
1:00 From The Heart Of Our Nation PG (Entertainment)
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4:00 Ella 7's G (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
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10:00 Buried Country PG (Documentary)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer NC (Sport)
8:30 Shaq Vs NC (Entertainment)
9:30 Mana Mamau PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' G (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
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2:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)
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6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Going Bush: Cowboys, Hot Rods And Demons G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
10:00 Grab PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
10:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
11:30 Going Bush: Cowboys, Hot Rods And Demons G (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Grab PG (Documentary)
4:00 True Heart PG (Documentary)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Summer NC (Sport)
7:00 From The Heart Of Our Nation PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Green Bush MA (Drama)
9:30 Dreamkeeper PG (Drama)
11:00 Cold Turkey M (Drama)

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SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
10:00 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
8:45 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
9:40 Toomelah MA (Drama)
11:30 Portrait Of A Distant Land G (Documentary)

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Pacifica: Solomon Islands PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
1:40 Ailan Kores Documentary G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
9:30 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Matakui M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
12:00 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
1:00 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Ravens And Eagles PG (Documentary Series)
2:00 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Ngunampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Julian On The Inside NC (Documentary)
9:00 Women Of The Sun M (Drama)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Documentary Series)
12:00 Julian On The Inside NC (Documentary)
12:30 Norforce G (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Ngunampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Balandia And The Bark Canoes PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

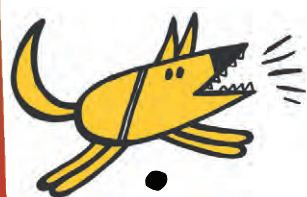
12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
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11:00 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Ngunampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
12:00 Talking Broken PG (Documentary)
1:30 Balandia And The Bark Canoe PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Mana Mamau PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
12:00 Ngunampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
1:00 Mana Mamau PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Blackfellas, Bulls And Bucking G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (News)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (News)
8:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' G (Documentary Series)

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SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
10:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
11:30 Going Bush G (Kids)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Julian On The Inside NC (Documentary)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Visit To A Chief's Son PG (Drama)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
7:00 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Black Chick's Talking M (Documentary)
9:30 Dreamkeeper PG (Drama)
11:00 Gulpiin: One Red Blood M (Documentary)

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music M (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
10:00 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
9:30 Storm Boy PG (Drama)
11:00 The Kimberley Mob PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music M (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Bran Nue Dae M (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Building Legends G (Documentary)
9:30 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
10:00 Matakui M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 Yamba's Christmas Surprise PG (Kids)
12:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)
1:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
1:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
2:00 Yamba's Christmas Surprise PG (Kids)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Jimmy Little Tribute Concert PG (Entertainment)
9:00 Women Of The Sun M (Drama)
10:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

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26TH DECEMBER TO 8TH JANUARY



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WEDNESDAY 26TH 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 G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Jimmy Little Tribute Concert PG (Entertainment)
12:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:15 Turn Back G (Documentary)
8:30 Jimmy Little's Gentle Journey G (Documentary)
9:30 National Indigenous Music Awards PG (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Straight Shootin' PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Sport)
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 G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Jimmy Little's Gentle Journey G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Mana Mamau PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
12:00 Shaq Vs PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Mana Mamau PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News G (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Going Bush G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
9:00 Jimmy Little's Gentle Journey G (Documentary)
10:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
10:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
11:30 Going Bush G (Documentary Series)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Jimmy Little Tribute Concert PG (Entertainment)
4:00 The Aviator PG (Drama)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
7:00 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 A Sister's Love M (Drama)
9:30 The Fringe Dwellers M (Drama)
11:00 Samoana G (Documentary)

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SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News Week In Review NC (News)
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
9:30 Barking Water M (Drama)
11:00 In Search Of Bony PG (Documentary)

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Documentary Series)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids PG (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
1:30 No Apologies PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Skydancer PG (Documentary)
9:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 Matakau M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin 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 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 Pearlers, The G (Documentary)
11:45 Turn Back G (Documentary)
12:00 Skydancer PG (Documentary)
1:00 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Lore Of Love, The PG (Drama)
2:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
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4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
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7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Skydancer PG (Documentary)
9:30 Larger Than Life PG (Documentary Series)
10:00 Matakau M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
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8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Documentary Series)
12:30 Contrary Warrior PG (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 In My Father's Country M (Documentary)
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
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10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Yarning Up PG (Documentary)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Art From The Heart G (Documentary)
2:00 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)
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3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
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10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
12:00 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)
1:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
1:30 Boomali: Five Koori Artists G (Doc)
2:00 Film Essays Of Maasai Life G (Doc Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:00 Going Bush G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Milli Milli Nganka G (Documentary Series)
9:00 In My Father's Country M (Documentary)
10:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
11:30 Going Bush G (Kids)
1:30 Noongar Dandjoo PG (Documentary Series)
3:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
4:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:00 Barefoot Summer PG (Sport)
7:00 We Shall Remain PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 The Chant Of Jimmie Blacksmith M (Drama)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)
7:00 Bizou G (Kids)
7:30 Yarramundi Kids G (Kids)
8:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
11:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
6:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Burned Bridge M (Drama)
9:30 The Motorcycle Diaries M (Drama)
11:00 Counting With Justice PG (Documentary)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Of Islands And Men G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Samoana G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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3:50 Finding My Magic G (Kids)
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4:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)
9:30 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
10:00 Matakau M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA15+ (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Island Of Origin NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
5:00 Yeyekerte M (Series)
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10:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
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11:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
11:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Doc)
12:00 Miss Navajo PG (Documentary)
1:00 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
1:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
2:00 A Thousand Suns PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
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4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Documentary Series)
8:30 Opinion Piece NC (Documentary Series)
9:00 Women Of The Sun PG (Drama)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)

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For more information please contact:

Victim Support ACT,
The Health Building
Level 4, 1 Moore St,
Canberra City, ACT, 2601.
Free Call: 1800 822 272.

Relationships Australia
15 Napier Close,
Deakin, ACT, 2600.
Ph: (02) 6122 7100.



An artform that Nancy has nailed

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



NANCY
Jackomos doesn't consider herself an artist. But her funky designs tell another story. Only instead of a

blank canvas and palette, her tools are her perfectly manicured nails and a few tubes of acrylic paint.

Nancy's intricate artwork is done on what is effectively a miniature canvas a quarter the size of a postage stamp, freehand, and replicated on each individual nail with no aid other than her own imagination. And she says the best thing about her art is the ability to wipe the canvas clean every day and start all over again.

Originally from Cummeragunja in Victoria, Nancy has made the far north Queensland city of Cairns her home for the past 12 years.

Her eye-catching nail designs can range from a bejewelled butterfly creation one day to a Christmas theme the next, and you should see her hot zipper talons! But while she can be as artistic and zany as she wants with her contemporary designs, Nancy's more traditional designs are a respectful homage to her nana's people, the Warumungu of the Northern Territory.

"When I was younger I was taught never to use anyone else's traditional artwork otherwise it's disrespectful, and that's stayed with me ever since," she told the *Koori Mail*.

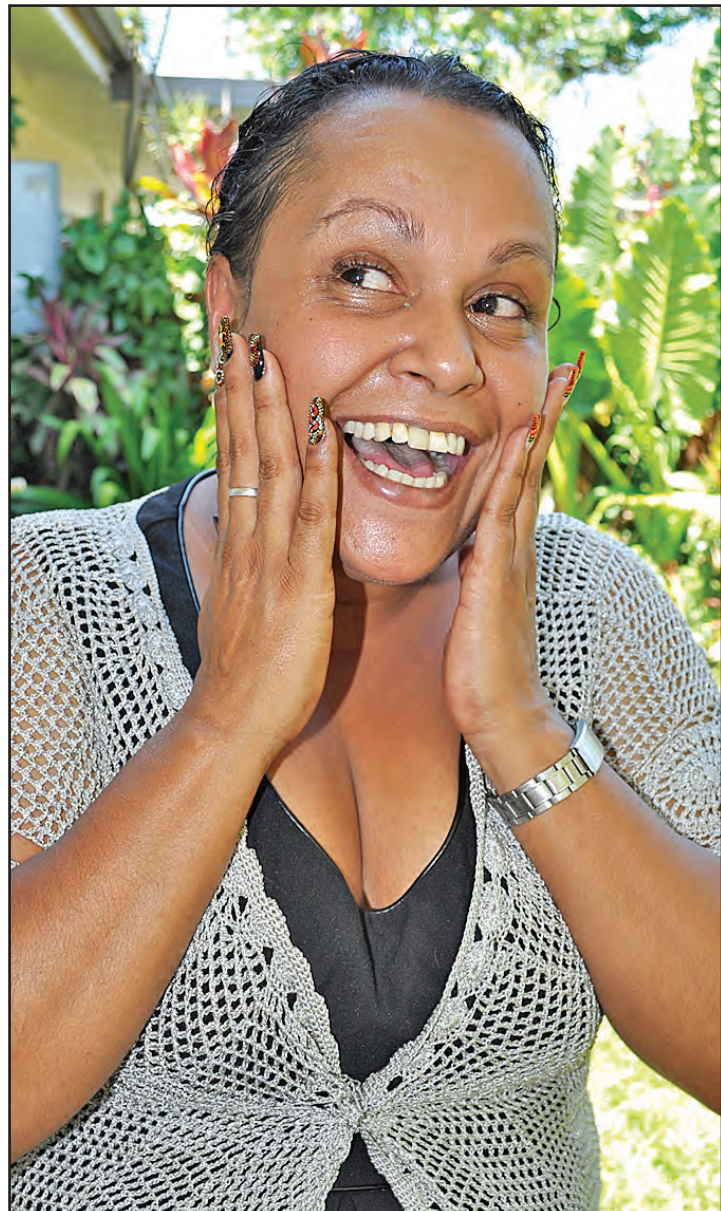
The envy of her friends, Nancy's nails are 'the only girly thing' about her, her one indulgence. While she's never studied art or worked as a manicurist, her nail art could rival the best. She has a long line of friends urging her to finally turn her hobby into a business.

"I only started doing my nails five years ago and used to bite them down to the quick," she said. "I've never studied art and I'm not artistic in any other way.

"I just start painting and it just depends on what mood I'm in or if I'm coordinating my outfit.

"I started doing it just for myself and the pleasure I got from having beautiful nails. I can change the designs at least four times a week. The intense concentration needed is a great stress release. I don't know where it comes from, I just start painting and it happens."

As for going pro, Nancy says that, while her own nails only take her half an hour, working



Nancy Jackomos displaying her fabulous nails.



A close-up of Nancy Jackomos' latest Indigenous nail art creation.

on someone else would take so much longer 'because I can't stop working on it until it's perfect'.

"That's one of the reasons I don't do it too much for others," she says.

"Plus I like the feeling of

having something that's so unique. You can't just walk into any nail salon and get these designs."

The amazing thing about Nancy's work is that, as a right-hander, half of her work has to be done with her left hand. This presents a challenge, but seems to have no impact on the quality of her work.

And she insists that she doesn't break a sweat if she breaks a nail.

"I don't let my nails overtake my life," she says. "I love them, but at the end of the day they're just nails.

"I don't freak out if one breaks and I don't shy away from doing the gardening. If I'm going away camping I just cut them off and when they start getting in the way of my day-to-day life I file them to a practical size.

"I love the appreciation I get from others, but I do it for the love of it. I could run around naked, just as long as I've got nice nails," she laughs.

"But I wouldn't!"



Department of Planning
and Community Development

Expressions of interest from Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (the Council) was created under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and is the first Aboriginal Council created under Victorian law. It is the only statutory decision-making authority in Australia whose members are all Traditional Owners. The Council's purpose is to work with all Victorians to protect, preserve and enjoy Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Council's principal functions involve:

- making decisions regarding the registration of Aboriginal parties (RAPs)
- advising the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Victoria
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage

To be eligible to be a Council member you must:

- be resident in Victoria
- demonstrate traditional or familial links to an area in Victoria
- have extensive knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues in Victoria
- have demonstrated the ability to provide advice on issues affecting Aboriginal Victorians
- have adequate time to commit to the duties of the Council

Council members are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please send your written expression of interest, addressing the above criteria to:

By post: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
GPO Box 2392
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

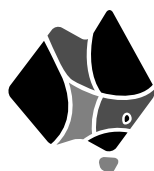
By email: vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au

By fax: (03) 9208 3292

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Monday 4 February 2013.

For further information, please telephone Maria Pizzi, Manager of the Secretariat to the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council on (03) 9208 3280 or at maria.pizzi@dpcd.vic.gov.au

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You will use your experience, skills and local regional knowledge to build relationships between all levels of government and regional communities.

Expressions of Interest are now open for committees in New South Wales and Western Australia.

RDA committees are representative of the diversity of each particular region. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse cultural backgrounds, people with disabilities and people from across every age group are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). All Expressions of Interest will be considered against the skills and expertise needed by RDA committees.

Interested community members should submit an EOI. Previous applicants will also be considered but should submit a new EOI.

Expressions of Interest are encouraged by **Wednesday 16 January 2013.**

For further information and to apply

www.rda.gov.au 1800 505 938 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm AEDST) rdaei@regional.gov.au



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Ryan Johannesen, Leroy Sambo, Phil Hanson, Frederick Mimi and Emanuel Frewen-Lord at the Stable on the Strand launch.

'Baby Jesus' wanted

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



ORGANISERS of the Stable on the Strand Christmas celebration in Townsville from 18 to 22 December are on the lookout

for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family with a new-born child to play the starring roles of the characters of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

It will be the 11th Stable on the Strand event held beside the sea, and last year several

thousand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were among the 36,000-strong crowds.

Visitors will again be able to wander through a mock town of Bethlehem and meet shepherds, wise men with their camels, King Herod, Roman soldiers and others.

The launch for the 2012 event was held at Strand Park on 3 December, and organiser Richard Hosking said it'd be great to play the roles of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus during the five nights.

"A baby less than a month

old would be great, and any family interested should contact us. Indigenous people really support the Stable on the Strand," he said.

At the launch were Aboriginal men Frederick Mimi, from Woorabinda, and Leroy Sambo, who has family at Doomadgee and Cape York.

"I am an Anglican and will be coming to the Stable on the Strand and I urge all our brothers and sisters to also be there," Mr Mimi said.

Mr Sambo said he was a member of the Baptist Church and often prayed.

"It is great that Jesus is in our lives and especially around Christmas," he said.

Mr Mimi and Mr Sambo spoke with Ryan Johannesen, Phil Hanson and Emanuel Frewen-Lord who have been recruited to the roles of the Three Wise Men.

Mr Hosking told the *Koori Mail* that organisers hoped to have a similar event to the Stable on the Strand on the nearby Aboriginal community of Palm Island in the not too distant future, and he would be contacting the island's council to that end.

Former manager in court



A FORMER director and manager of Orana Aboriginal Corporation has appeared in the

Dubbo Local Court on 81 charges involving dishonesty under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act)*. The charges against Sandra Gail Newman followed an investigation conducted by Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

Orana Aboriginal Corporation, based in Wellington, NSW, provides training and employment services for local Aboriginal people.

"It is alleged that between 1 November 2009 and 1 October 2010 Ms Newman acted dishonestly in causing 80 separate payments, totalling \$67,776.85, to be made to her by Orana Aboriginal Corporation," Mr Beven said in a statement.

"Prior approval for these payments had not been obtained from the members of Orana Aboriginal Corporation as required under section 284-1 of the *CATSI Act*."

Ms Newman is also charged under section 265-25(1) of the *CATSI Act* with not acting in good faith in the best interests of the corporation or for a proper purpose.

"This is the first time charges of dishonesty of this type have been brought under the *CATSI Act*," Mr Beven said.

"Directors must always do what is right for the corporation and not exercise their powers for their own personal benefit."

Ms Newman will appear again in the Dubbo Local Court again on 9 January.

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is prosecuting the matter.

Remote services report released



THE Federal Government has released the latest report from the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services.

Brian Gleeson's sixth report focuses on progress in delivering government services to people in the 29 'priority Indigenous locations' across Australia and the performance of governments in implementing the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Remote Service Delivery.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Mr Gleeson had reported that 'measurable and significant results have been delivered in all Remote Service Delivery communities' to date.

The report found that all communities were benefiting from regional Indigenous health project officers and Indigenous outreach workers, and most from the Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program under the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package.

As well, five of the nine children and family centres were now operational and providing integrated services ranging from early childhood education, sport and recreation programs to physical and mental health services.

Mr Gleeson also found that 18 of the communities would benefit from access to trade training centres in the community or regionally to increase the focus on vocational training and assist the transition from school to employment. And 24 communities now have a permanent police presence and 21 have night patrols.

Results

There was also a strong focus on schooling in local implementation plans, with good results from programs such as the Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy and the Wilcannia Disengaged Students Learning Centre.

Ms Macklin said that under the NPA,

governments had provided \$291.2 million over six years to improve access to services for Indigenous Australians in remote areas.

"The Coordinator General has the authority to coordinate across agencies and cut through bureaucratic red tape to make sure services are delivered effectively," the minister said.

"While this report shows that progress is being made in the priority Indigenous locations, we know there is more work to be done."

The Minister said the Australian Government was committed to delivering change at the community level and would continue to drive a whole of government approach to delivering on the NPA.

"The assistance of the Coordinator General, the states and NT, and community leaders is helping the Australian Government achieve improvements on the ground," she said.

The report is available at www.cgris.gov.au

Council CEO not involved in fraud case



LAST month, we reported on the prosecution of two former directors of the Gudhuga

Training and Employment Aboriginal Corporation at Batemans Bay on the New South Wales south coast. Hika Te Kowhai and Shane Carriage had both pleaded guilty to a fraud charge brought through the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations (ORIC) relating to the sale of a Gudhuga motor vehicle.

We understand there are three Shane Carriages in the region, all of them related. One of those – the head of the local Aboriginal land council or LALC – has contacted the *Koori Mail* seeking to advise readers that the story was not about him.

"I have been receiving phone calls from people thinking that it is me in the article, not a good thing for the position that I hold," wrote Ulladulla LALC CEO Shane Carriage. "I hope that you can clear up this matter."

We hope this article does.

Catchment group meets in Guyra



NEW cultural income-generating projects were on the agenda recently when the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group met at Guyra, northern NSW. The authority holds quarterly meetings to share information about land management with Aboriginal people throughout the Border Rivers-Gwydir catchment.

Reference group executive officer Harry White said the latest gathering was hosted by the Guyra Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), with assistance from Banbai Business Enterprises.

"A presentation on the CMA's draft Catchment Action Plan (CAP) inspired much discussion and debate," he said.



The Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group and some of the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA team in Guyra.

"The protection and enhancement of key ecological and socio-economic values is an important aspect of the Border Rivers-Gwydir CAP for Aboriginal people."

Mr White said there had been interest in the development of a cultural mapping interactive software program at the Western CMA.

"Many of our representatives

were excited about the possibility of developing a similar cultural mapping program for the Border Rivers-Gwydir region, to create a central data base of Aboriginal knowledge that could be shared

across the community and easily accessed via the Internet," he said.

Conference delegates also visited Tarriva Kurrakun, an Indigenous Protected Area owned by the Guyra LALC. The council has been working with Banbai Business Enterprises and the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA to develop Tarriva Kurrakun as a centre for eco-tourism and the preservation of Aboriginal culture.

"The aim of our advisory group conferences is to instil enthusiasm and inspire other LALCs to develop new cultural and income generating projects that could be successful in their own areas," Mr White said.

"I'm confident that all delegates who joined us in Guyra were able to take back a great deal of information and enthusiasm to their local communities."

NSW has new water scheme



A NEW program designed to improve Aboriginal involvement in water planning and management across

New South Wales has been launched.

NSW Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson said last week the Aboriginal Water Initiative Program was part of the Government's plan to increase Aboriginal participation and representation in all areas of water management.

"In particular, the program will focus on effective regional engagement with Aboriginal communities in the development of water sharing plans, as well as identifying environmental, social, cultural, and economic opportunities and priorities," she said.

The minister said the NSW Office of Water would hold a series of community workshops around the state to encourage effective input by Aboriginal communities in water management policies and issues.

Importance

Ms Hodgkinson said the NSW Government recognised the importance of Aboriginal culture and heritage and the need to identify and protect significant water dependent sites and places.

"The NSW Office of Water will employ and train 10 Aboriginal coordinators and facilitators in regional locations to drive this program," she said.

"I am confident that this program will increase the opportunity for Aboriginal communities to be involved in water management in NSW as well as contribute to better social and cultural outcomes for regional communities."

The program has been given funding of \$1.69 million over the next four years through the Federal Government's Closing the Gap strategy.

For information on the Aboriginal Water Initiative Program and the community workshops, visit the NSW Office of Water website.



Uncle Louis Davies and Auntie Shirley Forster, from Yuin country, participate in a water ceremony at the launch of the Aboriginal water initiative.



Auntie Merle Williams and Auntie Sharyn Hall, from Gundungurra country, watch on as Auntie Lenore Parker, from Bundjalung country, performs a ceremony.

Aboriginal men take out awards



TWO Aboriginal men were among the winners at this year's Queensland Rural Industry Training Awards, announced last month. The awards, an initiative of the Queensland Rural Industry Training Council (QRITC),

recognise the achievements of rural and remote workers in employment and training.

Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council animal welfare officer Willie Ase took out the Indigenous Achievement Award category, while Cooktown-based Balggarawarra ranger group head ranger Bulla McIvor won the Conservation and Land Management category.

Mr Ase completed his Certificate III in Rural Operations Skill Set in 2011 and Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation in 2012 through the University of Queensland, Gatton Vocational Education Centre.

He said that in his position he was able to care for the many companion animals, mainly cats and dogs, in poor condition at his community. "Due to the training I completed, I was able to tend to these animals and was also able to educate my fellow countrymen about responsible pet ownership and care," he said.

Mr McIvor said he was keen to effectively manage traditional lands and further enhance skills in conservation and land management on his country.

"I am passionate about working on my traditional country," the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management holder said. "I would like to ensure the Balggarawarra ranger group is a success for both the current generation and future generations, and I will work hard to make this happen."

More than 120 people from across Queensland, including finalists, employers and training providers from as far away as Mornington Island in far north Queensland, attended the award presentations.

There were 26 finalists in eight award categories.



WILLIE ASE



BULLA MCIVOR

Kokatha open Port Augusta office



THE Kokatha people of north South Australia have taken a further step toward self-sufficiency with the opening of an office in Port Augusta.

The Kokatha Association's new Kokatha Business Centre was officially opened late last month.

The organisation's chairperson, Andrew Starkey, says it's the start of bigger things to come.

The aim of the new Flinders Terrace centre is to increase employment, education and improve the health and well being of Kokatha people.

Jobs have already come from the Kokatha Association's two major

joint ventures with companies MacMahon and Compass ESS, and Mr Starkey said that, with a general manager expected to be recruited next month to work with an existing economic development officer, more such opportunities should flow.

"It is a great day for the Kokatha people that we now have taken another great step forward in determining our own futures and creating employment and training opportunities, which will especially benefit our young people," Mr Starkey said.

"The opening of our Port Augusta office provides a base for the Kokatha Association, which is a professionally-operated organisation dedicated to improving

the health and wellbeing of all Kokatha people.

"Through our partnerships with mining companies, we will assist our people to create opportunities for employment and assist them to achieve a more prosperous future for themselves and their families," said Andrew Starkey.

The new office has also been established to provide services to Kokatha Elders.

● Pictured right: Kokatha Association chairperson Andrew Starkey and Nerida Saunders, executive director of the SA Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation outside the new Kokatha Business Centre in Port Augusta.



SA to set record straight



THE South Australian Government has moved to amend the state's Constitution to formally recognise Aboriginal people.

SA Premier Jay Weatherill introduced the constitutional reform bill to State Parliament on 29

November and said it would correct the historical record.

"It will contribute to lifting the self-esteem of Aboriginal South Australians," the Premier said.

"All South Australians can be proud of this further step towards reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people."

Amendments

The constitutional amendments acknowledge Aboriginal people as the state's first people and the traditional owners and occupants of the land and waters.

They also acknowledge that Aboriginal people had endured past injustices and dispossession of their land and also recorded the apology to the stolen generation.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Caica said the changes were the result of statewide consultation conducted by an advisory panel.

"This has resulted in an amendment which shows respect to our state's first peoples and allows current and future generations to take their rightful place in our community," he said. "This is a real step towards reconciliation." — AAP

Derby will have accommodation



THE Kimberley town of Derby is to get a short-stay accommodation facility for Aboriginal people.

The centre is designed to provide Aboriginal people with a safe and comfortable place to stay while visiting Derby to access

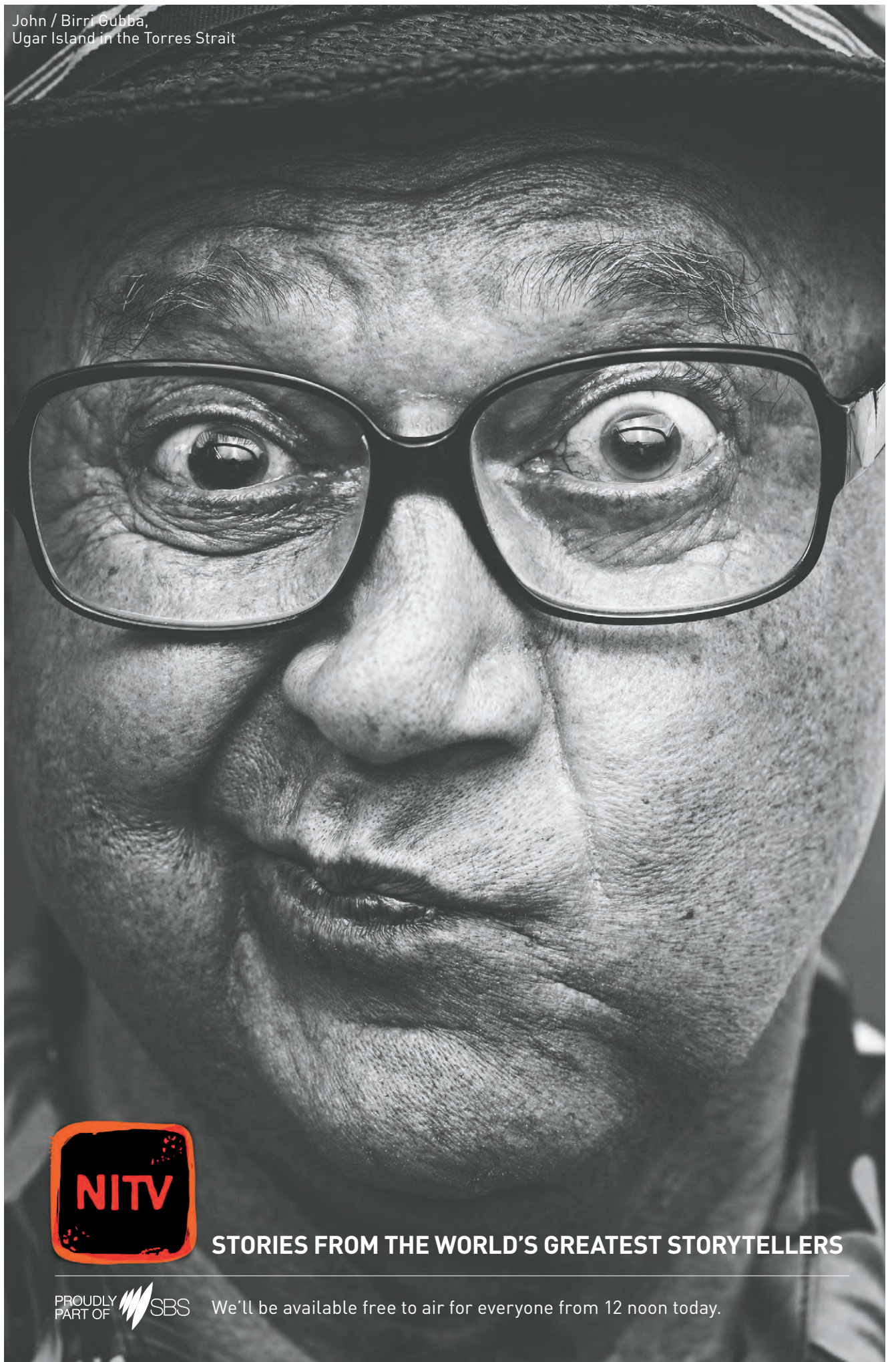
amenities and services in the town. It will be the second such facility after the opening of a similar centre last August in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

WA Housing Minister Terry Redman said that as a key service centre in the West Kimberley, Derby had a high need for accommodation for short-term Indigenous visitors.

"Working in partnership with the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley, the Department of Housing has identified a suitable site for the facility and construction will start in the first quarter of next year," he said.

"The hostel will reduce the hardship experienced by short-term visitors and help reduce the number of people sleeping rough and the associated risk to those visitors."

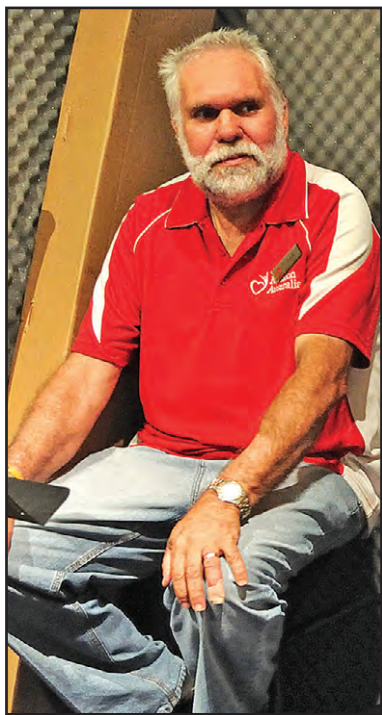
John / Birri Gubba, Ugar Island in the Torres Strait



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Uncle Fred Kelly, from Kempsey, and Muurrbay man Uncle Gary Williams telling their stories.

Stories told to help with tourism plan



THE stories of Aboriginal people living along the Mid North Coast of New South Wales have been captured in a new tourism product featuring the 'Legendary Pacific Coast'.

During the past 12 months local Aboriginal land councils from Karuah to Coffs Harbour have worked with the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance to record and document 34 Aboriginal stories.

Those stories, funded by the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Project Development Funds from Destination NSW were launched on 28 November at a ceremony on the Town Green in Port Macquarie.

The event honoured the Aboriginal storytellers and their communities and celebrated the historic sharing of the stories with the formation of a 'friendship circle'.

All present then linked hands to symbolise the sharing between races and generations.

Coordinator of The Legendary Pacific Coast project Belinda Novicky said the launch of the stories was a significant event for the project and the Aboriginal communities involved.

"Not only are the stories an Australian first, they also show how our Aboriginal communities, working together, are committed to not only preserving these stories for younger generations but also to sharing them with the wider community," she said.

The stories are featured on a new website, pacificcoast.com.au and a free iPhone app which can be downloaded at pacificcoast.com.au/iphone.

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Jo-Anne Kelly said it all helped keep Aboriginal culture alive.



Ngarralinyi man Wayne Paulson.

"With the dwindling number of Aboriginal Elders in our region (only 4.4 per cent over the age of 65) and a large number of youth coming through (25.5 per cent under the age of 14) cultural sustainability relies on innovative uses of technology, and the iPhone app certainly is an example of that," she said.

"These stories are the first in a series to be created along The Legendary Pacific Coast."

Story themes include subjects such as Traditional Kitchen, Granny's Rock, Gulambarra and the Crying Tree, How Taree Got its Name, Wallaby Hunting, The Lesson of Marriage, The Legend of Three Brothers, The Secret Bell and Building Canoes and Culture.

Elders taking part in the program included Dave Feeney, Toni Paulson, Jeremy Saunders, Uncle Bill O'Brien, Nathan Moran, Uncle Fred Kelly, Uncle Gary Williams, Aunty Rose Boston, Aunty Sue Hoskins, Aunty Maree Tarplee and Mark Flanders.



Adelle Solomon on site with some of her colleagues.

There's steel in her drive

By NAOMI MORAN



ADELLE Solomon has always had a singular sense of purpose. In her early years, as the only Indigenous kid in a white school,

she had trouble being and feeling accepted.

In Grade 2, girls her age wouldn't befriend her. But rather than let it get her down, Adelle told herself life had other plans for her and made friends with the boys instead.

At the age of 15, she thought construction workers were amazing men but wondered why there weren't any women in the field.

Today, four decades on, the 46-year-old Mudgeeraba woman is blazing that trail.

Last month, Ms Solomon picked up the inaugural Abigroup Award for Achievement in the Construction Industry by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Woman, a new category in the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) QLD/NT Crystal Vision Awards.

The accolade recognised her work not just as a steel fixer on the UQ Oral Health Centre but the only female steel fixer in Queensland.

Finding work experience on some construction sites in Melbourne and labouring in Cairns, Ms Solomon knew she would have to put in extra hard

yards in order to get to where she wanted to be. Along the way, she was told many times that the industry had no place for women.

Being female, being told she wasn't strong enough, not being paid a wage for 10 years, changing the way she looked, thought and talked – Ms Solomon's passion for the challenge eventually saw her as a five-trade working woman in her male-dominated field. There were arguments and even, she laments, fist fights.

"I realised what I had to be, what they expected me to be and I had to change for it and for myself really. I put a bit of weight on and messed my hair up," she said.

Adamant

Having built bridges, freeways, mine sites, schools and houses in Indigenous communities, Ms Solomon is adamant she can do anything a man can do in the same job.

"I had to go to remote places and build because the men didn't think I would fit in with them... I had to go to the back of Yarrabah and build reservoirs for townships when no one else would," she said.

"I've had to do five trades to do one trade – concrete, steel, formwork, form strip, and blockie's labourer.

"I think like a man but I'm a woman. I know my capabilities and I fight for what I believe. I don't go to the weakest point, I

go to the hardest and, if I have to, work my way down.

"After ten years not getting paid, I've now been paid the best. I've been paid like a man. I've got a house and I bought my cars like a man.

