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## Our Super Stars



THESE pictures tell the story... it was a great night for Indigenous rugby league fans, especially for those lucky enough to be at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last Saturday night to see the Indigenous All Stars square the ledger at two games apiece after comprehensively beating Wayne Bennett's National Rugby League All Stars 32-6. A crowd of more than 40,000 saw the Indigenous All Stars run in six tries – three apiece to electrifying fullback Ben Barba and dashing winger Reece Robinson. The main picture shows team-mates embracing after Barba scored one of his three first-half tries. And weren't the fans happy (top left picture). One of the best for the Indigenous All Stars was powerhouse prop forward Ryan James (middle picture), who ran at the NRL defence all night. The bottom picture shows Indigenous All Stars players Joel Thompson and Timana Tahou with jubilant fans and the Arthur Beetson Trophy. Enjoy our special eight-page feature. *Pictures: Joseph Mayers and Theresa Dalton*



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## Gillard delivers Closing the Gap statement

Indigenous and other people was hard enough without taking 'retrograde steps'.

Ms Gillard made the comments during the fifth annual Closing the Gap Statement to Federal Parliament last week.

She reported progress against some key targets but had to concede that one – Indigenous literacy and numeracy rates – had

gotten worse over the past year, despite the millions of dollars spent on improving them.

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott responded saying he appreciated the PM's candour around both 'regress and progress', and sharing the PM's concern over developments such as the scrapping of the NT's Banned Drinker Register.

Mr Abbott also called for school and work attendance statistics to be published on a month-by-month basis to help gauge the levels of Indigenous participation.

In response, Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun urged all political parties to recommit to a national

partnership agreement on closing the gap in Indigenous health outcomes.

They called on the Government to include a seventh and eighth target for the Closing the Gap campaign – to halve the rate of incarceration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to halve the rate at which they experience physical or threatened violence.

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## 'Love Punks' weigh in for reconciliation

DIGITAL comic stars Nelson 'Baldhead' Coppin and Max 'Supamaxie' Coppin were amongst presenters and attendees at the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Showcase held at Parliament House in Canberra last week. The irrepressible duo are amongst a gang of 'Love Punks' who star in NEOMAD, an interactive three-episode sci-fi adventure released on iTunes last year and supported under the Yijala Yala project at Roebourne in Western Australia's Pilbara region. See Page 9 for more on the RAP Showcase. Photo by COLE BENNETTS, courtesy Reconciliation Australia

● Geale v Mundine boxing coverage on pages 38-39 and 72-73





The Under-16 Koori and Murri teams after their curtain-raiser clash in Brisbane.

## Under-16s and women deadly

**T**HERE was compensation for NSW Kooris on Saturday after the disappointment of their team losing the NACCHO Deadly Choices Rugby League Interstate Challenge the night before in Brisbane (see our report on the back page). In the curtain-raiser to the big All Stars game, the NSW Indigenous under 16 team beat Queensland 32-12.

The NSW boys led 16-0 at half time and skipped away in the second half for a comprehensive win.

The match featured some exciting young talent. Five-eighth Michael Doolan scored the first and last tries for NSW and kicked four goals.

One of the highlights was a brilliant individual try just on half time by NSW fullback Ngangarra Barker, of East Maitland.

Earlier, the National Rugby League women's team beat the Indigenous women 38-6.

The Indigenous All Stars led 6-0 early. They were still in the match at half time when trailing 8-6, but then it became one-way traffic as the NRL All Stars gained the ascendancy.

The match was used as a guide for selectors to choose the Australian team for the Women's Rugby League World Cup in the United Kingdom this July.

NRL All Stars captain Karen Murphy said: "We expected it to be tough after last year's draw and the Indigenous team came out fighting hard in the first half."

"We had a good talk at half time, stuck to our game plan and wore them down in the second half."

On Friday night, the QAIHC Argun Warriors (Qld) beat the AHMRC Newcastle Yowies (NSW) 28-24 in a golden point thriller at Brisbane's West End to claim the title of Australian Indigenous and Torres Strait champions.

Results: Women's All Stars 38 (Tahnee Norris 2, Jo Barrett, Natalie Dwyer, Heather Ballinger,



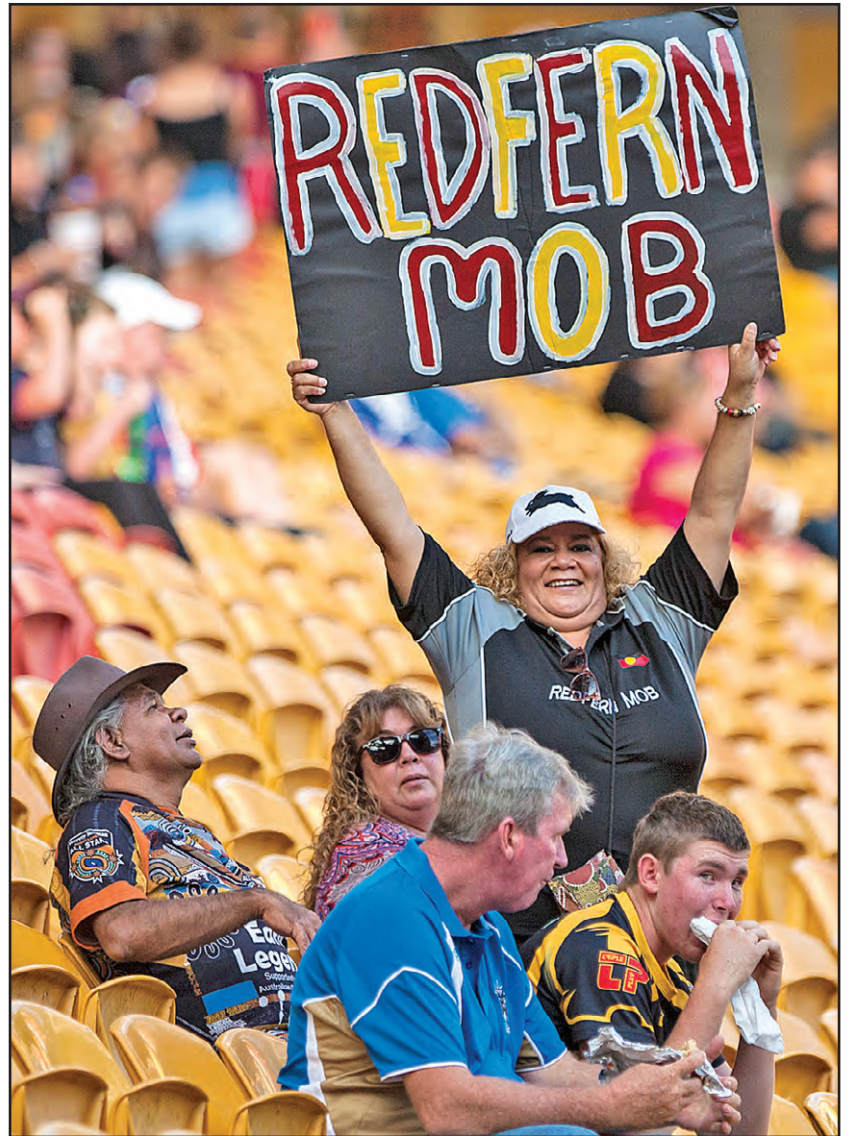
There was plenty of hard-hitting action in the women's and Under-16s' games as these images confirm. Photos by Joseph Mayers

Emma Tonegato, Deanne Turner, Karen Murphy tries; Steph Hancock 3 goals) d Indigenous Women's All Stars 6 (Amber Saltner try, goal).

NSW Indigenous U16 boys 32 (Michael Doolan 2, Ngangarra Barker, Keeden Kelly, Ryan Milgate, Robert Lane tries; Michael Doolan 4 goals) d Queensland Indigenous U16 boys 12 (Christian Power, Sheldon Benjamin tries.)



The Indigenous women's team with Dean Widders after their game.



Where you from sister? Redfern Mob were there. Photo by Joseph Mayers



● Above: Melanie Terare, left, of Cairns showed her true colours, alongside her kids Niouoolya Terare, 11, Kaisame Terare, 14, Koiranah Smith, 8, and Mohma Smith, 10.

Photo by Kirstie Parker

● Left: The welcome to country at the All Stars game was given by Maroochy.



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# My FAMILY Eddie Walsh – Palm Island, Qld



I AM part of a big family here on Palm Island. There are four generations of the Walsh family here and we love our paradise surrounded by water.

In April 2012 at the Queensland local government elections, I was honoured to be elected as a member of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

This photo of me on Palm was taken in the park near the Palm town centre. I was with my great grandson Kyran Walsh, aged four months, my granddaughter Joelle Walsh and my daughter Eileen Walsh.

I had much to celebrate over the Christmas/New Year period. In early January, my wife Colyning Ursula and I celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary and Colyning Ursula had her birthday.

Between us, we have two daughters and six sons aged from 18 to 35, and 22 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

There are more than 40 tribal groups living on Palm and we have family in 10 different mobs.

On 19 December, I had quadruple bypass surgery at Townsville General Hospital. This slowed me down a bit, but I

have recovered well and am looking forward to a long life.

The doctors sent me home the day before Christmas so I was with family for the big day. I'd like to thank the doctors and staff of both Townsville and Palm Island for a bloody good job, well done. I'd also like to thank all my family and friends for their well wishes. Good health is so important to us all and my family helped me get through the operation and recovery.

I get around Palm Island on my battery-operated bicycle, which has a top speed of 20km per hour. I have to re-charge the batteries after riding 30km.

Over the years, many members of my family have been good rugby league players and have played in the local club competition and also for the Barracudas at Allblacks carnivals.

Palm Island has so much beauty and I enjoy going fishing in the waters in my boat. I catch lots of different species.

The people here are great and my wish is for them to have the same rights as everybody living on the mainland. — **As told to ALF WILSON**

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## OUR CHILDREN



Tamworth (NSW) boys Tristian Roberts and Kein Knox show Sydney visitor Beau Reid around town during the Tamworth Country Music Festival. See Pages 30-31 for our coverage of the week-long event. Photo by Emily Murphy

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Scott Prince with room to move.



Travis Waddell gives a 'don't argue' to the NRL's Feleti Mateo.



Johnathan Thurston looks for options.

# Barba brilliant as our Stars triumph

By GRAHAM HUNT

**A**N electrifying hat-trick of tries by 2012 Dally M winner Ben Barba set the Indigenous All Stars on course for a brilliant 32-6 win over the National Rugby League All Stars at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Saturday night.

Barba picked up where he left off last season, and judging by his performance on Saturday, rugby league fans are in for a treat in the NRL competition this year.

The Indigenous All Stars and the NRL All Stars put a controversial week behind them and opened the rugby league season on a high note.

Barba's sensational start set the pattern, and the young Canterbury fullback from Mackay won the Preston Campbell Medal as man of the match. Not far behind him was South Sydney winger Reece Robinson, who also scored three tries.

Barba and Robinson outshone the likes of superstars Greg Inglis and Justin Hodges.

But it was the Indigenous All Stars forwards who paved the way. They were brilliant.

Any doubts about whether they could stand up to the big NRL All Stars soon evaporated as they took charge in the engine room, allowing the likes of Barba and Robinson to show off their skills.

All the Indigenous All Stars forwards played their part, but none more than young Gold Coast Titan Ryan James. The 194cm 121kg prop was outstanding in attack and defence.

Johnathan Thurston directed traffic from five-eighth.



Indigenous All Stars forward Greg Bird tries to skirt around the NRL's Chris Heighington during the game. Photos by Joseph Mayers

The Indigenous All Stars led 12-6 at quarter time, 18-6 at half time, and 22-6 at three-quarter time.

Robinson put the match beyond the NRL

All Stars' reach with his second try 10 minutes into the final quarter and bagged his third try two minutes before full time.

The size of the crowd (40,201) virtually

assures Suncorp Stadium of hosting next year's All Stars game, where already there are estimates that the crowd could be 50,000.

At a press conference after the game, NRL All Stars coach Wayne Bennett conceded his team were outplayed.

"Their skills were pretty good," Bennett said of the Indigenous All Stars.

"They executed well and we couldn't match their skills.

"We kept ourselves under pressure because of poor execution."

Bennett said it was great to see such a big crowd and the match was a great advertisement for rugby league.

He said officials may have to look at taking the game elsewhere because it was such a good product.

NRL All Stars captain Benji Marshall said: "You can't give the likes of Prince, Thurston, Inglis and Barba room to move, or they'll murder you."

Marshall thought new Brisbane Broncos signing Scott Prince had an outstanding game at halfback.

Elated Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley said he wasn't expecting 'a performance as comprehensive as that'.

"We were very dominant. We hung on to the ball and the forwards – all of them – were very good," he said.

"They kept turning up for each other. "Young Ryan James is big and showed plenty of aggression. He'll only get better."

Scores: Indigenous All Stars 32 (Ben Barba 3, Reece Robinson 3 tries; Johnathan Thurston 3, Scott Prince goals) d NRL All Stars 6 Jarryd Hayne try; Adam Reynolds goal) at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.