"If I want to put my daughter through a private school, she goes to a private school. If I want a Louis Vuitton handbag, I'll get a Louis Vuitton handbag. It's all about determination."

Having won this award, Ms Solomon says she'd like to be considered an example to both women and men.

"If they – men and women – could see what I see... I see financial freedom, I have satisfaction and I feel complete," she said. "I know there are a lot of lost people out there. I just want them to find themselves and I want to help them in any way I can with trades.

"I wasn't the smartest kid at school, but I would like all Indigenous people to recognise what education is about.

"If I had better education, it wouldn't have taken me 28 years (to get where I am now). I would have gotten here a lot sooner.

"I would like to say to kids that, if you can, do your education because you will come out smarter for the trade. But, if you don't have it, don't worry because a trade will find you.

"The spirit of getting to know your job takes time and so does the knowledge of the job."

And she would know.

Carbon economy 'worth billions'



A CSIRO study says the carbon economy has the potential to generate a billion dollars a year for northern Australia.

The report 'The Emerging Carbon Economy for Northern Australia: challenges and opportunities' was released at last month's Northern Australia Ministerial Forum (NAMF).

The forum, held in Kununurra, Western Australia, and chaired by Federal Regional Australia Minister Simon Crean, also discussed Indigenous opportunities.

Mr Crean said the report revealed 'huge opportunities' for Australia's northern jurisdictions. "The report identified three key opportunities in

the carbon economy across northern Australia; reduced emissions from fire and livestock, biosequestration in soils and vegetation, and growing sustainable feedstocks for aviation biofuel," he said.

"CSIRO found the benefits of the carbon economy will not be confined to climate change action, but could generate environmental and livelihood benefits. The report found northern Australia is economically, ecologically, socially and culturally different from southern Australia – the challenge is turning those comparative advantages into a competitive edge."

NAMF involves ministers from the Federal, Queensland, Northern Territory and WA governments.

Two road safety awards for Playful Beginnings



THE Playful Beginnings Aboriginal Corporation has won twice at the Australian Road Safety Awards, held recently in Sydney at the Powerhouse Museum. The corporation won the Indigenous Road Safety Award and the Caltex Road Safety Improvement Grant of \$2500 for their project, 'The Road, My Mob and Me'.

The project is a road injury prevention program developed specifically for Aboriginal communities targeting children aged two to six and their families.

The program was developed in consultation with Elders, local community and family members, children and early childhood professionals.

The program incorporates an activity book featuring the 'Bunganditj Kids' Annie and Ivan.

They are two Aboriginal puppets aged five and four respectively. Each page of the book shows Annie and/or Ivan sharing key road safety messages for children, and each road safety message has a supporting visual.

● Pictured right: Michelle Jacquelin-Furr and Brooke Joy, both directors of Playful Beginnings, accepted the awards with 'Ivan and Annie' on behalf of the corporation.



Native title is set to change



LEGISLATIVE changes to native title will ensure more claims are settled through negotiation rather than drawn-out litigation, Attorney-General Nicola Roxon has told Parliament.

On 28 November, Ms Roxon introduced a bill to amend native title laws.

The changes would make the system 'fairer and more flexible' and unlock economic potential, she said.

"It is our intention that the amendments will provide more opportunities for more claims to be settled by negotiation rather than litigation," she told Parliament.

Under changes the Federal Government announced in June, 'good-faith negotiation' will be legislated, Indigenous land-use agreements will be made more flexible, and land covered by native title will no longer be subject to income and capital gains taxes.

Parties will also be able to agree to disregard historical extinguishment of native title in parks and reserves.

Onus of proof

But the Government has shied away from acting on calls from Indigenous groups to reverse the onus of proof in native title claims.

Ms Roxon said the bill would help end uncertainty surrounding the meaning of good-faith negotiations.

"This has caused confusion and litigation about what constitutes good faith and at times it has been difficult for parties to prove a lack of good faith," she said.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Mabo High Court ruling, which established the legality of native title.

Nationals Leader Warren Truss has raised concerns the Federal Government has cut off funding for pastoralists' legal representation in native title disputes.

"In a mean, penny-pinching bid to save a lousy \$2 million over two years, Federal Labor's heavy and ham-fisted mitts are about to tilt the scales of justice in favour of one side over another by only providing funding to help those lodging claims," he said in a statement.

"It could also lead to vexatious claims being made in the hope that landholders simply cannot afford to defend themselves."

The native title changes come into effect on 1 January 2013. — AAP

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How a trailblazing educator triumphed

Good Morning, Mr Sarra
My life working for a stronger, smarter future for our children

By Chris Sarra
Non-fiction
ISBN: 9780 7022 3888 8
University of Queensland Press (UQP)
RRP \$34.95

THE story of trailblazer Chris Sarra's fight to turn the tide of low expectations of Indigenous children has been told in a new book.

Good Morning, Mr Sarra spans the outspoken Aboriginal educator's early beginnings as the youngest of ten in a large Italian-Aboriginal family in a Queensland country town to his current incarnation as director of the Stronger Smarter

Institute, renowned for its 'strong and smart' philosophy. Mr Sarra experienced first-hand many of the issues faced by Indigenous students throughout their schooling, including a crippling lack of belief in their ability to succeed.

When he arrived as the first Aboriginal principal of Cherbourg State School in 1998, it was a time of high hopes but low expectations in

Indigenous education. Over the next six years, he transformed the school into a national success story.

It wasn't easy, said Cherbourg Elder 'Pop John' Stanley.

"He had to fight the system, he had to fight the community, he had to fight the teachers," Mr Stanley said.

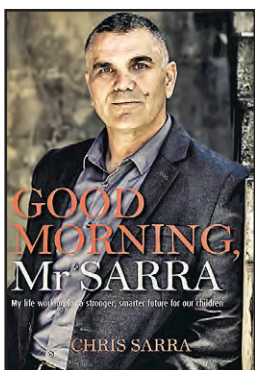
"He was criticised, he was threatened, he was punched." However, under Chris Sarra's leadership the school became nationally acclaimed

for its pursuit of the 'Strong and Smart' philosophy, espousing a strong and positive sense of what it means to be Aboriginal in today's Australian society and proving that Indigenous students can achieve outcomes comparable to

other students.

Last year, Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop and anti-apartheid activist Desmond Tutu praised Mr Sarra's vision as 'proof that if we believe in young children, we give them license to believe in themselves'.

"And when young children believe they can be 'stronger and smarter' that brightens the future in very honourable ways," Archbishop Tutu said.



A close look at Tiwi history and culture

TIWI
By Jennifer Isaacs
Arts / History / Culture (Non-fiction)
ISBN: 978 0 522 85855 6
The Miegunyah Press
RRP \$119.99

JUST in time for Christmas comes a beautiful coffee table book on the development of artistic expression on the Tiwi Islands and of the history and culture of the Tiwi people of the Northern Territory.

Writer, art consultant and curator Jennifer Isaacs wrote

the book in co-operation with Tiwi Elders, artists and designers and offers a captivating and authoritative voice on the Tiwi people.

Descriptions of ceremonial arts, rare historical photographs, biographies of the artists, as well as

actual historical events are interwoven with more than 800 images obtained through more than five years of research in public and private collections of art and imagery.

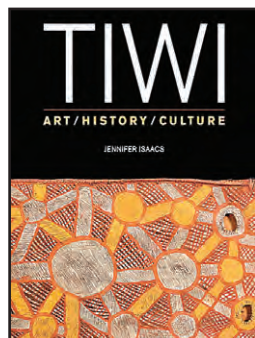
Publisher The Miegunyah Press (an imprint of Melbourne University Press) says *TIWI* is the first complete volume to bring together the strands of Tiwi history and cultural expression and provide the context for

contemporary Tiwi art – 'a monument to Tiwi people and their current endeavours to keep Tiwi culture strong'.

As the Press says: "Courageous and determined, for centuries the Tiwi held off intruders. The British briefly established a trading fort in the 1820s, but could not survive the isolated location and the intransigence of the Tiwi, and so departed. Then in 1911 a lone priest came ashore and, with a mission established and English education beginning, the Tiwi world began to change.

The art forms were so astounding that ethnographers followed immediately and were succeeded by curators and collectors in the min-20th century, providing some of the spectacular, idiosyncratic carvings and bark paintings published here from Australian museum collections."

Jennifer Isaacs and several Tiwi artists are touring Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney this week. One of their stops will be the National Museum of Australia in Canberra tomorrow, for the hand back of some Tiwi items that will be couriered home to a new museum on Melville Island.



Youth program popular at Docker River community

By ALF WILSON



AN Aboriginal youth program being run on the Northern Territory/Western Australian border is growing in popularity with participants looking forward to activities over the Christmas holiday break.

Located about 680km south-west of Alice Springs by road, Docker River (Kaltukatjara) is one of the most isolated communities in the NT. The closest community is at Warakurna, 110km away in WA.

Brett Toll is the youth development officer for Docker River Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council, having previously worked with the PCYC at the central Queensland Aboriginal community of Woorabinda.

The program at Docker River, with its population of about 400, had gone ahead in leaps and bounds since starting in September, he said. There had been a very steady growth in participation rates in weekly activities at Docker River including basketball, football, softball, music production and bush trips.

Mr Toll said a recent bush trip involved two of the NPY directors.

"We had gone out to make punu wooden artefacts but I managed to get bogged 4km out of town," he said. "Our music program is one I'm quite excited about though. Two young men have taken responsibility over the space and it



Some of the Docker River kids making lunch at a camp.

is really going well. There have been over 40 songs created using the space."

The Docker River youth team has been assisting more than 40 youth aged 10 to 25 from Monday to Saturday.

Relationships

"We have built really good working relationships with some local organisations which has had a really positive impact for the youth," Mr Toll said.

"Earlier in the year we ran a bush camp out with the Central Land Council (CLC) Ranger Program which was a great opportunity for the youth to get involved in land management functions as well as cultural activities."

"Nyangatjara College has been a great supporter and between us we have been able to start great initiatives such as the Docker River Bike Program and have many more planned."

Mr Toll said a strong relationship had also developed with NPY and the McDonnell Shire Day Care Centre.

The community is now looking forward to the coming Christmas holiday program. "It will be a big one," Mr Toll said. "I'm planning on working closely with the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku to facilitate inter community activities and hopefully some swimming in the Warakurna pool. We're also planning on some professional music recording at CAAMA and lots of fun activities in Docker River."

Uni rejects staff claims

By DARREN COYNE



THE University of Melbourne has been accused of trying to axe Indigenous staff targets from its enterprise bargaining agreement (EBA). Indigenous members of the National Tertiary Education Union have started a petition to lobby against what they say are moves to make the employment of Indigenous people non-compulsory.

The university has hit back, saying the claims are baseless.

But the academic coordinator of the Australian Indigenous Studies Program at the university, Philip Morrissey, questioned the university's motives in holding back on including targets in its EBA.

"If the university is committed to employing more Indigenous staff, as it says it is, why does it want to remove the Indigenous employment strategy from the enterprise agreement?" he said.

"The only reason for doing this is to make meeting the Indigenous employment target non-compulsory, which is worrying."

"The university seems to be

saying that it is already doing a great job on employing more Indigenous staff, so there doesn't need to be anything in the agreement any more.

"Removing the target from the agreement just sends the message that the university isn't serious about increasing Indigenous employment and that, ultimately, Indigenous Australians don't count."

Meanwhile, the NTEU is locked in negotiations with the university, seeking to have a new target included in the EBA which would increase Indigenous employment at the university, to the ratio in the community more broadly.

Important

NTEU Indigenous officer Adam Frogley said it was important that hard-won entitlements for Indigenous staff were legally enforceable.

"Indigenous staff shouldn't have to rely on the goodwill of management for their employment conditions," he said. "Removal of targets for Indigenous employment from the University of Melbourne agreement is especially disappointing given the chorus of support for enforceable targets from the Indigenous Higher Education Council and the Federal

Government's own review of higher education access and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

The university defended its position, with a spokesperson saying that it was not abolishing targets.

"The relevant targets included in the EBA are already included in the University Plan, the Indigenous Employment Framework and the Indigenous employment plans of the various faculties and business areas," the spokesperson said.

"The university has made great strides forward in addressing Indigenous employment."

"It is disappointing that the NTEU has made these claims and chosen to make them publicly when the university is engaged with the union in discussing these and other matters in good faith as part of an established enterprise bargaining process."

The spokesperson said the university was already exceeding its overall target for Indigenous employment, with numbers rising.

The union has rejected this, saying if the university was committed to employing more Indigenous staff it would sign the agreement.



Above, from left, AWNRM Board presiding member Parry Agius, John Shutz from the Dept of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, senior ranger Brett Dalziell, AWNRM Board member Brian Queama, Joshua Queama, Ernie Windlass, Mark Young, Reagan Baker and Erwin Mungee (all from Yalata), Yalata CEO Greg Franks, Minister Paul Caica, Dale Agius from the Office for the Commissioner of Aboriginal Engagement, AWNRM Board member Mima Smart, coast and marine officer Yasmin Wolf, Yalata landscaping coordinator Phil Coleman, Matthew Ward from AWNRC, AWNRM Board member Rose Lester, threatened species officer Harald Ehmann, and 'Sandro' Madonna from Yalata Land Management.

Ceduna has new centre



A NEW centre has been opened in Ceduna, South Australia, where locals can access advice and get involved in natural resource management issues.

The Alinytjara Wilurara and Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Centre is one of eight established throughout SA by the State Government to support sustainable land use, water quality and conservation.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Paul Caica said the centre, in Menzies Street, would provide a direct connection between its board and the community.

"By working together with the communities who have a long history living on these lands we can help pass on to future generations the knowledge they will need for the social, environmental, and economic benefit of all community members," Mr Caica said.

Partnerships

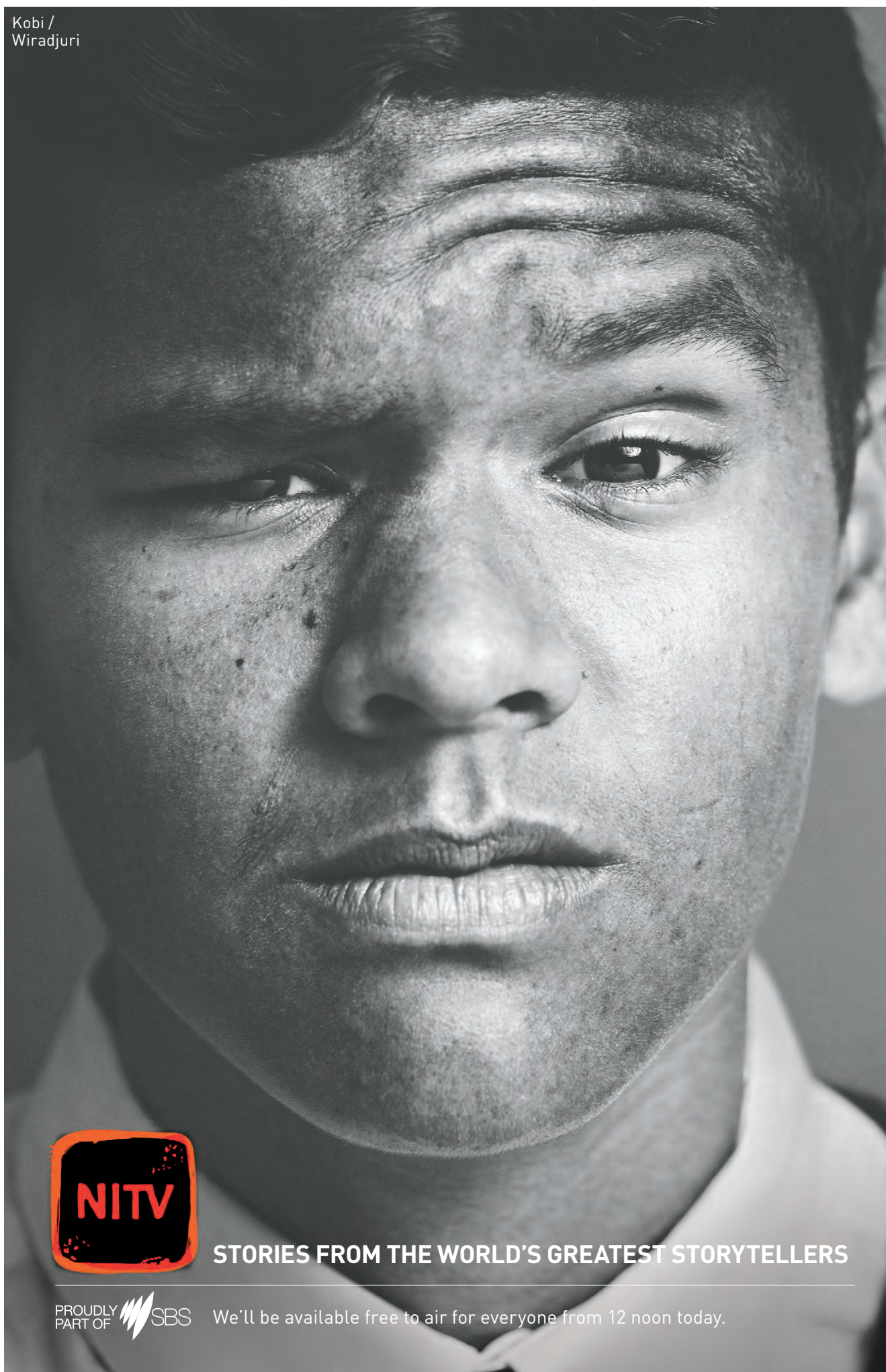
The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board already had a strong history of community partnerships, the Minister said. "The people who live in this region have shown over many years a great sense of care for their environment, and the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board have been putting local people at the centre of managing natural resources in the region," he said.

"Recently, for example, Alinytjara Wilurara scientific staff partnered with the Oak Valley and Maralinga Tjarutja communities to monitor endangered malleefowl and sandhill dunnarts."

Mr Caica said that by combining traditional skills such as tracking with modern science, the project delivered important environmental information and provided extensive training for longer-term employment in land management.

"The opening of the Alinytjara Wilurara and Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Centre will build on initiatives like these and make it even easier for the community, business, traditional owners, and government to discuss natural resource management issues," he said.

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He mightn't have won a medal, but boxer Damien Hooper won the hearts of Indigenous Australia when he broke Olympic protocol to wear this t-shirt bearing the Aboriginal flag to a pre-bout event at the London Games. AP Photo

Here's to another big year

2012 is almost done and dusted and it has been another big year for our people and communities.

As usual there were trials and tribulations, challenges and triumphs – many of them highlighted on this and the following pages.

The 40th anniversary of the iconic Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra on 26 January was cause for both celebration and controversy, after protests during which Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott were bundled out of a nearby restaurant.

The incident increased scrutiny on relations between Indigenous people and police and this was maintained throughout the year with several more deaths in custody, the non-fatal police shooting of two Aboriginal teenagers in Kings Cross and poor and – some might say criminal – judgment in officers' use of tasers.

It was also a year when native title was spotlighted, both because of the 20th anniversary of the High Court's historic judgement in *Mabo v Queensland* and some reforms of the *Native Title Act* 1993.

We had the numbers, so to speak, with the results of the 2011 Census revealing a 20 per cent increase – to

548,370 – in the number of Australians identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

While the Indigenous sovereignty movement gathered steam, 2012 was also the year when the idea of constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people took hold, notwithstanding the Government's decision to defer a referendum on the subject while an awareness raising campaign is undertaken.

There were plenty more milestones and memorable moments this year but, for feel-good factor, two stick in our minds.

The first was the decision by boxer Damien Hooper to wear an Aboriginal flag t-shirt into his opening bout at the London Olympics. The action caused a furore in Olympic circles but also won the Toowoomba 20-year-old plenty of fans.

Then there was the success enjoyed by *The Sapphires*, a film inspired by four talented and courageous Aboriginal cousins in the 1960s. The film smashed Australian box office records as well as its way into our hearts.

Here's looking at you, our readers, in 2013.

Edition 517 11 January

- After 12 months of meetings and talks across the nation, the panel on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was finalised. Chaired by Patrick Dodson and Mark Leibler, the panel received more than 3500 submissions.

- Aboriginal author Boori Monty Pryor was named as one of two inaugural Children's Laureates, to act as an ambassador for children's books and encourage young people to read.

Edition 518 25 January

- The Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra celebrated 40 years of protest, which was also recognised in the 2012 NAIDOC theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on'.

- The family of Alice Springs man Kumantji Briscoe, who died in police custody on 5 January, called for independent investigations for all deaths in custody, backed by Amnesty International. There were allegations he was bashed by up to five officers.

- Tennis star Ashleigh Barton, 15, bowed out of the Australian

Open in the first round. She was the youngest player in the tournament and lost to world number 56 Anna Tatishvili 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

Edition 519 8 February

- Hundreds of people celebrating the Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary reacted to media reports that Opposition Leader Tony Abbott had suggested the iconic site be closed down. They rushed to a medal ceremony at a nearby restaurant where both Mr Abbott and the Prime Minister Julia Gillard were in attendance. The Federal Police dragged Ms Gillard through the crowd and her blue shoe ended up with the protesters, which they returned a couple of days later.

- The Indigenous All Stars went down 36-28 to the NRL All Stars in a hugely popular rugby league night at the Gold Coast.

Edition 520 22 February

- The Federal Government's Closing the Gap report was criticised by Indigenous leaders as full of spin, late and too focused on remote areas. Indigenous leaders urged the Government to properly tackle the massive over-representation of

Indigenous people in jail and high rates of suicide.

- An Aboriginal tent embassy set up to protest a \$1 billion native title settlement deal with the Noongar people of WA was shut down by police. The offer by the WA Government caused division in the community.

- The fourth anniversary of Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generations was recognised at events around the country.

- NSW needed just 11.1 overs to beat Queensland (9-114) in the final of the 2012 Imparja Cup Twenty20 cricket competition in Alice Springs. NSW veteran Pat Rosser led the charge, hitting eight fours and six sixes.

Edition 521 7 March

- Senators visiting the NT to talk about extending the Intervention through the Stronger Futures legislation were met with protests and challenges by local Aboriginal people, including a crocodile dance. The legislation passed the House of Representatives without considering a Senate report. Activists and Indigenous leaders called on the Senate to reject the legislation.

- A NSW magistrate ruled a police officer acted with grave

impropriety when he tasered an Aboriginal man in Wilcannia who was kneeling on the floor of his lounge room with his hands behind his back.

Edition 522 21 March

- Traditional owners fighting a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty, in the NT, invited Governor General Quentin Bryce to Tennant Creek to discuss their concerns after the Senate passed laws enabling medical, research and industrial waste to be stored at the Aboriginal-owned site.

- The WA Government announced it would offer \$2000 or less to Aboriginal workers who had their wages stolen between 1905 and 1972. The offer was condemned as cruel, heartless and misleading by Aboriginal leaders and historians.

Edition 523 4 April

- Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced more than \$1 billion in funding to support the planned continuation of the NT intervention for another 10 years.

- Actor, writer and director Kaarljilba Kaardn (Kylie Farmer) translated a selection of Shakespeare's sonnets into the Noongar language for a

performance at the Globe Theatre in London.

- South Australian pitcher Vanessa Stokes, 25, became Australia's second Indigenous softball player, joining Stacey Porter in the Aussie Spirit against Japan.

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- Author and historian Anita Heiss released her memoir *Am I black enough for you?*, which was instantly met by a wave of responses and publicity – some positive, some not.

- Four well-respected Indigenous people passed away, drawing tributes from around the country: Singing legend and health campaigner Uncle Jimmy Little, Yindjibarndi Elder Mr Cheedy, the first Noongar dentist Chantel Thorn and Australia's longest-serving ATSIC commissioner, Steve Gordon.

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- Adam Goodes broke the record for the number of games played for AFL's Sydney Swans, with his 304th game taking him past fellow Aboriginal champion Michael O'Loughlin's mark.

- High-profile Australians launched a campaign for justice

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Embassy warrior

YOUNG Jandarran Coolwell posed other dancers to celebrate the official opening of the Birlinn Survival Encampment at Mangrove Park on 24 March. The event featured a welcome and smoking ceremony and was followed by a combined music performance, bush ballet, arts and crafts and sovereignty workshops. Full report - Page 33. Photo: Nour Aoun

Mackin's millions



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

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jerry Mathis last week announced \$750 million in funding for health services, \$810 million for community safety, and another \$442 million for family and criminal justice.

She said the extra \$442 million would be used to fund programs for children, parents and youth.

and \$771 million would be used to support fireworks and celebrations.

The funding fury coincides with Labor's congressional claim to extend the Northern Territory Intervention for another decade since the original Howard government first announced it in August 2007.

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

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

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

Aboriginal people to ensure the funding was effective.

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

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

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Time to change the Constitution



Running away to the circus... masterclass

VISITING an Indigenous masterclass at Circus Oz in Melbourne last week were actors Rachel Maza, in the ring. Deadly Friday director Jason Tawari, Circus Oz artist-director Mike French, playwright Jane Harrison, cultural leader Caroline Martin, and circus performer and Koori program manager Josh Bired. To find out what they, and the 'circuses' in the background were up to, see Page 25.

Expert Panel in call for reform



INDIGENOUS intellectuals, Australians in the body of the Constitution and most recent sections of the document.

They're among the recommendations in the report of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, presented last week to Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

The report was compiled after the 10-member panel held meetings nationwide over the past year.

Mr. Gillard, who has pledged to hold a referendum on recognition on or before the next Federal election, backed constitutional recognition for Indigenous peoples, as did a wide range of parliamentarians and community groups.

But there was some opposition, and the Federal Coalition - whose support is considered vital if a referendum is to succeed - said it would examine the report before taking a stance.

Daniel Mulloy, first Torres Strait Islander of many politicians since.

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Harvey Norman ALL STARS

All set for All Stars

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Intervention for



Narrators Clara Moore, Nigel Scullion and Iva Roper (shown) are coordinated by Manungwong community members doing the crocodile dance, a traditional challenge. The senators were presented with a document stating that the claims of the region obeyed laws that were 40,000 years old.

Voices are not being heard, senators told



INDIGENOUS people are outraged that the House of Representatives has passed the proposed Stronger Futures legislation that will extend the Northern Territory intervention.

The Government cannot the legislation without the Opposition support without amending a Senate report and its recommendations, due to be debated by 15 March. Activists have called on the Senate to reject the bill.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples coalition, led by Brian and Leanne, said they were disappointed with the Senate. The Senate's community affairs committee has been conducting hearings into the draft laws, which include abolishing child removals and programs that cut the welfare payments to parents whose children live in care.

"To submit people already experiencing disadvantage and disappointment to further punitive measures is a violation of our human rights framework," Ms Brown said.

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Red, black and yellow at Bluesfest

NSW

TINY 1st Kalbaria Kay was the youngest member of the *Arakwal* Dubbay dancers who performed during the *Arakwal* welcome to country ceremony at the 2012 Byron Bay Bluesfest over the Easter long weekend. An estimated 80,000 people flocked to the free-day event on far northern New South Wales, which featured an eclectic line up including John Fogerty, Cold Chisel, Earth Wind and Fire, The Pogues, Antipholie Kidin, Ziggy Marley, Dubmatix and Dubby Maroo. For more on Bluesfest, see pages 15-19. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

We've lost 4 of our best



It is hard to last five weeks for Indigenous Australia, with the death of our first best, Singing legend Jimmy Little passed away.

7 April, drawing tributes from across the country.

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

Last month, the first Noongar dentist and NAACOO Perth's 2011 Tertiary Scholar of the Year Chester Thom also died, at the tragically young age of just 35.

And on 3 April we lost Australia's longest serving ATSC Commissioner Steve Gordon, a legend in the NSW river world and beyond.

All four passed for their contributions to Australian and wider Australia.

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JIMMY LITTLE



MR CHEEDY



CHAMTEL THORN



STEVE GORDON

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Tent Embassy's Perfect Storm

A Prime Ministerial security 'seam' ... the Australian flag burnt ... claims of violence ... The Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40th anniversary celebrations were more than many expected. And it looks like there's more to come in Parliament this week.

● Our in-depth coverage and more photos start on Page 6

Our stars shine

NATHAN MARSH shows his joy after scoring a try for the Indigenous All Stars in their clash with the No. 42 Stars on Saturday night. And don't the fans just love it?

But early it wasn't enough for Marsh's team, with the NRC side showing their Indigenous opponents 36-20 in what has been granted as the best of the three All Stars games played so far.

More than 26,000 fans - a great many of them Indigenous and proudly wearing their colours - packed Stadium Park stadium on the Dull Creek for the annual event.

They enjoyed top-class football as well as some entertainment. A tribute to the late great Arthur Bakula was a feature of the event.

● Our night-on All Stars features start on Page 51.

Photo by Joseph Meyers

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Spot the leader

Here's a tip: it'll be hard, given the wealth of talent in this crowd of 16 to 25-year-olds at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Sydney's Redfern on Friday afternoon. Prime Minister Julia Gillard, accompanied by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, was a surprise visitor to a four-day national youth forum on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The 7th or so participants from every state and territory pledged to take their newfound expertise on the subject back to their families, friends, workplaces, schools and universities, see Pages 11-14 for more on this inspiring gathering. **Photo by WAFFY LAULIAM, courtesy of the NCIE.**

See you in court

AN ALLIANCE of lawyers has warned that a High Court challenge is likely if the Federal Government pursues to strip the Stinger Futures legislation, which would extend the Northern Territory's employment law to workers in the mining sector.

The warning comes as Indigenous and other groups across the nation slammed a Senate report effectively giving the proposed bill the nod, despite senators raising concerns that the consultation process underpinning the legislation deserves greater scrutiny.

Australian Greens Senator

Challenge likely if Stronger Futures legislation proceeds

Rushal Everett wrote a dissenting report, urging the federal Government to scrap the proposed legislation entirely.

"It neither the Government nor the Coalition can see the fundamental flaws in the approach of this legislation, substantial amendments are needed to mitigate the impact of this Bill," she wrote in the report.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples accused the Senate's composition of glossing much of the detailed content contained in the hundreds of submissions to the recent inquiry into the proposed legislation.

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The Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) warned the laws would likely end up being challenged in the High Court, while Indigenous Social Justice Association president Fay Jackson called on the Government to renounce the use of and amend Australian legislation that is the basis of the Stinger bill.

Senators wrote to the Gillard Government saying it is against its proposed legislation and instead compatible with Aboriginal rights and their nations on ways to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians.

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Goodes takes record

HE'S been a Brownlow Medalist, an AFL Australian and an international player. And now Adam Goodes has broken the Sydney Swans' century-old record by becoming the first Indigenous player to win the premiership. He did it by kicking four goals in the final against the Brisbane Lions.

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Rallying justice

NWS CALLO are mounting for an independent body or bodies to investigate complaints against police, in the wake of a series of controversial incidents involving Aboriginal men and women.

In the latest incident, NSW police officers were accused of assaulting a young Aboriginal woman on 21 April after the woman

said they were travelling in mounted at footpaths in the north-western district of Kings Cross, shortly before midnight.

"I'm asking police and NSW Police Minister Mike Gallagher how defended the officers involved, despite the admission of footage of the allegedly assaultive behaviour on other occasions one of the police."

Aboriginal angry comrades outside NSWPS

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

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

Police are investigating the incident, as well as the alleged racial discrimination (RDC) – the latter at the request of

NWS Greens MP David Douchie

In the meantime, the 34-year-old driver of the car and his 17-year-old passenger remained in hospital at the bedside of the injured woman.

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Patty Mills running hot on basketball court – Page 84

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reinvestment in NSW, where money that is spent on incarcerating young Indigenous people is instead spent on early intervention, crime prevention, education and treatment programs.

● Senior Australian of the Year Laurie Baymarrwangga, knowledge holder of the Crocodile Islands, hoped to see a Yan-nhangu dictionary in every primary school in Australia to save the endangered language, of which there were only 20 speakers remaining.

Edition 526 16 May

● At a rally in Sydney, in the wake of police shooting two Aboriginal teenagers in Kings Cross, activist Lyall Munroe suggested Aboriginal people consider taking out AVOs against police officers to avoid harassment.

● Twenty Indigenous artists were featured in unDisclosed, the second National Indigenous Art Triennial at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

● At the second annual Yalata sports carnival on the far west coast of South Australia, the home side took out the senior football and softball cups, while Tjuntjuntjara won the women's football and junior football.

Edition 527 30 May

● Planning was under way for the 20th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo judgment, recognising the courage of Murray Islanders, the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo and his co-plaintiffs Dave Passi and the late James Rice.

● Almost 50 members of the first National Indigenous Youth Parliament gathered in Canberra to learn first-hand how the parliamentary system operates.

● Queensland centre Greg Inglis scored the match-winning try in the first State of Origin, which the Maroons won 18-10.

Edition 528 13 June

● Indigenous groups criticised reforms to native title as tinkering around the edges and not going far enough. Federal Attorney General Nicola Roxon announced changes at a conference in Townsville but shied away from calls to reverse the onus of proof.

● The Federal Government agreed to fund \$8 million in projects in return for the Wadeye community withdrawing complaints to the Australian Human Rights Commission regarding discriminatory funding for education of past and present members of the Thamarrurr community.

● Remains of a man found outside Lake Cargelligo were reburied by his ancestors. It was believed the remains could be older than 30,000 years.

Edition 529 27 June

● Census figures showed a 20 per cent increase in the Indigenous population to 548,370 and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living slightly longer, finishing school and going to higher education in



Bonita Mabo, widow of the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, and her daughter Gail catch up with Mabo case barrister Greg McIntyre during celebrations in Townsville last June to mark the 20th anniversary of the High Court's historic native title ruling. Photo by Mahala Strohfeldt



The sign says it all ... The struggle for sovereignty remains one of the key messages at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, which marked its 40th anniversary in January. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Koori Mail cartoonist Danny Eastwood had this take on Anzac Day celebrations this year.

greater numbers. Indigenous people made up 2.5 per cent of the population, most of whom lived on the eastern seaboard.

● Activist Michael Mansell claimed a Forest Agreement Bill introduced into the Tasmanian Parliament had the hallmarks of

Joh Bjelke-Petersen's 1985 'anti-Mabo' legislation.

● Seven-year-old Kaysan Madua, from the north Queensland community of Napranum, came fifth overall in the inaugural Deadly Fun Run at Uluru.

Edition 530 11 July

● The Stronger Futures bills were passed by both houses of Parliament, meaning Aboriginal people living in prescribed communities in the Northern

Territory face another ten years of intervention in their lives. Aboriginal leaders declared a day of mourning, while others stepped up the fight to have the laws examined for potential human rights breaches.

● Aboriginal muso Bunna Lawrie and former West Coast Eagles AFL star David Worrpanda received top honours at the 2012 NAIDOC Awards ceremony in Hobart. Celebrations were held around the country, with particular recognition paid in keeping with the theme 'Spirit of the Tent Embassy – 40 years on'.

● Eight Indigenous people were named in the Australian team for the Olympics, but a knee injury to hockey player Des Abbott reduced the number to seven: Joel Carroll (hockey), boxers Cameron Hammond and Damien Hooper, basketballer Patty Mills, athletes Benn Harradine and Josh Ross and BMX cyclist Khalan Young.

Edition 531 25 July

● The Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council pleaded with governments for income management, saying quarantining half of social security payments for essentials would help reduce alcohol abuse, violence, gambling, child abuse and neglect in their communities – mainly in remote SA and WA.

● The people of the Tanami Desert in Central Australia celebrated after the Federal Government signed off on a 101,500 sq km conservation area, to be cared for by Indigenous rangers. The Southern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area is the largest single land area ever dedicated to conservation in Australia and stretches from deserts to sub-tropical savannahs.

● 20km road walker Beki Lee and boxer Jesse Ross were added to the Olympic team for London.

Edition 532 8 August

● Damien Hooper, a 20-year-old Aboriginal boxer from Toowoomba, created a media storm when he wore a t-shirt with the Aboriginal flag before his opening light-heavyweight bout at the London Olympics. He won that bout but lost the next to be out of medal contention.

● Jessica Mauboy, Miranda Tapsell, Shari Sebbens and Deb Mailman shone brightly at the premiere of *The Sapphires*, a movie based on a real-life quartet of Aboriginal singers who entertained troops in the Vietnam War.

● Sprinter Josh Ross backed down from earlier threats to walk out on the men's 4x100m Olympic relay team in protest at officials refusing to consider him for a berth in the individual sprint.

Edition 533 22 August

● The Aboriginal Legal Service of WA called for an extension to the deadline for Stolen Wages claimants.

● The fourth Cairns Indigenous Art Fair got off to a flying start, with performances,

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exhibitions and talks about the direction of the contemporary Indigenous arts market.

● Hockey player Joel Carroll came home from London with a bronze Olympic medal.

Edition 534 5 September

● Aboriginal votes delivered the Country Liberal Party power in the NT. Six Aboriginal parliamentarians were elected.

● Singing sensation Casey Donovan starred with 100 locals in *Yarrabah! The Musical*, a production by Opera Australia based on real-life events in the Queensland community, including a workers' strike.

● Tasmanian-born boxer Daniel Geale added the WBA middleweight Super title to his IBF crown with a 12-round split decision points win over German Felix Sturm in Oberhausen, Germany.

Edition 535 19 September

● The Queensland Liberal National Party Government cut the Murri Court as part of sweeping budget reductions. Also chopped were \$13.2 million from the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program; \$8 million from the Indigenous State Infrastructure program for the Torres Strait; funding of \$12.6 million over four years for 40 additional Indigenous rangers in Cape York and a raft of other health, welfare and cultural programs.

● Bud Streten trained his super dog Migaloo to be the world's first archaeological sniffer dog, so she can search out Indigenous remains, rather than rely on mining companies.

● Canterbury fullback Ben Barba was named the NRL Dally M player of the year and players' player at the annual Rugby League Professionals Association awards night.

Edition 536 3 October

● Jessica Mauboy was named female artist of the year at the Deadlys and also won single of the year for *Galaxy*, while Gurrumul was the male artist of the year and Troy Cassar-Daley's album *Home* was judged best of 2012.

● The Federal Government's decision to defer a referendum to recognise Indigenous people in the Constitution met with mixed response. At the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, co-chair Les Malezer said he feared a referendum would never be held.

● The Newcastle Yowies defeated the Mindaribba Warriors 26-20 to win the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Raymond Terrace. The Argun Warriors beat the far north Queensland Yarrabah Seahawks 30-12 in the final of the Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri carnival at Ipswich.

Edition 537 17 October

● Both the NT and Qld governments put alcohol reform on the agenda, looking at relaxing alcohol restrictions for Indigenous communities. While reactions



Photographer Joseph Mayers took this eye-catching image of Wotjobaluk Wergaia woman Belinda Duarte, who this year was named inaugural director of the Korin Gamadji Institute at Richmond Tigers AFL Clu in Melbourne. Belinda featured in our regular Reflections profiles.

comments he made regarding the Aboriginality of his boxing opponent Daniel Geale and Geale's wife Sheena. Mundine said he 'thought they wiped all the Aborigines from Tasmania out' and that Sheena was a white woman, when in fact she has Aboriginal heritage. He apologised for offence caused to the Geales and the community.

● Yothu Yindi would be named in the ARIA Hall of Fame, it was announced.

● Kurtley Beale made up for past poor games by being the stand-out player in the Wallabies' Bledisloe Cup 18-all draw against New Zealand's All Blacks in Brisbane.

Edition 539 14 November

● Tasmanian Aborigines petitioned Prince Charles during his visit to Australia, asking the British Crown to honour a promise made to one of their ancestors in 1832. The prince's great grand-mother Queen Victoria made a pact with Walter George Arthur that, in exchange for Aborigines peacefully moving off mainland Tasmania until the fighting eased, they would be able to return to their traditional lands and live as before.

● Singer Jessica Mauboy was named the NT Young Australian of the Year, capping off a stellar year in which she produced three albums, had a number-one hit with *Burn* and starred in two films, *Bran Nue Dae* and *The Sapphires*.

● Torres Strait basketballer Nathan Jawai made a big impact for FC Barcelona Regal, in Spain, in the second strongest basketball league in the world. Jawai began his career in the 2007-08 season with the Cairns Taipans.

Edition 540 28 November

● WA Environment Minister Bill Marmion approved Woodside Petroleum's \$30 billion gas hub project at James Price Point, north of Broome. The proposed project has caused division in local Aboriginal communities, with some people saying it will cause irreparable cultural and environmental damage and others saying it will create badly-needed jobs and economic stability.

● Aboriginal leader Tom Calma was announced as the ACT'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 traditional owners of Byron Bay on the NSW north coast vowed to fight coal seam gas mining in their country after the NSW Aboriginal Land Council applied for a mining exploration licence.

● Scott Gardiner finished the secondary US professional golf tour in the top 25, meaning he will become the first Aborigine to collect a United States Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour card.

● Indigenous Marathon Project member Nat Heath and his team-mates missed out on running in the New York marathon because of Hurricane Sandy, but a few weeks later won the Chicago Perfect 10-Mile race.



Another example of the wit of the *Koori Mail's* long-time cartoonist Danny Eastwood, this work inspired by boxer Damien Hooper wearing a t-shirt with the Aboriginal flag at the London Olympics.

varied from positive to dire warnings, almost everyone agreed that Aboriginal people should be involved in the decision-making process.

● The Wik and Wik Way peoples won their final battle for native title rights to traditional

lands in far north Queensland, when they were granted title to 19,672 square km of land south of Weipa, in a special hearing of the Federal Court.

● Fallout from a brawl at the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout meant that next year's

host called for a summit to discuss issues.

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● Anthony 'The Man' Mundine said he instantly regretted

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Take out AVOs, says Munro

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LETHAL WEAPONS ARE NOT TOYS!

Mayor of the City of Sydney, Clover Moore, has called for the removal of AVOs (Assault Weapons Orders) from the streets of Sydney. She argues that AVOs are a waste of resources and that they do not effectively reduce gun violence. She has called for a focus on community safety and mental health support instead.

Budget concern

Indigenous employment, education, health, and social services are all under threat in the new federal budget. The budget cuts funding for many of the programs that are vital to the Indigenous community. This includes cuts to Indigenous employment programs, education funding, and health services. The cuts are seen as a major setback for the Indigenous community and have sparked widespread concern.

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MABO

Twenty years on...

THIS Sunday, 3 June 2012, will be the 20th anniversary of arguably the nation's most momentous legal judgment around land – the High Court of Australia's decision in the matter of Mabo v Queensland (No 2). This landmark case recognized the rights of Indigenous Australians to their traditional lands. It was a historic moment that changed the way we think about land ownership in Australia.

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Boxer Daniel Geale to take on the world's best – Page 95

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Tom waves the flag

Tommy 'Red' Allen, a prominent Indigenous activist, has been named the national Indigenous champion of the year. Allen has been a vocal advocate for Indigenous rights and has played a key role in many of the most important Indigenous movements in Australia. His leadership and commitment have earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow Indigenous people.

Not far enough

Indigenous groups criticise native title reforms as tinkering around the edges. The new native title reforms have been widely criticized by Indigenous groups as being insufficient and not addressing the core issues. They argue that the reforms do not provide enough protection for Indigenous land rights and that they are a step backwards.

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Biggest mob

Latest Census figures show more people than ever are identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The 2011 Census revealed that the Indigenous population of Australia has grown significantly since the 2006 Census. This growth is seen across all age groups and in all parts of the country. It is a testament to the resilience and strength of the Indigenous community.

From little things... TAS. A young Indigenous boy is shown holding a small flag, symbolizing the growth of the Indigenous community.

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Shining lights

Our 2012 National NAIDOC winners – See Pages 11-14

The NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) has announced its 2012 winners. The winners represent a wide range of Indigenous communities and have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities and to Australia. The winners include individuals and groups from across the country, each with their own unique story and achievements.

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Plea by remote women

'We need income management' – The women of remote Indigenous communities are calling for income management to be implemented. They argue that income management is necessary to ensure that money is spent on the needs of the community and that it is not being used for alcohol and gambling. They see it as a way to improve the lives of their communities.

Is this the year of the Rabbits?

South Sydney's Nathan Aspinall has been named the NRL's Most Improved Player. Aspinall has shown a significant improvement in his performance this season and has been a key player for his team. His selection is a testament to his hard work and talent.

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Games hero

How Damien Hooper lost his Olympic medal hopes, but won our hearts P5

Indigenous athlete Damien Hooper has become a national hero despite losing his Olympic medal hopes. Hooper's performance at the London Olympics was inspiring and he has won the hearts of many Australians. His story is a testament to the power of the Olympic spirit and the importance of participation.

Sapphires

A group of Indigenous women have performed at the Australian premiere of the film 'Sapphires'. The film tells the story of four Indigenous women who were part of a famous soul group in the 1960s. The performance was a celebration of their music and their heritage.

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Seaman Dan's still got what it takes

Indigenous seaman Dan Smith has been named the 2012 NAIDOC Man of the Year. Smith has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to his community and to Australia. He is a role model for many young Indigenous people and has shown great leadership and commitment.

WA wages plea

We need more time, says ALSWA. The Australian Labor Party (ALP) has called for more time to be given to the Western Australian government to address the issue of wages. They argue that the government needs more time to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issue.

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Game on for Min Min Crew

A group of Indigenous children have formed a basketball team called the Min Min Crew. The team is made up of children from a remote Indigenous community and they are looking to compete in a tournament. Their story is a testament to the power of sport and the importance of community.

Aboriginal votes give CLP power

The Liberal Party (LP) has won the 2012 federal election, largely due to the support of Indigenous voters. This is a historic moment for the Indigenous community and shows the importance of Indigenous votes in Australian politics. It also raises questions about the policies of the new government.

Geale hits the boxing big time

Boxer Daniel Geale has won a world title, marking a major achievement in his career. Geale's victory has brought him international recognition and has shown the talent of Indigenous athletes. He is now looking to defend his title and continue his success.

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On a high ... Fellowship recipient Gary Lang. Photo: Glenn Campbell

Dancer lands top fellowship



LARRAKIA man Gary Lang has become the first Northern Territory recipient of the Australia Council for the Arts Dance Board Fellowship.

The fellowship, a \$100,000 grant over two years, recognises the contribution the acclaimed dancer has made to Australian dance.

The Australia Council praised Lang as an accomplished and widely respected dancer, choreographer and performer.

Since training at the National Aboriginal and Islander Dance School (NAISDA), he has toured across Australia and overseas with companies including Bangarra Dance Theatre and Dancenorth.

For the past decade, Lang has been working with communities in the Top End of the NT.

The Australia Council's Dance Board provides one fellowship grant each year for an established artist who has an outstanding record of achievement. Newly appointed chair Elizabeth Walsh said the Dance Board was pleased to acknowledge Lang's contribution to the dance sector.

"The fellowship will take his

practice to the next level, providing invaluable opportunities for Gary to learn as an artist and build on his already substantial body of work," she said.

Lang said he preferred to be based in Darwin near his community and the natural environment that he says inspires his work. The fellowship will allow him to work with a range of new companies, with collaborations already planned with Ochre Contemporary Dance Company in Western Australia and Atamira Maori Contemporary Dance Company in Auckland.

And it will enable him to spend extended periods in Arnhem Land with his family's Yirrkala community.

"I am at a time in my work when I need to extend my dance world," Lang said.

"The fellowship is a truly life-changing event. It will breathe new life into my career and fuel my creativity, giving me the freedom to take my skills to the next level."

Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring also welcomed Lang's fellowship.

"We look forward to supporting the next exciting chapter in his artistic development," Artback NT's Angela O'Donnell said.



Balnaves Award winner Nikkiah Lui. Photo by Patrick Boland

Heaven-sent year for Lui



YOUNG Sydney writer Nikkiah Lui has won the inaugural Balnaves Foundation

Indigenous Playwright's Award.

The win has topped a big year in which she also took out the Australia Council's Dreaming Award and finished a law degree.

And if all that is not enough reason to celebrate, Lui's play, *This Heaven*, has been included in the program for Belvoir's 2013 season.

It is expected that the play, which draws on her personal history of growing up in Mount Druitt, far away from her Gamilaroi/Torres Strait Island heritage, will be staged in February.

The work reflects on the tensions of Indigenous people living urban lives and is about a

family and a riot in Western Sydney following a death in custody.

However, she won the award not only for her body of work which included *This Heaven*, but also for her pitch for a new work called *Koorioke*, a jukebox musical which Belvoir will stage in the next couple of years.

The 26-year-old received her \$20,000 award on 4 December during a function at the Belvoir in Sydney.

Belvoir literary manager and award judge Anthea Williams described Lui as a person with 'a fierce intellect'.

"Her work is political, funny and full of great heart," Ms Williams said.

"Her ambition for what theatre can do and be is vast."

Organisers said the award was set-up to encourage an increase in the volume of Indigenous stories being written

for stage, in particular to provide material for Belvoir's current programming of two Indigenous plays a year, an initiative also supported by the Balnaves Foundation.

Artistic director of ILBIJERRI Theatre Company Rachael Maza said she was honoured to be on the judging panel.

"It was exciting to see such a good response from right across the community – an indication of the great talent out there and the many stories still to be told," Maza said.

"There was a variation in the level of experience in writing for theatre among the applicants, and quite a variation in the range of ideas, but on the whole it was a fantastic and exciting response."

"I would like to strongly encourage all those who did not win; please don't be discouraged! Keep writing!"

Second album for MERRg



ADELAIDE Indigenous act MERRg have just launched their second independent album *Just Sign Here*

Folks... The five-piece outfit's new work follows their first album *Introducing the MERRg*. Principal songwriters Eddie

Peters, Robert Champion and Michael Colbung say the new album offers a diverse range of original works.

"Inspired by the land, desert, sea and Mother Earth herself, the songs offer a contemporary Indigenous viewpoint on life, in a modern context – songs of love, life and day-by-day complication make for a soothing emersion in

a polished production," they say.

The group have appeared on the *Marngrook Footy Show* and have recently featured in an hour-long interview on ABC's Radio National *AWAYE* program.

Their song *Price We Pay* will play on the Qantas inflight entertainment program 'The Spirit' next month.



Meyne Wyatt. Photo by Gary Heery, courtesy Belvoir Street

Peter Pan a dream role



RISING young Aboriginal actor Meyne Wyatt has scored the role of the little boy who never grew up. In a play by the Belvoir theatre company in Sydney directed by Ralph Myers, Wyatt plays Peter Pan, the star character of J M Barrie's classic play.

Re-written for a modern audience, Peter Pan is a play about 'believing the unbelievable,' Myers said. "Everybody remembers the production they saw as a child where Peter really flew," he said.

"In this production there are no wires to see, it relies entirely on complicity between the actors and the audience."

Voted Best Newcomer at the 2012 Sydney Theatre Awards, Meyne Wyatt is regarded as a rising star of Australian theatre.

With a cast of Australia's finest young talent, the director takes J M Barrie's dark, riotous Edwardian fable and transposes it into a 1980s suburban childhood.

"Think Pirates playing Pictionary, Twister with Tinkerbell and lost boys in leg warmers," a spokesperson said.

The season starts on 5 January and runs until 10 February. Bookings on (02) 9699 3444 or at www.belvoir.com.au

Healing qualities are on show at Nowra gallery



Oolong House activities coordinator Dave Norsworthy, artist Glenn Duffield, Oolong House CEO Ivan Ardler, participant John Marshall, artist/coordinator Aroha Groves, artist Mark Willers, and the Bundanon Trust's arts program manager Regina Heilmann.



THE healing qualities of art are being showcased in Nowra this month, following a three-month art project by the

Bundanon Trust, working with a residential treatment centre for men working through problems linked to alcohol and other drugs.

The Oolong House Art Project (OHAP) was conceived by artist Aroha Groves and Bundanon Trust's arts program manager Regina Heilmann.

Thirty men from Oolong House were shepherded in their artistic endeavours by Ms Groves and other Aboriginal artists Glenn Duffield and Mark Willers. Assisted by art advisor Djon Mundine, they took part in workshops and a range of activities

aimed at improving their general wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence. They created paintings that were then digitally photographed and animated and projected on to sculptural pieces.

The process, in the words of participant John Marshall, was 'extremely cathartic'.

Elements

"I've always known and understood there is healing in the elements of our culture – in our art, dance and song," he said.

Ms Groves said she was proud of the project participants for the way they tackled the many different (and often new) tasks they were involved in and worked through.

At the project opening on 29 November, Oolong House chief executive officer Ivan Ardler said it had been a pleasure working with Bundanon Trust and local artists to benefit Oolong House clients in their recovery.

Activities coordinator Dave Norsworthy said that working with paintings, digital media and sculpture had given Oolong House clients 'an understanding and realisation that they can achieve in all areas of their lives'.

The OHAP was supported by the Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund of Arts NSW. Project artworks are being exhibited until 21 December in a temporary pop-up gallery in Berry Street, Nowra.

Top talent set for Woodford



JINIBARA custodians will be installing the propeller on a large ship being built to launch the Woodford Folk Festival this year.

The sails of the ship will be hoisted at the welcome ceremony and the propeller installation will symbolise the Jinibara custodians steering the festival into the future.

The symbolic act will be the first of many Indigenous-inspired moments planned for the festival, which runs from 27 December to 1 January.

A host of Indigenous talent will take to the stage, including Archie Roach, Impossible Odds, Shellie Morris, Microwave Jenny, The Stiff Gins and The Georgia Corowa Suite.

Also playing will be Tjupurru, who creates beat-driven sounds with a slide

didgeridoo called the didjeribone, which fuses the sounds of ancient culture with modern technology.

Indigenous people also will take part in various workshops and discussions.

Festival-goers will also have plenty of opportunities to learn some cultural knowledge from people such as Michael Williams, a Gooreng Gooreng man, who will host talks with speakers and audience members.

Speakers

Among those speaking will be Uncle Herb Wharton, who recently won a lifetime achievement award from the Australia Council for his writing, musician Shellie Morris, Fred Conway and Uncle Noel Blair.

Other speakers include Brisbane-

based activist, author and community leader Sam Watson, artist William McKenzie from the Tanami Desert in the Northern Territory, and Aunty Bakoi Boulton, sharing knowledge from the Torres Strait.

The festival also will stage a number of Indigenous-inspired exhibitions, and features Indigenous artists from around the country.

Among them will be Gurindji woman, Biddy Yamaurangali Wavehill and Jimmy Japalyi Wavehill, both of whom took part in the Wave Hill Walk Off led by Vincent Lingiari. The pair went on to become members and directors of the Karungkarni Art and Culture Aboriginal Corporation in Kalkarindji.

For a full program or more information on the Woodford Folk Festival, go to woodfordfolkfestival.com



'Our Forests' Aboriginal Logo Competition

The face of Forests NSW is changing. We are looking for a new logo in acknowledgement and respect of the management of forests by Aboriginal people for tens of thousands of years. The winning logo may be used to represent the Forestry Corporation of NSW or its cultural heritage unit.

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The Forestry Corporation will pay the winner \$10,000 for full ownership rights to the logo and story. The artist will be recognised and promoted on the corporation's website and other promotional materials. The logo may be manipulated for a range of corporate applications.

Entries must be received by C.O.B. Friday 1st February 2013 to:

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Morris scores music award



ABORIGINAL woman Shellie Morris has been recognised for her efforts to empower Indigenous Australians

through music.

The Darwin-based singer was named overall winner at this year's Music in Communities Award, an initiative of the Music Council of Australia.

Morris worked with women from her country in the Borroloola region of the NT's Gulf country to create the acclaimed *The Song Peoples Sessions*, a collaboration between traditional and contemporary Indigenous musicians designed to protect language and heritage.

"I'm so proud of the album created through *The Song Peoples Sessions*," she said.

"Being able to spend that time on my grandmother's country, learn her Yanyuwa language, connect with family and create something that will keep our culture strong was such an amazing experience."

The Song Peoples Sessions producer Patrick McCloskey

said the project had created new forms of musical cultural expression using traditional languages and songs with contemporary music.

He said the \$5000 prize from the Music In Communities award would assist in promoting the double album.

Talks are under way for the national release and distribution of the album by Shellie Morris and the Borroloola Songwomen: *Ngambala Wiji li-Wunungu – Together We Are Strong*.

The Song Peoples Sessions was based in Tennant Creek and supported by Barkly Regional Arts and the Winanijikari Music Centre. An album of 10 contemporary songs and 58 recordings of traditional songs from the region, covering Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji languages, was created.

A second project was completed by contemporary musician Warren H Williams and the Warumungu Songmen at Tennant Creek.

Winanjara was released nationally through ABC Music in April. It received an ARIA nomination.



Shellie Morris performing.

Papunya Boards decision



AN inquiry has recommended that 63 of the 226 paintings that make up the Papunya Boards collection should not be

available for public exhibition.

The inquiry, by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, was commissioned in 2009 because of the secret and ceremonial nature of the collection from the Central Australian community, and to advise on its future management.

The paintings, created in 1971-1973, are regarded as sparking the development of the Western Desert Art movement.

The report recommends that 163 of the paintings are suitable for public display.

It also recommends that the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) should establish a management plan specifically for the Papunya Boards collection.

NT Arts and Museums Minister Matt Conlan said the boards are some of the most sacred and important pieces of art in Australia.

Three paintings from the collection are currently on display in the MAGNT, which holds the largest body of early Papunya Tula paintings in the world.

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Bundjalung artist's exhibition is open



AN exhibition by Bundjalung artist Michael Philp has opened at the Dreaming

Arts Centre of Utopia (DACOU) gallery in Alstonville on the far north coast of New South Wales.

'My Saltwater Murris' opened on 1 December and will remain open to the public on weekends from 10am-2pm into January.

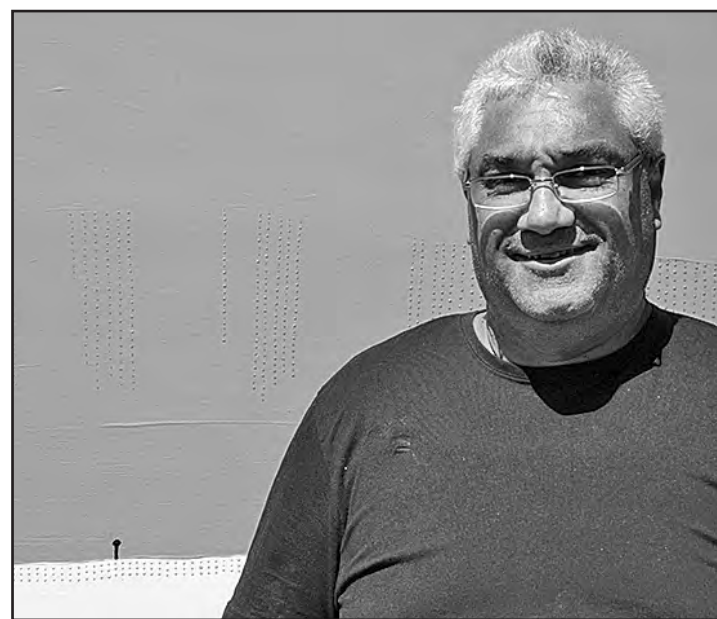
The exhibition describes the life of a child born to a white fisherman and a Murri woman on the Tweed Coast.

Philp, who is now in his 40s with a son of his own, started painting just seven years ago.

He was the first Bundjalung artist to be represented by the national Indigenous-owned gallery DACOU, where he staged his first solo show.

Subsequent to this exhibition selling out, he has taken part in group shows and exhibitions.

'Saltwater Murris' is his second solo show. He uses swathes of blue, green, cream and black to paint the environment which envelops



Bundjalung artist Michael Philp in front of one of his works.

and cradles stark, and sometimes delicate figures.

The DACOU company was started in 1995 by artists of the Central Desert Utopia region Emily Kame Ngwarreye, Barbara Weir and her son Fred Torres.

The Alstonville gallery carries exclusive work from the Central Desert while also maintaining a commitment to Indigenous artists from the local Bundjalung nation.

For more information go to www.dacou.com

Power of education



BRISBANE-based Elder Ruth Hegarty has urged young people to seize the opportunities that are offered by education and for which refugees to Australia are willing to risk their lives.

When she was a baby, Auntie Ruth was taken from her parents and placed in the Cherbourg Mission dormitory. But that tragic start in life has not prevented her from becoming a Stolen Wages activist, an author and matriarch of a family encompassing 102 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

The 83-year-old has lectured at universities and, last month, watched as 123 Indigenous students graduated from various schools at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane.

And at the end of November, she celebrated with a further 17 graduates at Murgon, near Cherbourg, during a dinner at which Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) scholarships and Titans Beyond Tomorrow certificates were handed out.

Take up mantle

Auntie Ruth told the audience it was not always easy to get Indigenous children to that level, and they now needed to take up the mantle for future generations.

"I'm sure all of us older generations would've loved to have had the opportunity of a higher education," she said, reflecting on earlier times.

As children, Auntie Ruth and her peers were taught basic reading and writing and then sent to stations to work as a homestead domestic or stockman on the land.

"We were cheap labour; very cheap labour," Auntie Ruth said. "After witnessing your graduation, I'm reminded of my generation's loss and the basic human rights we did not have."

But Auntie Ruth is not one to cry 'woe is me'.

"You can do anything you want," she continued. "You don't



Above: Auntie Ruth Hegarty surrounded by 12 South Burnett QATSIF Scholarship winners who will now go on to further their education.

have to be a doctor, but there are things you can do and you need to do it.

"We are a nation of people who believe in dreaming. Don't let anybody tell you any different.

"You're responsible for passing on that dreaming. If you don't, we're a generation lost."

Auntie Ruth said refugees were dying for the opportunities Australia's young were being given, and education gave people the power to fight for their own rights and make their dreams come true.

She said she believed Aboriginal people were closing the gap on education, and QATSIF scholarships, funded out of unreturned Queensland stolen wages, were a legacy of her shared fight to get those monies back 'so that future generations will have a smarter, brighter future'.

"Knowledge is power," Auntie Ruth said.

"Don't you ever forget that. I give it to you tonight as a gift."

— Report and photos courtesy of Marcus Priaux



Lillian Gray with niece Elaine Simpson and her daughter Mikira Fisher who won a QATSIF scholarship.



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Qld pledge over action



THE Queensland Government is promising a new action plan to improve learning outcomes for Indigenous students.

Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek has been meeting with stakeholders to discuss the plan.

He said Indigenous education experts, leaders, schools and communities would help to set the future direction for Indigenous education.

"This first roundtable meeting marks the beginning of an extensive consultation process, which will culminate in a new four-year Indigenous education action plan to be delivered mid next year," Mr Langbroek said on 3 December.

"The new plan will include valuable input from the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee, the Stronger Smarter Institute and the Torres Strait Islander Regional Education Council."

Mr Langbroek said the Newman Government was committed to providing quality education, training and employment opportunities for Indigenous students.

"We are already achieving some promising results in terms of attendance rates and learning outcomes for Indigenous students in Queensland," he said.

"However, there is still more work to be done to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and this plan will help us to achieve this.

"Indigenous education strategies have been strongly geared towards improving educational outcomes in primary schools and high schools up until now.

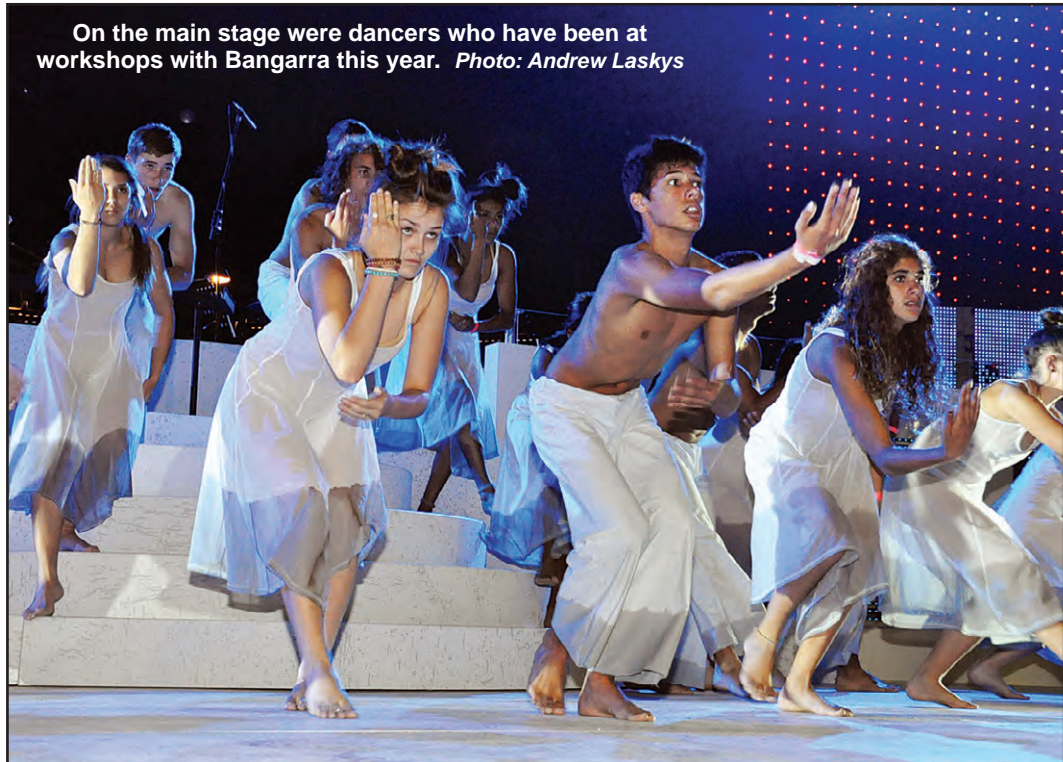
"Our new approach will be wider in scope and look at building a continuous pathway from 'crayon to career' for Indigenous Queenslanders.

"This means ensuring that Indigenous Queenslanders are supported and engaged in learning from early childhood, through the schooling years to training, tertiary education and employment."

Mr Langbroek said the discussion coincided with the first meeting of the new Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC). Six new members have been appointed to the 11-person committee, with Gina Archer being reappointed as chair.

Simply Spectacular!

On the main stage were dancers who have been at workshops with Bangarra this year. Photo: Andrew Laskys



MORE than 300 Aboriginal students from across New South Wales took part in the 2012 Schools Spectacular at Sydney Entertainment Centre last month. The group had rehearsed at the National

Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern for their adaptation of 'Gapan', choreographed by the Bangarra Dance Company.

The students, from Years 1 to 12, worked with choreographers Sidney Saltner and Sonny Townsend.

Schools Spectacular is an

epic production of music, song and dance, costumes and choreography.

The line-up for this year's event featured 3600 students from 400 NSW public schools including an 1800-voice choir, a 180-piece orchestra, 2000 dancers, plus numerous bands and soloists.



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MPs want warning



ALL alcoholic drinks should carry a health warning for pregnant women, a parliamentary committee says.

The warning – basically, if you're pregnant, don't drink – is a key recommendation of a report into the 'entirely preventable but incurable' Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

MP Graham Perrett, chair of the Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee whose report into FASD was tabled last Thursday,

said the disorders were hidden in damaged brains.

"It may masquerade as naughty behaviour, poor parenting, lack of discipline or simple mindedness," Mr Perrett said.

"It is none of these things."

Mr Perrett said the condition was caused by exposure to alcohol in the womb.

"The consequences are expressed along a spectrum of disabilities including physical, cognitive, intellectual, learning, behavioural, social and executive

functioning abnormalities and problems with communication, motor skills, attention and memory," he said.

Mr Perrett said that while the risk of a disorder increased with the amount of alcohol a pregnant woman drank, it was not widely known that even small amounts, at critical times, could cause irrevocable damage to the foetus.

Liberal committee member Sharman Stone said there was a simple answer: "Just don't drink for the nine months of your pregnancy."

She said too many doctors were failing to ask pregnant woman about their drinking habits.