**'This has been a very long and difficult struggle for me. I have gone through a lot of trouble and heartache and waited a long time to see this day. However, the fact that I am here today proves that if you are true to your culture and to your land one day you will win.'**



Djok Elder and senior traditional owner Jeffrey Lee in Canberra last week to mark the inclusion of Koongarra into Kakadu National Park. Photo: Kym Smith/Newspix

# Djok Elder wins long struggle



AN Aboriginal leader who rejected millions of dollars offered by miners wanting to exploit his native

lands has hailed a move to include the sacred area in Kakadu National Park.

Jeffrey Lee, an Elder of the Djok people, has sought for more than 30 years to have a 1228-hectare area of land known as Koongarra included in Kakadu.

On Wednesday last week, the Federal Government introduced a bill to repeal a law that could have led to uranium mining in Koongarra, effectively incorporating the area into the park.

"I have said 'no' to uranium mining at Koongarra because I believe that the land and my cultural beliefs are more

important than mining and money," Mr Lee said in Canberra.

"Money comes and goes but the land is always here.

"If we look after it, it will look after us."

Koongarra is within the boundaries of Kakadu but was excluded from the park in 1979 because of its potential uranium resources.

Last Wednesday, former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who moved to stop uranium mining at Coronation Hill in Kakadu against the wishes of his cabinet, hailed Mr Lee as a great Australian.

He said a French company that had uranium rights to the area had offered Mr Lee \$5 million to drop his opposition to their plans.

"He (Mr Lee) gave the immortal reply 'I have got a job'," Mr Hawke recalled.

Mr Hawke said at the time some of his ministers had derided the spiritual beliefs of the Indigenous people that a serpent lived underneath the land.

"I just blew up and said 'Bugger me, you have no difficulty in embracing the concept of the holy trinity, the virgin birth'," he said.

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke, who joined Mr Lee and Mr Hawke for the announcement, said Kakadu had always had a 'hole in its heart' that was now being filled.

"We should all be very proud as Australians that part of our land is owned by Jeffrey Lee and he has taken the decisions he has today," Mr Burke said.

The Koongarra uranium deposit is estimated at about 14,000 tonnes. — *With AAP*



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# 2013 Indigenous All Stars versus NRL All Stars Rugby League



Try time as Reece Robinson crosses for one of his three.



Amber Saltner scores the Indigenous All Stars women's only try.  
Photo: Joseph Mayers



The Nunukul Yuggera dancers performed.



The Indigenous All Stars' Ben Barba crosses for one of his three tries, all scored during the first half. Barba was at his brilliant best and was named the Preston Campbell Man of the Match. Photo: Joseph Mayers



A NSW player crosses for a try in the Under-16 curtain-raiser.



● Above: Harry Isaac, 11, and his pal Will Blair, 12, thought the game was too deadly. They're pictured with Harry's mum Tasha Van Kempen and nan Rhonda Van Kempen.



● Left: Dicko and Maureen Bloxsome with their granddaughter Tamika Kermond, all from the Gold Coast.



Preston Campbell, the man behind the All Stars concept, plays the didg. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Indigenous All Star Andrew Fifita with his baby Latu Jay after the victory. Photo: Joseph Mayers



The Indigenous All Stars together with staff, family and supporters celebrate their brilliant 32-6 win over the NRL All Stars at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane on Saturday night. Photo: Joseph Mayers



Brothers in arms ... The Indigenous All Stars prepare for the game. Photo: Joseph Mayers



# Capital celebrates



Producer of Indigenous programming for 2013 Centenary of Canberra Helen Healy, patron and former governor-general Sir William Deane, National Congress director Rod Little, Centenary of Canberra creative director Robyn Archer, AIATSIS principal Russ Taylor, Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Agnes Shea and ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Shane Rattenbury at the launch. Photo: Wayne Quilliam

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## Indigenous program launched



IN 1913, when Canberra was declared Australia's national capital, its Aboriginal traditional owners weren't invited to the party. In fact, the political powers of the day acted as if they did not even exist.

As former governor-general Sir William Deane observed last week, 'Canberra and Australia in those days was a dark place for our Aboriginal fellow Australians'.

A century later and it's a different story. Canberra is celebrating its centenary in 2013 and its traditional owners, along with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from throughout the nation, are not just being included, but taking centre stage.

Last week, the milestone event's Indigenous Cultural Program was launched at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The nationwide program encompasses 64 events, including dance, theatre, music, exhibitions, forums and sports, between

February and August, and almost 400 participants from more than 50 locations.

Guests at the launch were welcomed to country by

Ngunnawal Elder and great grandmother Aunty Agnes Shea, who said she wanted Ngunnawal families to be able to enjoy the rich heritage that they'd inherited, as well as that of the many other people who'd made Canberra their home.

"And I want all of us to enjoy and celebrate the modern and the very best of our national Australian culture that comes from bringing this diversity together," she said.

"(The Centenary of Canberra) is bringing together the old and the modern and in the process creating something new that we all can be proud of."

### Opportunity

Creative director Robyn Archer said the Centenary of Canberra was an opportunity for the national capital to 're-image' itself after little consideration being given to its local Aboriginal inhabitants at the time of federation in 1901 and when Canberra became the nation's capital.

"We have the opportunity to show an incredibly strong, surviving, escalatingly strong culture that is acknowledged both locally and nationally," Ms Archer said.

"...We're myth busting about the national capital; this was a great opportunity to somehow bust the myth that there were no

Indigenous people in Canberra."

Sir William, who is the patron of the Centenary of Canberra celebrations as well as Reconciliation Australia, said that despite its sometimes sad and difficult past, Canberra was the location of some important milestones along the road towards 'the elusive goal' of true and lasting reconciliation. These included the enactment of the 1967 referendum, the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy 'in the face of respectable Australia', the High Court's rejection in its Mabo decision of 'the awful fallacy of terra nullius', and the national apology to the Stolen Generations.

"And it is in this city, in the home of Reconciliation Australia, that I express the hope that the prominence given in the centenary program to Indigenous cultures and our Indigenous fellow Australians will give us an opportunity to reach out to one another," Sir William said.

● For more information on the Indigenous Cultural Program, including specific events throughout 2013, visit the Canberra100 website at <http://www.canberra100.com.au/programs/indigenous-focus/>



# Child abuse targeted



THE NSW Ombudsman has called for 'better and more effective action' to combat child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities. In a report tabled to Parliament on 31 January, Ombudsman Bruce Barbour detailed 93 recommendations focused on improving services and systems to respond to cases of sexual abuse.

The report was the fourth in a series completed as part of the Ombudsman's three-year audit of the Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal

Communities. Mr Barbour said the Interagency Plan had raised the hopes of Aboriginal communities, but much more work was required.

"Despite some good initiatives, the evidence shows little improvement in the social and economic conditions needed for Aboriginal communities to effectively respond to child sexual abuse and its underlying causes," he said.

Mr Barbour cited figures that showed in 2011, 55 per cent of the 8857 reported victims of sexual abuse in NSW were children younger than 16.

"While just four per cent of all NSW children are Aboriginal, they comprise ten per cent of all reported child sexual abuse victims," he said.

In making his assessment, Mr Barbour looked in detail at 12 communities with significant Aboriginal populations.

## Reports

"In these communities Aboriginal children made up 12 per cent of the population, and yet were the subject of 23 per cent of child sexual abuse reports between 2007 and 2011," he said.

"In almost 70 per cent of these

incidents, Aboriginal people were the suspects.

"It is a positive sign that reporting of child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities rose strongly over the five years of the Interagency Plan, indicating more Aboriginal people are prepared to come forward to disclose child sexual abuse."

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and the Australian Human Rights Commission welcomed the report and its recommendations.

"Sexual assault is unacceptable and is not part of Aboriginal culture. As a society,

our main aim should be to protect our children from all forms of abuse, but we also need to heal our victims and hold perpetrators accountable," he said. "To do this we must address the causal factors and not just the symptoms."

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the report acknowledged the failures of the past including poorly integrated services, chronic staffing shortages and poor accountability. He said that the NSW Government would release a fully considered response in coming months. — **By DARREN COYNE**

## RAPS are 'having profound impact'



A SHOWCASE of Australian organisations that have embraced the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program was held in at Parliament House, Canberra, last week.

The showcase, opened by Prime Minister Julia Gillard, coincided with the release of research by Reconciliation Australia that shows the RAP program is having a profound impact on increasing awareness and understanding between Australia's First Peoples and other Australians.

Reconciliation Australia co-chairs Tom Calma and Melinda Cilentio said there were now more than 350 Australian organisations with a RAP, employing almost 19,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As well, those organisations have about \$58 million in services from certified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, and provided more than \$15 million in pro bono support to those businesses.

More than \$15 million has also been contributed towards scholarships for Indigenous students.

Dr Calma said the benefits from RAPs were felt in remote and regional areas as well as in the large urban centres.

Ms Cilentio said the effectiveness of RAPs demonstrated the imperative of partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### 'Benefits are impressive'

"When Reconciliation Australia successfully brings together business, government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to work respectfully and cooperatively, the benefits are impressive," she said.

As well as releasing the RAP Impact Measurement Report 2012, Reconciliation Australia released the 2012 Australian Reconciliation Barometer. The barometer found that while the vast majority of Australians believed the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians was important, most do not believe it is very good, with just half of those surveyed believing the relationship is improving.

"The 2012 barometer shows that, overall, we don't trust each other and only around half of those surveyed felt personally proud of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures," Dr Calma said.

The first barometer was conducted in 2008, soon after the Apology to the Stolen Generations, and captured the positive mood towards reconciliation.

In 2010 there was a decline across a range of indicators, however that trend was reversed in 2012.

Most results increased on 2010 levels but were still a little below those of 2008.



Phill Sullivan, Cath Brokenboroug of Lend Lease and Alister Ferguson. Photo by Joseph Mayers



Minister Jenny Macklin, Roebourne's Max and Nelson Coppin and Allery Sandy, and PM Julia Gillard. Photo by Cole Bennetts



Lockie Cooke and Ngambri Elder Matilda House, who gave a welcome to country. Photo by Joseph Mayers



Charlee-Sue Frail and Michael Combs from Career Trackers. Photo by Cole Bennetts



RA director Fred Chaney, Shadow Minister Julie Bishop, RA co-chair Melinda Cilentio and RA chief executive Leah Armstrong. Photo by Joseph Mayers



Amy Williams, Nevada Brown and Anna Jovanovic at the showcase in Canberra. Photo by Joseph Mayers



RA co-chair Dr Tom Calma with Charlie King from the ABC. Photo by Cole Bennetts



# PM pledges to stop the 'rivers of grog'

By DARREN COYNE, and AAP



PRIME Minister Julia Gillard has pledged that the Federal Labor Government will act to stop the 'rivers of grog' she says are flowing once again into Aboriginal communities.

Citing the alcohol policies of the Northern Territory's Country Liberal Government and plans by the Liberal National Party Government in Queensland to wind back alcohol restrictions, Ms Gillard said closing gaps between Indigenous and other people was hard enough without taking retrograde steps.

"I have a real fear that the rivers of grog that wreaked such havoc among Indigenous communities are starting to flow once again," Ms Gillard told Parliament as part of the fifth annual Closing the Gap statement last Wednesday.

"The Government will take action in response to any irresponsible policy changes that threaten to forfeit our hard-won gains."

Ms Gillard reported progress against some key targets but had to concede that one – Indigenous literacy and numeracy rates – had gotten worse over the past year, despite millions of dollars spent on improving them.

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman reacted to the PM's 'rivers of grog' comments by insisting that alcohol-related problems were not confined to Indigenous communities, and Australia as a whole had a problem with alcohol.

"I simply say the policy of discrimination against Aboriginal people is not appropriate," he said, speaking in Ipswich.

Northern Territory Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said it was clear the Banned Drinker Register should never have been scrapped.

"The Prime Minister and (Opposition Leader) Tony Abbott are joining the police, the nurses, the doctors, the health practitioners around the Territory saying the Banned Drinker Register should be in place," she said.

But the Territory's Acting Chief Minister, Robyn Lambley, said the register was ineffective and the Government had no intention of reinstating it.

Earlier in the Closing the Gap statement, Ms Gillard described the campaign as a plan of 'unprecedented scale and ambition'.

Federal, state and territory governments had agreed on six targets to tackle Indigenous disadvantage following former prime minister Kevin Rudd's historic national apology to the Stolen Generations in 2008.

Ms Gillard told Parliament that one target had now been ticked off – 95 per cent of Indigenous four-year-olds in remote communities were enrolled in preschool.



Parliament House Canberra, where the Closing the Gap statement was delivered. Photo courtesy APH.



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She also detailed progress on Year 12 attainment, and halving the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children aged under five.

"In 2006, just 47 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged between 20 and 24 had a Year 12 or equivalent qualification," she said.

"In the 2011 Census that had risen to 54 per cent, a level of progress that puts us ahead of schedule to meet our Closing the Gap target.

"Yet compared to the 86 per cent rate in the non-Indigenous

population, it's clear that substantial further improvements will be needed if our target is to be met in 2020."

Ms Gillard said 'real progress' was being made to halve the gap in mortality rates.

## 'Achievement'

"If current trends continue, our target will be met," she said. "This is a precious human achievement. Babies will live who might have died. Infants will thrive who once would not."

But she admitted that progress was mixed on improving literacy

and numeracy, saying the results were a 'source of personal disappointment'.

"Already we know that some targets like life expectancy will be enormously challenging to meet, even with almost two decades still to run," Ms Gillard said.