Dr Stone said there were also too many cases of young women binge drinking, having unprotected sex and then continuing to drink without realising they were pregnant.

She said the Government was so proud of its tobacco labelling laws, but had done nothing about alcohol.

The committee received expert opinion that the true incidence of

the disorders in Australia was unknown.

However several bodies believed it was under-reported and there was evidence that it was relatively high in some Aboriginal communities.

The committee recommended a national action plan to oversee research and develop strategies to target and end drinking in pregnancy.

It also recommended labels warning of the risks of alcohol on pregnancy testing and ovulation kits. – AAP

Conference was a first



THE first national conference of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals was held in Brisbane on 22-23 November.

It was organised by Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), the national peak body representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals and students.

With the overarching theme 'Joining the Dots... An inter-professional approach to Indigenous health', the conference brought together keynote speakers as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals and students from across Australia.

In a recorded message to the conference, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said Australians had high ambitions for being a reconciled nation 'but so much of that aspiration falls down at the most basic level – the poor health outcomes and reduced lifespans faced by too many Indigenous people'.

"That's why Closing the Gap and Reconciliation go hand in hand – celebrating Indigenous culture and its fundamental place in the story of our nation," Ms Gillard said.

"But also ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the longevity and wellbeing to enjoy it.

"If we are to succeed in closing the gap, your work as allied health professionals will be important in taking us there."

In a further recorded message, Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the Federal Government would continue to work closely with organisations such as IAHA to improve access to health care and enable the Australian health care system to respond better to the need of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

IAHA chairperson Faye McMillan said it had been an inspiring event.

"To have such a high calibre of speakers like Dr Tom Calma, Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, Congress co-chair Jody Broun and an international guest speaker from New Zealand, Riripeti Haretuka, give up their valuable time to be part our conference was both humbling and motivating," she said.

"Our MC Dr Kerry Arabena brought it all together beautifully."

Ms McMillan said the conference was designed to make delegates think about how allied health professionals and



Dr Mark Wenitong talking to delegates at the first national conference of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals, held last month in Brisbane. Photos courtesy of IAHA



Delegates Sarita Richards and Julia Carter wrote their inspirational messages for the photo booth.

stakeholders could contribute towards a sustainable approach to improving the health of Indigenous people, working in an inter-professional and holistic environment.

IAHA chief executive Craig Dukes said that bringing together so many committed health professionals, from across a diverse range of disciplines,

'gives confidence that we can make a significant contribution to closing the gap'.

"We all recognise that no single profession can improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes on its own. We all need to work together and this conference was a huge step in the right direction," he said.



Dr Tom Calma delivers his address.



National Congress co-chair Jody Broun.



Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

Milingimbi, Galiwinku to get new health centres



NEW health centres for Milingimbi and Galiwinku will go ahead following this month's Northern Territory mini-budget.

More than \$10.9 million in NT and Commonwealth funding has been allocated for the work.

Gove District Hospital in Nhulunbuy, will also get fire upgrades costing \$650,000.

NT Treasurer Robyn Lambley said the funding would ensure top-class health centres in Milingimbi and Galiwinku.

"We are determined to work on improving the level of health of Indigenous Territorians," she said.

Mrs Lambley said the Government also honoured an election commitment to residents in Northern Territory homelands and outstations.

"Across the Territory we have put aside \$2 million in 2012-13 and 2013-14 for housing improvements. This will increase to \$4 million in 2014-15 and \$6 million in 2015-16," she said.

The Government has also confirmed funding of \$1.5 million in 2012-13 for continued upgrading of the Central Arnhem Road, specifically for work on passing and overtaking areas.

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ACT bid to help quit the smokes



A NEW community-led campaign has been launched in Canberra to help people quit smoking and get healthy. The healthy lifestyle campaign, called 'Beyond Today... it's up to you', features community members as role models.

It was developed by Canberra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the ACT Government Health Directorate, and was launched by Ginninderra MP Dr Chris Bourke.

The local community nominated Ngunnawal Elder Auntie Agnes Shea, along with Calvin Huddleston, Roxie Brown, Chenisha Drazevich, Dion Devow and his children Dante, Tea and Sienna, Benny Hodges, Keischa Jamieson, Tiana Timbery and Selina Walker as role models for smoking cessation and a healthy lifestyle.

After giving a welcome to country, Auntie Agnes spoke of the dangers of smoking.

"I've seen the impact on my generation; please make the choice to be a strong and healthy nation," she said.

Dr Bourke launched the campaign and thanked all the 'local champions' for their commitment.

"Each one of these champions has a personal story which is heartfelt, some have lost family members to smoking, others who got a 'wake-up call', and some who just realised the devastating impact of smoking and unhealthy lifestyles on themselves, their family and community," he said.

The campaign has come at a crucial time in the ACT's Closing the Gap initiatives, with nearly a third of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population smoking, compared with 16 per cent of other residents. Compounding this, the percentage of pregnant Indigenous women who smoke is five times higher at 50.6 per cent.

"The choice of a healthy lifestyle and quitting smoking is important to close the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the general population," Dr Bourke said. "It will ensure that our first peoples continue to be strong for generations to come."

'Beyond Today... it's up to you' stories and campaign materials are available at the ACT Government Health Directorate's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander website www.ihealthportal.act.gov.au

Wiluna closer to having new clinic



WILUNA is closer to having a new health clinic after a licensing agreement between the Western Australian and Federal governments.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said the WA Country Health Service and the Commonwealth Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) had agreed to jointly fund \$780,000 to complete the works, landscaping and address other issues delaying the clinic opening.

He said work would start soon and, when completed, the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Medical Service would be able to seek licensing approval to occupy the new building.

Quit for you. Quit for two.

When a baby's on the way, it's twice as important to get the support you need to quit smoking. Phone **Quitline** and ask about **Quit for you Quit for two**.

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- premature labour
- ectopic pregnancy
- SIDS

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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.

National

28-29 August 2013: Puliima 2013 National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum. Proposals for presenting and/or exhibiting at Puliima 2013 are now being called. To be held at the William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Details: www.puliima.com or call (02) 4927 8222

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Every Sunday: Family barbecue 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 nine-week course covers 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 2273.

Until 15 December: Nohi Dahooru'e – Nohi Nioge Exhibition. An exhibition of Barkcloth Paintings by the Omie women. Held at The Depot Gallery, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-6pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9319 4420 or email info@omieartists.com

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.com.au

Until 23 December: Beautiful One Day. A theatrical documentary about the life and times of Palm Island. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills, from 6.30pm Tues, 8pm Wed-Fri, 2pm and 8pm Sat and 5pm Sun. Includes a community night on 13 December at 8pm, tickets \$20. Cost: Full price \$62, Seniors (excluding Fri/Sat evenings) \$52, Con \$42. Bookings on (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

Until 20 January: Spirit in the Land Exhibition, exploring the connection between Australian artists, historical and contemporary, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and their appreciation and engagement to the spiritual ethos and power of the land. At Penrith Regional Gallery and 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.penrithregionalgallery.org

Until 20 January: 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.boomalli.com.au

Until 1 March: Registrations taken for the First Australians 2013 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade. This parade celebrates 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.

13 December-24 March: Papunya Tula Art Exhibition. A new exhibition highlighting some rare works of the Papunya Tula Artists. The 11 works in pencil and watercolour on paper are dominated by spiraling circles, lines of travel and meandering watercourses. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, open daily from 10am-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (02) 9225 1700 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

15-16 December: SPATE 12th anniversary. Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy will celebrate its 12th anniversary with a community and family friendly non-alcohol weekend event for everyone, including live

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Ngaanyatjarra art at National Museum



ART works from the heart of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in

Western Australia are now on display at the National Museum (NMA) of Australia. The works are being hailed as a new Aboriginal art movement from the Western Desert.

Called 'Warakurna: All the Stories Got into our Minds and Eyes', the collection features paintings, woven fibre and carved wood sculptures that were produced at Warakurna.

The community is at the foot of the Rawlinson Ranges, 300km west of Uluru.

Produced in the past two years, the paintings in the Warakurna exhibition are more figurative in style than traditional Western Desert art.

The artists from Warakurna use their painting to document their history – the coming of explorers, prospectors and missionaries, building roads, missile testing and the return to their homeland.



Aboriginal women from Warakurna collaborating on a painting associated with the Lungarta (Blue-tongue Lizard) Dreaming. Photo by Tim Acker, courtesy Warakurna Artists

National Museum director Andrew Sayers said the museum was not only interested in history, but also in the way in which historical events have changed the lives of Australians. "The painters

of Warakurna have produced a unique and original body of artworks," he said.

"They are extremely valuable as intriguing and first-hand accounts of significant events in the life

of an Aboriginal community. Western Desert people were among the last groups of Aboriginal people in Australia to have contact with Europeans.

Warakurna lay in the middle of the flight path of missiles launched from Woomera in the South Australian desert in the 1960s.

Wayne and Vicki McGeoch under the Federal Government Cultural Gifts Program donated most of the paintings in the exhibition to the National Museum in 2011.

Mr Sayers said the National Museum bought a further 10 paintings in 2012.

He said all of the paintings had been included in the museum's permanent National Historical Collection where they sit alongside early Papunya boards and important works from the Canning Stock Route collection.

'Warakurna: All the Stories Got into our Minds and Eyes', will be on display in the NMA First Australians Focus Gallery until 3 November, 2013.

Big names in line for Spirit

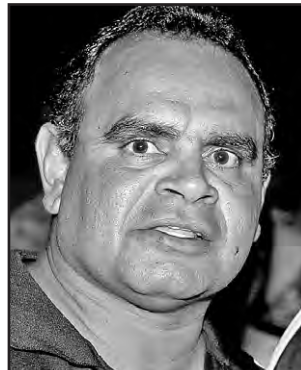


SINGING sensations Jessica Mauboy and Troy Cassar-Daley have been

announced as the headline acts for the 2013 Spirit Festival in South Australia.

The Festival will be held at Mulla Wirraburka (Rymill Park next to Tandanya, the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute) on Saturday, 16 February, and Sunday, 17 February, on Kaurna land.

It will be hosted by Indigenous comedian Sean Choolburra and feature a cavalcade of Indigenous talent including National Indigenous Music Award winners The Medics, rap sensation Jimblah, 2011 X-Factor finalist Zachariah



MICHAEL LONG

Fielding, AFL legend Michael Long, singer songwriter Krista Pav, melodic balladeers The MERRg and the CASM Soul Band.

One of the many highlights will be a writers program featuring award-winning social



SEAN CHOOLBURRA

commentator and author of *Am I black enough for you* Dr Anita Heiss.

Tandanya artistic director Tim Ritchie said the festival, in its fifth year, had become South Australia's leading promoter of Indigenous arts and culture.

"Stunning local acts will

congregate alongside national superstars in a brilliant showcase of talent across two spectacular days," Mr Ritchie said.

"The Spirit Festival will be inspirational and we invite everyone to join us in February for this magnificent event."

Mr Ritchie said that as a special celebration, a flash mob routine was being prepared with the help of Ausdance SA.

The Flash Mob routine will be performed on the night of Jessica Mauboy's performance.

Mr Ritchie said people would be able to access footage of the routine very soon on all social media and the Spirit Festival website at thespiritfestival.com.au

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entertainment, kids' activities, picnics, barbecue, cultural and smoking ceremony. Held at Sandon Point, Wollongong, from 11am. Entry by donation or \$20. Details: (0439) 707 969 or (0434) 366 374 or visit www.sandon-point.org.au

20 February - 3 March: 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 21 December: Nominations for 2013 Warriors Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival. Open men, maximum of 10 teams, nomination fee \$1000 a team. Open women, maximum of four teams, nomination fee \$500 a team. Held at the Newtown Rugby Leagues Club, Toowoomba, Saturday 2 February. Registration and nomination fees to be paid by 21 December. 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 21 December: Design & Colour in Motion Exhibition. A contemporary art exhibition featuring Indigenous artist Graeme Walker. The artworks are a mix, blending vivid colours in abstract forms painted on to canvas, calico, paper, clothing and other materials. Held at the Jambama Art Gallery, 30 Cassino Dr, Industrial Estate, Casino from Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Tania Walker or Raylene Shang on (02) 6662 6672 or email info@jambama.com.au

Until 26 January: Claudia's Story. Winner of the 2012 Gold Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Claudia Moodoonuthi presents her first body of work. Including 'painting stories' and photographs based on memories of her Grandmother's country (Bentinck Island). Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba from Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email email@wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 19 April: State of Emergency Exhibition. In marking the 30th anniversary of the 1982 Commonwealth Games when Brisbane had 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

12 December: Book Launch. 'A Decision to Discriminate: Aboriginal Disempowerment in the Northern Territory'. To be launched by Graeme Mundine, a special guest Elder, Birrigubba and Gungalu woman Auntie Lilla Watson and National Congress co-chair Les Malezer. The book will be on sale @ \$20 a copy. Held at Kuril Dhagun, State Library of Queensland, Grey St, Sth Brisbane between 5.30 and 8pm. Details: Wayne Sanderson on (0408) 701 906 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au

South Australia

Until 10 February: Lagua Dunaig Exhibition. Lagua Dunaig (island lifestyle) is a significant exhibition of works of art on paper by Cairns-based Torres Strait Islander artists Brian Robinson and Joel Sam. A total of 42 limited edition works including linocut, etching and embossing. Includes official opening on 14 December from 6-8pm. Held at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, open daily from 10am-5pm. Free entry. Details: (08) 8224 3250 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

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.com.au

Footscray to host Wominjeka event

VICTORIA'S Footscray Community Arts Centre has announced the program for its festival, Wominjeka 2013.

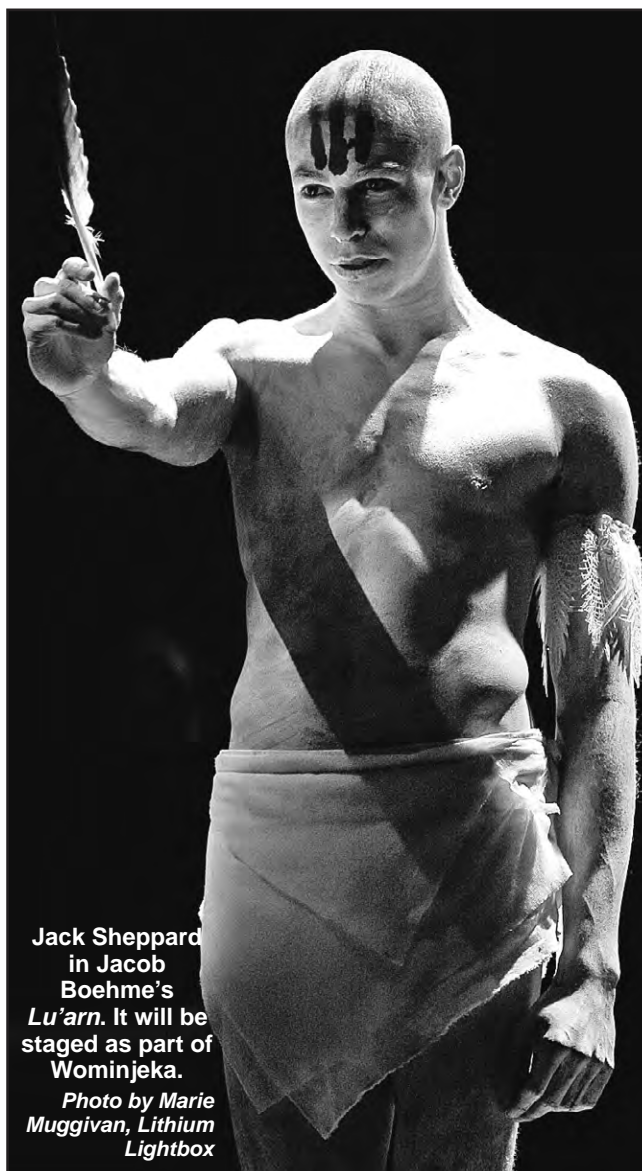
The festival will feature a full program of ceremony, gatherings, exhibitions, forums, talks, performances, screenings, workshops and masterclasses.

It will run from 11-19 January at the Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC), 45 Moreland Street, Footscray.

Organisers said Wominjeka had developed as FCAC's annual celebration of Australia's Indigenous artistic and cultural practices, and also served to launch the centre's annual program.

Organisers said it started as Warneet Ngargee last year and took on the name Wominjeka this year.

They said the 2013 event would see it grow to a full week of activities, beginning with the opening ceremony on 11 January, and finishing on 19 January with a concert by the Black Arm Band at the FCAC River Gardens.



Jack Sheppard in Jacob Boehme's *Lu'arn*. It will be staged as part of Wominjeka.

Photo by Marie Muggivan, Lithium Lightbox

Key role for Anu



INDIGENOUS performer Christine Anu has scored a key role in the Brisbane season of the

Broadway production of *South Pacific*.

Anu will play the role of Bloody Mary, alongside actor Gyton Grantley, who will play Luther Billis. Grantley would be best known for his role as Carl Williams in the *Underbelly* series.

Opera Australia artistic director Lyndon Terracini said everyone was thrilled that Anu and Grantley would be joining the cast.

"Christine is a charismatic performer who is exceptionally talented.

"She is also a role model for a generation of Indigenous performers who are having a major impact on Australia's performing arts industry, said director Lyndon Terracini"

Considered one of the finest musicals ever written, the *South Pacific* score includes *Some Enchanted Evening*, *I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair* and *There is Nothin' Like a Dame*.

The production has a cast of 40 and an orchestra twice the size of most musicals.

The production begins its five-week engagement at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC on 27 December 2012.

For performance times and bookings go to www.qpac.com.au or phone 136 246.

Big program for festival in Taree



THE Saltwater Freshwater Festival will return to Taree on 26 January with what is being touted as a 'stellar line-up' of Aboriginal musicians.

The program will feature national and local acts including pub-rock legends Coloured Stone, Triple J darlings The Medics, hip hop act Last Kinection, blues man Buddy Knox, alternative country singer Sue Ray and Taree funk-rock band, The Jay Davis Trio.

Taree community leader Jay Davis said he was looking forward to sharing the stage with Aboriginal music legends, but mostly he was just proud to be playing at the festival as it made its return to his hometown.

"I love the passion of Indigenous music – I grew up enjoying the sounds of musicians such as Coloured Stone, Kev Carmody, Archie Roach, Bobby Mcleod, Yothu Yindi and the Warumpi

Band just to name a few," Mr Davis said.

"It's hard to explain how awesome it is to be having the festival in Taree – for the town to be the focal point this time around. It is an honour to represent my community as a local artist and I find it is a great way to support reconciliation and the local community. Yii biripi barray, burruigi dhanbaan guyiwanal (This is Birpi Country, swim strong shark people)."

Brisbane musician Sue Ray is on the bill having just returned from a trip to Nashville, USA, where she recorded a new EP and performed at the Americana Music Conference.

"I was exposed to some of the best of the best musicians in their field from all over the world at the conference," she said. "I can safely say with pride that Australia truly has some of the most passionate and gifted Indigenous singers/songwriters and bands in the world, and I am so blessed and proud to be a part of it.

"I am thrilled to be performing at this year's festival. It's such a wonderful opportunity to be included in an event that highlights the wealth of talent available in the Australian Indigenous music, art and dance culture."

Organisers said the full festival program would be announced soon and would include workshops, showcases of the Arts Alliance projects from the past year, yarn panels, hands-on cultural experiences, kids' activities, dance performances and the finale parade as well as Aboriginal food and arts stalls.

Buses will run between the festival and Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Gloucester and Forster. Thanks to a Transport for NSW grant, fares will be \$3 each way.

Go to www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au for more information or like www.facebook.com/swfw.festival for the latest updates.

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



The newest graduates of the Mission Australia/Queensland Reds Indigenous Employment Program with officials and local Federal MP for Griffith, Kevin Rudd.

Brisbane youths score with jobs partnership



A GROUP of Indigenous youth from Brisbane's southside have graduated from the Mission Australia/Queensland Reds Indigenous Employment Program.

The federally funded partnership has assisted 35 young people to secure sustainable employment over the past 18 months – providing the job-seekers with targeted support, mentoring and skill development.

They were acknowledged

recently at a special ceremony with their Queensland Reds player mentors at Queensland Rugby Headquarters at Ballymore.

Participants received targeted assistance to develop the skills and confidence they needed to secure rewarding employment opportunities, as well as ongoing support once they started work, and mentoring by Qld Reds players.

Mission Australia Employment Solutions regional manager for Indigenous employment Deeann Natividad said the program's success demonstrated what

could be achieved when young Indigenous job-seekers were given targeted support.

"Prior to joining our Indigenous Employment Program, most of these young people had been struggling not just to find work, but also to find the confidence to apply for jobs in the community," she said.

"Some come from communities where employment is often an exception rather than the norm, with generational unemployment having a huge impact on youth.

"Even so, they each expressed a desire to change their situation and

find a job or engage in training that would put them on track to a brighter future."

Ms Natividad said the Reds players had performed an important role, "inspiring and encouraging our young participants to identify their goals and do what it takes to achieve them".

"With the support of their mentors and our program staff, the 35 job-seekers have now all commenced work, with some having been in their new jobs for over a year," she said.

"They've taken on roles in a

variety of industries including hospitality, construction, mining, business administration, airline services, childcare services and health services."

Queensland Reds hooker Saia Faingaa said he was proud to be involved with the program.

"Mentoring the Mission Australia program's kids has been a great experience for all the Reds players involved and it's something we are proud to be participating in," he said. "This is a role I take seriously so it's great to see so many positive results."

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The Role

Reporting to the Community Liaison Officer, we are looking for a dynamic individual to join our Mt Carlton operation in the role of Trainee Cultural Heritage Officer. The purpose of this position is to contribute to ensuring all mine site activities comply with the Cultural Heritage Management Plan at the Mt Carlton Project.

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As part of our process you will be required to complete pre-employment checks; medical, which includes a drug and alcohol screen and obtain full police clearance.

Mt Carlton Operation

Mt Carlton Gold Mine is located approximately 80 kilometres West of Bowen and a further 140 kilometres from Townsville. Currently in a Construction phase, the site anticipates approximately 200 people including contractors, reducing to roughly 140 staff for Operations. This is a Bus in/Bus out site with the majority of employees living in Townsville or the Bowen region. To find out more information please visit www.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au and www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

How to Apply

To apply for this position please forward your CV and Covering Letter to: MCO.Careers@evolutionmining.com.au quoting reference number 20121119MCO-FV

The close date for applications is

Friday 28 December 2012

For more information on employment opportunities within Evolution Mining Group and to find out more information about our assets please visit: <http://www.evolutionmining.com.au>



Leichhardt Council is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Community Development Officer. You will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, and have experience leading effective community development processes with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, communities and organisations.

Community Development Officer, Aboriginal Programs

SPV66/12

Salary: \$67,808 - \$77,380 per annum + super

Enjoy our benefits: One RDO per fortnight for full time staff, paid parental leave; generous study assistance; easy public transport; health incentives.

Vibrant and energetic, the Inner West is a great place to work and play. Famous for its eateries and shops, the Leichhardt LGA is steeped in history and cultural heritage, providing a challenge for our professional staff to help deliver a sustainable and liveable community.

Enquiries: Clera Shalala on (02) 9367 9220

Closing Date: Friday 28 December 2012

APPLY ONLINE: Applications must be submitted through our online application process available at www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/Positions-Vacant.html. We recommend you visit and read all the available information on How to Apply prior to using the online application form.

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Group Leader & Qualified Assistant Marickville

We are seeking to employ a Group Leader and a Qualified Assistant who are committed to providing stimulating programming for children and forming meaningful partnerships with families and the community. As a key part of our team, you will be required to use your initiative, express your ideas and develop bonds with your children. You will be given scope to grow and supported by a management team focused on your success.

Essential requirements:

- Minimum Certificate III in Children's Services
- Familiar with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and sound understanding of the National Quality Standards (NQS)
- Proven team player with strong communication skills.

People are at the heart of Goodstart making the promise of early learning real. If you'd like to help our under fives thrive today and tomorrow, we'd like to hear from you.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

Please email your resume to recruitment.nswact@goodstart.org.au



Government of Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Community Corrections and Youth Justice Officers

Community and Youth Justice Services

Web Search No: 012381

Level/Salary: L4 PSGOGA \$67,933 - \$71,794

We have multiple Community Corrections Officer (CCO) and Youth Justice Officer (YJO) vacancies located throughout various WA regions including the Perth metropolitan area.

If you are looking for a role that is both challenging and rewarding, and you have the ability to communicate with a diverse range of people, then this job may be for you.

To find out more register your interest in the Information Sessions via DCS.Recruitment@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9264-1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Christina Dal Busco on 9264 9615.

Special Notice: This will advert appear in jobs.wa.gov.au from 1 December 2012.

Location: Various.

Closing Date: 24 December 2012 at 4.30pm.

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Senior Child Practitioner or Practice Leader CPP5 Aboriginal Family Decision Making

Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) is an approach to decision-making and planning for Aboriginal children and is intended to enable extended family and respected Elders to participate in decision-making about the care and protection of children and young people in their community.

DHS/HUM/366165 Ongoing Full time Shepparton
DHS/HUM/373710 Ongoing Part time (38 hrs per f/night) Wangaratta
Salary:- CPP5.1 - \$78,908 - \$87,189 + 9% super pro rata for part time
CPP5.2 - \$87,190 - \$95,472 + 9% Super pro rata for part time
The Aboriginal Family Decision Making Practitioner plays a pivotal role in:

- Strengthening case practice,
 - Ensuring successful client outcomes;
 - Leading teams by example; and
 - Supporting and mentoring others to reach their full potential.
- For further information please contact Andrea Griffen ph 03 5832 1712
Applications close Sunday 23rd December 2012

**Rewrite tomorrow,
one child at a time.**



Department of
Human Services



**To apply, please go to
www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers**



Indigenous Sports Cadetship

12 month contract, Sydney

Salary: \$47,134 p.a. (shift work, including evenings and weekends)

For the first time, Media Reconciliation Industry Network partners; FOX SPORTS, Nine Network and SBS Sports, have come together to offer a 12 month Sports Cadetship to a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background/s seeking the opportunity to develop skills, experience and abilities in journalism, with a focus on sports.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join high performing sports media teams, with each organisation hosting for a period of four months.

Ideally, you will have had training in television and/or radio sports journalism or be able to demonstrate a strong interest in sports broadcast journalism. Throughout the cadetship you will receive experience in researching, reporting, producing sports content for television and online, operations and production management. The commitment to undertake accredited supplementary training is required.

You will find all the details about this opportunity and how to apply at our website www.sbs.com.au/jobs.

If you have no online access or need further information, please contact David Melzer on (03) 9949 2476.

Applications must be submitted online by 5pm (AEDT) on Friday, 21 December 2012.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Sessional Lecturer/Tutor Indigenous Education/Aboriginal Studies

Expressions of interest are sought for primary, early childhood and secondary pre-service teachers at Australian Catholic University.

Specific duties could include:

- preparation and delivery of lectures and workshops
- marking and assessment associated with the unit
- student consultation and unit administration.

Teaching will be in a mainstream unit entitled 'Indigenous peoples, cultures and histories' and/or units in the Aboriginal Studies strands (In 'Away-from-Base' mode.)

The position will start February 2013.

To apply, please submit a recent CV.

Email: nerida.blair@acu.edu.au

Phone: 0457 512 264

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for the position. This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Identified position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977 NSW).



Executive Assistant

Office for Student Equity

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply under the Special Measure Provision Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic).

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity and Student Engagement), has accountabilities for implementing the University strategic framework, projects and initiatives for student equity, staff equity and the student experience including the development and implementation of staff and student equity programs and policies. This includes management of the Federal Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program through its funding to the University.

The Office for Student Equity supports the Pro Vice-Chancellor and requires an Executive Assistant to operate within a team environment as well as being responsible for the provision of high quality administrative and secretarial support.

You will be required to display a high level of professionalism and customer focus, regularly interacting with the internal and external community as well as dealing with confidential and sensitive issues and documentation.

Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University by emailing their contact details and position number to hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au

Close date: 16 December 2012
Salary: \$59,426 - \$68,259 p.a. plus 9% super.
Job No: 0030285

For more information about our University and current vacancies visit www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers

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Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Manager Aboriginal Health Aboriginal Health Unit, Malabar Permanent Full Time

JH No: 114233
Salary: Health Manager Level 4: \$107,646-\$128,792 pa.
Enquiries: Gary Forrest, (02) 9700 3020
gary.forrest@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 7 January 2013.

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemptions claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> NSW Health Service – Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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Aboriginal Program Officer, Scholarships and Sponsorships (Allied Health)

Ref No: 110347 **Salary:** \$62,877.00 - \$84,580.00 pa
Status: Permanent Full Time
Location: Health Education and Training Institute, Gladesville
Enq: Victor Badenko, (02) 9844 6512 or vbadenko@heti.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 17/12/2012

Ensure you address the selection criteria.

For further information, visit
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

For an Application: You can apply for this position at
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Australian Government Department of Human Services

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INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Department of Human Services and Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Joint Venture)

Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and the Kimberley Region
 Apprentice/Trainee
 \$46,494 - \$49,106
 Job Reference: 1149-201112 (several positions)

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship are conducting a joint activity to recruit Indigenous apprentices/trainees in the Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Kimberley Regions. The Program provides an entry level opportunity for Indigenous candidates seeking a career in the Australian Public Service.

Department of Human Services Apprentices undertake a fully funded Certificate III or IV in Customer Contact, Business or Government over a 12 month period while receiving on the job training and support as they learn to manage customer enquiries regarding access to government and non government entitlements.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship Trainees are engaged in full time positions while undertaking a Certificate IV in Government over a 15 month period. Successful completion of the Program will result in advancement to the APS 3 level.

Closing: Sunday 16 December 2012 (midnight)

Contacts: Brooke Rigney (08) 8936 9822 or Tammy Coyne (08) 8901 6124

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/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

This role will focus on assisting Aboriginal community controlled health services and generic health services in Gippsland to plan, develop, 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 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 aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 2 January 2013

www.careers.vic.gov.au

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NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

FULL TIME POSITION
 Location: Sydney

Total Remuneration: \$70, 929 (excluding employers' contribution to superannuation)

The role of Executive Assistant is responsible for managing the office of both the President and Executive Officer. The position requires high quality, comprehensive secretarial and administrative support to both the President and Executive Officer to enable efficient and effective workflow and communication within the organisation.

Applicants are to address the following criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Proven capacity to provide high level of management and organisational skills in an office environment.
- Demonstrated high level management and organisational skills including extensive experience with spread sheets, databases, word-processing and documentation presentation.
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written skills.
- Demonstrated ability to use initiative and discretion.
- Ability to meet exacting deadlines whilst ensuring attention to detail and accuracy is maintained.
- Proven ability to develop and maintain accurate record management systems.
- Desktop publishing will be favourable.

**Applications for both positions close
Friday 18 January 2013**

OFFICE MANAGER

FULL TIME POSITION
 Location: Sydney

Total Remuneration: \$70, 929 (excluding employers' contribution to superannuation)

The Office Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of the NSW AECG Inc. Secretariat. The position manages the financial and administrative resources of the Secretariat to ensure the delivery of support services to members of the NSW AECG Inc.

These services are to be delivered within timeframes, budget and in accordance with policies and procedures of the NSW AECG Inc.

Applicants are to address the following criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Sound knowledge of issues affecting Aboriginal people in relation to education and training.
- Extensive experience managing a busy, customer- based office including supervision of staff, record keeping and procurement of goods and services.
- Proven administrative, financial and planning skills and the ability to interpret and implement policies.
- Proven ability to liaise with clients, business associates and colleagues.
- Experience with computer applications including Microsoft Office.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Current driver's license will be favourable
- Commitment and capacity to implement EEO, Charter of Principles for a Culturally Diverse Society and Ethical Behaviour.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

All enquiries and applications are to be directed to Raymond Ingrey, Executive Officer by phone: 02 9550 566 or email: raymond.ingrey@aecg.nsw.edu.au

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY



The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position at Link-Up Victoria, a program auspiced by the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency.

Caseworker/Counsellor Position

Link-Up Victoria is looking for someone who possesses the following:

- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people, services and communities;
- An understanding about the issues affecting the Stolen Generations and their families;
- Experience and ability to undertake family research and client records investigation;
- Ability to undertake effective case management;
- Willingness to undertake travel intrastate and interstate; and
- Willingness to undertake training.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Bev Murray, Program Manager Link-Up Victoria on (03) 9470 3666 or 0402 095 567 or email bevm@vacca.org

Applications close:
Friday 21st December 2012

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thursday Island

Literacy Enrichment Teacher

Part Time Contract Position
Commencing 21 January 2013

Applications Close 21 December 2012

Further information and an Application Pack is available on our website.



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RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA

Business Administration Traineeships

- Sydney CBD Location
- 12 month Traineeship program
- Gain a qualification and practical work experience

The Reserve Bank will be offering a number of exciting development opportunities under the New Apprenticeship and Traineeship Scheme commencing in March 2013.

We are looking for enthusiastic, committed and well presented individuals who are keen to develop their skills in a corporate office environment. These positions are ideally suited to recent school leavers however completion of HSC or equivalent is not a pre-requisite.

Your key responsibilities will include clerical work, customer service, statistics and data entry. The program comprises four days per week practical work experience, and one day attending training towards completion of a Certificate III in Business Administration.

Designated positions are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Enquiries about all our Traineeship opportunities can be made on (02) 9551 9649 or traineeships@rba.gov.au

Applications should be made online at www.rba.gov.au and must include a supporting statement and resume. Applicants with a qualification higher than a Certificate II are not eligible to apply.

Applications close on 17 December 2012.



Relationship Coordinator – Indigenous Strategies

An opportunity exists for a Relationship Coordinator – Indigenous Strategies in our Melbourne head office, Southbank on a 12 month fixed-term contract.

Reporting to the Higher Education Executive, you will be responsible for working in partnership with priority Australian universities as well as business and community groups to implement strategies designed to increase the number of Indigenous Australians graduating from advanced studies in accounting and being employed in roles that draw upon their educational background. More specifically, you will:

- Build relationships and engage with stakeholders within priority universities, business and community groups
- Use a range of communication channels, including social media, to promote and maintain contact with the identified stakeholders
- Assist with the development of programs that work in partnership with key stakeholders to achieve the identified goals of the Indigenous Accountants Australia initiative
- Assist with the development of recommendations to the Working Group and Steering Committee
- Maintain appropriate records on project implementation and progress

To be successful in this role you will possess a thorough knowledge of indigenous cultures. You effectively manage relationships across a variety of levels and disciplines with ease and will be able to articulately promote the benefits of this program. You have a good working knowledge of project implementation and execution and will have a record of successfully promoting or working within higher education programs in the tertiary sector and/or cultural diversity programs in the broader community. Indigenous candidates are encouraged to apply.

CPA Australia is one of the world's leading professional accountancy bodies and offers a compelling employer brand, a strong focus on work/life balance and the opportunity to grow your career in an organisation that values and rewards individual and team contribution/success.

Please email your application to: employment@cpaaustralia.com.au



Charity gives, justice changes.

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.

POSITION VACANT



Chief Executive Officer (SEQICC)

The South East Queensland Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (SEQICC) is currently seeking an energetic and accomplished CEO.

- Do you have executive level administrative, financial and resource management experience?
- Are you a critical thinker that enjoys a developmental challenge?
- Do you have a proven record in building quality relationships with key stakeholders?
- Wanting to use your organisational management skills to lead a not-for-profit organisation?

The position offers an exciting hands-on opportunity to build a not-for-profit organisation, create your own team and to develop quality partnerships with important stakeholders that will transform and develop the Indigenous business sector in South East Queensland.

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,000 per annum, includes employer's contribution of 9% to superannuation and annual leave loading. Two year contract with 6 months probationary period. Located in Brisbane and reports to the Board, SEQICC.

To download a copy of the position description and selection criteria, please go to www.seqicc.com.au

Applications must be submitted by 4pm, Monday 17 December 2012 to secretary@seqicc.com.au



Australian Government Department of Human Services

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INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIPS

Department of Human Services

NSW Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Tweed Heads
VIC Traralgon
QLD Townsville
WA Bunbury

Apprentice (APS Trainee)
\$49,106

Job Reference: 1152-201112

Several positions available in each location

The filling of this opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and is restricted to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

The Department of Human Services' Apprenticeship Program provides an entry point for Indigenous people seeking a customer service career in the Australian Public Service. Apprentices undertake a fully funded Certificate III in Telecommunications, Customer Contact, Business or Government during the 12 month Apprenticeship Program. Apprentices receive paid, on-the-job training and support as they learn to handle telephone enquiries regarding customer access to government and non-government benefits and entitlements. The work environment is typically busy and continually changing.

Upon successful completion of the Apprenticeship Program which includes meeting performance requirements and a minimum of nine months employment with the department, Apprentices will advance to the APS3 level.

Information sessions will be held in some locations. Please refer to the selection documentation for further details.

Closing: Sunday 23 December 2012 (midnight)

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers

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Recruitment

Dental Assistant

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 qualified Dental Assistant.

Responsibilities for this position include:

- providing chair side assistance to dentist / therapist
- maintaining the clinical environment in a safe and hygienic manner including sterilising dental instruments and disinfecting the surgery
- dental administration
- oral health promotion
- liaising with the reception staff and other disciplines that network within the dental team.

The successful candidate will have a Certificate III in Dental Assisting or equivalent, relevant dental assisting experience and an understanding of infection control procedures.

Effective time management skills, the ability to work within a multidisciplinary team and excellent communication skills are essential for success in this role. Current drivers licence and computer proficiency will also be highly desired. An attractive hourly rate is being offered.

If you think you possess the skills and qualities to be successful in this role then please contact:

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www.mppersonnel.com.au

Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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I can enjoy the freedom of working in the community, meeting new people and using my skills to find solutions to complex problems. With my help, my clients, their families and the community can enjoy a better quality of health. At SA Health, I can draw upon ongoing education and team support to help my clients better manage their health and feel more empowered in life.

Regional Tobacco Coordinator

Murray Mallee Community
Health Service, Murray Bridge
Job Ref: 502218

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AHPACC Officer (Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Program) Part Time (12 hours per week)

Dianella Community Health is seeking applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a knowledge and understanding of health and wellbeing, and previous experience in a hands-on client support role to join our Population Health Branch as an AHPACC Officer.

The primary role of the AHPACC Officer will be to engage and support local Aboriginal community members to access Dianella services and programs.

For a copy of the position description and application information please visit www.dianella.org.au or contact Anita Trezona, Population Health Branch Manager at anita.trezona@dianella.org.au or on 8345 5441.

Please note: This position has exemption from the provisions of the Equal Opportunities ACT 1985 (VCAT exemption number A178/2010).

Applications close: 4 January 2012

Chief Executive Officer

Brewarrina, NSW

- * Remuneration circa \$120k incl vehicle allowance!
- * On-site, 3 bedroom air con cottage provided!

Orana Haven Aboriginal Corporation has an exciting opportunity for a **Chief Executive Officer (Aboriginal Corporation)** to lead their team based in Brewarrina, NSW. In this hands on and rewarding role, you will be managing the day to day operations of the Orana Haven Alcohol & Drug facility. In return for your hard work, you'll enjoy a **salary package circa \$120k** including a \$10k vehicle allowance. You will also benefit from tax-free fringe benefits, 17.5% leave loading & on-site, 3 bedroom accommodation!



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Vocational Trainer & Assessor Adelaide, SA

- * Excellent salary \$58,348 - \$62,192!
- * Family friendly hours + generous leave!

Nunkuwarrin Yunti has an exciting opportunity for a **Vocational Trainer & Assessor (Cert IV)** to join their Adelaide team. You'll provide frontline supervision, training & assessment for the Certificate IV in ATSI Primary Health Care (Community Care) and other nationally recognised VET sector qualifications. Enjoy an **attractive salary circa \$58,348 - \$62,192** plus super, flexible salary sacrificing and generous leave allowances!



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Manager, Family Violence Program

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Senior Administrative Officer 1

Remuneration Package Range \$113 900 - \$127 087

(Comprising salary \$99 457 - \$111 108, super, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

Offender Programs - Darwin (remote travel is also required)

Ongoing vacancy

Move Your Career into New Territory

NORTHERN TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Northern Territory Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is part of the criminal justice system and, in partnership with the community, contributes to individual and community safety by providing Rehabilitation and Treatment Services to Offenders to address offending behaviours and to reduce their likelihood of re-offending.

DCS is seeking a suitable applicant for the following position.

This position is responsible for the management and operational oversight of the Family Violence Program which operates in remote communities across the Northern Territory (NT). We are looking for a person who has good leadership and project management skills. This person will also be able to build and maintain strong and active partnerships with internal and external stakeholders and particularly with people living in remote communities. It is anticipated that the holder of this position can demonstrate a sensitivity to Aboriginal cultural issues and an understanding of the family violence research area. The successful applicant will be required to work flexible hours and travel throughout the NT, including via light aircraft.

As a member of the Northern Territory Public Service, you will enjoy generous job conditions, including six weeks annual leave, flexible work practice and parental leave.

Further information regarding this vacancy can be found at www.nt.gov.au/jobs or by contacting Barbara Sampson, General Manager, Offender Programs on (08) 8935 7580

Applications should address the Selection Criteria; contain a current resume and referees.

For a copy of the Job Description and to apply online please visit www.nt.gov.au/jobs

Quote vacancy number: 25764

Closing date: 16 December 2012

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Senior Clinician Offender Services and Programs/Family Violence Program

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Senior Professional 1

Remuneration Package Range \$113 900 - \$127 087

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DCS is seeking a suitable applicant for the following position.

This position is responsible for the research and development of offender programs and for advice and training on the assessment, treatment, evaluation of service and risk management strategies pertaining to high risk offenders, particularly those convicted of family violence. This position will be responsible for the clinical supervision and support of Family Violence Program Facilitators who deliver offender programs in remote communities.

As a member of the Northern Territory Public Service, you will enjoy generous job conditions, including six weeks annual leave, flexible work practice and parental leave.

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Quote vacancy number: 33384

Closing date: 23 December 2012

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Administrative Assistant (Aboriginal)

Grade 2/3 (HCS Admin)

Alleena Aboriginal Home Care

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No. 0000123Y

Total remuneration package valued up to \$58,932 per annum (Salary: \$49,532 pa - \$53,405 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

To provide administrative support to all branch staff by undertaking word processing, reception duties, photocopying, mail collection and distribution, purchasing of equipment and supplies and general clerical tasks.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated ability to be sensitive to the needs of "Aboriginal people".
- Demonstrated experience in a high-volume administrative position, involving customer service, finance, records management and purchasing.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively interpret policies and procedures relating to the service, and in providing advice and information to business clients.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in all areas of office management, including liaising with internal and external clients.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment, manage time effectively and set priorities.
- A general knowledge of community services, including services to the frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Demonstrated advanced computer literacy and keyboard skills, including knowledge and experience with relevant Microsoft Office applications in word processing, spreadsheet and database software.

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must obtain the Information Package which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW and address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 0000123Y

Closing Date: Friday, 11 January 2013

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Research and Partnership Officer

Salary: Pro rata of \$65,000 - \$70,000

Based on experience and qualifications, includes superannuation. Salary Packing is available.

Conditions: .75 EFT 4 days per week (Melbourne based)

First Nations Foundation (FNF)

First Nations Foundation was established in early 2006 by a group of respected First Australian leaders, with the vision of enabling First Australians to make informed decisions about their financial wellbeing, in turn securing a sound economic future for themselves and their communities.

Primary Role of Position:

The primary role of the Research & Partnerships Officer's position is to contribute to and assist in the guidance of the organisation in relation to research, evaluation and coordination of key partnerships. The majority of the support to be provided will be focused on the partnership between First Nations Foundation and Reconciliation Australia for providing secretariat roles for the Indigenous Financial Services Network (IFSN) and the Indigenous Advisory Group of IFSN. Additionally the role will manage key stakeholders and partnerships, including growing both government and non-government grant funding for the organisation.

Application Process:

All applications must address the Selection Criteria as outlined within Position Description

For further enquires and Position Description contact:

Trevor Pearce,
Chief Executive Officer, First Nations Foundation
Ph: 03 9670 5904 **Email:** trevor.pearce@fnf.org.au

Applications Close: Friday 11th January 2013

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Full Time Position. Attractive Salary Package



V Swans is the community/game development arm of Swan Districts Football Club & operates in the Pilbara & Eastern Metro regions of WA. We develop programs that use sport & healthy lifestyle themes to improve educational, employment, health & social wellbeing in our communities.

The **V Swans Indigenous Community Development Officer** will support & develop participation opportunities for Aboriginal & Non Aboriginal Youth and communities.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Deliver diverse classroom & sports based programs in schools and other environments.
- Develop positive relationships with schools & community organisations.
- Engage parents & families through events and training opportunities.
- Ensure safe environment for all, through minimisation of risk.

Must hold a current 'C' Class Drivers Licence.

38 hrs per week and may be required to work outside of normal work hrs.

Full position details obtained online via www.swandistrictsfc.com.au

Enquiries: V Swans General Manager Nicole Graves on 08 9279 8700.
Send your cover letter (1-2pg) & resume to ngraves@swandistrictsfc.com

Applications close Friday 21st December 2012

Youth Worker

Youth Justice; Brisbane Youth Detention Centre

Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Salary: \$44 964 - \$54 586 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/24118/12

Key Duties: Youth workers assist in the provision of programs and services to young people whilst monitoring and managing the health and safety of clients and stakeholders within the secure environment.

Skills/Abilities: Maintain the safety and security requirements of the centre. Contribute to the provision of programs and services to young people. Professionally monitor and manage behaviours of clients.

Enquiries: Brendan Bouton
brendan.bouton@justice.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 21 December 2012

www.jobs.qld.gov.au



Government of South Australia

Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Graduate Rangers

Up to 5 roles available

Contract to February 2015

\$45,813 – \$49,587 p.a. (OPS2)

Vacancy No: C8471/2012

As a Graduate Ranger, you will be part of a team working across the State to engage the community and support 8 Natural Resource Management regions. Your work will be integral to managing national parks and reserves through conservation initiatives, fire management and providing visitor facilities and services. You will work closely with Aboriginal people and communities to co-manage national parks and reserves.

DEWNR is committed to growing its Aboriginal workforce. We strongly encourage suitably qualified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders to apply.

Qualifications: Degree in Natural Resource Management or other relevant field is essential.

Enquiries to: Shoana McManus, Art of Staff via jobs@artofstaff.com.au or ph: 0411 804 455.

For more info visit the DEWNR website:
www.environment.sa.gov.au/vacancies

Applications Close: 5pm 21 December 2012

Safety is a core value of the South Australian Public Sector.

The South Australian Government is an Equal opportunity employer.

www.environment.sa.gov.au



Health Sydney Local Health District

Aboriginal Trainee Dental Assistant (Grade 1)

Ref: 101406 Temp F/T up to 2 December 2013 at Sydney Dental Hospital

Salary: \$929.40–\$996.60 pw

Enq: Marianne Weston, (02) 9293 3262

Closing Date: 21 December 2012

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Counsellors

Children & Domestic Violence - Katherine, NT

*** Incredibly rewarding roles in the famous Top End of NT!**
*** Attractive salary plus salary sacrifice & relocation allowance!**

Katherine Women's Crisis Centre (KWCC) is a not for profit organisation based in Katherine, NT, that provides supported accommodation for women and children affected by family and / or domestic violence or in a crisis situation.

KWCC currently has two rewarding full time positions available:

* Therapeutic Children's Counsellor

www.applynow.net.au/job41027

* Domestic Violence Counsellor (Female Role)

www.applynow.net.au/job41026

In return, the **Therapeutic Children's Counsellor** will enjoy an **attractive salary circa \$60,000-\$65,000**, while the **Domestic Violence Counsellor** be rewarded with a **remuneration of \$55,000-\$65,000**. KWCC will also assist you in finding suitable accommodation, will provide negotiable relocation assistance & great opp's for career development & professional networking.

Due to the nature of Domestic Violence Counsellor role, the successful applicant must be female (under Section 51 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977).



ApplyNow.com.au

Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Health Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

Aboriginal Sexual Health Education Officer

Eastgardens

Temporary Full Time, up to 30 June 2013

JH No: 114211

Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer Graduate or Non-Graduate: \$45,819–\$78,147 pa plus additional allowances (salary may vary depending on qualifications).

Enquiries: Jennifer Woodward, 0412 971 562 or jennifer.woodward@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au or Julie Carter, (02) 8327 3066.

Closing Date: 7 January 2013.

This is a dedicated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be able to prove Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemptions claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

To apply for this position please visit <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>
NSW Health Service – Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network is committed to Work Health & Safety, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Executive Officer

Canberra, Albury, Melbourne or Murray Bridge

6 month contract (with provision for extension)

Salary \$95,000 - \$100,000 p/a

The Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) is a confederation of Indigenous Nations or Traditional Owners in the southern part of the Murray-Darling Basin.

MLDRIN performs a number of functions for Traditional Owners in the southern Murray-Darling Basin, including:

- Facilitating and advocating the participation of Indigenous Nations within the different levels of government regarding decisions on cultural and natural resource management
- Developing responses to the cultural, social and economic impacts of development on Indigenous traditional country
- Being a collective, united voice for the rights and interests of their traditional country and its people.

MLDRIN is seeking applications from people with relevant experience to fill the role of Executive Officer. Duties include:

- Liaising with internal and external stakeholders on Murray and Lower Darling Indigenous issues.
- Developing, communicating and implementing policies and strategic, corporate and business plans for the organisation.
- Implementing MLDRIN policies and decisions within relevant statutory reporting and governance requirements and in accordance with funding agreements.
- Assisting and advising the Chair and Executive in developing initiatives for the benefit of participating Nations.
- Managing MLDRIN's activities.
- Seeking sponsorship and funding agreements to help support the operation of MLDRIN.
- Ensuring human, physical and financial resources are effectively managed.
- Maintaining and developing stakeholder relationships, including promoting MLDRIN and its activities to the broader community.

The successful applicant will possess excellent financial, managerial, administration and communication skills and have the ability to work sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

How to apply: Request a detailed duty statement and selection criteria by phoning Grant Rigney on 0428 584 122 or via email grant.rigney@ngarrindjeri.org.au

Applications close: 5.00 pm 21st December 2012.

Support Officer
Clerk 1/2 (Aboriginal Identified)
People & Organisational Development

- Sydney (Haymarket)
- Temporary Full Time (to August 2013)
- Package to 85K

Applications must be submitted online through jobs.nsw.gov.au to be considered.

Closing date: 7 January 2013

Enquiries: Julius Cordell on 9219 5617
or julius.cordell@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District
COUNSELLOR, ABORIGINAL MALE

TFT (up to 30/06/14), Enquiries: Simon Monk, (02) 9840 4088.

North Parramatta Ad No: 103181 Close Date: 26.12.12
Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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Exploration Licence	15/1313	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	3BL	50km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 122° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	27/483	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	13BL	77km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/494	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/495	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	67km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/496	POTTS, Christopher Peter	12BL	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2237	MANHATTAN CORPORATION LIMITED	52BL	178km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 123° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2267	BECRUX RESOURCES PTY LTD	130BL	116km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 124° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2268	URUCUM RESOURCES PTY LTD	23BL	91km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 124° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2270	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	28BL	98km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 124° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1029	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	70km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2768	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	8BL	101km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2776	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	21BL	85km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 123° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2777	HILL, Roderick HILL, Carol	1BL	10km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2778	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	1BL	54km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2606	COMMODITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	13km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 14' S Long: 119° 43' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2619	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	14km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2655	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL	114km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 118° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1539	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	3BL	97km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 52' S Long: 119° 3' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2631	MCDOWELL, Jaime Anthony	10BL	165km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 25' S Long: 119° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2812	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	12BL	49km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 48' S Long: 119° 47' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/925	STRATUM METALS LIMITED	2BL	87km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 13' S Long: 119° 26' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1915	RED DRAGON MINES NL	10BL	13km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 117° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1922	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	23BL	56km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 3' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2948	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	54BL	36km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 36' S Long: 123° 31' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2950	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	69BL	56km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 43' S Long: 123° 21' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4286	WILKINSON RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	84km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 42' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4386	RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED	64BL	29km S'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 57' S Long: 117° 34' E	BROOMHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4402	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	37BL	39km S'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 40' S Long: 117° 55' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, WICKEPIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4738	LIAONING HEDI MINES (WA) PTY LTD	66BL	86km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 26' S Long: 128° 20' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5758	BULLABULLING GOLD LIMITED	36.01HA	24km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2787	STONE, Graeme John	121.99HA	39km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2788	STONE, Graeme John	83.37HA	26km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2789	STONE, Graeme John	21.68HA	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2790	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	42.26HA	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2191	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	9.89HA	27km E'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 117° 57' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2243	GIBSON, Peter Ronald	121.10HA	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2245	EDWARDS, Cranston Gilbert	78.10HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3909	REED, David John	158.66HA	2km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2270	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	196.00HA	10km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1728	WILLIAMS, Norman Andrew	121.35HA	25km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 120° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8306	CLIFTON, Michael	6.28HA	61km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8310	ZANIL PTY LTD	133.93HA	14km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4052	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	6.35HA	75km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4053	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	163.68HA	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1684	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	105km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 118° 20' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1685	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	102km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 21' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1686	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	102km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 22' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	53/1606-8, 53/1616 & 53/1618	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	877.68HA	28km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 121° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1609-15, 53/1617 & 53/1619	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	1599.82HA	64km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 121° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1322-S	KEY, Kerry Ashman DIXON, Paul Anthony KOFFLER, Christian	8.25HA	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1584-S	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	19.17HA	62km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 118° 24' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1590-8	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	1166.61HA	10km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1599-1604	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	688.62HA	15km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 117° 45' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/1999	EMONS, Joseph Raymond FINDE, Bruce Francis	19.15HA	54km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 12 December 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 **12 March 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. 12 April 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.

MARSUPIAL LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT – BELROSE, NSW

1st Year Apprentice - Landscape Construction

Marsupial Landscape Management, located in Belrose and servicing the Sydney metropolitan area, *is seeking a 1st Year Apprentice to commence between Dec 2012 - Feb 2013.*

This is a 4 year apprenticeship and you will be required to attend TAFE 1 day/week to complete Cert III Horticulture (Landscape) and attend work 4 days/week. Applicants must have a current drivers license and reliable own transport.

Duties will include: soft landscaping, paving, concreting, erecting retaining walls, excavation and irrigation works.

Applications should be referenced

“1st Year Apprentice - Construction” and forwarded with a resume and covering letter to: employment@marsupial.com.au

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Applications Close: 4 January 2013.

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Exploration Licence	27/483	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	13BL	77km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/494	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	8BL	48km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/495	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	5BL	67km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/496	POTTS, Christopher Peter	12BL	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2237	MANHATTAN CORPORATION LIMITED	52BL	178km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 123° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	28/2268	URUCUM RESOURCES PTY LTD	23BL	91km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 124° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2270	SHEFFIELD RESOURCES LIMITED	28BL	98km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 39' S Long: 124° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1029	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	20BL	70km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 8' S Long: 121° 37' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2768	BUSBY, Shaun Christopher	8BL	101km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 121° 59' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2776	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	21BL	85km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 123° 9' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2777	HILL, Roderick HILL, Carol	1BL	10km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 32' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2778	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	1BL	54km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 23' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	47/2619	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	3BL	14km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 15' S Long: 119° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2655	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL	114km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 118° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	57/925	STRATUM METALS LIMITED	2BL	87km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 13' S Long: 119° 26' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1915	RED DRAGON MINES NL	10BL	13km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 22' S Long: 117° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1922	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	23BL	56km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 117° 3' E	YALGOO SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	70/4286	WILKINSON RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	84km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 42' S Long: 119° 42' E	KONDININ SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4386	RED RIVER RESOURCES LIMITED	64BL	29km S'ly of Katanning	Lat: 33° 57' S Long: 117° 34' E	BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4402	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	37BL	39km S'ly of Corrigin	Lat: 32° 40' S Long: 117° 55' E	CORRIGIN SHIRE, KULIN SHIRE, WICKEPIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4738	LIAONING HEDI MINES (WA) PTY LTD	66BL	86km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 26' S Long: 128° 20' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5758	BULLABULLING GOLD LIMITED	36.01HA	24km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 120° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2787	STONE, Graeme John	121.99HA	39km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2788	STONE, Graeme John	83.37HA	26km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2789	STONE, Graeme John	21.68HA	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2790	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	42.26HA	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2191	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	9.89HA	27km N'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 117° 57' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2243	GIBSON, Peter Ronald	121.10HA	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2245	EDWARDS, Cranston Gilbert	78.10HA	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 42' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3909	REED, David John	158.66HA	2km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2270	RESOURCE ASSETS PTY LTD	196.00HA	10km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 41' S Long: 121° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1728	WILLIAMS, Norman Andrew	121.35HA	25km SW'ly of Leisnter	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 120° 29' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8306	CLIFTON, Michael	6.28HA	61km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8310	ZANIL PTY LTD	133.93HA	14km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 54' S Long: 121° 28' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4052	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	6.35HA	75km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4053	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	163.68HA	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 14' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1684	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	105km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 13' S Long: 118° 20' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1685	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	102km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 21' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	47/1686	GORDON, Cyril	10.00HA	102km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 12' S Long: 118° 22' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Prospecting Licence	53/1606-8, 53/1616 & 53/1618	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	877.68HA	28km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 121° 0' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1609-15, 53/1617 & 53/1619	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	1599.82HA	64km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 8' S Long: 121° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	57/1322-S	KEY, Kerry Ashman DIXON, Paul Anthony KOFFLER, Christian	8.25HA	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 3' S Long: 119° 20' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1584-S-5	LEGENDRE, Joseph Paul	19.17HA	62km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 118° 24' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	58/1590-8	MOUNT MAGNET SOUTH NL	1166.61HA	10km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 8' S Long: 117° 49' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	59/1999	EMONS, Joseph Raymond FINDE, Bruce Francis	19.15HA	54km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE



**Cancel Notice of Intention
To Take Interests in Land
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997**

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands hereby give notice in accordance with Section 170(6) of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is intended to cancel the following Notice of Intention.

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: Industrial Precinct

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 1980 ha marked B on Deposited Plan 72951.

PARCEL OF LAND NO 2: Third Party Contractors' Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.87 ha marked C on Deposited Plan 72951.

PARCEL OF LAND NO 3: Workers' Accommodation Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.86 ha marked D on Deposited Plan 72951.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951.

PURPOSE: The land is required for a multi-user industrial precinct for processing liquefied natural gas (LNG) (area marked B), a light industrial area (area marked C) and workers' accommodation (area marked D).

DATE OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION: 13 March 2012

DOCUMENT: L879903

LAND SITUATED IN: Broome (Shire of) **RDL FILE:** 01606-2008 **RDL REF:** 090193

The notice of intention for the above proposals was issued under the *Land Administration Act 1997* in accordance with the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993*, and is being cancelled under the provisions of the *Land Administration Act 1997*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephone (08) 6552 4604.

Dated this 5th day of December 2012

**HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS**

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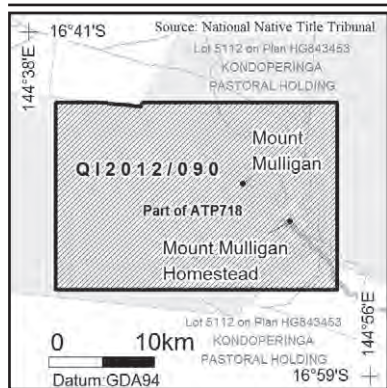
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 19 December 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2012/090 ILUA relating to EPC772 and ATP718P

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 490 sq km in the vicinity of Mount Mulligan, being that part of ATP718 that does not extend beyond the northern boundary of Lot 5112 on Plan HG843453.

Relevant LGA: Tablelands Regional Council.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Mantle Mining Corporation Ltd;
Trafford Coal Pty Ltd; and
Mt Mulligan Coal Pty Ltd

Calcifier Industrial Minerals Pty Ltd

C/- ELP & Muddy Boots
GPO Box 559
Brisbane QLD 4001

C/- Sophie Valkan
Level 1, 58 Lorimer Street
Docklands VIC 3008

James Archer, George Archer, Walter Richards Snr, Kenneth Jackson, Lola Brown, Alfred Neal Snr, Percy Neal, Saul Burns Snr, Ernie Burns, Vincent Wason, Maxwell Underwood, Andrew Garrett on their own behalf and on behalf of the Djungan People #1, #2 and #3; and Nguddaboolgan Native Title Aboriginal Corporation

C/- North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 679N
Cairns QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 9.1 The Parties consent to:

- the grant of the Project Rights;
- other acts necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project;
- acts necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws and Applicable Authorisations; and
- subject to clause 3.3, works necessary or desirable to develop, construct, operate or maintain the structures and works comprising the Project, notwithstanding that Mount Mulligan is registered as an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Area, in the ILUA Area and agree not to challenge the validity of these matters in the future.

Clause 5 For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA, the Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the grant of the Project Rights.

Clause 1.1 'Project' means all operations and activities proposed or undertaken by Trafford, its contractors, servants or agents aimed at the discovery, location and delineation of economic coal deposits on EPC772 and payable coal seam gas deposits on ATP718P, and anything necessary, expedient, conducive or incidental to those activities, but does not include mining for or commercial exploitation of coal seam gas or coal.

'Project Rights' means all approvals, consents, licences, titles, renewals and other entitlements that may be required for that part of the Project that affects the ILUA Area...

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 19 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.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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The Healthy for Life Program aims to help the Blue Mountains Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community get better health. We have two Aboriginal Outreach Workers, two Nurses, and a Program Manager in our Team, and we're governed by the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Health Coalition.

Please call Chris for further information:

(02) 4725 3166 ext. 3, or 0402 460 775 or email: chris@H4L.bmdgp.com.au

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**\$48,739 salary package (comprising gross salary \$38,157, superannuation & salary packaging benefits)
2 Year Full Time Contract based in Brisbane**

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Enquiries: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00001D6Y

Closing Date: Wednesday, 19 December 2012

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Women's All Stars team is named

RUAN Sims, the sister of Cowboys' stars Ashton and Tariq Sims, is one of six debutants selected in the 2013 National Rugby League (NRL) Women's All Stars team to take on the Indigenous Women's All Stars at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium on 9 February.

The women's teams will play in the curtain-raiser to the 2013 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match between Wayne Bennett's NRL All Stars and Laurie Daley's Indigenous All Stars.

Women's All Stars coach Rob Brough said

performances at the NSW v Queensland Interstate Challenge at Penrith during the 2012 Women League Round were considered in the selection process.

The NRL Women's All Stars won the inaugural All Stars clash in 2011, with this year's game finishing in a draw.

The 2013 Women's All Stars (* denotes debutants): 1 Ali Briggenshaw, 23 (Ripley, Qld), 2 Emma Tonegato*, 17 (East Corimal, NSW), 3 Erin Elliott, 30 (Springfield Lakes, Qld), 4 Jo Barrett, 32 (Brighton, Qld), 5 Jess Palmer, 28

(West Ryde, NSW), 6 Samantha Hammond*, 20 (Helensburgh, NSW), 7 Karyn Murphy, 42 (West End, Qld), 8 Heather Ballinger, 30 (Cairns, Qld), 9 Natalie Dwyer, 39 (Augustine Hills, Qld), 10 Steph Hancock, 30 (Killarney, Qld), 11 Ruan Sims*, 30 (Penrith, NSW), 12 Renae Kunst, 30 (West End, Qld), 13 Tahnee Norris, 38 (Robina, Qld), 14 Suzanne Johnson, 27 (Springfield Lakes, Qld), 15 Alex Sulusi, 19 (Cabramatta, NSW), 16 Deanne Turner*, 30 (Mackay, Qld), 17 Milli Edwards*, 34 (Toowoomba, Qld), 18 Talesha Quinn*, 24 (Berkley, NSW).

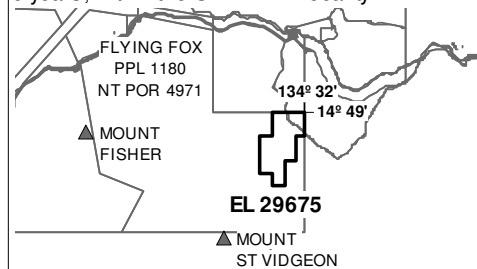
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

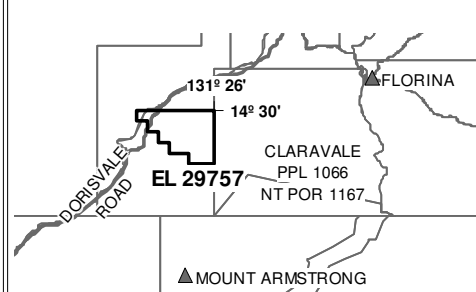
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29675 sought by AUSTRALIAN ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LIMITED, ACN 093 419 311 over an area of 15 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



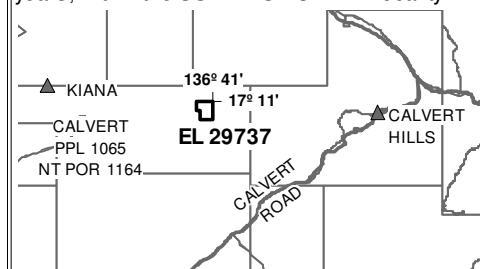
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Exploration Licence 29757 sought by CENTURY HILL PTY LTD, ACN 125 681 209 over an area of 29 Blocks (86 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLORINA locality.



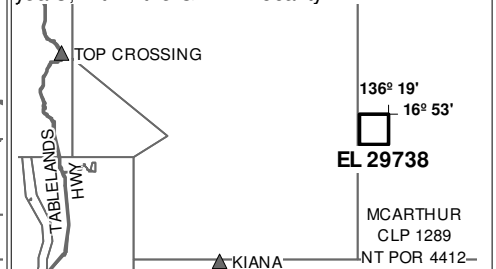
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Exploration Licence 29737 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 14 Blocks (46 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SURPRISE CREEK locality.



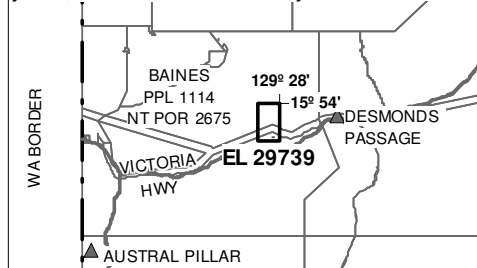
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Exploration Licence 29738 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 9 Blocks (30 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



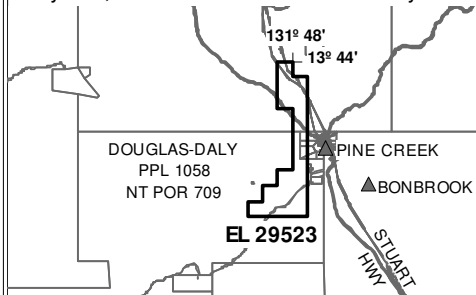
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Exploration Licence 29739 sought by CHINA AUSTRALIA LAND RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 154 511 298 over an area of 15 Blocks (50 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KEEP locality.