In response, Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair Jody Broun urged all political parties to re-commit to a national partnership agreement on closing the gap in Indigenous health outcomes.

Mr Gooda said the campaign welcomed the gains outlined by the PM, but he and Ms Broun said more needed to be done.

They called on the Government to include a seventh and eighth target for the Closing the Gap campaign – to halve the rate of incarceration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to halve the rate at which they experienced physical or threatened violence.

He backed Ms Gillard's call for the NT Government to reinstate a Territory-wide banned drinkers' register, which was scrapped within days of the Country Liberals taking power late last year.

Mr Gooda said the goal posts were moving on life expectancy because non-Indigenous people were getting healthier.

"If all we did right now is maintain the level of resources, all we're doing is maintaining the gap, we're not improving it," he said.

"We need to increase efforts, not take the foot off the pedal."

Ms Broun said that too often successful Indigenous programs were interrupted because they did not have funding certainty.

"We need to show the faith and make programs longer term," she said.

Ms Broun said the Congress was talking with the Federal Government about including justice targets.

Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said Ms Gillard's speech failed to touch on the controversial compulsory income management system, which began under the NT Intervention and is being rolled out elsewhere around the country.

Senator Siewert said the Closing the Gap report did not count as genuine progress.

"Just getting the kids through the door to preschool is not enough, unless they're actually getting help with their hearing problems," she said.

In his reply speech, Mr Abbott said statistics on school and work attendance in Indigenous communities should be published regularly as a measure of progress.

He told Parliament he appreciated the PM's candour around 'both regress and progress'.

He said levels of Indigenous participation were a way of gauging the health of civil society.

"All our noble sentiments don't matter if adults aren't going to work and if children aren't going to school," Mr Abbott said.

"We should know who is present and who is absent every day.

"How many children are attending school every day? It should be 100 per cent, or near enough to it, and yet we know that it is not.

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# Yirrkala petitions are NAIDOC theme



THE National NAIDOC Committee is encouraging people to embrace the 2013 NAIDOC theme – We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.

The theme was selected to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala bark petitions to Federal Parliament.

In 1963, the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land presented a petition framed by traditional bark paintings to seek recognition of rights to their traditional lands on the Gove Peninsula.

National NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell said the theme was about valuing the foresight,

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"The petitions are an important part of

people and their land rights," Ms Martin said.

Mr Mitchell said: "They played a key role in advancing changes to the Constitution and the introduction of the Native Title Act."

This year's celebrations will be held

enter the annual NAIDOC poster competition and nominate fellow community members to receive NAIDOC awards. The winning poster receives a \$5000 cash prize.

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There are 10 NAIDOC award categories, including the Person of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Winners will be honoured at the NAIDOC awards ceremony and ball in Perth.

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For entry forms and more information, visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au) or talk to your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre on 1800 079 098.

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FORMER Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has called for a national summit on Indigenous

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Mr Rudd said governments should work together to arrange an Indigenous education summit 'to take the great learning experiences where we are succeeding across the nation and to where we are not succeeding as well'.

He said this would enable authorities 'to work out what are the best tailored responses to each community – urban, remote, large and small'.

On 13 February 2008, Mr Rudd apologised to all Aboriginal people and the Stolen Generations for their 'profound grief, suffering and loss'.

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including a free concert on the lawns outside Parliament House, to be headlined by Archie Roach.

The concert, hosted by the Healing Foundation, will be from 5.30pm to 10pm.

## Yarning circle

Link-Up Qld will celebrate the apology with an event at the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts at Kangaroo Point, which will begin with a

yarning circle led by Dr Norm Sheehan discussing 'What the Apology means to me? Hopes for the Future?'

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Organisers said the event would not only encourage healing, but 'reinforce positivity in the community through commemorating the

anniversary of the apology'.

The event will include traditional dance by McCarthy High School students, talks from Stolen Generations member Donna Meehan, local youth and Elders on what the apology means to them.

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## PM delivers closing the gap statement

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Mr Abbott said he shared the PM's concerns about the scrapping of the NT's Banned Drinker Register, saying it 'should be preserved'. A day later, however, he was reported as saying he would not insist the NT Government reinstate the register.

Meanwhile, there was a mixed reaction to the PM's focus on alcohol reform, with the Alice Springs Aboriginal Health Service and the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation congratulating the PM and Mr Abbott for their stands on alcohol.

Congress chief executive Donna Ah Chee said the NT could not afford to take a step back on alcohol.

"We also congratulate both the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader for their stands on alcohol, and for urging the NT's Country Liberal Government to reinstate the Banned Drinkers' Register," Ms Ah Chee said.

"This needs to be complemented by other urgent measures, such as an alcohol floor price based on the price of beer, and one day a week with no takeaway alcohol sales, linked to Centrelink payment days."

Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) chief executive Selwyn Button expressed disappointment in Ms Gillard's speech because it did not acknowledge the commitment and results of community-controlled health services.

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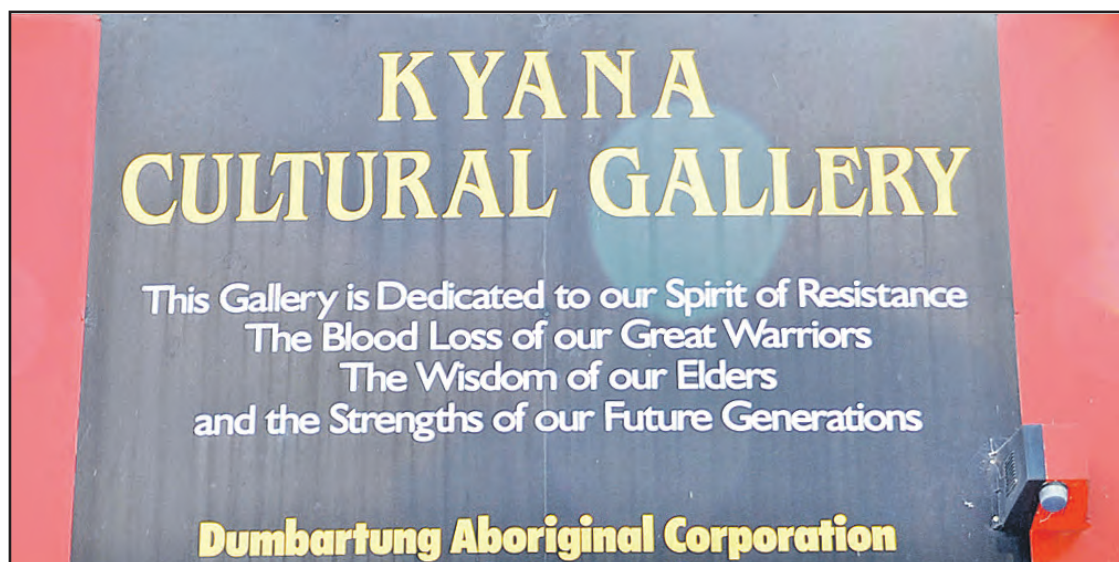
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By KIRSTIE PARKER



WHO will stand up for Nyoongah culture? That is the question being asked by Nyoongah man Robert Eggington, who for

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Mr Eggington says Dumbartung, which operates out of the old Catholic orphanage (Clontarf) in the suburb of Waterford, is potentially just months – if not weeks – from closure as its current funding peters out with little word of more.

For the past year, the grassroots organisation has survived on a one-off community grant from Lotterywest and funds from a tender under Redress WA to record the stories of adults seeking ex-gratia payments for abuse and/or neglect suffered while they were in state care.

Part of the Lotterywest grant was put towards development of a business plan to help Dumbartung use its resources in an income-generating, sustainable way.

The business planning consultants are due to report at the end of this week, but Mr Eggington is apprehensive about what may lay ahead.

"If Dumbartung isn't funded through the responsibilities of government heritage and cultural maintenance, we would have to go overseas to get access to the money needed to keep this asset going," he told the Koori Mail.

"Within that lies an absolutely shameful hypocrisy of the fact that the state and federal governments do not see the preciousness of the Kyana Gallery, an asset they should feel privileged to fund."

Dumbartung began as an advocacy and cultural body, hosting the famous Kyana Aboriginal Cultural Festivals of the early 1990s.

Over time, its scope has morphed to encompass campaigning for human rights,



Selina and Robert Eggington and Nyoongah Elder John Pell inside Dumbartung's Kyana Gallery.

protection of Aboriginal intellectual property (including a fight against the fabrication of stories in American author Marlo Morgan's controversial book *Mutant Message Down Under*), repatriation of cultural material, educational and cross-cultural programs reaching thousands of

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Mr Eggington said that some items in the gallery's non-public keeping room were thousands of years old; so ancient that the ceremonies they were used for no longer existed.

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Dumbartung and the Kyana Gallery also have the support of a cross-section of the community, from Nyoongah people to respected child health expert and 2003 Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley and activist journalist John Pilger.

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Kristofferson, and British punk band Prodigy.

But all of this will matter little unless Dumbartung gets thrown a lifeline, and quick.

Behind the scenes, some suggest that Nyoongah culture is too hot a topic for the WA Liberal Government, which is currently negotiating with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) over a rumoured \$1 billion native title settlement.

There've been vocal, highly-charged protests against the would-be deal, with much of the dissent coming from a Noongar Tent Embassy established on Heirisson Island (Matagarup) in the Swan River on the city centre outskirts.

## 'Our story, our way'

"This all comes down to one very, very important human right and that is Aboriginal people's human right to start throughout those collections to archive, maintain and interpret our story, our way, in relation to the significance of what is the oldest living culture on the most ancient land mass on the face of the Earth," Mr Eggington said.

"And what has become a worldwide interest not in going into tourist shops and buying pretty dot-dot painting or watching a dance group in an auditorium but learning about the real history and culture through bastions of culture like Kyana.

"The story tellers are Aboriginal people because for far too long our story has been told by non-Aboriginal professionals like anthropologists, social workers and more."

A comment on the future of Dumbartung and the Kyana Gallery was sought from WA's Minister for Culture and the Arts, John Day, but none was received by the time of printing.

The Labor Opposition's spokesman for Culture and the Arts, and Heritage John Hyde told the *Koori Mail* that WA Labor recognised 'the importance of Nyoongah culture and values efforts by Nyoongah Elders and stakeholders to preserve and celebrate our indigenous culture'.

He said he was disappointed the Government had not done more to research and promote the Carrolup and other Nyoongah artists, or lobby the Commonwealth effectively for a national Indigenous museum to be based in WA. However, Mr Hyde did not comment specifically on Dumbartung or the Kyana Gallery.

Mr Eggington said that numerous government ministers and politicians had visited the Kyana Gallery during the past few years, including Federal School Education Minister Peter Garrett, Federal Liberal MP Joe Hockey, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier, and Deputy Premier Dr Kim Hames.

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Selina Eggington at the memorial garden for Aboriginal women who have died from abuse and violence. Selina coordinates Dumbartung's Kootamiara (healthy) Quab (strong) Women's Healing Program.



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TJAPUKAI Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns is holding auditions for a new show and is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers who would like to share

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Ozworks creative director Mark Eady will be creating the show and will oversee the auditions around the country with assistance from Tjapukai performer Martha 'Cookie' Brim and operations supervisor Norm Barsah.

Mr Eady said performers could be dancers who have permission from their

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"The contemporary new show will incorporate the skills and knowledge of these people to reflect the diversity of Indigenous cultures," he said.

Ms Brim has been sharing the culture of the Djabugay people at Tjapukai for the past 19 years. "I was taught about bush tucker and medicine by my grandmother as a girl and that is now being shared across six generations, as

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Mr Eady is also looking for a contemporary dance choreographer, musicians, recording artists of Indigenous music scores and behind-the-scenes staff including guest services, retail, food and beverage, a costume supervisor, staff supervisors and potential managers.

Auditions will be held in Kuranda, Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide in late February and March. For details, call Sue Ryan on (07) 4042 9926 or e-mail hr@tjapukai.com.au

# Marchers will remember TJ



THERE will be a march tomorrow, February 14, to commemorate the death nine years ago of Redfern boy TJ Hickey, who died aged 17 after being chased by police.

The march will be led by TJ's mother Gail Hickey, from the place where her son became impaled on a fence, at the corner of George and Phillip streets, Waterloo, and will begin with a minute's silence at 10.30am.

The march will go to Redfern police station and then to NSW Parliament House, where Ms Hickey will present Attorney-General Greg Smith with a petition calling for the Government to reopen the investigation into TJ's death.

The family and the Indigenous Social Justice Association believe there are serious questions regarding police behaviour before and after TJ's critical injury, and that the subsequent coronial investigation did not consider vital evidence.

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Errol Roe and his grandmother Teresa Roe. Photo by Damien Kelly

# Minister urged to save site



TRADITIONAL owners of the controversial James Price Point gas hub site in Western Australia have called on Federal Environment Minister

Tony Burke to intervene and protect burial grounds.

They've also sent an urgent appeal to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Goolarabooloo spokesperson Errol Roe said Mr Burke needed to act immediately to protect the listed burial grounds and sacred sites of Walmadany, which he said are set to be destroyed by Woodside's exploratory works.

"In only two weeks, over 15,000 people have signed my grandmother Teresa Roe's petition on change.org calling on Burke to intervene," Mr Roe said.

Woodside was recently granted a permit from the WA Government allowing the company to destroy or alter the listed Aboriginal heritage sites in the area, which contain sacred and burial sites important to the Goolarabooloo.

Mr Roe said similar applications in the 1990s were rejected because the sites were deemed too culturally significant.

"Even after the (previous) state government said this area must be protected, the Barnett Government has rubber-stamped the destruction of our ancient burial grounds and midden sites," he said.

"(WA Premier Colin) Barnett is hell-bent on allowing Woodside to destroy this really important part of our living culture, no matter what cost.

"We call on Minister Burke to step

in and stop the destruction of these burial sites."

Goolarabooloo family matriarch Teresa Roe started an online petition for Mr Burke to issue an urgent stop-work order under Indigenous heritage legislation, which received quick and growing support.

In the petition, Ms Roe says 'My spirit comes from this country. My sister was stolen by welfare so my parents hid me, so I could be raised on country with my culture. I raised nine of my own children and eight of my sister's children, after she passed away. My sons are the law men for this country. They have the responsibility to protect it. They hold the songs, the stories. Our ancestors are buried in those dunes. No one would allow a whitefella cemetery to be dug up, so why here?'

## Opposition

The gas hub proposal at James Price Point has become one of the largest environmental and cultural issues in Australia, causing community protests headed by the Goolarabooloo, local and global opposition, and creating a major rift in the Broome community.

KRED Enterprises, a charitable trust set up by the Kimberley Land Council and representing three native title groups in the region, recently requested a UN visit to ensure the rights of native title holders are protected under resource development agreements.

The Goolarabooloo people also wrote to the UN, claiming their rights under 15 articles of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples were being violated by the State Government and resource companies. — with AAP

# Body on the line in CSG struggle

Story by RUDI MAXWELL  
Photos by BRENDAN SHOEBRIDGE



KEVIN BOOTA has put his body on the line to express his concern about coal seam gas (CSG) mining on Githabul country, in northern New South Wales.

Mr Boota, who has Githabul and Arakwal parentage, was arrested last week during a protest at Doubtful Creek, north of Casino, which tried unsuccessfully to keep out drilling rigs sent in by gas company Metgasco.

"If we allow CSG mining into our country, there are four river systems that run from these mountains, the Condamine, the Logan, the

Richmond and the Clarence, not to mention the underground rivers that feed aquifers," Mr Boota told the *Koori Mail*, unrepentant after receiving a notice for offensive conduct.

"The Earth is our mother and we will not have her raped.

## 'Convict status'

"We still hunt this country for traditional foods, and now we are having placed upon us a convict status, being made into a criminal element in our own country. They are trying to draw a picture that we are committing crimes, but the reality is it's a crime what they are doing to us."

As the drilling rig was escorted to the site by police, it was met by young Githabul

man Jarmbi'je waving the Aboriginal flag that had previously been damaged by a gas company bulldozer.

Dozens of police were sent to the protest, including officers from the operation support group, rescue squad and dog unit.

"We may not have won a victory stopping the machinery but spiritually and mentally we had a powerful victory here," Mr Boota said. "We even see in the police, they were doing with tears in their eyes, I really felt for these young men.

"Everyone has a right to live, every human being has that right.

"The spirit of humanity is dying because of government neglect, but with these people here the spirit of humanity is really alive and it's catching."

Kevin Boota being arrested for protesting against coal seam gas exploration on Githabul country.



Jarmbi'je protests the arrival of a Metgasco drilling rig on Githabul land.



Kevin Boota and CSG opponents at the Doubtful Creek protest last week.



# Brother on bail as family wins battle

Story by LIZ MURRAY  
Photos by MICHAELA PEARCE



FAMILY and friends of a terminally-ill Perth homeless man have succeeded in seeing the man bailed from prison on compassionate grounds. However, Richard Bropho will face court again in April.

On 29 January, Mr Bropho's brother Herbert chained himself up for six hours outside the Dumas House offices of Western Australian Government ministers.

Supported by family members and other Noongar backers, he said he was protesting to draw public attention to the treatment of his terminally-ill brother, who was surrounded by six guards and handcuffed to his bed while in hospital.

Police said they recognised Herbert Bropho's right to peaceful protest.

According to Bella Bropho, her brother Richard had been homeless since 2003, when Swan Valley Camp was closed.

While living on the streets of Perth, he got a move-on notice. When he failed to appear in court because he was in hospital with liver and kidney failure, a bench warrant was issued. He was later remanded in custody and sent to Casuarina maximum security prison, which has an infirmary.

"The doctors said they can't help Richard... his life is on borrowed time," Ms Bropho said.

"Extreme stress was put on our family through Richard being arrested... we couldn't get any headway over why his lawyer didn't find out he was in intensive care," she said. "It made things worse for him, and our family."

"The doctors said he was going to die, so the family went to Royal Perth Hospital."

The family asked the WA Department of Corrective

**'Extreme stress was put on our family through Richard being arrested ... The doctors said he was going to die' – Bella Bropho**



HERBERT BROPHO

Services not to send him back to Casuarina, which Ms Bropho said was not adequate for terminally-ill patients, 'and we didn't want him to be another death in custody'.

Richard Bropho, deemed not

to be a satisfactory transplant recipient, was transferred back to the prison infirmary, but an urgent bail hearing saw him released the next day.

Ms Bropho said the arbitrary use of move-on notices was



MARIANNE MACKAY

reminiscent of early days in Perth when there was an Aboriginal curfew. Homeless people had a right to move around the city and use its facilities, she insisted.

She said her family was being unfairly targeted by police when

in the City of Perth area.

A Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) spokesperson said Richard Bropho looked weak and in need of assistance after coming directly from the prison medical facility after a medical check-up.

He had to be moved from the infirmary with a wheelchair, the spokesperson said, but he was relieved to be bailed and was 'looking forward to having a good sleep'.

DICWC (WA) chairperson Marianne Mackay messaged the media, alleging '...upon arriving at the prison... (Richard Bropho) was... drugged up to the eyeballs with injuries all over his face'.

Ms Mackay said Mr Bropho told family that guards had tripped him over, assaulting him.

She said telling the public about Richard Bropho's story was part of a campaign to raise awareness about the mistreatment of Aboriginal prisoners, in relation to spiritual, cultural and grieving practices.

A Department of Corrective Services spokesman said staff had gone to great lengths to facilitate visits from Richard Bropho's family, 'ten family members were able to visit the prisoner on one occasion last week'.

"Due to higher than average visitor numbers and verbal threats to security, extra staff were placed on watch and the normal restraints applied," the spokesman said.

He said Richard Bropho would not have been returned to the prison infirmary 'if he had not been discharged from hospital without consultation by RPH medical staff and departmental medical staff'.

The spokesman did not comment on the allegation Richard Bropho was assaulted at Casuarina.

## Funding for separated families is welcomed



THE Law Council of Australia has welcomed the Attorney-General's announcement

that a series of one-off funding injections will be made to a range of services providing assistance for separated families, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS).

Law Council of Australia president Joseph Catanzariti said the funding was a much-needed injection.

"Due to years of under-funding, community legal centres (CLCs) and ATSILS have struggled to maintain and deliver the most basic services," he said.

**'Due to years of under-funding, community legal centres (CLCs) and ATSILS have struggled to maintain and deliver the most basic services'**

"Those most significantly affected by this lack of funding are hard-working people, or the 'working poor', and families experiencing separation, who require legal assistance that

most Australians simply cannot afford. The families, and particularly the children, who require the assistance of these services are often the most vulnerable of all families who access the family law system."

Chair of the family law section of the Law Council of Australia Rick O'Brien said a new program, the Family Law Detection of Overall Risk Screen (DOORS), would help identify risks to families, particularly those exposed to family violence and child abuse.



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# Happy campers at Preminghana

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



**SISTERS** Sharon and Roseanne Hughes took on the job of camp cooks at this year's Preminghana camp, catering for more than 60 people who made their way to the annual event which coincides with the 26 January long weekend. Many Aborigines in Tasmania refer to the date as Invasion Day and, while the Preminghana camp, organised by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land And Sea Council, is not dubbed a Survival Day event, in essence it could be considered just that.

In a sheltered area of bush, on Tasmania's north-west coast, Aborigines from around the state gather to catch up, share knowledge and, in some cases, live closer to their traditional culture than any other time of the year and turn their backs on Australia Day celebrations.

At this year's camp, women shared knowledge of kelp water carrier making and basket weaving – both traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal crafts – boys made spears, youths went kayaking, campers visited nearby Aboriginal rock art sites and collected bush tucker, all fuelled by Sharon and Roseanne's cooking, which included plenty of traditional food.

Neither women have missed more than one or two camps since they started in 1997, two years after the land was returned to the Aboriginal people of Tasmania.

"What brings me here is the place, the country, the atmosphere and to catch up with family. It's the closest I get to going back to Cape Barren Island,"



Roseanne Hughes with a wallaby tail about to go into the stew at left and, at right, Sharon Hughes takes a well-earned break around the camp fire at Preminghana in Tasmania's north-west.



Roseanne explained to the *Koori Mail*.

"It's the feeling you get when you arrive, it's just like home. At night I love lying back and listening to the waves.

"And I'd rather be with my own people and spirits than be (witnessing Australia Day celebrations)," she said.

Preminghana is a 525-hectare area of land which stretches along 5km of breathtaking and wild coastline, providing an abundance of bush tucker, craft resources and recreational opportunities. It was one of 12 parcels of land returned through the *Aboriginal Land Act 1995*.

It is also home to rock art, thought to have been created between 1500 and 6000 years ago, along with many midden and artefact sites, testament to the long and continued Aboriginal occupation of the area.

## Rock art

The rock art, or 'petroglyphs', are symbols deeply 'pecked' into sandstone, featuring, circles, dots and lines.

The meaning of the symbols, which have featured in the works of contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal artists,

are often discussed, but sadly remain somewhat of a mystery.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Author Patsy Cameron said there was reference to the meaning of the symbols in George Augustus Robinson's journals, but it appeared that the representations were hidden from him.

She said his journals implied that the symbols represented the Aboriginal people and the spirit world.

● See Pages 32-36 for more on Survival Day and Invasion Day activities around the nation.

# New report highlights justice reinvestment

By DARREN COYNE, with AAP



A NEW report says \$111,000 could be saved every year per offender by sending non-violent Aboriginal offenders

to rehab rather than prison.

The report from the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) was produced by global accounting firm, Deloitte Access Economics, and also revealed that a further \$92,000 per offender could be saved each year in the long term due to lower mortality and better health.

And if all the states and territories got on board, \$340 million could be saved each year if 1600 non-violent offenders were treated for substance addictions, instead of being locked up.

Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the report showed the great benefits, both social and financial, of adopting the justice reinvestment approach, which advocates spending money on prevention rather than detention.

"This is not a soft-on-crime approach," Mr Gooda said.

"It is about addressing the underlying issues which contribute to offending, such as drug and alcohol dependency.

"It is evident that the current system is not working and we clearly need to use a different method to deal with this issue.

"States like Texas in the US, not renowned for being progressive in their justice policy, have embraced justice reinvestment and are being rewarded with very promising results."

Mr Gooda said he looked forward to contributing to the forthcoming Senate Inquiry into justice reinvestment, and saw it as an important opportunity to embrace the concept at a national level as a way to reduce incarceration and crime rates.

At the report launch in Sydney, NIDAC chair Ted Wilkes said the findings of the report were a 'no brainer', telling reporters our Aboriginal Australians are suffering.

Indigenous men were significantly more likely to report being intoxicated when they committed an offence, he said.

"Do governments really believe that prison is the best answer to these problems?" he asked.

Mr Wilkes said incarceration was associated with poor health outcomes for prisoners, including a higher risk of death after release, and he called on Australian governments to support justice reinvestment.



TED WILKES

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon also said it was easy for people to say 'lock 'em up' but 'maybe what we've got to do is look at a humanitarian way of dealing with people with severe issues'.

The report found that \$3 billion was spent on 115 Australian prisons in 2011, yet funding for rehabilitation services had been in decline and only 30 facilities nationally provided drug and alcohol treatment to Indigenous people.

Australian Greens senator

Penny Wright, who is chairing the Senate reference committee into justice reinvestment, called for Federal leadership to address the issue.

"We must address the underlying causes of disadvantage, which mean many Aboriginal people do not have the same opportunities and support as other Australians," she said.

"Diversion programs allow people to be treated appropriately when they first enter the justice system.

"The longer they're in the system and the worse their drug and alcohol problems are, the more likely they are to be involved in serious offences."

Senator Rachel Siewert, the Australian Greens spokesperson on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, also renewed calls for investment in drug and alcohol treatment for Aboriginal offenders.

"Diverting non-violent offenders into treatment rather than prison uses health and social evidence to deliver better outcomes for the individual and their community," she said.

Meanwhile, NT Minister for Alcohol Policy David Tollner said he agreed with the findings of the report.

Mr Tollner's Government has come under fire in recent times for

abandoning the Banned Drinkers Registry, and stopping funding to diversionary programs.

However, he said that the NT Government was working on health-based approaches to rehabilitating habitual drinkers, instead of sending them to the justice system.

Mr Tollner said his Government's new legislation – which was expected to be ready in the middle of this year – would include a tribunal that would direct a person at risk to undergo mandatory rehabilitation.

"Problem drinkers will face clinical assessment before they go before the tribunal," he said.

"This Government is committed to introducing mandatory rehabilitation and the means of addressing problem drunks in our public places.