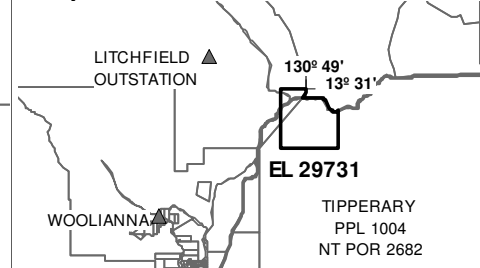
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Exploration Licence 29523 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 18 Blocks (61 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



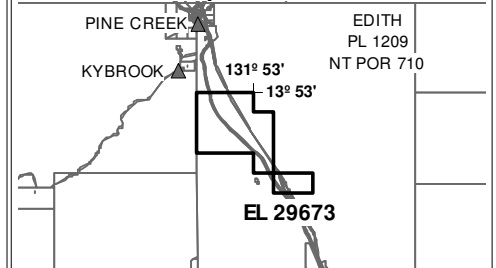
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Exploration Licence 29731 sought by MAY DRILLING PTY LTD, ACN 123 393 135 over an area of 16 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



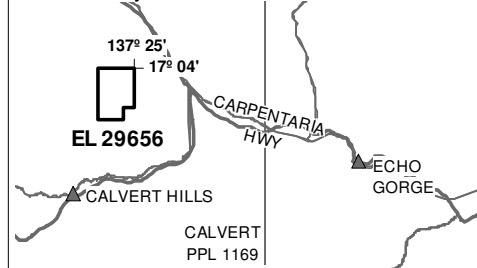
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Exploration Licence 29673 sought by NORTH QUEENSLAND MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 890 643 over an area of 14 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



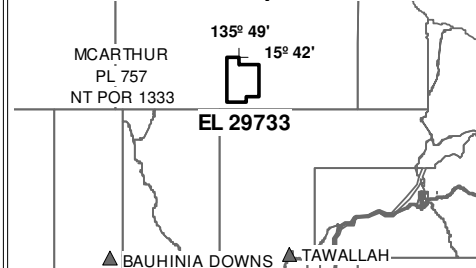
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Exploration Licence 29656 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 over an area of 11 Blocks (37 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



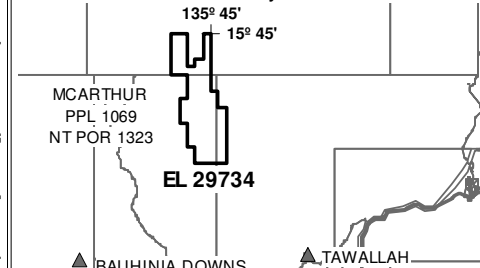
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Exploration Licence 29733 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 over an area of 30 Blocks (100 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



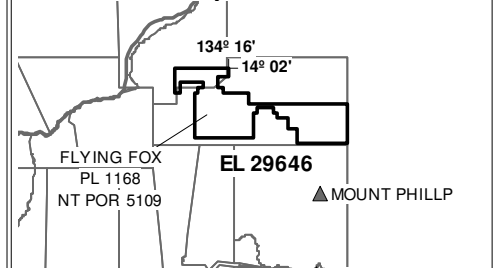
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Exploration Licence 29734 sought by OM (MANGANESE) LTD, ACN 097 091 506 over an area of 68 Blocks (225 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



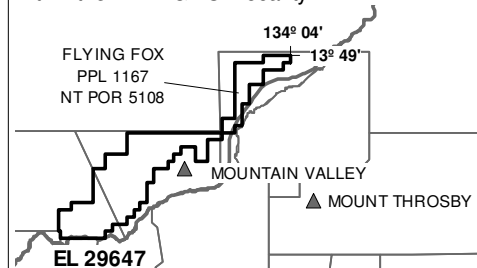
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Exploration Licence 29646 sought by PORTLAND DISCOVERY PTY LTD, ACN 155 529 276 over an area of 250 Blocks (833 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the THROSBY locality.



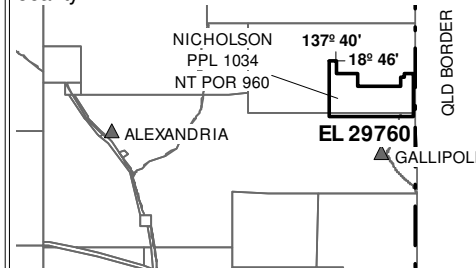
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Exploration Licence 29647 sought by PORTLAND DISCOVERY PTY LTD, ACN 155 529 276 over an area of 177 Blocks (589 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.



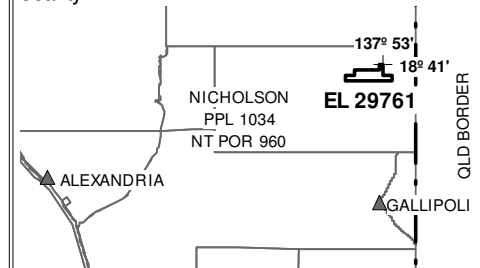
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Exploration Licence 29760 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 182 Blocks (592 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



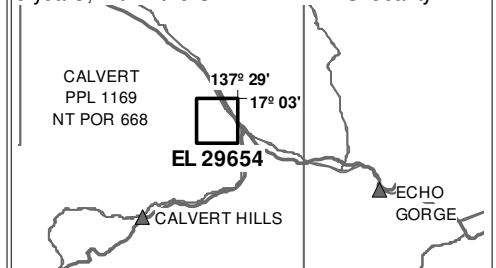
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Exploration Licence 29761 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 17 Blocks (56 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6460

Exploration Licence 29654 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 16 Blocks (53 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 12 December 2012

A real sister act



SISTERS Tamara and Samantha Garces are the best girls in Australia in their age and weight divisions in the sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

This year the girls have won the NSW, Australian and Pan Pacific championships – Tamara in the 13 years 54kg division, and Samantha in the 12 years 50kg division.

Tamara and Samantha also have won a host of other tournaments – most recently in Melbourne.

Another Indigenous exponent of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu – Shantelle Thompson – told the *Koori Mail* she attended the Kapa Puku Pan Pacific tournament in Melbourne believing she was the only Indigenous athlete on the competition circuit.

There, she spotted two young females who were sporting patches on their Gi's with the Aboriginal flag.

"I watched these girls' matches with interest and they were amazing," Shantelle said.

"I thought it was amazing to find other Indigenous females.

"They are amazing fighters and impressive young ladies."

Tamara won gold in the 13 years 54kg Gi, while Samantha came up against boys in winning the 12 years 50kg mixed Gi.

She dominated all her fights.

The Bankstown sisters train with the Bexley Dojo under instructor Robert Naumoski.

Their mother, Beverley Garces (nee Vincent) grew up in Redfern, but her mother's family are Githabul, from Muli, near Woodenbong, in north-eastern NSW.

"We lived up there two years ago and Tamara was the 2010 Upper Clarence Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) cross-country champion," their mum said.

The girls' dad Rob is of Portuguese background, but was born and raised in Sydney.

They are equally proud of their Portuguese heritage and another patch on their uniforms shows the

flag of Madeira, a tiny Portuguese island.

The girls' amazing success has come in just a year and a half.

They usually train four days a week – sometimes more if a tournament is approaching.

Their other interests include swimming, art, music, athletics, soccer, softball and shopping.

World titles

Tamara and Samantha are now working towards going to the United States for the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu world championships in two years – hopefully with some sponsorship support.

Beverley Garces said that since the girls had been displaying the Aboriginal flag on their Gis, 'other koori people are letting us know they are black fullas too... there are a few in the sport'.

"Their pop (Ray Vincent) couldn't be more proud and our Muli mob are as well. Each time the girls step in the squares, they know they are representing their people," their mum said.



Samantha Garces, left, and her sister Tamara with their medals.

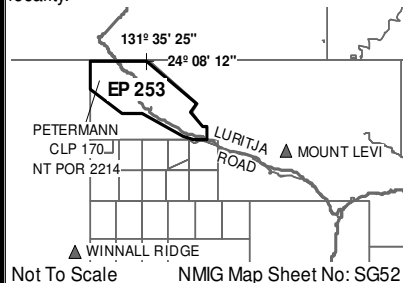
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

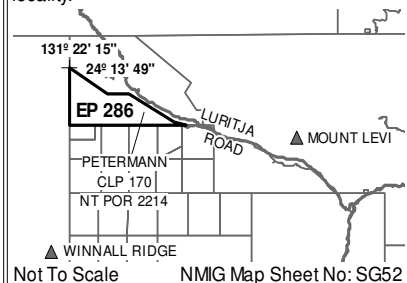
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) that application/s has/have been made for, 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.

Application(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 253 sought by PALATINE ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 153 352 231 over an area of 18 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the PETERMANN RANGES locality.



Exploration Permit 286 sought by PALATINE ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 153 352 231 over an area of 11 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the PETERMANN RANGES locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the *Petroleum Act*, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, or Centrepnt 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 12 December 2012.



Resources & Energy

Exploration Licence No 7453 (Act 1992)

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

Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 13 units situated approximately 1km north, of the town of Torrington, in the State of NSW as shown on the below diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Resolve Geo Pty Ltd, ACN 100 586 534 is the holder of Exploration Licence No 7453 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Resources & Energy. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

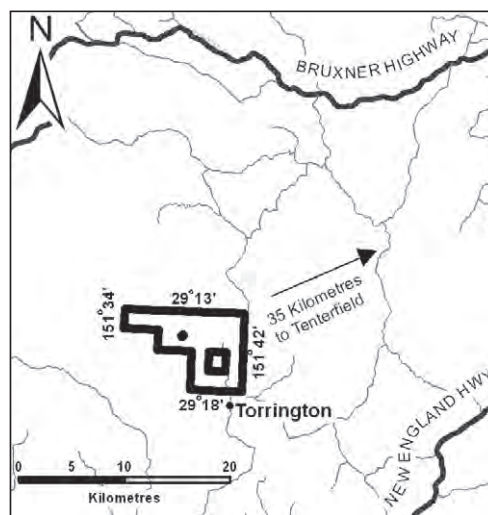
Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

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

How further information about the act can be obtained
Further information may be obtained from Lee Main; Titles Program, Trade & Investment NSW, phone (02) 4931 6543 or fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 27-Dec-2012. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Resources & Energy

MINING LEASE APPLICATION

Mining Lease Application 424, Act 1992

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

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease

An area of 30.6 hectares situated approximately 11.4 kilometres north north-east of Lithgow, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Centennial Springvale Pty Limited (ACN 052 096 812) and Springvale SK Kores Pty Limited (ACN 051 015 402) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 424 (Act 1992), for a mining lease for purposes which would authorise the construction of a ventilation shaft and ancillary services and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

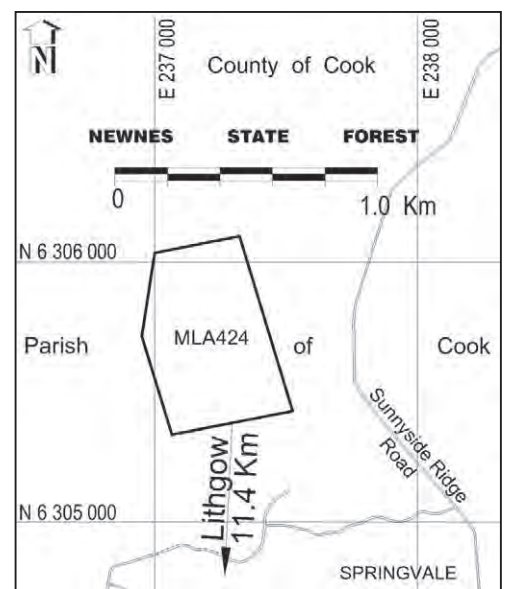
Chris Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, on (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 27 December 2012. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.





Baseballer on the rise

By PETER ARGENT



SEVENTEEN year-old Gawler Rangers catcher Steve Van Poorten has an exciting career in baseball ahead if his first three seasons are any indication.

After one season of the local area's traditional summer sport – cricket – with the Sandy Creek club, he changed his allegiance and switched to baseball.

Introduced to the sport while at school, Van Poorten decided to give it a go at his local club, the Gawler Rangers, in the Baseball SA competition.

He has developed quickly and now is the club's A grade catcher, despite still being in his mid-teens.

"I have watched his career develop over the past few seasons," Rangers committeeman and noted baseball historian Robert Laidlaw said.

"He has improved from a youngster learning his craft to a young man with strong potential.

"Other strong points include his work ethic and tremendous attitude.

"He is a real sponge and soaks up the knowledge and information he is given.

"Steve has plenty of versatility – also being a good outfielder who has taken a number of excellent catches – as well as having potential as a pitcher because of his strong throwing arm.

"From a batting perspective, his game is improving, but importantly, he has a strong sense of where the strike zone is.

"Steve is the most exciting Aboriginal talent I've seen in the game in South Australia since Les Darcy, a pitcher for Central Districts, a generation ago."

Considering his short time in the game, now in his fourth season, Van Poorten's ability to adapt has excited many purists of the game.

Starting in the Rangers under 16s in his initial year, he played in the grand final.

Van Poorten is now in his third season at senior level, and in his debut summer in the club's A grade competition.

Plays Aussie rules

Also a handy talent in Aussie rules, he started at Evanston Primary School and was coached by his father Lawrence.

He then moved across to the South Gawler Lions in the Barossa, Light and Gawler Football Association, where he has been involved for the past six seasons in the club's successful junior program.

The former Gawler High School student now is undertaking a traineeship with South Gawler Football Club for his Certificate in Sports and Recreation, with a dream to become a professional sportsman.

Van Poorten is a descendent of the Kaurna and the Narrungga nations. His dad, Lawrence who hails from Point Pearce, is a member of the Newchurch clan, being adopted as a baby by a Dutch family.

Lawrence has lived in the Gawler area north of Adelaide for the past 22 years, after playing footy and cricket on the Eyre Peninsula.



● ABOVE:
Steve Van Poorten in action as a catcher.



● RIGHT:
Batter Steve sets off for first base.

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take, pursuant to Section 165 of the LAA, those interests specified in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

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 respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified in respect of that land.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: Industrial Precinct

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 1980 ha marked B on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for a multi-user industrial precinct for processing liquefied natural gas (LNG), comprising individual sites for LNG proponent(s) and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services (**Industrial Precinct**).

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to the Western Australian Land Authority (**LandCorp**) in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant a sublease or subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of part of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take were issued on 13 March 2012, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 18 April 2013

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 2: Third Party Contractors' Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.87 ha marked C on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for a light industrial area, comprising individual sites for the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or third party contractors and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services (**Third Party Contractors' Site**).

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to LandCorp in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of the whole of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or other third parties.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take were issued on 13 March 2012, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 18 April 2013

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF:** 090193

PARCEL OF LAND NO 3: Workers' Accommodation Site

LAND DESCRIPTION: That part of Lot 259 on Deposited Plan 220696, being part of the land in qualified certificate of Crown land title volume 3015 folio 565, being an area of approximately 199.86 ha marked D on Deposited Plan 72951

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 220696 and 72951

LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Broome in the vicinity of James Price Point

NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above other than interests of the Crown.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:

The land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" above is required for workers accommodation, comprising individual sites to accommodate workers from the Industrial Precinct and Third Party Contractors' Site and other areas for associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses such as common user areas for roads and services.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:

The State proposes to make a disposition or grant to a person out of the interests proposed to be taken. The disposition or grant will be a lease to LandCorp in respect of the whole of the taken land. It is proposed that LandCorp will grant subleases and other associated interests (such as easements etc) in respect of the whole of the taken land to the LNG proponent(s) operating in the Industrial Precinct and/or other third parties.

REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:

The State has identified the need for a multi-user LNG processing precinct, and associated and ancillary infrastructure, facilities and uses including an industrial precinct, port, third party contractors' site and workers' accommodation site, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads to support the development of offshore gas fields in the Browse Basin; and this area has been identified as suitable. Separate Notices of Intention to Take were issued on 13 March 2012, in relation to the port land, service corridors and pipeline corridors, and roads.

DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 18 April 2013

RDL FILE: 01606-2008 **RDL REF:** 090193

FOR ALL PARCELS OF LAND:

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000 on Mondays to Fridays between 8am – 5pm except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4604.

OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED: Subject to the requirements of Section 175 of the LAA, persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking of that parcel of land with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or Level 2, 140 William Street, Perth within 60 days after the date of registration of this Notice of Intention to Take at the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Landgate).

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 writing and in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA.

Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

HON BRENDON GRYLIS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

Particular statements for the purposes of the NTA and *Native Title (Notices) Determination 2011 (No. 1) (Cth)*:

CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA THAT MAY BE AFFECTED: See LAND DESCRIPTION under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule above.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of each parcel of land described under each heading of PARCEL OF LAND in the Schedule above, it 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 a written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes.

NOTIFICATION DAY: The notification day is 17 January 2013.

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. 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.

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF PERSON BY WHOM THE ACT WOULD BE DONE: Minister for Lands, c/- Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Emrose, A/Manager Browse, State Land Services, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth WA 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4604.

Dated this 5th day of December 2012

HON BRENDON GRYLIS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 19 December 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the area, set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 18 March 2013**. After 18 March 2013, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 18 March 2013 the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: AP Marina Pty Ltd ACN 120 405 558

Non-native title interest: Term Lease 230087

Federal Court File No: QUD541/2012

Description: Application covers about 3 hectares over part of Lot 102 on SP225395 northwest of Airlie Beach.

Relevant LGA: Whitsunday Regional Council.

Non-claimant application boundary compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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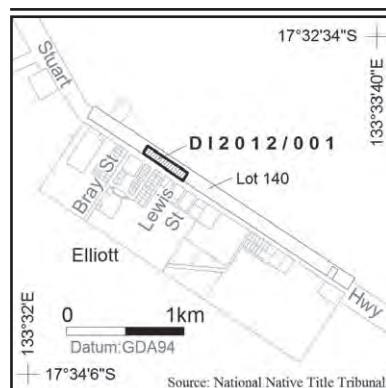
Facilitating timely and effective outcomes.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory of Australia
Notification day: 19 December 2012



National
Native Title
Tribunal



D12012/001: Infrastructure on Part Lot 140, Town of Elliott ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 3 hectares over part of Lot 140 located adjacent to and east of the Stuart Highway in the Town of Elliott.

The agreement area falls within the Local Government Authority of the Barkly Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Northern Territory of Australia
C/- Solicitor for the Northern Territory
Department of Justice
1st Floor, Old Admiralty Towers
68 The Esplanade
Darwin NT 0800

Heather Wilson, Susan Raymond and Lindsay Bostock (on behalf of the Elliot (Gurungu /Kulumintini) Group and Others) and Northern Land Council
C/- Northern Land Council
45 Mitchell Street
Darwin NT 0800

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1.3 Subdivision P, Part 2 of Division 3 of the NTA [which relates to the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply to any Future Act described in Clause 6.

6.1 Subject to Clauses 5.1 [which states that the non-extinguishment principle applies] and 7.1 [which deals with compensation], the Native Title Party consents to the continued use of the Infrastructure on the Land and access thereto by any person for the purposes of a parking bay, loading ramp and helicopter pad, including any necessary modifications, maintenance, repairs and/or upgrades as may be required from time to time.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Northern Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, Queensland, 4870 by 19 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.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Ashleigh's rising star

By CHRIS PIKE



ASHLEIGH Barty is Australia's brightest rising tennis star and the 16-year-old is coming off another tremendous

year in 2012, that saw her win four International Tennis Federation (ITF) titles, and now she is setting her sights on a big Australian summer.

Barty has long been a player coming up through Australian tennis ranks that many in the sport have been excited about. At just 13, she won two ITF under-18 events before an undefeated singles campaign for Australia at the world junior tennis competition in the Czech Republic in 2009.

By 2011, she was one of the very best juniors in the world, winning the junior Wimbledon championship as the highlight leading into a 2012 that saw her begin to make her mark at senior level.

She made her Women's Tennis Association (WTA) debut at the Brisbane International to start 2012

teamed with Casey Dellacqua to win the doubles title in Toyota, Japan.

Those successes saw her ranking rise to as high as number 176 in the world in singles by the end of 2012, and 131 in doubles.

At just 16, her future is incredibly bright and she was recently recognised for her continued rise, winning the female junior athlete Newcombe Medal - Australian Tennis Award for the third straight year.

Barty has been pleased with her progress throughout 2012, but isn't putting too much pressure on where she hopes to get to in her career.

"At the start of the year I made two quarters in a row at WTA events at Mildura and Sydney, and that boosted my ranking up to 550 in the world and that made me the highest-ranked 15-year-old in the world, which is a good feeling," Barty said.

Pressure

"That put a little bit of pressure on me, but I'm used to that now and don't really think about it when I go out there to play. I just focus on playing."

"I don't know that I have any idols really, I've never really modelled myself on anybody. I just want to get to wherever I can. I'm not setting my goals too high, I just want to keep trying to progress and then see where I can get to."

One experience that Barty feels has helped her development enormously was some time she spent in Las Vegas with Darren Cahill and Gil Reyes, Andre Agassi's former coach and personal trainer.

"I went over to Vegas last year to go to the Adidas Development Academy and it was really good to spend time with Darren Cahill and Gil Reyes," she said.

"Gil was so inspirational when he spoke to you and gave you so much confidence. I came out after that and

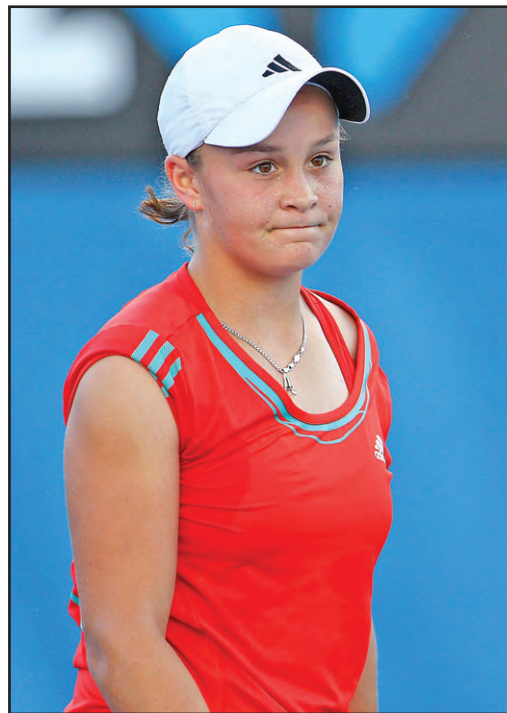
played some really great tennis."

Of course, it is nothing new for there to be an Indigenous player coming through the ranks in world tennis, with Evonne Goolagong Cawley one of the all-time great Australians in the sport.

Goolagong Cawley won six Grand Slam singles championships and made 18 finals to become one of Australia's great tennis players. She found success early winning her first Wimbledon title at just 19 and sees a bright future in Barty.

"I just saw her play one game and I thought that she has got what it takes," Goolagong Cawley told the *Herald Sun*.

"It was just fantastic for me to see because I was never one during my whole career to actually watch tennis. But now Ash has come along, I watch."



Ashleigh Barty competing against Anna Tatishvili, of Georgia, during day one of the 2012 Australian Open at Melbourne Park on 16 January 2012. Getty image

and then secured a wildcard into her first Grand Slam event at the Australian Open in Melbourne where she went on to lose her first round match to Georgia's Anna Tatishvili.

She also did an outstanding job to earn a place at Wimbledon and the French Open during 2012, and while losing in the first round both times, at just 16 years of age the experience will hold her in good stead.

Her talent throughout 2012 was on full display in ITF events, where she won her maiden title in Sydney before winning three more trophies throughout the year at Mildura, Nottingham and Traralgon.

She also made finals in Ipswich and Esperance, and won doubles titles alongside Sally Peers at Nottingham and Esperance.

Then, in late November, she

More of our mob make 2013 Youth Olympics



TWO Indigenous girls are in the first youth women’s rugby sevens squad recently announced for the 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) in Sydney. They are South Australian Eva Karpani and Northern Territorian Danielle Smith. That brings to five the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders named so far for the Youth Olympics. Brooke Peris, niece of former Olympian Nova Peris, is following in her aunty’s footsteps (see footnote) and is in the women’s hockey team for the Youth Olympics.

The *Koori Mail* has previously reported that Arthur Currie (men’s rugby sevens) and artistic gymnast Paige James were selected. Eva, a product of the Onkaparinga Rugby Union Football Club, is the only South Australian in the women’s rugby squad and Danielle is the only one from the Northern Territory. The rest of the squad comes from NSW and Queensland. All girls are aged between 16 and 17. The majority of the players have enjoyed previous representative honours for state and national sporting teams, including Oz tag,


touch football and athletics. Danielle Smith is one of these. She is a representative touch footballer and is following in the footsteps of Bo De La Cruz – another Northern Territorian, who has represented her country in touch football and women’s rugby sevens. Held every four years, the sixth Australian Youth Olympic Festival will be in Sydney from 16-20 January 2013. For the first time, it includes the 2016 Olympic sport of rugby sevens amongst a program of 17 sports. Rugby sevens at the AYOF will be held at St Ignatius College, Riverview, on 18-19 January, where the Australian men and women will compete.

30 nations

About 2300 athletes and officials across 30 nations are expected to be involved in the 2013 AYOF, with the opening ceremony to take place on Wednesday 16 January. ● Footnote: Nova Peris has her place in Aboriginal history: As a member of the Australian women’s hockey team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, she became the first Australian Aborigine to win an Olympic gold medal. She later switched to athletics and picked up gold medals in the women’s 200m and also the 4x100m relay at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games.



Artistic gymnast Paige James in action on the beam (above) and the floor (right). The *Koori Mail* reported in its last edition on Paige’s selection in the Australian gymnastics team for the Youth Olympics. It is believed she is the first Aborigine to be selected in an Australian gymnastics team and is the youngest member of the team.



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	08/496	YARRI MINING PTY LTD	36.57HA	15km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 46' S Long: 115° 5' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	20/523-5	WESTERN MINING PTY LTD	167.91HA	4km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 117° 54' E	CUE SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.
Notification day: 12 December 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 **12 March 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12 April 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.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS


NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
25/466	WESTEX RESOURCES PTY LTD	411117	128.84HA	57km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 3' S Long: 122° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
31/883	EGF NICKEL PTY LTD	411543	189.39HA	79km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 121° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/2030	FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) LIMITED	408351	42.44HA	33km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
45/2986	PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	409308	59.32HA	113km W'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 24' S Long: 121° 10' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
59/1642	AUROX RESOURCES PTY LTD	408621	47.56HA	12km E'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 20' S Long: 116° 48' E	YALGOO SHIRE
63/1378-I	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	411077	45.63HA	108km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 28' S Long: 120° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
70/2148	SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD	411085	468.07HA	71km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 2' S Long: 119° 34' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
77/1353-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	409826	22.73HA	85km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 119° 18' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1462-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	409827	23.70HA	85km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 119° 19' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 12 December 2012
Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **12 March 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 (08) 9268 7100.
Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12 April 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.

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Government of Western Australia

Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW

LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170

AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION:
1. Whole Lot 450 on Deposited Plan 74371 Volume 3162 Folio 742 Area: 2.6409 hectares; 2 Whole Lot 358 on Deposited Plan 74206 Volume 3162 Folio 725 Area: 47.0483 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** 74371, 74206 **LAND SITUATED IN:** Town of Port Hedland **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any Native Title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than the interests of the Crown or any rights created by the grant of existing mining tenements under the Mining Act 1978. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Residential Development **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Sale to Landcorp **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Suitable for development **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 13 March 2013 **RDL FILE:** 00315-2012-01RO **RDL REF.:**121327

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Gordon Stephenson House, Level 2, 140 William Street Perth 6000. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Gibbons, Project Officer - Pilbara, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephoning (08) 6552 4588. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 OR Gordon Stephenson House, Level 2, 140 William Street Perth 6000 no later than 12 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 the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 12 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 12 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 14th Day of November in the year 2012.

HON BRENDON GRYLLE MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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From New York to Tokyo



THEY may have missed out on the 2012 New York Marathon last month, but now the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team has another race in mind – the Tokyo Marathon on 24 February.

After a month of uncertainty following the dramatic last-minute cancellation of the New York Marathon, the 2012 IMP squad's marathon dreams are alive, thanks to a number of generous donations.

IMP founder Rob de Castella said the team had worked hard and deserved the chance to run an international marathon.

"These amazing young men and women are an inspirational bunch, and learning to cope with the decision to cancel New York and head home to

continue their training has been tougher than any marathon they will ever run," he said.

Twenty-nine-year-old Justin Gaykamangu, from one of Australia's most remote communities – Ramingining, in Arnhem Land – couldn't contain his excitement when his mentor Andrew broke the news that he was being given another chance to travel overseas and run a marathon.

"I am so excited. I have heard that Tokyo is big like New York, and it will be my first time there. It is going to be great, and I am so proud to be given this opportunity," he said.

"When I returned home from New York, everyone was really upset for me as they had heard the news and they were expecting to see me on TV. I now have even more motivation to keep training hard, especially in the heat."

Alice Springs athlete Korey Summers, who is hoping to be the first IMP athlete to break the elusive three-hour mark for the marathon, said he was disappointed when he found out that the New York Marathon had been cancelled.

"It was devastating when we found out that we couldn't compete in New York, but we got to help out and volunteer in affected areas, which was more important at that time", he said.

"When I heard that we had been given the chance to run in Tokyo, I was pretty excited. It will be great to do a marathon of that scale in another huge city in another part of the world, and I am looking forward to getting a marathon under my belt."

The team will arrive in Tokyo on Friday 22 February for the marathon on the Sunday morning.



● **LEFT: IMP team member and Tokyo Marathon starter Korey Summers with his medal after winning the Alice Springs 5km series in November-December. The series consisted of three races over a four-week period. Korey won the first race on 10 November, and came second on 24 November and won the 1 December race. This was enough for Korey to win the series.**

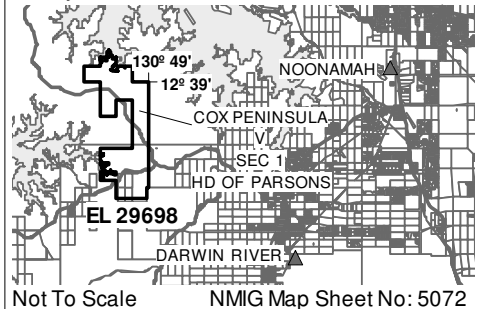
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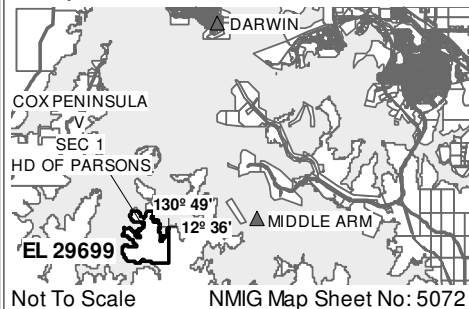
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

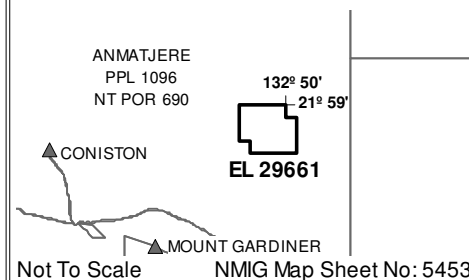
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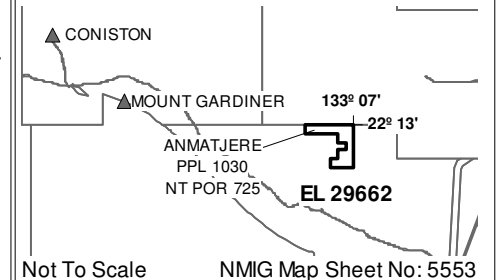
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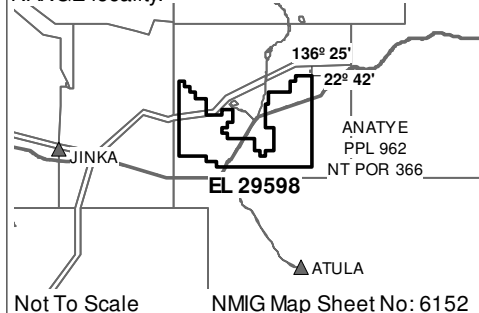
Exploration Licence 29661 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 009 477 915 and PANCONOZ PTY LTD, ACN 141 191 997 over an area of 18 Blocks (58 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



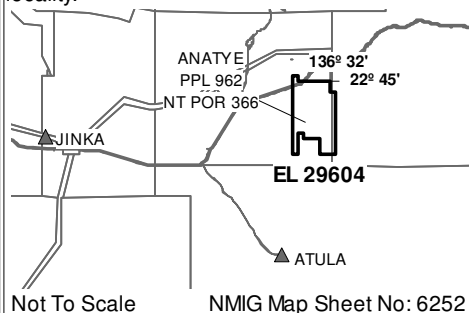
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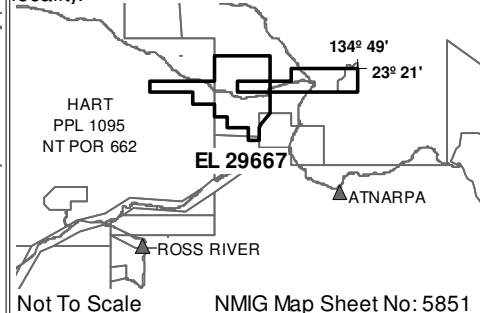
Exploration Licence 29598 sought by DBL BLUES PTY LTD, ACN 140 024 442 over an area of 240 Blocks (760 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



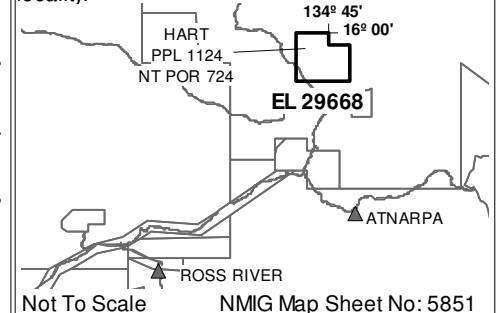
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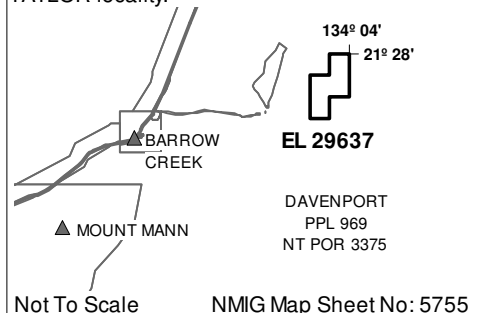
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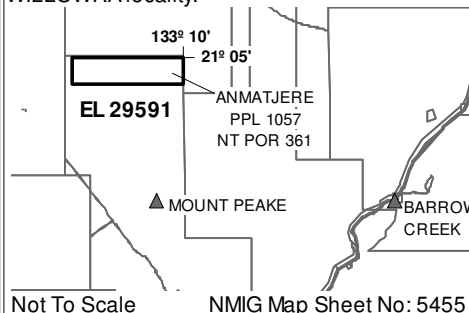
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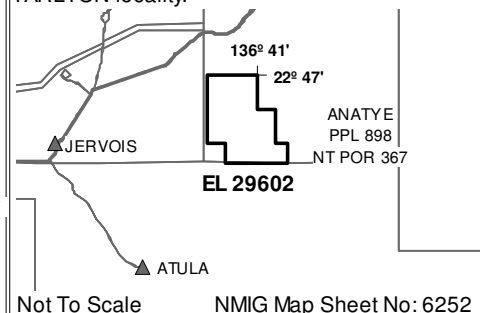
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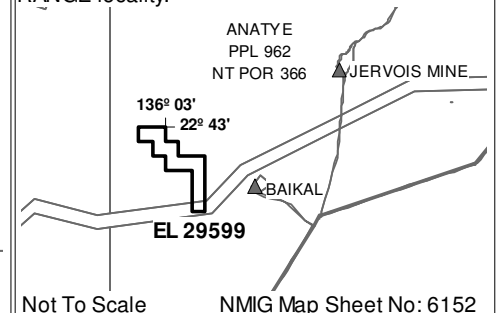
Exploration Licence 29591 sought by OYASA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 152 243 653 over an area of 138 Blocks (390 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WILLOWRA locality.



Exploration Licence 29602 sought by OYASA EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 152 243 653 over an area of 125 Blocks (396 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TARTLTON locality.



Exploration Licence 29599 sought by ROX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 107 202 602 over an area of 10 Blocks (32 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 12 December 2012

Kurtley Beale try saves Wallabies



A last-minute try to fly-half Kurtley Beale secured a dramatic 14-12 victory for Australia in an historic last Test for veteran lock and captain Nathan Sharpe in his side's final game of the spring Northern Hemisphere tour.

With less than a minute to play and Wales up 12-9 at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, the Qantas Wallabies shifted the ball wide on a counter attack which found replacement flanker Dave

Dennis bursting down the sideline before passing to Beale for the winning try in the corner.

The game was charged with emotion from the outset, with the Australians looking to send their captain out with a fitting victory, while Six Nations champions Wales hoped to end a six-game losing streak.

A see-sawing first half saw Australia dominate in the early stages with the majority of possession, only for Wales to enjoy a resurgence late in the opening stanza.

The Wallabies entered the break with a 9-6 lead.

Late in the second half, with Wales leading, the home team sent a clearing kick into the Australians' half, but the kick did not find touch and Australia counter attacked, leading to the Beale's match-winning try.

The Wallabies ended the 2012 Spring tour on a high, wrapping up with three wins from four matches.

In their previous tour match, the Wallabies held off an inspired Italy to escape with a 22-19 victory in Florence.

Earlier, the Wallabies beat England 20-14, but lost their opening tour match 33-6 to France.

Another award for Kyle

HURDLER Kyle Vander Kuyp has won the Edwin Flack Award for the second straight year. The Athletics Australia award is for the athlete who has rendered distinguished service to athletics. It was won by Kathy Freeman in 2004.

Vander Kuyp is a descendant of the Yuin clan (NSW south coast) and Woromi clan (NSW north coast).

He is a 12-times national

champion, including eight consecutive titles. He has competed at two Olympics, four World championships, and three Commonwealth Games.

He won the Charles Perkins Award (2003), the Deadly Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sports (2004), the Telstra Athlete of the Year Award (2005) and was the Cleo Bachelor of the Year in 1998.

World Oztag titles in NZ



MANY Indigenous players competed in the Oztag World Cup in Auckland

last week.

A number of Indigenous Australian teams competed in various divisions. The tournament attracted

more than 1200 players to New Zealand, representing teams from 13 countries.

There were six Murri players in two Queensland Sunshine Coast teams: Toby Adams, Matt Kellert and Brendan Powell in the men's 30s, and Jackson Shearer, Coen Anderson and Brodie Ward in the men's 20s.

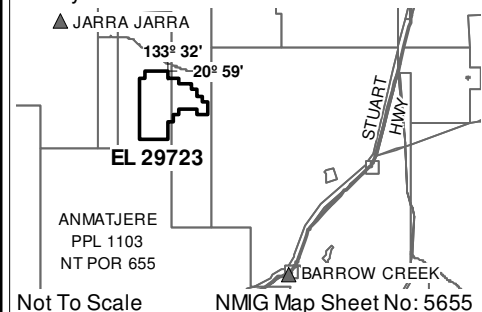
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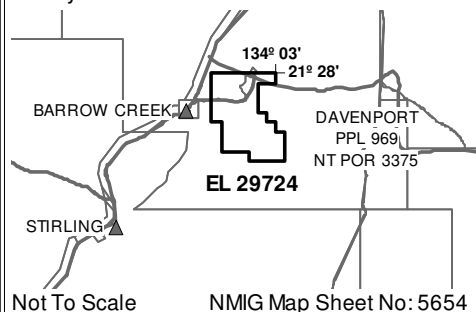
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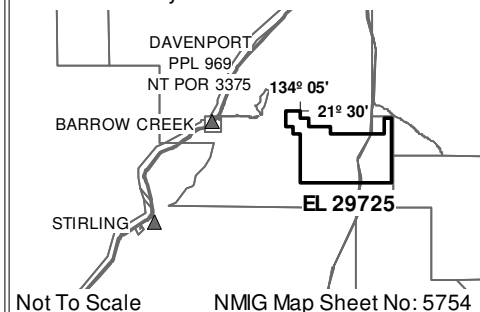
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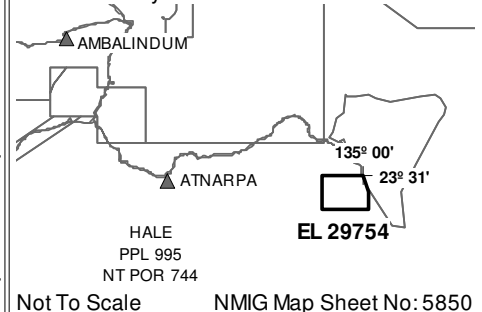
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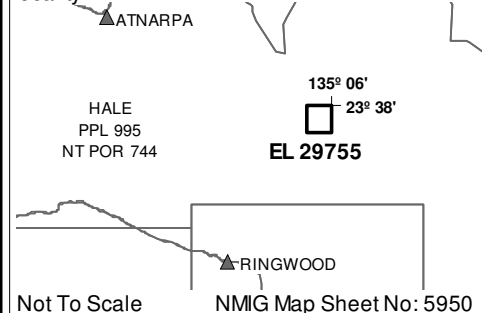
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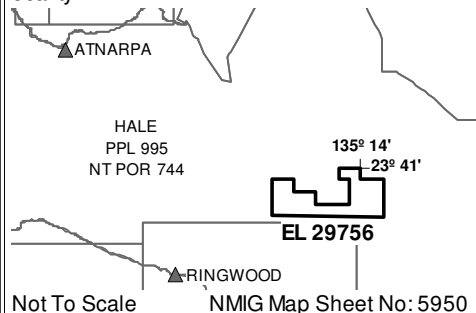
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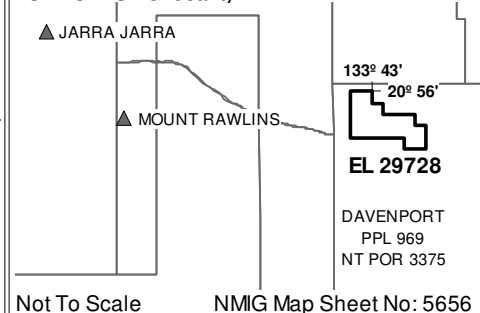
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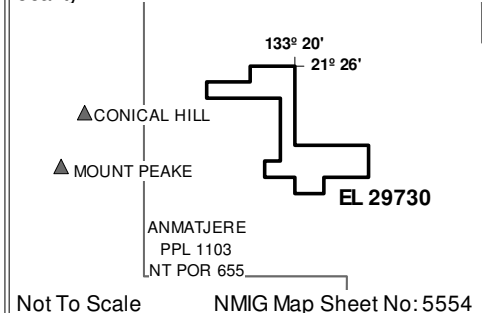
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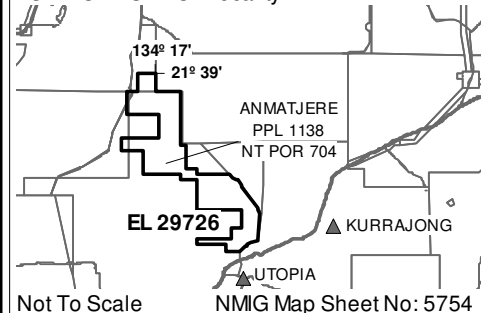
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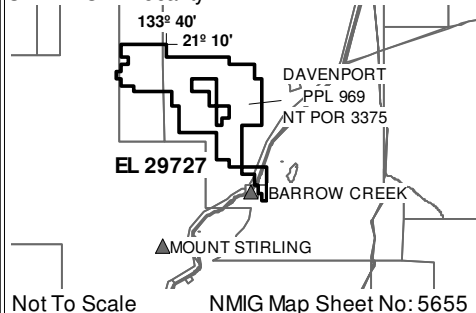
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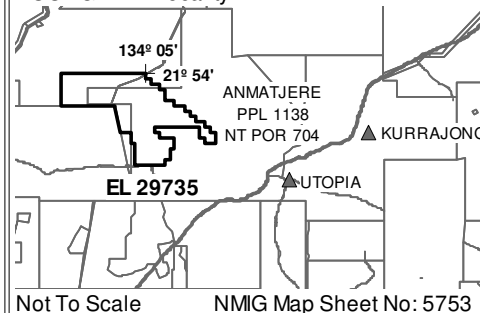
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Notification Day: 12 December 2012

How our players went

THE Australian Football League (AFL) 2012 campaign proved to be another stellar season, with the Sydney Swans collecting the ultimate prize. Here, the *Koori Mail's* Peter Argent looks at the Indigenous footballers who played pivotal parts in all 18 sides as the code expanded.

Adelaide

(4 Indigenous players)

Graham Johncock (19 – 2012 games, 225 – total), Jared Petrenko (23, 59), Richard Tambling (1, 119), Cameron Ellis-Yolmen (0, 0)

The Crows finished just one straight kick short of a grand final berth and a heroic effort against Hawthorn on preliminary final day.

Veteran **Graham Johncock** proved to be a strong force in defence along with pinch-hitting in attack on occasions for new coach Brenton Sanderson.



GRAHAM JOHNCOCK

Fearless small forward **Jared Petrenko** had a break-out year and is expected to develop into an exciting prospect in the next few years.

While only gaining a single appearance in 2012, **Richard Tambling** has been retained after winning Sturt's best and fairest award, the Morton medal in the SANFL.

Seen as a project player, **Cameron Ellis-Yolmen** played senior SANFL football during the winter and progressed nicely.

Brisbane Lions (2)

Ashley McGrath (12, 188), Sam Sheldon (3, 43)

Up at the Lions, who are in a rebuilding stage under Michael Voss, **Ashley McGrath** had a disjointed year, only playing 12 games due to injury.

Adding just three games last season, defender **Sam Sheldon**, the son of Carlton premiership player Ken, was delisted after six seasons as a Lion.

Carlton (4)

Chris Yarran (18, 63), Andrew Walker (15,142), Jeff Garlett (22, 76), Eddie Betts (22,166)

Carlton, who start a new era under Mick Malthouse next season, received excellent performance from freakish small forward **Eddie Betts**. He was runner-up to the prestigious John Nicholls Medal as the Blues' best and fairest.

WA lad **Chris Yarran** was the winner of the AFL 2012 Goal of the Year, while **Jeff Garlett** continued to develop strongly. Betts kicked 48 goals in 2012, while Garlett was second on this list with 29.

Andrew Walker had a season of hiccups because of injury and didn't get the momentum that he had in 2011.

Collingwood (4)

Sharrod Wellingham (20, 90), Andrew Krakouer (4, 129), Kirk Ugle (3, 3), Peter Yagmoor (2, 2)

After an ACL injury during the pre-season, one of the good news stories of the season was **Andrew Krakouer's** return to AFL football late in the season.

Sharrod Wellingham, a former rookie at the club and a 2010 premiership Magpie from Western Australia, was traded to West Coast in the post-season deal.

Kirk Ugle, 20, made his debut for the Magpies on Anzac Day, but after playing just two more matches in the ensuing five weeks, he was delisted.

After a pair of games in his debut season, **Peter Yagmoor** was also delisted, but went to Utah for the club's pre-season altitude camp and is expected to be rookie listed for next year.

Essendon (6)

Courtenay Dempsey (20, 74), Alwyn Davey (17, 86), Leroy Jetta (21, 82), Nathan Lovett-Murray (17, 142), Patrick Ryder (15, 132), Anthony Long (0, 0)

After coming off a knee injury in 2011, **Courtenay Dempsey** returned to the form he'd shown before the injury and finished a highly respectable seventh in the Crichton Medal, Essendon's best and fairest award.

Alwyn 'Froggy' Davey kicked 29 goals as a small forward over 17 matches, injecting pace into the Bombers' forward line. Seen as a senior player now, Davey is



ALWYN DAVEY

integral to Essendon taking the next step under James Hird.

Maligned on occasions, athletic big man **Patrick Ryder** still was a top-ten finisher in the best and fairest as well. He is still one of the most versatile big men in the game.

The versatile **Nathan Lovett-Murray** played a number of games as a substitute and developed a reputation.

Leroy Jetta, although inconsistent on occasions, is starting to display the talent of his youth.

Anthony Long's career as a Bomber never really got started, being curtailed by injury, departing post-season.

Fremantle (6)

Antoni Grover (1,202), Stephen Hill (22, 89), Michael Johnson (24,129), Michael Walters (10, 21), Jonathon Griffin (13, 61), Jordan Wilson-King (0, 0)

There were plenty of positive signs for the Dockers in their first season under Ross Lyon.

A third placing in this year's Doig Medal reaffirmed **Michael Johnson** as one of the most talented Aboriginal tall defenders in the code. He polled votes in more games than any other Docker over the course of the season, displaying his consistency as well.



MICHAEL JOHNSON

Stephen Hill's game continued to grow in 2012 despite being frequently tagged. He finished seventh in the Doig Medal.

Jonathan Griffin still played 13 games as the back-up ruckman to Aaron Sandilands, due to injury.

After spending time at the start of the season in the WAFL, dynamic small forward **Michael Waters** blasted his way back into the AFL in the second half of the season to prove his worth.

Veteran **Antoni Grover**, who was afforded one game during the season, retired at its end. He also played 12 senior games with Subiaco this year.

Rookie **Jordan Wilson-King** never really adjusted to the rigors of football at this level and was released. He played nine league and six reserves matches with South Fremantle.

Geelong Cats (5)

Travis Varcoe (1, 101), Mathew Stokes (20, 131), Steven Motlop (22, 27), Allen Christensen (17, 36), Joel Hamling (0, 0)

Darwin lad **Steven Motlop** was named the best young player, enjoying a breakthrough season, kicking 25 goals, becoming a permanent fixture in the team, establishing himself in his fourth season at Simonds Stadium.

Duel premiership player **Mathew Stokes** had another solid campaign, but it was a different story for Travis Varcoe, who spent the winter on the sidelines. He played just one game at AFL and VFL level.

After a premiership in his debut season, **Allen Christensen**, a player noted for his toughness, had a solid second year.

Joel Hamling spent the season in the VFL, playing 13 games but missed out on the Cats' premiership success.

Gold Coast (6)

Liam Patrick (8, 11), Jarrod Harbrow (19, 105), Harley Bennell (22, 36), Nathan Krakouer (0, 53), Steven May (8, 17), Brandon Matera (17, 29)

It was another development year for the Suns, who struggled at times.

One outstanding performer was **Harley Bennell**, who played all 22 games in his second year and finished second behind competition great Gary Ablett in the club's best and fairest award.

Queenslander **Jarrod Harbrow** passed the 100-game milestone, while **Brendon Matera** will be a star of the future.

Strongly-built key position player **Stephen May** and the freakishly talented

Liam Patrick had more game time, each playing eight games.

Nathan Krakouer, who left the club early in the year, was official delisted at the end of the season.

In a special list establishment rule for the GWS Giants that was approved by the AFL Commission, the Giants did not have the right to claim any of the 17-year-old players who nominated as a Trade Incentive Selection, but were able to trade with any of the other 17 AFL clubs for those teams to have selection rights from this pool of players.

This is why the Suns took **Jack Martin**, from Claremont. He is able to join the Gold Coast for the 2013 season for training and preparation, but is not permitted to play AFL football until the 2014 season.

Greater Western Sydney (5)

Rhys Cooyou (1, 1), Curtly Hampton (17, 17), Shaun Edwards (10, 10), Gerald Ugle (1, 1), Nathan Wilson (9, 9)

All five Indigenous talents at the AFL's newest franchise made their debuts in the club's first year, although **Gerald Ugle** and **Rhys Cooyou** only participated in one game.

Seen as a star of the competition over the new few years, **Curtly Hampton** impressed in many of his 17 matches.

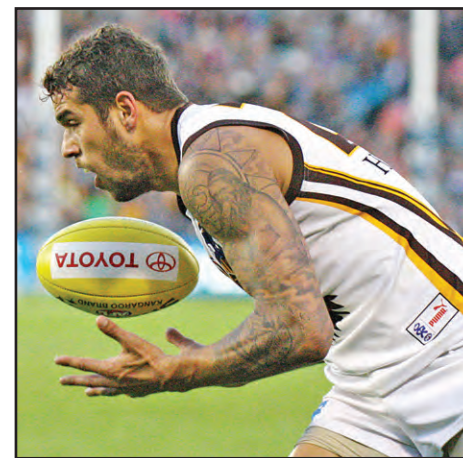
Shaun Edwards received opportunities in ten matches, while forward **Nathan Wilson** played nine games in the GWS colours.

Hawthorn (7)

Cyril Rioli (23,106), Lance Franklin (19,161), Chance Bateman (3,177), Shaun Burgoyne (24, 221), Derick Wanganeen (0, 0), Bradley Hill (6, 6), Amos Frank (0, 0)

Fifth in the Peter Crimmins Medal as the Hawks' best and fairest, **Lance Franklin** kicked 69 goals in 2012 and passed the magical career 500-goal mark.

Amazingly, he has 520 goals in 161 appearances at an average of over three



LANCE FRANKLIN

goals a match. Behind him in sixth position, **Cyril 'Junior' Rioli** had an up and down season, but was a game-breaker. He became a 100-game league footballer in just his fifth season at AFL level, although he didn't add to his 2008 premiership medallion.

Shaun Burgoyne, one of the smoothest moving players in the competition, who came across from Port Adelaide, became a 200-game player early in the season and was consistent all year.

The younger brother of Docker

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in the 2012 AFL season

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Stephen, **Brad Hill** received his first opportunity at the top level and played a half a dozen fixtures.

Chance Bateman, a long-term servant of the Hawks and 2008 premiership player, played just three games this year and retired.



SHAUN BURGOPYNE

Derick Wanganeen and **Amos Frank** spent the season with Box Hill in the VFL.

In the trade period, the Hawks grabbed highly-touted Darwin lad **Jed Anderson**, an NT Zone Selection traded from the GWS Giants.

Melbourne (5)

Liam Jurrah (1, 36), Neville Jetta (6, 36), Aaron Davey (8, 158), Jamie Bennell (6, 57), Kelvin Lawrence (0, 0)

After just playing a single game in 2012 and dealing with a multitude of off-field problems, **Liam Jurrah** was delisted by the Demons.

Jamie Bennell, a former WA junior State cricketer, was also released.

Aaron Davey, a senior player and former Truscott Medallist at the Dees', had a season to forget, only playing eight games.

Despite playing just six games during the season, **Neville Jetta** has kept a contract for 2013.

Rookie **Kelvin Lawrence** spent a second season at Melbourne playing in the VFL.

The Demons have collected **Dominic Barry**, as another NT Zone Selection traded by the GWS Giants.

North Melbourne (5)

Lindsay Thomas (19, 110), Daniel Wells (20, 170), Cruize Garlett (7, 32), Matt Campbell (15, 82), Malcolm Lynch (0, 2)

Daniel Wells, after a career-threatening pre-season illness, still was a creditable seventh in the Syd Barker Medal this year and played strong football for the Roos.

Lindsay Thomas produced a solid return as the Kangaroos played a final for the first time in five years, kicking 38 goals from 19 appearances, finishing second on the club's goal-kicking list.

Diminutive small forward **Matt Campbell** was surprisingly dumped by North Melbourne after playing 15 games.

WA junior **Cruize Garlett** couldn't find a regular spot in the North Melbourne senior

team and was delisted post-season.

After spending the season on the rookie list and playing all season with the Werribee Tigers, **Malcolm Lynch** was also given his marching orders.

Port Adelaide (3)

Danyle Pearce (20, 152) Brendon Ah Chee (0, 0), Chad Wingard (19, 19)

After first being rookie listed at the Power in 2005, going on to win the Rising Star award in 2006 and playing in an AFL grand final the following year, **Danyle Pearce** has struggled at times at Alberton. With Free Agency coming into play in the trade period, Pearce elected to take an offer from the Fremantle Dockers after a 152-game career at the Power.

Murray Bridge talent **Chad Wingard** lived up to expectations over the second half of his debut season and was a top-five finisher in the 2012 Rising Star award.

He has the talent to become a star.



CHAD WINGARD

First-year player **Brendon Ah Chee** drifted between league and reserves football with the Port Adelaide Magpies in the SANFL competition.

The club is genuinely excited to acquire a NT Zone Selection, diminutive talent **Jake Neade** traded from the GWS Giants.

St Kilda (3)

Raphael Clarke (3, 85), Nick Winmar (0, 2), Terry Milera (15, 15)

Raphael Clarke's injury-riddled nine-year tenure with the Saints finished after Scott Watters' first season at the club. Clarke played just three games in 2012 and averaged less than ten games a year over those nine seasons. Not adding to his pair of games in 2011, he was released and returned to Western Australia.

On the positive side, mature-aged recruit **Terry Milera** had a significant impact in his first season of AFL football.



TERRY MILERA

The 22-year-old displayed pose and finesse at the top level, being expected to develop into an exciting prospect.

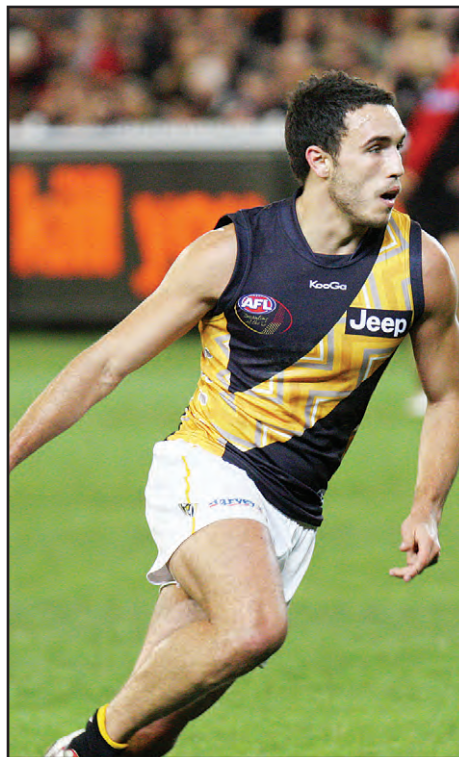
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Richmond (2)

Shane Edwards (20, 109) Gibson Turner (0, 0)

Shane Edwards, the son of a former SANFL 100-goal kicker in the 1980s and a fourth generation of SANFL league footballers, continued to build on his impressive 2011 season. Solid and consistent Edwards was used on a wing and up forward, with the ability to exert defensive pressure and kick goals.

Failing to adapt, due to injury, **Gibson Turner** spent all his time in the VFL and



SHANE EDWARDS

only played a handful of matches for Richmond's VFL affiliate club Coburg.

West Coast Eagles (6)

Josh Hill (22, 88), Gerrick Weedon (0, 1), Koby Stevens (7, 2), Brad Dick (0, 27), Murray Newman (0, 0), Callum Papertalk (0, 0)

With the Eagles bombarded with injury to forwards before the 2012 season started, **Josh Hill** stood up in attack.

He kicked a career-high 36 goals as a lead-up in his first season at West Coast.

Brad Dick spent the year with East Fremantle in the WAFL after being picked up as a rookie. All of his 27 AFL games were over four years were at Collingwood.

Koby Stevens, although consistent at State league level, could only add four games to his AFL tally this year and was traded back to his home State and the Western Bulldogs at season's end. He played 15 games with East Fremantle Sharks this year and 48 WAFL matches overall in three years.

Gerrick Weedon failed to add to his one game in 2011 and was delisted.

Murray Newman managed four games in his debut year, but has found himself in trouble outside the game.

Project player **Callum Papertalk** spent his time playing in the WAFL reserves with the Sharks.

Western Bulldogs (3)

Liam Jones (12, 37), Nathan Djerrkura (13, 25), Zeph Skinner (7, 8)

After a breakout first year in 2011, **Liam Jones**, through injury and the pressure of being the key target in attack, struggled by comparison with the previous year. Still a young man (22 in February), Jones is expected to hold down a key post for the rest of the decade.

Nathan Djerrkura, 24, a journeyman from Geelong and originally from Darwin, retired from AFL football at the end of 2012. The small utility played a career-high 13 games this year, but decided it was time for other interests.

In mid-November the Western Bulldogs announced the retirement of forward **Zephaniah Skinner**. Drafted from Northern Territory Thunder with pick 88 in the 2010 National Draft, Skinner played eight games, including seven this year, and kicked five goals in two seasons at the Kennel. Skinner notified his team-mates of his intent to return home to Noonkanbah, in remote Western Australia, and effectively retire from AFL football.

"Zephi told his team-mates that he will be retiring from AFL football and returning home to be with his family and community, where he feels a strong sense of responsibility," Bulldogs list manager Jason McCartney said.

Sydney Swans (3)

Adam Goodes (19, 319), Lewis Jetta (25, 65), Tony Armstrong (8, 22)

While club champion and duel Brownlow Medallist **Adam Goodes** wasn't among the top ten in the Bob Skilton (Swans' B&F) Medal in 2012, his heroics in the grand final – playing on one good leg – further adds to the legend of this Indigenous superstar.

West Australian **Lewis Jetta** finished a creditable eighth in his club's award, and announced himself as one of the real game-breakers of the competition.

His blistering speed excited many a football purist and his goal where he carried the ball from half back, against Collingwood where he ran 100 metres and wasn't able to be caught, was sublime.

After moving back to his foundation state from Adelaide, **Tony Armstrong** played eight times this year and is expected to be a key defensive runner in the seasons to come.



LEWIS JETTA

Selection on merit

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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JUST like every other Indigenous player in the Australian Football League (AFL), I am proud of my career and what I achieved.

What makes me even prouder is that I achieved it on my own merits.

There has been a lot of debate around the number of Indigenous players picked in the recent draft, with some media reports suggesting that clubs are growing wary of recruiting Indigenous players after a few high-profile departures by some, and personal problems hindering the careers of others.

My own club – the Swans – were accused of the same and I am pleased that they have angrily rejected the claim.

While only three Indigenous players were picked by clubs on draft night and five were selected by clubs under pre-draft conditions, we should not be too alarmed.

That equates to 8.5 per cent of the total number of players selected in the national draft, and is not far below the 11 per cent that Indigenous players represent

of all players on AFL lists.

This still puts the AFL at the forefront of Australian sport in providing Indigenous Australians with opportunities to succeed.

Regular readers of this column know that I am all in favour of programs that provide culturally appropriate support to young Indigenous athletes trying to make it in our game.

I am also an advocate for continued training across the game to make all AFL staff sensitive to some of the cultural and dislocation issues that Indigenous athletes will confront.

At the same time, I have always maintained that Indigenous athletes need to be made aware of the unforgiving culture of professional sport that has team and game standards that will not be lowered for anyone.

That is why it is tough to succeed for anyone.

That is what makes success so rewarding as well.

Insulting

To suggest that Indigenous players should receive special treatment is insulting to those who have worked so hard to reach the heights of achievement.

At the same time, I would be the first to stand up to any form of racial stereotyping that may deprive an individual of a chance.

But we cannot base an attack on recruiting policies on one single year of numbers.

I join Jason Mifsud in rejecting this premise while at the same time supporting him for the continued call for more Indigenous representation at other levels of the game.

AFL multicultural boss Jason Mifsud says any fears that clubs have gone cold on Indigenous draft prospects 'could not be further from the truth'.

He was specifically addressing criticism from former Fremantle recruiting boss Phil Smart who blasted AFL clubs for unfairly overlooking Indigenous prospects.

"I know there has been some

discussion about the low numbers in the national draft, but if you take the pre-selected players into account, Indigenous players made up 8 per cent of the draft," he said.

"Given the majority of players have come through the rookie system (the rookie draft will be held next month) in the last number of years, we are on track to succeed our percentage of the last couple of years."

He could understand the passion behind Smart's attack, but said the industry needed to work to increase the number of Indigenous people in clubs' executive, coaching and administrative ranks.

"If we are serious about measuring success in the Indigenous space, in a broader sense, they are the opportunities we need to be pursuing," Mifsud said.

"Ten per cent of our playing list is Indigenous, but only two Indigenous coaches out of 160 suggests that it is a significant opportunity for us to grow the influence and impact of Indigenous people."

Mifsud also rightly rejected the concern that Indigenous draftees were rejected because they were 'too much trouble'.

He said Indigenous draftees weren't the only AFL hopefuls overlooked last Thursday night because of off-field issues.

"It is a bit narrow isolating it to Indigenous players because I think, equally, there would be other talented players who are being asked to improve their level of dedication and discipline," he said.

"It is only 20 years ago that AFL lists were made up of 1 per cent of Indigenous players. We should not forget we've come a long way in a short period."

I particularly agree with the attack on stereotyping because we should concentrate on celebrating those players who have shown the dedication and discipline.

The reverse side of the equation is when Indigenous players who make it are applauded for their 'natural

ability', which is an insult to the likes of Adam Goodes, who is the ultimate professional in terms of his dedication and preparation.

That is why I was particularly happy to see Sydney Swans recruiting manager Kinnear Beatson hit back at the allegations that AFL clubs were ill-prepared and increasingly unwilling to draft Indigenous players.

Beatson defended the Swans' recruiting philosophies, saying the colour of a draft prospect's skin was irrelevant to the club's recruiting choices.

Diligent

Beatson said clubs had to be diligent about draft prospects' character and off-field aptitude, regardless of race.

"It's not an Indigenous issue," Beatson said. "The issue is whether the player has got the discipline and work ethic to succeed at AFL level."

"The colour of their skin is immaterial to us."

"I can tell you four or five players that we wouldn't have taken for similar (off-field) reasons whose skin was white. One got drafted, the others didn't."

"I'd back it with my life the reason the others weren't drafted was the concern about work ethic and concern about their ability to meet requirements at AFL level."

Smart, however, said clubs were guilty of over-analysing Indigenous players' backgrounds without appropriate resources.

"I don't really think a lot of the clubs have really got a good handle on some of the Indigenous players," he said.

"Not just Dayle Garlett. Shannon Taylor, from Claremont Football Club, how he never got drafted amazes me."

Smart said he believed clubs were more open to drafting non-Indigenous players with off-field troubles than Indigenous prospects with similar issues.

"I would say there would be many players who are non-Indigenous who have had the

same issues that have been drafted and... I think that's unfair," he said.

If this is the case, then I would join Smart in his criticism, but I am more with Beatson in that this is a criterion that is applied to all potential recruits.

ONE factor that clouded the debate was Zephaniah Skinner's decision to walk out on the Western Bulldogs.

Skinner, who battled homesickness for the past two years, informed the club he no longer had the desire to play AFL.

The high-flying forward is expected to return home to Nookanbah, in remote Western Australia, after playing eight games at the Bulldogs.

It is understood Skinner was positive about continuing his career when he left for his end-of-season break, but changed his mind upon his return to Whitten Oval.

Despite his homesickness issues, Skinner's news came as a surprise to the club.

"Zephi told his team-mates he will be retiring from AFL football and returning home to be with his family and community, where he feels a strong sense of responsibility," list manager Jason McCartney said.

"We really didn't want to lose Zephi, as he is a well-liked person here, but respect his decision to return home to his family."

The issue of retention is entirely different to that of recruitment and I firmly believe we must continue to improve the support services and networks for Indigenous players – particularly those who come from remote or regional areas.

These are players who have got here on merit and they deserve to be given every chance.

To you and your mob, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and may all your dreams be realised in the New Year.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Brian bowls 'em over

GAMILARAAY man Brian Fernando, from Coonamble, is the NSW lawn bowls senior singles champion after winning the title at Soldiers Point, Port Stephens.

With the support of his cheer squad of grandsons Blaike and Kaleb, the 63-year-old Coonamble Shire Council final trim grater operator beat Rick Malley (Windang – Zone 16) 31-27 in the final.

He opened the tournament on 26 October with a 31-22 win over Trevor Clarke (Lismore – Zone 1), then accounted for John Roberts (Ettalong – Zone 15) 31-26.

He advanced to the semi-finals on the second day and came up against who he regarded as his toughest

opponent – Gary Kelly (Lake Conjola – Zone 7).

Kelly raced to an 18-9 lead, but Fernando fought his way back to prevail 31-26 to advance to the final.