"The best way of rehabilitating drunks is to get them in to jobs and we will be focusing on employment outcomes. There is no better rehabilitation than being required to get up in the morning and go to work.

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Waiting for a response outside Hakea Remand Centre last week were relatives and other supporters of youth detainees.

# Inquiry into Banksia Hill

By LIZ MURRAY



WESTERN Australia's prison watchdog will undertake an inquiry into a riot late last month at a juvenile detention centre. The Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services (OICS) will investigate security and structural issues, emergency management and responses, staffing levels, how and why the Banksia Hill riot occurred, and the detention of juveniles at Hakea Remand Centre, an adult facility.

Corrective Services Minister Murray Cowper voiced concern about the 'physical destruction' he said was caused by juvenile offenders during the riot on 20 January and the impact on staff morale. He announced mandatory sentencing for youths convicted of assaulting youth custodial officers, in response to a rise in such assaults during 2012.

However, parents and advocates have alleged that detainees were assaulted by uniformed officers trying to quell the unrest. WA Police say they have received no related complaints.

The *Koori Mail* asked OICS if the inquiry would investigate the parents' assault allegations but received no response. A spokesperson for the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) refuted the allegations.

The grandmother of one of the young detainees complained about the delay in being able to visit her grandson after the riot, particularly in light of concerns about possible injuries, and his safety in the adult jail.

She said when she saw her grandson a fortnight after the incident, he had visible injuries. She alleged that, during the riot, detainees climbed on the roof and were injured when uniformed officers threw them to the ground.

The grandmother said violent bullying by police towards youths, was endemic to WA.

She said only three of the 73 youths transferred to Hakea were non-Indigenous, which 'smacked of racism'.

Figures on the DCS website for the week ending 4 February had 64 boys in detention at Hakea – 40 of them Aboriginal.

The grandmother said the youths were in adult detention, even though they were minors.

### Solitary

"They've got hard prison officers working in the place ... and have solitary confinement more times than anything," she said. "They've got Aboriginal people working in the place but there's none of them on at night time. This would not have happened if these boys had someone to talk to, like we all want someone to have a yarn with."

She said she was worried about the youths not seeking medical care when they needed it, because DCS WA would not force them to get assistance.

"One of the nannas is actually scared of her grandson being taken back to Banksia, said Deaths in Custody Watch Committee chair Marianne Mackay.

More concerns were raised about high numbers of remandees among the transferred youths, and Ms Mackay urged DCS WA and the courts to facilitate and expedite

bail hearings, to prevent further trauma to innocent victims.

Ms Mackay said the transferred detainees had been moved a second time to a different unit, due to damage.

WA Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott visited Banksia Hill and Hakea to see how young detainees were being cared for.

She was concerned about the transfer of youths to Hakea, which was already under pressure before their arrival, and asked Corrective Services Commissioner Ian Johnson to stop the transfers, return the Banksia Hill detainees as soon as possible and keep those remaining Banksia Hill detainees at the juvenile centre.

"In the meantime, it is vital that children and young people in Hakea continue to receive education and the support programs they require, such as mental health services," Ms Scott said.

The incident highlighted WA's high juvenile incarceration rate, which she said should be stemmed by diversionary and support programs.

Mr Johnson said moving the young people was not an ideal situation but he had inspected the juvenile unit and was satisfied they were being well cared for and were entirely separate from the rest of the prison.

"Two psychologists were in the wings when I arrived and the atmosphere was calm and quiet with assessments ongoing," Mr Johnson said.

He estimated it could be six months before Banksia Hill was fixed and said detainees would be 'phased back' when security and safety concerns were addressed.



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# A Major celebration



Mr Taylor and three of his great grandchildren.



A COMMUNITY celebration is planned for tomorrow (14 February) to mark the 102nd birthday of a Northern Territory living legend.

James Taylor – or Major as he is known – lives in the Beswick community, east of Katherine in the Top End. He actually turned 102 on 1 January this year, but Roper Gulf Shire mayor Tony Jack has planned a celebration at the Wugularr/Beswick Aged Care Centre for tomorrow.

Major Taylor was born in 1911 near Elliott in the Northern Territory, but then part of South Australia.

A retired stockman, he has lived most of his life around Beswick, where he now resides with his grand daughter and family and with the help of the staff at the aged care centre.

## Birth records

In recent years Major knew he was old, but not exactly how old, as at the time of his birth records were poorly kept or non-existent – especially for Indigenous births.

It was not until last year, thanks to the help of the staff at the aged care centre, that he finally received his birth certificate.

Tomorrow's celebration is expected to feature many highlights, including letters of congratulation from the Queen, the Governor General and the Prime Minister.

Mayor Jack said the Wugularr/Beswick community saw the celebration as important in recognising one of their Elders as well as an older Australian.

He said Major, who is blind and has reduced hearing, still has a strong and vital mind and is happy to talk about his life.



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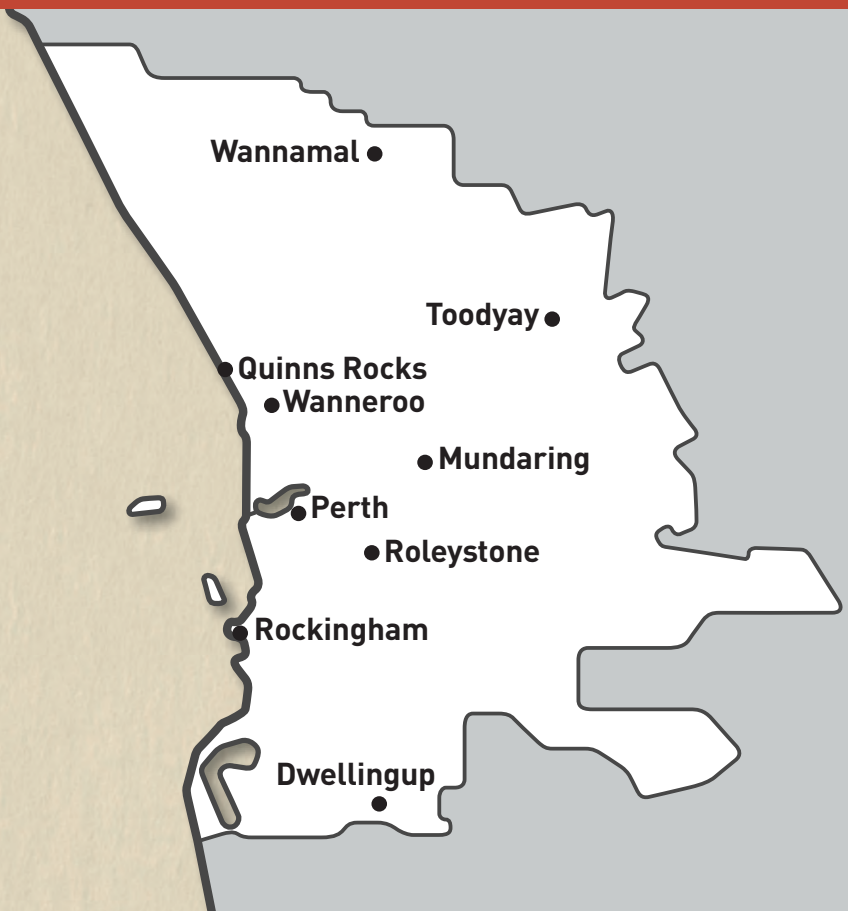
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On the left, Shenane Walsh works on her kelp water carrier, as Dyan Summers explains how they are made with Ziggy Ganambarr and Jaida Jetson.



Jo James and Jodi Dickinson, from Tagari lia, with Luke Mabb and Ben Everett, who worked on the completion of the bush tucker garden.

# Tagari lia gets down to earth

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TAGARI lia Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Bridgewater, Tasmania, celebrated Earth Day last month with a range of earthy activities enjoyed by about 80 locals, invited guests and Aboriginal community members.

Tagari lia Elder Jo James said they

wanted to share Aboriginal culture and the significance of culture with the earth.

There was a barbecue, Aboriginal workers completed a bush tucker garden, there was a range of gardening activities including scarecrow creations, craft using natural items and singalongs.

Aboriginal couple Dyan and Ronnie Summers, from Launceston, were special guests for the day.

Mrs Summers made kelp water carriers

and bowls with participants, while Mr Summers kept babies to adults entertained with his music throughout the day. "I reckon it's been great," Mrs Summers said. "It's about melding cultures, everything we do we have an Aboriginal theme."

The centre, on the outskirts of Hobart, offers services to Aboriginal and other people and has been well attended since it opened in NAIDOC week last year.



Tom and Aneeka Dickinson with one of the scarecrows made at the Earth Day event.



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# Community misses out

By GEOFF VIVIAN



NOONKANBAH'S Yungngnora community seems set to lose its CDEP funding after missing a submission deadline.

Expressions of interest to run CDEP programs were open in October and November last year. However, the community had several changes of CEO and community members say they were not made aware of the need to re-apply to run the program they have successfully managed since the 1990s.

Noonkanbah Elder Dickey Cox (aka Dickey Skinner) said his community first heard of the move when a representative of the Derby ICC visited last month and presented the change as a foregone conclusion.

"They should have come and talked to us about it," said Mr Cox, who led his community in a confrontation with the police and WA government, which supported oil exploration company AMAX as it drilled near a sacred site on Noonkanbah.

The CDEP program has enabled the community to employ its own members (currently 91 people) in services such as building maintenance, fencing, gardening and garbage collection.

The community's office staff say they play a valuable



Noonkanbah CDEP workers are worried about administrative changes. Photos by Ron Milliaro

employment mentoring role based on trust, that would be lost if an agency 200km away administered the program.

Noonkanbah CDEP co-ordinator Ron Miliado said he had found jobs for 10-12 young community members outside Noonkanbah station, mostly in mining or construction, whom he continued to mentor when

needed. He said that level of service would cease if the government withdrew the community's CDEP administration.

Mr Cox said his community, located 100km south-west of Fitzroy Crossing, was worried that the CDEP would now be run from a distance by people they did not know and trust.

Noonkanbah has not always run its own CDEP.

Mr Cox said he was chairman of a town-based agency that ran the program in the 1990s, when he discovered funds intended for Noonkanbah were being diverted elsewhere.

"They been robbing all the money for us," he said.

Since then, Noonkanbah has



DICKEY COX

run a CDEP program for itself and four nearby communities.

Mr Cox was chairman of the Yungngnora community at Noonkanbah until last year, when his son, Malcolm Skinner, replaced him.

A spokesperson from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs said the government had a selection process underway for the engagement of service providers to deliver the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP), which included the CDEP.

"No announcement for service providers for this region has been made," he said. "There may be opportunities under RJCP for this organisation, or others, to work with the new RJCP provider in providing services to the region."

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WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013  
5:30PM - 10PM



Healing Foundation  
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## PROGRAM

HOSTED BY CHRISTINE ANU AND LUKE CARROLL

5.30pm

Site Open

6.00pm

Welcome to Country – Aunty Matilda House, including performance by Maria and Daniel Williams

6.07pm

Kutcha Edwards

6.14pm

Tribute Dance – Yuin Ghudjargah and Local Youth Dance Group

6.20pm

Speeches by Chair of Healing Foundation Charles Passi, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Senator Jenny Macklin, and Stolen Generations member Florence Onus

6.30pm

Short Healing Foundation Film

6.35pm

Microwave Jenny

7.00pm

BREAK

7.12pm

Benson Saulo Director, National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy

7.16pm

Short Healing Foundation Film

7.20pm

Last Kinection

7.55pm

Short Healing Foundation Film

8.00pm

BREAK

8.17pm

CEO of Healing Foundation, Richard Weston and Youth Reference Group

8.20pm

Short Healing Foundation Film

8.25pm

Black Arm Band

10.00pm

Conclusion of Event



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*Sapphires* actors Shari Sebbens (left) and Deborah Mailman (right), with the original *Sapphires* Beverly Briggs, Laurel Robinson and Lois Peeler.

# Sapphires sparkle at AACTA awards



IT was almost a clean sweep! The film *The Sapphires*, won 11 of its 12 nominations at the recent Australian Academy Cinema Television Arts (AACTA) awards, a golden night for everyone involved.

The film took home the gong for best film, best director Wayne Blair, best lead actress Deborah Mailman, best lead actor Chris O'Dowd, best supporting actress Jessica Mauboy and best adapted screenplay Keith Thompson and Tony Briggs.

It also bagged five of the technical awards, which were

announced at a luncheon prior to the main awards night in Sydney.

Hosted by Russell Crowe and AACTA president Geoffrey Rush, the main awards night also featured internationally-acclaimed Australian actors Cate Blanchett and Nicole Kidman.

But it was the *Sapphires* who stole the show, and not just the cast from the film.

Original members of the Indigenous girl group, Beverly Briggs, Laurel Robinson and Lois Peeler, performed alongside Jessica Mauboy and other cast members, thrilling the audience.

For the director of the film,

Blair, the night was particularly satisfying as *The Sapphires* was his first feature film.

On the night, he told the ABC he was 'blown away' by the film's success.

"You don't expect this many awards. It's very special and so great for the cast and crew that they receive something from the industry. But I never expected this at all," he said.

Other Indigenous winners on the night were Leah Purcell, who took out the best lead actress award for her role in episode one of the drama *Redfern Now* and writer Steven McGregor won the best screenplay for episode six.

— DARREN COYNE



Writer Steven McGregor won the best screenplay for episode six of *Redfern Now*.



NT Infrastructure Minister Adam Giles and Tracey Mehonoshen.

## Strategy to create more jobs



THE Northern Territory Government has committed to increasing Indigenous employment in the Department of Infrastructure.

Only 2.8 per cent of 387 departmental staff identify as Indigenous. Indigenous Australians represent about 30 per cent of the NT population.

NT Infrastructure Minister Adam Giles said the department had recently recruited an Indigenous employment and training officer, Tracey Mehonoshen.

"We, as the NT Government, need to lead from the front, especially when a major amount of the Department of Infrastructure work takes place in remote Aboriginal communities," he said.

Mr Giles said the focus of Ms Mehonoshen's position would be to develop and implement recruitment strategies that promote Infrastructure Department roles to educational institutions and Indigenous organisations.

"This position will also work closely with management to help implement strategies to boost Indigenous career progression within the department, and assist recruitment processes," he said.

"The department recognises that a public sector which has a healthy representation of Indigenous Territorians is not only good for business, it is in a greater position to better serve the Territory community through culturally appropriate programs and service delivery strategies."



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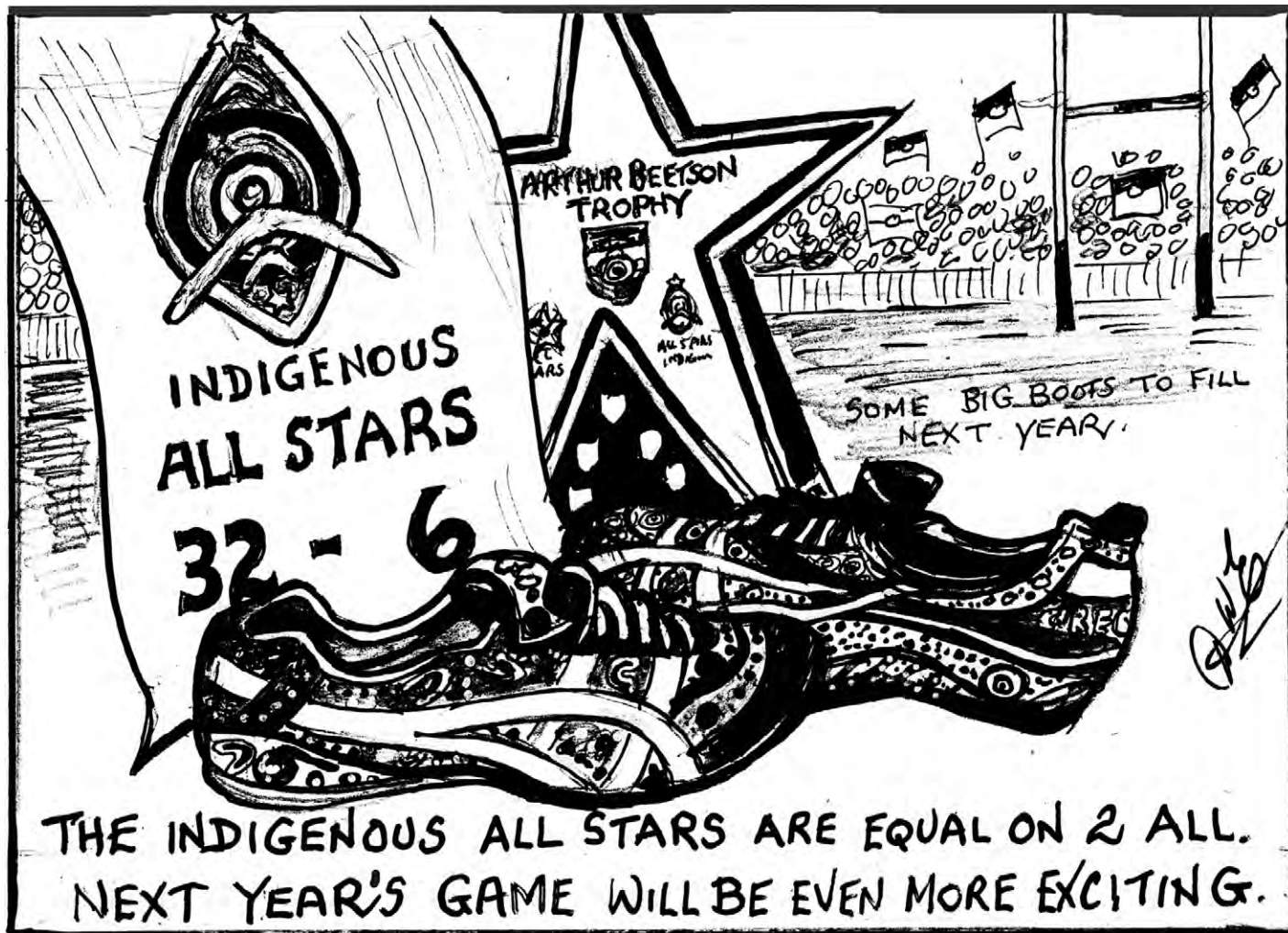
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



### CARLA McGRATH

**Sustainability Manager, NCIE Redfern, Sydney**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Turtle cooked any way.

**Favourite other food?**  
Schnitzel – veal or chicken. Anything crumbed and fried!

**Favourite drink?**  
Ginger beer.

**Favourite music?**  
I'm a bit of a pop fan, guilty pleasure!

**Favourite place or holiday destination?**  
My dad's place up Julatten, north of Cairns.

**What are you reading?**  
*Hardwired Humans* by Andrew O'Keefe.

**What are you watching?**  
Not much, who has time? But I'm a fan of *Mad Men*.

**What has been the greatest highlight of your life so far?**  
There's been so many great things; I feel so incredibly lucky that I can't pick just one.

**What do you like in life?**  
Spending time around positive people.

**What do you dislike?**  
People who spend their time talking about what should be done but don't get in there and do it.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Nelson Mandela, my late grandmother Claire McGrath and my friend Kerry Arabena.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
I would unlock their consciousness to their own innate potential to be and do whatever they want.

## Quote



**'Do governments really believe that prison is the best answer to (address drug and alcohol) problems?'**

– National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee chair Ted Wilkes

● See Page 12

## Unquote

## A big month for our communities

FEBRUARY is a big month for our communities and not just because it includes Valentine's Day and, as our very own Ms Koori Love says overleaf, that we should share the love.

It's a time when governments are held to account for one of the biggest challenges facing the nation – ending the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the national apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the Stolen Generations.

And this month will also see the big issue of constitutional reform at the fore, with the House of Representatives due to debate and likely pass the Government's Bill for an Act of Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

On all of these, there are diverse views amongst our mob.

Last week, Prime Minister Julia Gillard delivered the fifth national Closing the Gap statement. It contained decidedly mixed news, with traction on some targets, less on others and a step backward on another.

But it was the PM's comments about 'rivers of grog' that seemed to generate the most debate. Some in our communities agreed that alcohol was a scourge that could not be let up on. Others argued that 'rivers of grog' run just as thick and fast in mainstream suburbs as any Indigenous community. Just look at Melbourne's Flemington Park on Melbourne Cup Day or Sydney's Kings Cross on any Friday or Saturday night.

Today, while some will celebrate the 2008 national apology and the healing



that flowed, others will express despair that true justice still evades the dwindling number of Stolen Generations survivors. The latter will lament that little due has been paid to further recommendations of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report around compensation and reparations.

There are many people who believe passionately that constitutional recognition would help to safeguard against future loss of our cultures. And there are others who believe just as vehemently that such a move threatens Indigenous sovereignty.

We would never seek to trivialise these or other serious issues, but perhaps, on all of them, we could all take some cues from the NRL and AFL All Stars matches played during the past week.

These matches feature two sides that at first glance seem fundamentally different to each other but, upon closer examination, perhaps not so much.

All of the players want to do and be the best they can. They want to be able to leave the field having played hard but fair and with respect for each other. In truth, these sporting contests are about both winning and how the games are played. Australia as a nation could excel at both, if we all tried hard enough.

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Errol Roe and his grandmother Teresa Roe. Photo by Damien Kelly

# Minister urged to save site



TRADITIONAL owners of the controversial James Price Point gas hub site in Western Australia have called on Federal Environment Minister

Tony Burke to intervene and protect burial grounds.

They've also sent an urgent appeal to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Goolarabooloo spokesperson Errol Roe said Mr Burke needed to act immediately to protect the listed burial grounds and sacred sites of Walmadany, which he said are set to be destroyed by Woodside's exploratory works.

"In only two weeks, over 15,000 people have signed my grandmother Teresa Roe's petition on change.org calling on Burke to intervene," Mr Roe said.

Woodside was recently granted a permit from the WA Government allowing the company to destroy or alter the listed Aboriginal heritage sites in the area, which contain sacred and burial sites important to the Goolarabooloo.

Mr Roe said similar applications in the 1990s were rejected because the sites were deemed too culturally significant.

"Even after the (previous) state government said this area must be protected, the Barnett Government has rubber-stamped the destruction of our ancient burial grounds and midden sites," he said.

"(WA Premier Colin) Barnett is hell-bent on allowing Woodside to destroy this really important part of our living culture, no matter what cost.

"We call on Minister Burke to step

in and stop the destruction of these burial sites."

Goolarabooloo family matriarch Teresa Roe started an online petition for Mr Burke to issue an urgent stop-work order under Indigenous heritage legislation, which received quick and growing support.

In the petition, Ms Roe says 'My spirit comes from this country. My sister was stolen by welfare so my parents hid me, so I could be raised on country with my culture. I raised nine of my own children and eight of my sister's children, after she passed away. My sons are the law men for this country. They have the responsibility to protect it. They hold the songs, the stories. Our ancestors are buried in those dunes. No one would allow a whitefella cemetery to be dug up, so why here?'

## Opposition

The gas hub proposal at James Price Point has become one of the largest environmental and cultural issues in Australia, causing community protests headed by the Goolarabooloo, local and global opposition, and creating a major rift in the Broome community.

KRED Enterprises, a charitable trust set up by the Kimberley Land Council and representing three native title groups in the region, recently requested a UN visit to ensure the rights of native title holders are protected under resource development agreements.

The Goolarabooloo people also wrote to the UN, claiming their rights under 15 articles of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples were being violated by the State Government and resource companies. — **with AAP**

# Body on the line in CSG struggle

Story by RUDI MAXWELL  
Photos by BRENDAN SHOEBRIDGE



KEVIN BOOTA has put his body on the line to express his concern about coal seam gas (CSG) mining on Githabul country, in northern New South Wales.

Mr Boota, who has Githabul and Arakwal parentage, was arrested last week during a protest at Doubtful Creek, north of Casino, which tried unsuccessfully to keep out drilling rigs sent in by gas company Metgasco.

"If we allow CSG mining into our country, there are four river systems that run from these mountains, the Condamine, the Logan, the

Richmond and the Clarence, not to mention the underground rivers that feed aquifers," Mr Boota told the *Koori Mail*, unrepentant after receiving a notice for offensive conduct.

"The Earth is our mother and we will not have her raped.

## 'Convict status'

"We still hunt this country for traditional foods, and now we are having placed upon us a convict status, being made into a criminal element in our own country. They are trying to draw a picture that we are committing crimes, but the reality is it's a crime what they are doing to us."

As the drilling rig was escorted to the site by police, it was met by young Githabul

man Jarmbi'je waving the Aboriginal flag that had previously been damaged by a gas company bulldozer.

Dozens of police were sent to the protest, including officers from the operation support group, rescue squad and dog unit.

"We may not have won a victory stopping the machinery but spiritually and mentally we had a powerful victory here," Mr Boota said. "We even see in the police, they were doing with tears in their eyes, I really felt for these young men.

"Everyone has a right to live, every human being has that right.

"The spirit of humanity is dying because of government neglect, but with these people here the spirit of humanity is really alive and it's catching."

Kevin Boota being arrested for protesting against coal seam gas exploration on Githabul country.



Jarmbi'je protests the arrival of a Metgasco drilling rig on Githabul land.



Kevin Boota and CSG opponents at the Doubtful Creek protest last week.



# The day to show the love

WELL isn't today a most wonderful time of the year! I am back with you my loving, beautiful readers, and tomorrow is Valentine's Day, my most favourite time of the year!

Christmas is good, New Year's is even better, but Valentine's Day is the best day of the year because it's the one day you can do something really sucky over-the-top romantic and it's all good!

Now I know there are big and hairy fullas out there who may think Valentine's Day is a load of rubbish – and maybe commercialism has made it that way – but I'd say just take this one day to be a big hairy romantic and show the love. Even though it's important to

share the love in private, it's more important to let others see us showing love to our loved ones. It shows our mob that love and romance is okay! It shows our mob a good way to express love!

You got every other day of the year to be the big worker/

are new to this 'doing something on Valentine's Day' business, start off small.

Get your lover a card, write a few heartfelt words about how they make you feel, and give them a small gift. Nice, small and sweet.

If you are an old hand at

there with a romantic note. Made my head spin and my knees weak, it did!

You know, I would have loved to have seen a bit more romance between the Elders in my family. I would have loved to see my mumma putting a Valentine's Day card up on the bookshelf or even getting a bunch of flowers.