Fernando has been a Coonamble Shire Council employee for 30 years and now belongs to the Dubbo Railway Bowling Club.

This means a round trip of 320km just to play bowls each weekend.

Before joining Dubbo Railway, he was a member at Coonamble, where he won many A-grade championships.

He has been runner-up twice at Dubbo Railway.

In the previous three years he had finished eighth in the Zone 4 senior singles titles.



BRIAN FERNANDO

NSW names U16 side

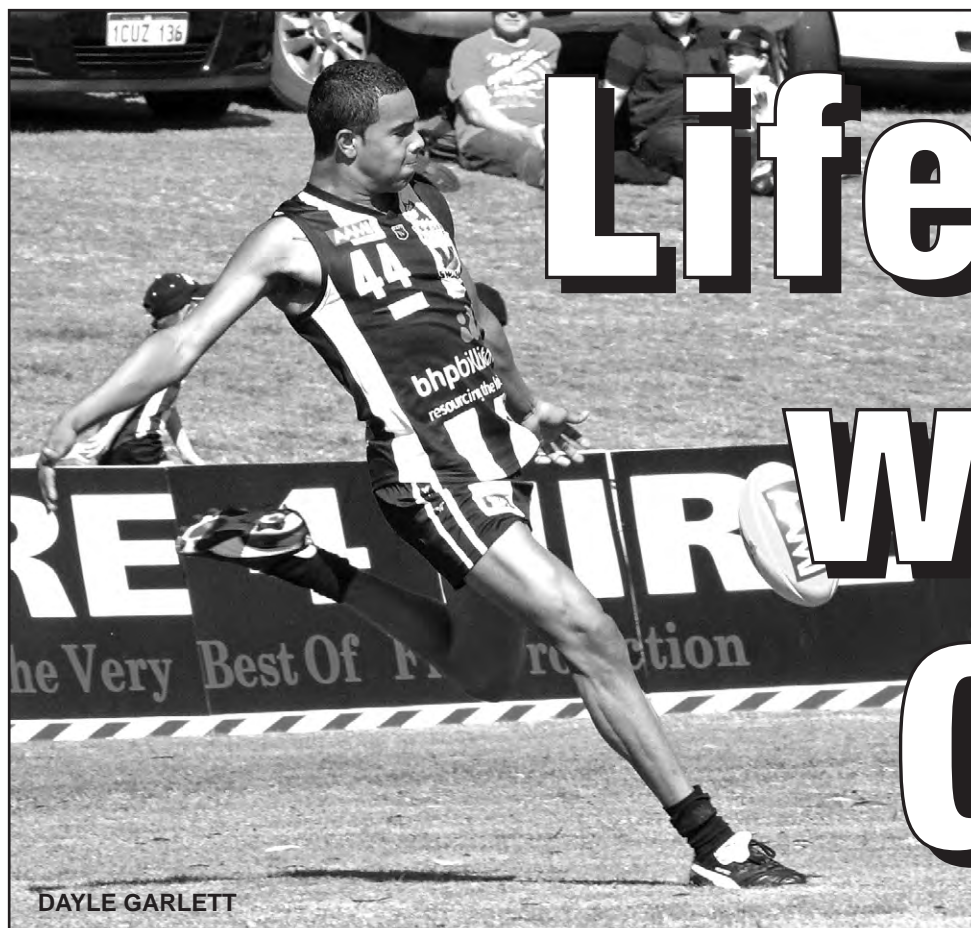
NEW South Wales has named its under 16 side to play Queensland as a curtain-raiser to the 2013 Harvey Norman All Stars match at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium.

The side was selected from a group of 52 elite Indigenous players who recently attended a camp at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, Sydney.

Players and management will assemble on Monday 4 February before heading to Brisbane for a week-long camp.

The NSW side is: Ngangarra Barker (Raworth), Adam

Campbell (Thirlmere), Phillip Combridge (Dubbo), Kiah Cooper (Raymond Terrace), Michael Doolan (Casula), Djanni Dowd (Matraville), Dylan Grant (Leichhardt), Troy Dargan (Prestons), James Ferguson (Waterloo), Keeden Kelly (Kempsey), Robert Lane (Goodooga), Jayden Merritt (Dubbo), Trayden Mundine (Redfern), Ryan Milgate (Garden Suburbs), Ethan Roberts (South Grafton), Jesse Ramien (Coonamble), Reimis Smith (Hurstville), Tyler Terare (Doonside), Jessie Thompson (Wagga Wagga), Cody Walker (Yamba).



DAYLE GARLETT

Lifeline for Wayward Garlett?

By CHRIS PIKE



SWAN Districts' WAFL footballer Dayle Garlett was a shock non-selection at last month's AFL National Draft, but the excitement machine is confident he can put his off-field problems aside to earn a crack at the top level.

Despite being one of the most talented footballers in the country, the 18-year-old was not drafted last month, with all 18 AFL clubs deeming the risk of him acting up off the field being too great.

Garlett has been happy to own up to some of the mistakes that have plagued him over the past two years, including being cut from the Australian Institute of Sport-AFL Academy in March, and then his lack of discipline cost him a spot on the subsequent tour of Europe.

However, Garlett's football ability speaks for itself. He has proven himself an outstanding talent at under-age and senior levels and there's no question on what he can do on the field – he could be an outstanding AFL player.

In his 19 WAFL league games with Swan Districts, he has put in some starring performances in the past two seasons.

He played 11 of those matches in 2012 and averaged almost 16 possessions a game and kicked 16 goals, including four in round 19 against Subiaco and three against South Fremantle in round 22.

Amazing skills

It wasn't just his numbers, though, that made him a standout performer. Garlett is quick, evasive and has incredible skills on his left boot, with the ability to find targets that other players simply can't, and a habit of kicking the near-impossible goals.

On top of his performances at senior

level as a teenager, Garlett starred for Western Australia at this year's national under-18 championships and was named to the All-Australian team from that carnival for his performances.

Essendon looks set to offer Garlett a lifeline, though, with the Bombers quick to invite him to train with them once he was overlooked in the draft.

Essendon coach James Hird is giving Garlett the chance to impress at pre-season training with the eye to picking him up in the pre-season or rookie draft – if he looks the goods.

"No doubt there's a lot of talent there and the way he plays his football excites everyone," Hird said.

"We've just got to work out whether someone like Dayle fits into our group. We've got an opportunity to pick someone up in the pre-season draft and we'll have a look at him for that."

Garlett himself is well aware that rightly

or wrongly, he has developed a reputation as being somewhat unreliable off the field. That was made clear to him when meeting with potential AFL clubs prior to the national draft, but he is confident he has put that behind him.

"It was a mistake that I made that got me kicked out (of the AIS-AFL Academy). It was a bad choice that I made, but everything has been good since," Garlett said.

"I definitely understand why it happened and it made me want to fight for my footy even harder. I really wanted to let everyone know that I was going to change.

"I understand why the clubs ask those questions. I did mess up a fair bit, so I know why. I'm doing much better now, though, and I think I am more switched on. I reckon I have been able to show recruiters that I'm a better person on the field and off it."

Bell seeks career as pro

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE Australian Open at The Lakes course in Sydney that ended on Sunday may have been the last tournament Aboriginal golfer Michael Bell competed in as an amateur.

Bell, 24, formerly from the NSW Club in Sydney, but now with Campbelltown, is without doubt the best amateur Aboriginal golfer in Australia. The right-hander plays off plus two.

Last month he won his sixth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national title at the Albert Park course in Melbourne.

Bell won by nine strokes over 72 holes from Benjamin Hollis.

Bell has had a stranglehold on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tournaments for many years and now is attempting to turn professional.

In just over a week, he will take part in the qualifying school at the Peninsula Country Club

(Melbourne) for entry to the Australasian and OneAsia Tour.

OneAsia is a men's professional golf tour based in the Asia-Pacific region.

The tour was founded in 2009 as a joint venture between the PGA Tour of Australasia, the China Golf Association, the Korean Golf Association and the Korean PGA.

Bell told the *Koori Mail* he wanted to compete in the Australian Open as a pro, but could not have done so because he had already qualified for the tournament as an amateur.

He did this by winning one of eight spots from a field of 280 in one of three qualifying tournaments over 18 holes.

Qualifying courses for the Australian Open were Carnarvon, where three spots were up for grabs, Liverpool, where two spots were available, and New Brighton, where another three spots were on offer.

Bell qualified at Carnarvon with a five-under-par 67.

He missed the cut for the final

two rounds of the Australian Open when he fired rounds of 84 and 75 for a total of 159.

Earlier, at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander championships at Albert Park, Bell had rounds of 73, 69, 70 and 73 for a 72-hole total of 285.

Young Queenslander India Matthews blitzed the field in the women's event, winning by a massive 56 strokes.

Matthews returned scores of 77, 79, 77 and 77 for a total of 310.

Queensland Fraser Coast bulldozer operator Scott Ridgeway won the men's A-grade nett.

The Craginath father-of-two, who works in the mines in Rockhampton, overcame a difficult third round to triumph by 11 shots ahead of gross winner Bell.

Ridgeway grossed 310 over the 72 holes to finish fifth overall.

He overcame a disappointing 83 in the third round to storm home with a brilliant 76 in the final round.



MICHAEL BELL

That was just three strokes behind Bell's final round.

● Footnote: Bell was one of two Aboriginal golfers playing in the Australian Open – the other being professional Scott Gardiner. Gardiner, who featured in the 28 November edition of the *Koori Mail*, recently gained his US PGA Tour card.

It was Bell's third appearance in a pro event after having previously played in the 2009 and 2010 NSW Opens. He was the leading amateur in the 2010 tournament.

THE NSW Aboriginal golf title has been won at Dubbo by Bruce Bennett.

Bennett, from Brewarrina, carded a two-round total of 150 (77-73) to win by three shots from Jake O'Brien (Dubbo – 76-77).

Paul Houston (Dubbo – 167) was the B grade winner from Thomas Barker ((Dubbo – 170), while C grade was won by Donald Salt (Dubbo – 192) from Craig Trindall (Narrabri – 201).

Bob Morgan (Newcastle – 164) won the veterans' division, while Kayden Barker (Dubbo – 201) was the junior winner. Catherine Hughes (Brewarrina) was the women's nett winner, while Catherine McHughes (Brewarrina) returned the best women's gross score.

Next year's tournament is likely to be played in the Hunter Valley.

Magic finish to Rainforest Cup

By ALF WILSON



the final.

Ten sides battled it out at the eighth annual cricket carnival played under the exciting Twenty/20 format at

INNISFAIL side Mandubarra Magic made it successive wins at the prestigious Rainforest Cup Indigenous Cricket Carnival in north Queensland when they defeated Cardwell Guondoi in

Innisfail and Tully on 1-2 December.

In the decider at Innisfail TAFE Oval, Mandubarra Magic 7/145 defeated Cardwell Guondoi 7/109.

At the completion of the 1 December qualifying matches, Cardwell finished at the top of the table on 19.33 points, followed by Ingan (Tully) 19.27, Innisfail Mandubarra 18.4, Cooktown Crocs 17.76, Innisfail Redbacks 16.81, Barambah (Cherbourg) 16.78, Ghungalu Townsville 16.02, Falcons (Townsville) 12.05, Mareeba 6.23 and Yarrabah 5.06.

In the elimination finals series on 2 December, Cooktown Crocs 7/94 defeated Innisfail Redbacks 8/92 at Innisfail TAFE Oval, and Mandubarra Magic 8/128 beat Barambah 8/127.

Then in the last two semi-finals, Cardwell Guondoi 10/104 defeated a gallant Cooktown Crocs 10/94, and Mandubarra Magic 6/122 beat Ingan 10/121.

Convincing winners

The final saw the quality Mandubarra Magic score a convincing 36-run victory.

Major individual awards went to: Player of the carnival, Daure Moses (Barambah – Cherbourg); player of the final, Adrian Caldwell (Cardwell Goundoi); bowler of the carnival, Selwyn McIvor (Cooktown Crocs); batsman of the carnival, Andrew Rassip (Mandubarra Magic).

The carnival is usually held in November, but organiser Stan Lenoy said it had been put back to December so as not to clash with All Blacks rugby league carnival dates.

Organisers were delighted to attract so many teams, especially the Cherbourg mob.



The winning team Mandubarra Magic.



The Cooktown Crocs included players from Hope Vale and Cooktown.

Imparja squad named



VICTORIA will debut two players in their squad to take on Australia's best Indigenous cricketers at the annual Imparja Cup tournament in Alice

Springs next February.

Damon Egan and Grant Bell are the newcomers, while Nathan Gardiner will return after a two-year absence due to work commitments.

The 14-man Noogal Toengorrt Tani squad will be out to improve on their best-ever third-place finish at this year's carnival.

There is a mixture of youth and experience to tackle the Imparja Cup, to be held from 17-23 February.

Since the competition's inaugural carnival in 1994, the Imparja Cup has evolved into one of the nation's most cherished sporting carnivals that celebrates Indigenous culture and cricket.

Seeking glory

Skipper Ben Abbatangelo hopes the new additions can help Victoria achieve glory for the first time.

"It's good to see returning, and new faces in the side," Abbatangelo said.

"Hopefully, they can add something extra to the team and we can add to our third place finish from last year."

In the lead in to the Imparja Cup, Victoria will fine-tune its preparations with a practice match against Melbourne University Cricket Club on Sunday 16 December.

The 2013 Victorian Imparja Cup Squad is: Ben Abbatangelo (Northcote CC – capt), Grant Bell (Wendouree CC), Damon Egan (Malvern CC), Josh Eaton (Essendon CC), Barry Firebrace (Keon



Ben Abbatangelo in action.
Image: Peter Argent

Park CC), Nathan Gardiner (Whittlesea CC), John Green (Plenty CC), Sandy Hodge (Homers CC), Patrick Jackson (The Pines CC), Clay McCartney (North Dandenong CC), Brenden Miller (North Melbourne CC), Troy Oakley (Moe CC), Fletcher Stewart (ANU CC), Bohdi Walker (Sale City CC).

The Imparja Cup was created by Indigenous cricketers Shane Franey and

Ross Williams in 1994, and has grown from being a cricket match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, to being a national event.

Expanded

In 2001, Cricket Australia turned the tournament national, blending male, female, elite and community participation across five divisions: Men's and women's

state and territory, major centres and men's and women's community.

● Noogal Toengorrt Tani – Cricket Victoria invited respected Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy to name the Indigenous cricket program. Aunty Joy has based the name on the Woiwurrung words for 'belong' (Noogal) and 'success/win' (Toengorrt Tani) to represent the Indigenous Cricket Program.

New venue in 2013



NEXT year's big 20th anniversary First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane is likely to be held at another venue.

A spokesman for First Contact said details still had to be worked out, but the festival was set to move to another venue.

He said the 20th anniversary festival would be bigger than previous festivals.

Officials last week were assessing the success of their 19th First Contact Festival at Coorparoo, a Brisbane suburb.

One of the highlights was the international touch football match between the Australian Indigenous side and the New Zealand Maoris.

The Australian team broke the Maoris' stranglehold on this annual match and scraped home 8-7.

The NSW-Queensland Battle of the States was drawn when Queensland beat NSW 10-2 in the men's game, but NSW beat Queensland 9-7 in the mixed game.

A Papua New Guinea Invitational side beat an Indigenous Development team 8-6 in another international clash.

The First Contact open men's final was won by Brisbane team Watangi Touch, who beat Northern Tropics (far north Queensland) 10-8.

Too Sharp (Brisbane) beat Koori Kama (Gold Coast) 8-7 in the open mixed final.



Fierce competition in one of the men's sprint races.



T's Up, men's Trakadigines celebrate a round of wins.



All the way from the Mid-North Coast, the Kempsey men's side.



'Catch me if you can' – an Us Mob player in action.



● ABOVE LEFT: Timothy and Bronwyn Briggs.

● ABOVE: From left, Illyria Champman and Kale Johnson, from Bundaberg, and Bella William-Coveney, from Redcliffe, and Alana Doak, from Kallangur.

● LEFT: Playing with the Harlo mixed team were, from left, Georgie Friedrichs, Abi Friedrichs, Kiara Taylor, Blake Appo, Ieuan Friedrichs and Kerrod Binge.

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Highlights from the 19th annual First



Tibian Wyles, Kia Warkill, Joella Warkill and Benjamin Creek were all smiles at the festival.



Biggest mob! Members of the Cherbourg Ambassadors team with their supporters and families.



Men's Cup final action between Waitangi Touch and Northern Tropics.



The Newcastle Yowies take on the Assassins.



Winners of the men's and mixed sprint races were from the Once Force teams.



Big and little Mike – Mike Salbro, from Brisbane, with his son Mike Jnr.



Myisha Saltner, left, and Kalchirri Jacobs, from Cherbourg.



Mixed side Guba Yilli.



From left, Sean Lynch, from Townsville, Josh White, from Brisbane, and Angelbert Yagi, from Townsville.



The Wagga men's team.

Contact Sports and Cultural Festival



The Murri Watch men's team.



Their first year in the competition and the Northern Tropics men's team advanced through to the Cup finals.



Oldies, but definitely goodies – refereeing their 19th First Contact Festival, and looking forward to the 20th, are Paul Coolwell and Poppy Walsh.



Winners of the mixed plate final, the Trackadigines.



Runners-up in the mixed cup final were Koori Karma.



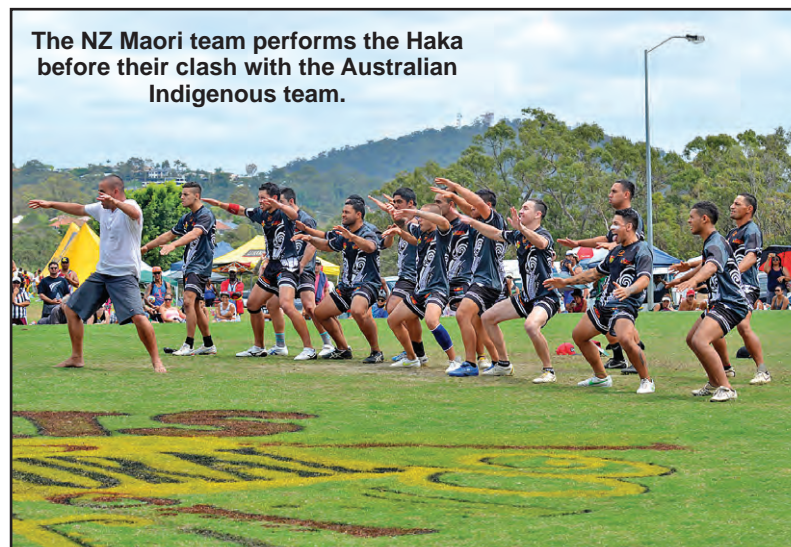
Winners and losers – men's Cup final winners Waitangi Touch beat Northern Tropics 16-3.



Men's Cup final runners-up Northern Tropics.



Action between the mixed Trackadigines and Set It Off.



The NZ Maori team performs the Haka before their clash with the Australian Indigenous team.



Action in the international between the Australian Indigenous team v NZ Maoris. The Indigenous team won 8-7.



Jerome Green with his hands full in defence for the Invitational Indigenous men's side against the PNG Kumuls.

The power of one

AS we approach Christmas and the New Year, I always think it is appropriate that we take time to reflect on what we have achieved over the past 12 months.

I am not a great believer in New Year's resolutions, but I do believe it is also a good time to recommit to our goals and values.

In my travels as Learn Earn Legend! Ambassador and in my work with Titans 4 Tomorrow, I am continually inspired by the youth of our country.

And I am not just talking about the many deadly Indigenous kids I meet.

I am talking about kids from all cultures, races and backgrounds.

The thing that strikes me most is their optimism and the way they will respond to a challenge.

I am not ignoring that there are plenty of kids with problems in their life, but what always inspires me is the way all kids will respond if you show a little faith in them.

And I am overwhelmed by the interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures by so many non-Indigenous kids, as

they embrace a shared future that is our dream for all our kids and our nation moving forward.

I make this point as I believe that if we are to achieve real generational change, we need to embrace healing and let the bitterness of the past go.

We should never forget the past and all the injustices inflicted on our peoples.

But we need to find it within ourselves to forgive so the next generation can move forward.

We need to focus our energies on teaching our kids our culture, our stories and preserving what is left of our traditional languages and customs.

Thirst

There is a thirst for this knowledge among our youth, particularly those who identify but through no fault of their own do not know their mob or their links to country.

Our energies should be devoted to increasing their knowledge and sharing it with their non-Indigenous peers so we can talk about inclusiveness and real equality of opportunity as we move forward.

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

I know this may sound idealistic and that many of our communities are still suffering from chronic issues of disadvantage.

But I believe that so many of our youth have increased opportunities in education, employment and economic independence that we need to embrace the future.

There are so many non-Indigenous people who are willing to work with us side-by-side that we need to reject the negative language of the past and speak more to a shared future.

I know this may be challenging for some, but again this does not mean that we ever forget about our past.

In fact, I take my inspiration from an elder from Central Australia who I heard speak on a video.

Interconnected

In speaking of the strength of Aboriginal culture, he spoke of the interconnected natures of our mobs.

How, when we meet, we speak of where we come from and our family names until we find a link that connects us.

We discovered six degrees of separation long before it was a film!

The Elder described this

connection as the beauty of 'oneness' that made Aboriginal culture unique and distinct.

It is a great description and an image I like to carry with me on my many visits to communities.

To me, it is also a great vision for the future – that we could share with non-Indigenous Australians the very best of what our cultures have to offer.

Imagine a future Australia where all peoples shared this sense of 'oneness'.

It would be a future of shared dreams and would be the ultimate statement of reconciliation and true healing for our people.

I know I should be talking about All Stars and I encourage you all to vote for our team.

But let's not forget what All Stars is all about.

It is not only a celebration of Indigenous culture, but it is also about bringing all Australians together.

The All Stars match itself has been a statement of 'oneness'.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and that Santa brings you a sackful of dreams for the New Year!

Take care of each other.

All Stars boycott on the cards



A BOYCOTT of the National Rugby League (NRL) season-opening All Stars weekend is still on the cards despite

the ARL Commission meeting with a high-powered players delegation in Sydney in late November.

A who's who of NRL's players sat down to address their concerns with rugby league's hierarchy after it emerged the ARL Commission would not budge on their \$5 million salary cap for 2013 – \$1.5 million less than the figure the Rugby League Players Association had been demanding.

Wests Tigers captain Robbie Farah did not rule out players walking away from the traditional season-opening All Stars clash.

"That hasn't been spoken about, but in saying that, we need to look at all our options if something is not agreed upon," he said.

"Ideally, this would be sorted out a while ago, but that is not the case. All we can do is try

and reach an agreement."

Farah joined Kangaroos skipper Cameron Smith, Eels stars Jarryd Hayne and Tim Mannah, Souths' Mick Crocker and Penrith's Clint Newton in addressing the RLPA regarding a potential cap rise after the \$1 billion five-year TV deal was struck by the ARLC in August.

RLPA boss David Garnsey hoped common sense would prevail.

"There has been a comprehensive number of proposals put on the table today - we have had a close look at that but it is going to take some more work on our part," he said.

"We are trying to come up with the best deal possible for the players."

Interim NRL boss Shane Mattiske remained positive despite the talks becoming stalled after a four-hour meeting.

"We are listening. Now we are working to address their issues," he said.

"We have made some progress today and we have agreed to meet early next week to continue those discussions." – AAP

Raiders act on Ferguson music festival ejection



CANBERRA centre Blake Ferguson has been punished by his National Rugby League

(NRL) club after being ejected from a music festival for reportedly spitting at patrons.

The *Canberra Times* has reported Ferguson spat on fellow music goers at the Foreshore music festival on 24 November before being escorted from the VIP area by security.

A Raiders spokesman said in a brief statement Ferguson had been dealt with internally for being ejected from the festival, but declined to confirm it was for spitting.

"We're not discussing it any further," the spokesman said.

The father of a witness to the incident wrote to the *Canberra* newspaper after getting no response from the Raiders.

"While this incident may not

be as vile as others involving sports stars over recent years, not only those from the NRL, it is nevertheless a low and disgusting act, and is repugnant to fans, both young and old," the man wrote.

The 22-year-old centre attended the festival with Raiders team-mates, however there have been no other

reports of misbehaviour.

The incident occurred just two weeks after Canberra began pre-season training for 2013.

The 2010 Indigenous All-Stars representative previously found himself in trouble with the Raiders' administration in May when he showed up to training still under



Blake Ferguson goes up over Colin Best during round one of the 2011 NRL season against the Cronulla Sharks match at Canberra Stadium on 13 March 13. AAP image

There's still time to cast votes

BRISBANE Broncos team-mates Justin Hodges, Peter Wallace, Corey Parker and Jharal Yow Yeh Hodges took centre-stage in Brisbane's Queen Street Mall on Monday to help launch the final stage of public voting for the 2013 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match.

Online voting for prized spots in

the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars and Indigenous All Stars began at noon on Monday at www.nrl.com/allstars

Players are vying for the honour to play in the fourth annual Harvey Norman All Stars to be held at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium for the first time on 9 February.

More than 15,700 fans had their

say in stage one of voting online for the NRL All Stars team to determine a 64-man 'shortlist'.

Fans have until 14 January to cut that to 16, with only one player from each club eligible for Wayne Bennett's NRL All Stars, while fans can choose from rugby league's best Indigenous talent for Laurie Daley's Indigenous All Stars.

World's fastest?

By GRAHAM HUNT



HE'S just 12 years old and has stamped himself as the fastest boy for his age in Australia – and ranked in the top three in the world.

Meet James Gallagher – the Ulladulla Unlimited – a young lad from the Gumulkbun mob in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory.

James is nearing the end of his time at Ulladulla Primary School in NSW, and next year is off to Perth to attend the West Australian Institute of Sport.

He's also bound for a four-week camp at the Michael Johnson Spire Athletic Institute in the United States.

James is a 100m and 200m specialist and this year he broke the 100m and 200m records at his school, zone and regional levels and then at the State Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) championships in Sydney.

At the Australian All Schools championships last month in Adelaide, James ran personal bests in the 100m and 200m of 11.72 secs and 23.76 to establish himself as the fastest 12-year-old in Australia.

His mother Samara and stepfather Mick researched James' times and contacted the Spire Institute in the US and learned that James was up there with the world's fastest 12-year-olds.

And all this while he is still coming to terms with running on artificial surfaces and wearing spikes.

They don't have anything like that in Ulladulla.

James' father Stephen will be with him in Perth next year, where he will attend school and train at the West Australian Institute of Sport.

YouTube footage of James running the final leg for Ulladulla Primary School in the 4x100m relay at the NSW PSSA championships held in October, is attracting many 'hits'

Finishing burst

It shows James running the final leg and running down the race leader with an amazing finishing burst.

Check it out at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6oZI8L59Nw&feature=youtu_be_gdata_player

On seeing the YouTube clip, Scott Richardson, a local Ulladulla athletics coach who has been involved in James'

development, commented: "I have shared this video among many of the top Australian senior athletes and the general consensus is 'WOW'.

"With James (and Mick) you have potentially the greatest sprinter we have ever seen out of Australia. It's an honour to say I have been able to assist and coach him, but he has so much raw talent that I am not really worthy of too much credit."

Off to Ohio

James and mum Samara are looking at visiting Geneva, Ohio, next July to attend the Michael Johnson Spire Institute four-week camp.

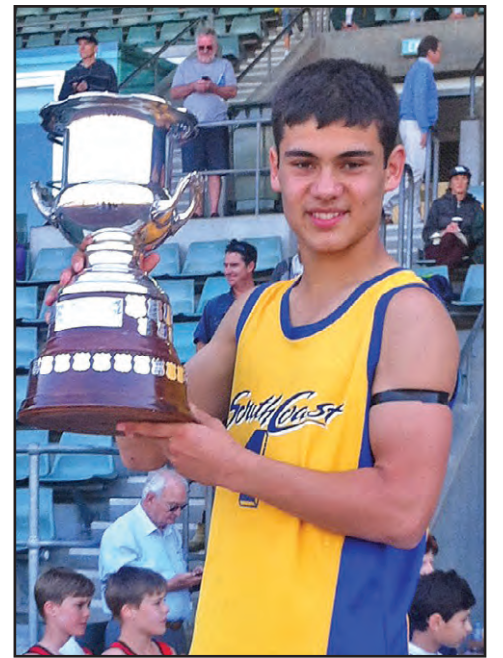
The family would love to hear from anyone who can help defray their travel and accommodation expenses estimated at \$8000.

Meanwhile, James' recent athletics achievements have overshadowed his rugby league prowess.

Step-father Mick is overseeing James' development as a footballer.

Already, two National Rugby League clubs – Parramatta and Newcastle – have taken an interest in James.

But because of his age, these offers have been put on hold.



James Gallagher with the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee trophy (athlete of the carnival) at the NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) State Athletics Championships in Sydney.

Tjimarri burns up the beach



SA

TJIMARRI Sanderson-Milera figures in more ways than one at the Surf Lifesaving World Titles in South

Australia last month.

The tournament at Adelaide's Glenelg Beach drew competitors from 41 nations.

It is held every two years and involves five competitions (national team, interclub, masters, surf boat and inflatable rescue boat (IRB)).

There are ten disciplines:

swimming, surf ski, simulated emergency response, ironman/ironwoman, board, beach sprints, beach flags, surf boats and IRB.

The carnival is the largest international event in surf lifesaving – attracting between 4000 and 6000 competitors.

Tjimarri, a Kukatha Narrunga 19-year-old from South Australia, performed in the opening ceremony as part of the traditional Kurna welcoming and then went on to compete in the interclub World Youth Championships.

The traditional smoking ceremony welcomed competitors from 41 countries.

Tjimarri performed with his dance group Paitya, wearing his lifesaving cap and shorts.

In competition, Tjimarri competed in the youth beach sprint, youth beach relay, and youth beach flags, finishing fourth in the sprint, fifth in the flags, and first in the relay.

Tjimarri will now turn his attention from the sand back to the grass to return to training and his next big race – the Bay Sheffield Gift, which will be

held in December, in Adelaide.

He won as a junior last year and this year will be in the open division.

The Bay Sheffield is second only to the Stawell Gift in standing in Australian professional races.

Tjimarri juggles shift work at Qantas Airlines with a busy training schedule that includes training six times a week.

In January he will also be travelling to Jamaica for a training camp with Athletic All-stars and Competitive Edge.

He will be travelling with other athletes from Australia, including Olympian Andrew McCabe, who ran at the 2012 London Olympics in the 4x100m men's relay.

The training camp is being hosted by Jamaica's Olympic track and field coach Maurice Wilson.

Competitive Edge is an Australian company established in 1998 as an athlete training company. It has grown into an elite athlete training, management and event group.

Athletic All-Stars is a brand



Tjimarri competing in last year's Bay Sheffield Gift.

owned by Competitive Edge.

Tjimarri has received about \$6000 funding towards his training camp, courtesy of the Pidinga Munda Trust, from the South Australian Far West Coast Aboriginal community.

Even with that assistance, Tjimarri's family will still be out of pocket by a considerable amount.



Tjimarri featured in the traditional welcoming ceremony at the World Surf Lifesaving titles.

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Tjimarri with his beach relay gold medal.



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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Wheels begin to turn for 2013 NSW Knockout



THE Newcastle Yowies are about to take the first steps towards planning the big 2013 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival.

The Yowies have called a meeting in Newcastle on Saturday 15 December, and are inviting two delegates from each knockout side.

The meeting will be held at the

Yamuloong Centre, 71 Prospect Road, Garden Suburb, starting at 10am.

Yowies spokesman Jim Wright said the aim of the meeting was to form a committee that would take charge of administrative aspects of the 2013 Knockout – things like judiciary, timekeepers, referee appointments and appointing other carnival officials.

He wanted delegates at the 15

December meeting to talk about aspects of the Knockout.

He also expected discussion on the brawl that broke out during the La Perouse-Moree Boomerangs match at the 2012 Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

His view was that the fallout from that incident should have been dealt with by the Mindaribba Warriors, who organised the 2012 Knockout.

Mr Wright said he was particularly

keen to expand the women's competition. One way of doing this would be to increase prizemoney for the women, he said.

He also said no decision had been made on the venue of the 2013 Knockout, but it would be Raymond Terrace or Newcastle.

He also wanted to see improved facilities for Elders attending the Knockout.

Run like the wind



MEET 12 year-old James Gallagher, who has become an overnight sensation

thanks to YouTube, and Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera – two of the fastest runners for their age in Australia.

In fact, James is acknowledged as the fastest 12-year-old in Australia – and could be the fastest in the world.

Based on his times, he's one of the fastest three in the world for 12 year-olds.

When the *Koori Mail* posted details of James on our Facebook page, pointing to a YouTube clip, we registered 1156 'likes' in the first two days.

More than 100 others took the time to comment on Facebook on James' feat.

The YouTube clip shows James mowing down the race leader in the final leg of a

4x100m relay at the NSW Public Schools Sports Association (PSSA) athletics championships in Sydney.

To see James in action, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6oZI8L59Nw&feature=youtube_gdata_player

New experience

James comes from Ulladulla, on the NSW south Coast, and is just learning how to run on artificial surfaces, and also

about running in spikes.

Tjimarri, 19, from South Australia, is one of the early fancies for the Bay Sheffield race in Adelaide this month.

The Bay Sheffield is one of the most prestigious professional foot races in Australia and Tjimarri will be competing in the open division, possibly against the likes of Josh Ross – another Indigenous sprinter.

Tjimarri last month

represented Australia at the World Surf Lifesaving titles at Glenelg Beach, South Australia, finishing fourth in the youth beach sprint, fifth in the beach flags, and first in the beach relay.

He also figured in the traditional welcoming ceremony at the surf titles, where he performed with his dance group Paitya.

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James Gallagher with his gold medal haul at the NSW PSSA State championships in Sydney.



Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera running his leg of the beach relay at the World Surf Lifesaving championships at Glenelg Beach, South Australia. Picture: Haydyn Bromley

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