I would have loved to see my uncles being whisked away for romantic weekends or my aunties boasting about getting flowers delivered to them at work.

We can all just start showing a bit more love on Valentine's Day because there is a lot of love going around with our mob.

Let's not miss out any more.



Ms KOORI  
LOVE

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## Answers to our Edition 542 Crossword. How did you go?

<b>ACROSS</b>	16. Pope	6. Mailman
1. Jesus	17.	8. Mosquito
4. Crows	Commissioner	9. Brisbane
7. Yindi	<b>DOWN</b>	10. Council
10. Cowboys	2. Everest	11. Wallabies
12. Centrelink	3. Mildura	14. Nephew
13. Tribunal	5. Steal	15. Queen

# Our brain-teasers

## Edition 544 Koori Mail Word Search

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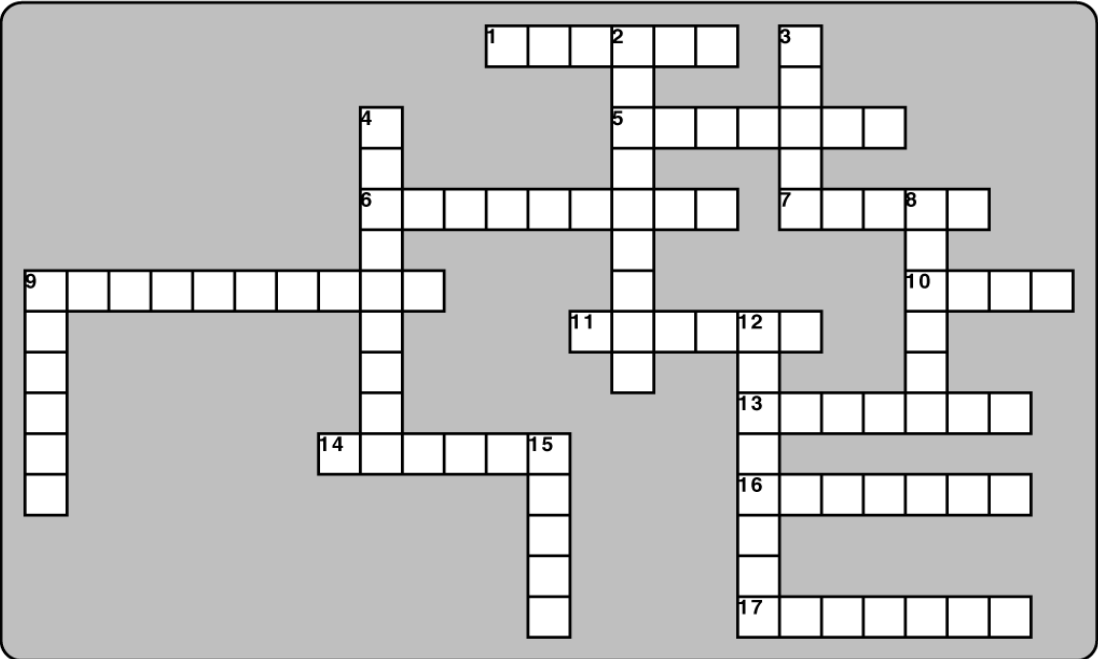
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## Edition 544 Koori Mail Crossword

SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

- ACROSS:**
- Island home (locally known as Mer) of the late Eddie Mabo.
  - Nickname of AFL's Essendon.
  - Town in western NSW ... Ridge.
  - Major mining company Rio ...
  - Major investigation ordered by government. Royal ...
  - Indigenous television station.
  - Place where people pray.
  - Human rights body ... International.
  - Slang term for really good.
  - Imparja Cup sport.
  - Federal



- DOWN:**
- Nickname of NRL's
  - Capital city of
  - This belt is a region of Western Australia.
  - Victoria.
  - Ashleigh Barty is good at this game.
  - Country where Idle No More movement
  - started.
  - Heated, charred wood.
  - Sydney Survival Day festival.





# Disgust, disbelief at fight decision

THANKS for allowing me to express my disgust and disbelief by the decision that was made by the one-eyed judges at the Daniel Geale and Anthony Mundine IBF Middleweight World Title Fight recently in Sydney.

The truth is that Anthony Mundine quite clearly landed more blows than Daniel Geale and, even when Mundine was cautioned over some illegal blows, there was no such action taken against Geale for his repeated illegal blows to the back of Mundine's head.

For anybody who saw the fight, there would be no hesitation in agreeing that the illegal blows that Mundine made upon Geale only occurred after Geale's repeated uncautioned 'rabbit punches' to the back of Mundine's head.

Again, I believe that most fair and decent people would have to agree that those uncautioned rabbit punches more than likely prompted Mundine to react in a like manner.

When I saw this uncautioned, illegal activity being committed in a shameless fashion by Geale, it brought back painful memories that this very same act was committed by former middleweight great Argentinian Carlos Monzon against Anthony's father Tony Mundine during a world middleweight title fight.



Anthony Mundine and Daniel Geale in the ring. Photo by JOSEPH MAYERS

Regardless of this very open public display of injustice inflicted on Anthony Mundine, I believe – and so do a lot of other human beings – that this young man will

always be a champion for the simple fact that he stands up for all Aboriginals, including the 'Uncle Toms'.  
Daniel Geale, shame on you

because you know that you was beaten.

**NEVILLE JOHNSON**  
(Gooreng-Gooreng)  
Gladstone, Qld

# Here's why I applaud 'The Man'

ALL the hype about Indigenous boxer Daniel Geale is over the top.

He won the IBF title fight over Anthony Mundine... no big deal Geale. Anthony Mundine stayed the distance. Geale didn't win by a TKO.

Daniel Geale says he is Aboriginal yet he didn't have the Aboriginal flag around his

shoulders after the victory.

As one of Australia's most accomplished boxers, Mundine generated many controversial issues.

While he was in the media spotlight, he also shone a light on Aboriginal issues.

That's why I appreciate and applaud 'The Man'.

His 'in-ya-face' comments, antics and controversial statements riled a lot of people. To many Aborigines, he still remains our hero. At least Mundine is not afraid to show his true colours: red, black and yellow.

**CORALIE CASSADY**  
Townsville, Qld

# Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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– EDITOR



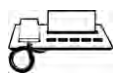
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## POETRY

### Our Survival Day

Another Australia Day has arrived  
Celebrations across our land  
Guess they don't think what we've been through  
Our ancestors tried to hold our land  
Keep us together to protect our clan  
Barbecues burning and sweet tasting wine  
The whiteman's celebrating what belongs to us  
But we're here in the background  
Being proud of who we are  
Our red, black and yellow unites us all  
Saying we have survived another century  
Of whiteman's invasion

**RAYLENE CAMPION**  
Adelaide SA  
(written 2010)

### The Lost Generation

In a world coloured by black and white  
where do the greys fit in?  
We that aren't one, nor the other,  
but another.  
Walking in two worlds,  
digging for our roots amidst the rubble of the past.  
We don't speak our language,  
dance our dances, or sing our songs,  
but we know who we are.  
We're the children, the grandchildren,  
of the Stolen.  
We're the Lost,  
trying to find our way Home.

**RAY GATES**  
Benowa, Qld



## Information wanted on care packages

I WORK for the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Canberra and we are currently involved in a project that aims to list the names of all Indigenous servicemen and women.

We have come across an article from the *Daily News* (Perth WA) dated Wednesday 10 December 1941 with the headline Australian Women ask to 'adopt' Aboriginal boys.

This was in relation to the Aboriginal Uplift Society and their scheme to send care packages to Aboriginal soldiers overseas.

The Commissioner of Native Affairs (F I Bray) mentions in the article that he has an incomplete list of 30 names who have enlisted for active service.

We are very keen to get access to any records on file relating to the list of names he mentions and/or any information regarding the Uplift Society or any possible sister organisations, and the care packages sent to Indigenous servicemen.

Any information that may assist us in this research would be very much appreciated.

**TARA HUGHES**  
Community & Aged Care Policy  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
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Email: Tara.Hughes@dva.gov.au

## Seeking info on Stubbings

I am researching my family tree and finding it very difficult to find any information on my great grandmother Eveline (Evelyn) Stubbings.

Her date of birth was 17/9/1891 at Blacktown paddock near Riverstone, New South Wales.

She died on 1/9/1991 in Sydney.

She married William Charles Hooper in 1911.

If any of your readers can be of assistance to our family we would appreciate it, and pay for any costs incurred.

**DEBBIE HAIGH**  
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# Closing employment gap on South Australia's APY Lands

**CAN someone please clarify for me what Prime Minister Julia Gillard means when she speaks of closing the gap?**

**Does it refer to bolstering the employment figures of non-Aboriginal people on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands?**

**If so, the gap has well and truly been closed. It's only blackfellas like me that don't have jobs on their own land. If, however, Closing the Gap refers to Aboriginal employment, please, give me a job and I will show you how to 'close the gap'.**

**The answer is simple – Anangu teaching,**

**mentoring, supporting Anangu. The majority of these same non-Aboriginal people, when they have reached their financial goals, will go back to where they came from, leaving the wreckage behind.**

**I, however, belong there and will continue to advocate for the rights of my people. Shame! Shame! Shame!**

**GEORGE KENMORE**  
Dept for Communities and Social  
Inclusion NAIDOC Community Support  
Award Winner 2012  
South Australia



JULIA GILLARD

# Some ideas for an intervention

HERE'S some suggestions as to how the Federal Government should have intervened (and still could) into Northern Territory discrete Aboriginal communities.

1. Consult with residents: Call a community meeting, identify their specific needs and make a list of what they require to bring their communities to optimum health and resilience. Set up a local government bureaucracy to provide those materials (not money);

2. Identify problem alcoholics and other drug addicts and put them on a register for treatment. Organisations such as Alcoholics Anonymous could set up a rehabilitation clinic either on site or accessible in the vicinity;

3. (Leading architect and healthy living environment expert) Paul Pholeros to oversee training to teach local community teams of able-bodied men and

women how to maintain and fix household infrastructures;

4. Universities and businesses to offer grassroots earth-building and 'Earthship'-type courses (Ref. my own project to build five-bedroom dwelling, fully furnished for under \$100,000 making a tutorial video of each stage. Lightweight but

systems, all very inexpensive especially with government contracts to ensure economies of scale).

5. Community raised bed food gardens, hydroponic and aquaponic 'backyard' systems, enrichment planting of specific bush tucker plants horticulturally produced in surrounding

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away their lands and their high culture – in these times they are desperately trying to piece together the fragments of low culture left in its wake and to re-establish the sophisticated and nuanced management and maintenance of their social structures.

Only they themselves can do that – governments can only assist.

**MAUREEN BRANNAN**  
Cloyna, Qld

**'Aborigines are the world's supreme masters of individual and group autonomy, adaptability and truly sustainable self-sufficiency'**

strong metal-framed bunk beds and storage shelves, compost toilets, kerosene or gas refrigerators and other cheap and efficient alternate energy such as small-scale windmills/photo-voltaic panels/solar thermal hot water

bushland.

6. Offer (native food expert) Vic Cherikoff's Bushfood Supplement business opportunities that not only greatly benefit their own health and wellbeing, but also provide an income stream.

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- Other workshops on Indigenous language, Aboriginal early childhood, working with Aboriginal young people and families, developing Aboriginal culture, child protections, intensive family support, healing, rights and policy in Aboriginal child and family services
- Displays, poster presentations, exhibitors
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entertainment from far north Qld.



# Taking issue with Langton

WE write as co-chairs of the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) in response to recent comments by Professor Marcia Langton in her Boyer Lecture series 'Indigenous People and the Resources Boom'.

ANFA brings together Aboriginal people, environment, health groups and trade union representatives to discuss the impacts of the nuclear industry on land and communities. ANFA opposes uranium mining, exploration and the dumping of radioactive waste on Aboriginal land.

Uranium mining, exploration and the dumping of radioactive waste on Aboriginal land are detrimental to the health of Aboriginal people, Aboriginal lands and our collective environments. Mining generally is an extractive industry, that by its very nature destroys land, often at the expense of spiritual and cultural connections of Aboriginal people. Income generated from mining comes at a cost and often ignores the possibility of creating alternative sustainable economic opportunities that need not rely on extraction as its primary economic base.

As Aboriginal community-based leaders, we take issue with



A supplied photo of an ANFA gathering in Western Australia last December.

Prof Langton's suggestion that embracing mining is a positive option for Aboriginal people if they are to engage with the modern economy.

In her lectures, Prof Langton

paints a rosy picture of the services and employment which some mining companies offer Aboriginal people as part of native title 'agreements'.

There is only passing reference

to the fact that native title does not allow Aboriginal people to say 'no' to mining.

Prof Langton suggests that 'translating the recognition of their native title rights into tangible

economic and social benefits' by supporting mining on country will lead to positive outcomes for Aboriginal communities. This is clearly not the case, as can be attested by the many communities divided over the comparatively meagre spoils offered through such agreements, and the intergenerational legacy of extractive industries on our lands, people and culture.

Mining is not a panacea for addressing the social, cultural and economic disadvantage of Aboriginal people. Governments must be held to account to meet their responsibility to provide the roads, schools, housing, health services and other infrastructure that people in cities and towns take for granted.

It is important that Aboriginal people have the opportunity to participate in economic development on their country, but this must never be at the expense of custodial responsibilities or community wishes.

Mining is inherently short term, but the problems it brings to country last well beyond the life of any mine.

**PETER WATTS (Arabana)**  
**MITCH (Aranda/Luritja)**  
**KADO MUIR (Wongutha)**



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# TVGUIDE

13TH FEBRUARY TO 27TH FEBRUARY



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## WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Natsiba 210 NC (Sport)  
3:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
12:30 Who Killed Malcolm Smith PG (Doc)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwerkenhe PG (Doc Series)  
8:30 No Apologies PG (Documentary)  
9:30 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Australian Biography G (Doc Series)  
10:30 Strong In The City PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)

## THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 The National Apology: 5 Years On PG (Special)  
1:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Australian Biography G (Doc Series)  
2:00 Strong In The City PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Tag 20: The Documentary NC (Series)  
8:00 In A League Of Their Own G (Doc Series)  
8:30 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
10:30 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Sport)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)

## FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 Tag 20: The Documentary NC (Sport)  
11:30 In A League Of Their Own G (Series)  
12:00 Shaq Vs G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
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)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Special Report 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Special Report 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
8:30 Message Stick G (Documentary)  
9:00 No Apologies PG (Documentary)  
10:00 I Am The River G (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)

## SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music M (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)  
6:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
7:00 Bizou 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)  
10:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
11:30 Lil Elvis G (Kids)  
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
12:30 Bran Nue Dae M (Documentary)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
2:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
3:00 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)  
3:30 Grounded G (Series)  
4:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Tag 20: The Documentary NC (Doc)  
6:30 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 The Legend Of Johnny Lingo PG (Drama)  
9:30 The Story Of The Weeping Camel PG (Drama)  
11:00 Kulka PG (Documentary)

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## SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)  
7:00 Bizou 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)  
10:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
12:30 NRL All Stars NC (Sport)  
2:30 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)  
3:30 Koori Murri Interstate Challenge NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Special Report 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
7:00 Everyday Brave G (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
9:30 NRL All Stars NC (Sport)  
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)

## MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Kids)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Special Report 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)  
11:30 Special Report 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Everyday Brave G (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles PG (Doc Series)  
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
8:30 Jesse Owens PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Mataka PG (Documentary Series)  
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
4:30 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Documentary)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 Ravens And Eagles PG (Doc Series)  
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
12:00 Jesse Owens PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Finding Our Talk G (Series)  
1:30 Lore Poles G (Documentary)  
2:00 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
2:15 Turn Back G (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Doc Series)  
8:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
9:00 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)  
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)

## WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Doc Series)  
12:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
12:30 A Frontier Conversation G (Documentary)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Kids)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwerkenhe PG (Doc Series)  
8:30 Two Laws PG (Drama)  
10:45 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Documentary)

## THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

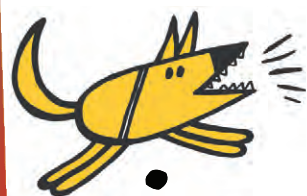
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11:00 Dreaming: The Art Of Aboriginal Australia PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Nganampa Anwerkenhe PG (Doc Series)  
12:00 Two Laws PG (Drama)  
2:15 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
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4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Doc)  
8:00 In A League Of Their Own G (Documentary)  
8:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)  
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)  
10:30 Murri Carnival 2012: The Documentary G (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Series)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Documentary)  
11:30 In A League Of Their Own G (Documentary)  
12:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)  
1:00 Mana Mamau M (Series)  
1:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
2:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
6:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
8:30 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)  
9:00 Two Laws PG (Drama)  
11:15 NITV News NC (News)  
11:45 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)

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## SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)  
7:00 Bizou 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)  
10:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
10:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
11:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
12:30 Cracks In The Mask G (Documentary)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Doc Series)  
2:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
3:00 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)  
3:30 Grounded G (Series)  
4:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Milli Milli PG (Documentary)  
7:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Doc Series)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Yulum (Documentary)  
21:40 Shifting Sands M (Drama)  
11:05 Burning Daylight PG (Documentary)  
11:35 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)

## SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte PG (Series)  
7:00 Bizou 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)  
10:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)  
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
12:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)  
6:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
9:30 The Fringe Dwellers M (Drama)  
11:00 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Documentary Series)

## MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
10:30 Kai Ora G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 Pacifica PG (Doc Series)  
11:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)  
12:00 Everyday Brave PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
8:30 The Murder Of Emmett Till M (Doc)  
9:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)  
10:00 Mataka M (Drama)  
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Doc Series)

## TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival 2012 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)  
3:00 Natsiba 2008 NC (Sport)  
4:00 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)  
5:00 Yeyekerte G (Series)  
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
7:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Kids)  
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
11:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
12:00 Whispering In Our Heart M (Documentary)  
1:00 Finding Our Talk G (Series)  
1:30 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Not A Willing Participant PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)  
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)  
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Series)  
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
8:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)  
9:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)  
9:30 Crocodile Dreaming MA (Documentary)  
10:00 Rural Health Education G (Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Pacifica PG (Doc Series)



# Melinda named citizen of the year



**MULOOBINBAH**  
Aboriginal Education  
Consultative Group  
vice-president

Melinda Brown was named 2012 Citizen of the Year in Lake Macquarie, in the Hunter region of New South Wales.

Ms Brown earned the title for her outstanding leadership skills and 15-year commitment to improving literacy, numeracy and cultural awareness among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

The work of the Lake Macquarie Aboriginal community was further recognised with Westlake NAIDOC Week 2012 taking out the award for Community Event of the Year.

For the past 15 years, Ms Brown has supported children in more than 40 schools as a member of Muloobinbah and for more than 10 years she has dedicated time to

children's reading programs, Aboriginal dancing and school NAIDOC events through West Wallsend Homework Centre.

Ms Brown is also active with The Loft youth arts space, and Sugarloaf and District Action Group, which has been working to improve amenities in West Wallsend and surrounding suburbs.

On top of these commitments, Ms Brown supports many local families, helping with transport to appointments and family health checks, assisting in times of bereavement and opening her home to people in crisis.

Westlake NAIDOC Week 2012 attracted 500 people and was held on Toronto foreshore, recognising the importance of the lake in sustaining Aboriginal people in the area throughout history.



Organisers of Westlake NAIDOC Week 2012, from left, Alison Edwards, Annie Cockburn, Sherah Scully, Anita Barker, Sarah Neal, Lake Macquarie mayor Jodie Harrison, Jason Edwards, citizen of the year Melinda Brown and Uncle Gerry Edwards.

# Ambassador has a vision for the future



**KAMILAROI** and  
Anaiwan man  
Steve Widders  
wants all  
Australians to

acknowledge the past, embrace the present and plan for the future.

Mr Widders, who was one of two blind people to walk the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea in 2011, was the Australia Day ambassador at Moree, in northern NSW, on 26 January.

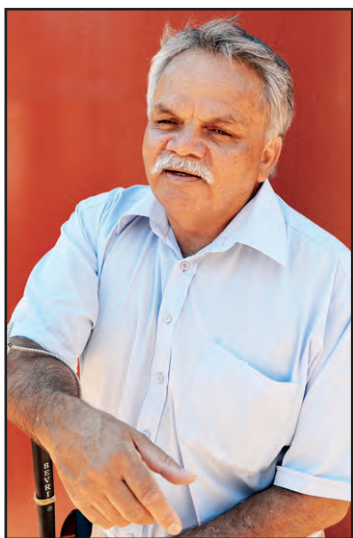
He says he accepted the role because, 'in order to effect change, we need to work with other people'.

"I acknowledge not all Aboriginal people celebrate Australia Day for various reasons; to some it's Invasion Day, some the anniversary of the Tent Embassy, and for some it's a reminder of the Day of Mourning, 26 January 1938," Mr Widders said.

"Sure, Australia Day is the anniversary of 1788, which signified the demise of Aboriginal culture as it was then. Certainly there have been some bad injustices to Aboriginal people, dispossession, loss of culture, loss of land, loss of identity. We need to acknowledge the past but be positive too.

"I'm an Australian, and what that means to me is freedom, options and choice."

Mr Widders paid homage to Aboriginal rights activists Jack Patten, William Ferguson, William Cooper and Pearl Gibbs, who organised the 1938 Day of Mourning, a public protest on the 150th anniversary of colonisation.



**Steve Widders ... "I want to acknowledge all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders who fought for justice and equality for Aboriginal people."**

He said it was important to remember the Myall Creek massacre of 1838, when a group of white stockmen, led by a squatter, slaughtered 28 unarmed Wirrayaraay people.

"Many people in Moree are descendants of survivors of that infamous massacre, including my mother," he said. "But it's also a jewel in the crown as far as reconciliation goes because we have people working together, saying 'this will never happen again'."

Mr Widders said Moree was a leader in improving race relations.

"I want to acknowledge all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal leaders who fought for justice and equality for Aboriginal people," he said.

"Moree is a town where Aboriginal employment started, there is a lot of home ownership here, people completing educational opportunities, a progressive land council, a medical service making a difference every day.

"We live in a world where change is happening every day, and I'm calling for Aboriginal people to celebrate being Australian, celebrate the freedom and the choices that we have. But we don't have a future if we live in the past.

"I want to say to Aboriginal people: Don't divide, don't isolate because that's what the government did before, separated people. Why keep on doing that, you can't change what happened in the past?"

"I want to show my pride and what it means to me living in a country where there isn't a civil war, we haven't got a dictator, and I'm part of the oldest living culture in the world.

"I'm a staunch Australian but I'm an even stauncher Aboriginal man and I have pride in both.

"Don't let people ever forget the 1938 Day of Mourning, celebrate the leadership and vision they had 75 years ago. In another 75 years, I hope we are stronger and prouder than ever."

Mr Widders is the Aboriginal community liaison officer at Armidale Dumaresq Council, in the northern tablelands of NSW and a member of the NSW Disability Council and the NAIDOC committee.

In October 2012, he rode a tandem bicycle from Brisbane to Sydney to raise awareness and funds to support men's health initiatives.

# Mossman Gorge transformation work recognised



**BAMANGA** Bubu  
Ngadimunku  
vice-chairperson Roy  
Gibson was named  
Cairns Regional  
Council's Citizen of  
the Year for 2013.

The award ceremony was held at the Cairns Regional Council headquarters on 25 January.

Mr Gibson, or Maja as he is also known, won the award for the work he has done in transforming the economic prospects for the Mossman Gorge community by harnessing the eco-tourism market as a vehicle to drive change for the local Indigenous community.

This vision led to the creation of the \$20 million Mossman Gorge Visitor Centre, which officially opened in June 2012.

Mr Gibson, a Kuku Yalanji man,

thanked the community of Mossman Gorge for allowing him to follow his vision, and said his work had only just started to improve the lives of his community.

Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku CEO Peterson Opio said the award showed the importance of Indigenous-based tourism ventures to the region.

"Mr Gibson's work for the community not only engages in providing real economic opportunities and social changes associated with the welfare reform initiatives, but it also provides a welcome economic boost for this region's tourism industry, as the flow-on effect is felt both at a federal and state level in terms of revenue generated by Indigenous tourism in far north Queensland," Mr Opio said.



Roy Gibson with Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku CEO Peterson Opio.





## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

### Call for grant applications for a second round of funding

The **Youth Opportunities Program** is a state-wide program funded by the NSW Government. The program provides \$3.1 million per annum for grants to not for profit organisations and local government to deliver projects which enable young people to lead and participate in community development activities. Projects will use a range of strategies to support young people, including mentoring.

Funding has been made available for a second round. Grant applications are now open for eligible projects under the 2012-2013 funding guidelines.

Workshops will be held around NSW to better inform potential applicants about the guidelines and the application process. Locations include Dubbo, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Redfern, Mt Druitt, Liverpool, Newcastle, Lismore, Batemans Bay and Wollongong.

Further information and access to the online application can be found at [www.youth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au). Applications open Friday 1 February 2013 and close Monday 4 March 2013.

Youth Opportunities is managed by the Office of Communities in the Department of Education and Communities.

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# Ancient trail links coast to mountain



Special guests at the recent opening of the Bundian Way Art Gallery at Delegate were exhibiting artists Don Atkinson and Lee Cruse, Eden LALC chair 'BJ' Cruse, exhibiting artist and curator Cheryl Davison, author Mark McKenna and Bundian Way Management Advisory Committee chair John Blay. *Photo courtesy Bombala Times*

By LAURELLE PACEY



MANY believe the Bundian Way walking track in southern NSW could become as

popular as Western Australia's Bibbulmun Track and the Northern Territory's Larapinta Trail.

"It's an ancient track that links Bilgalera (Fisheries Beach in Twofold Bay) with Targangal (Mt Kosciuszko), connecting whaling ceremonies in spring with the gathering of Bogong moths in summer in the high country," said Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council (ELALC) chair 'BJ' Cruse.

Much work is still to be done but Mr Cruse hopes the track will be officially opened later this year.

"Walking it is just magnificent," he said.

"It's a different sort of track in that it covers lots of different wilderness country – from coastal lands, to plains, to snowfields."

The now heritage-listed 265km Bundian Way crosses public land from Twofold Bay along the Towamba River through Delegate to the Snowy Mountains, some of it along travelling stock routes. One spur goes to Omeo and the Gippsland areas.

It was once one of a network of routes used by Aboriginal

people over thousands of years between different parts of the coast, tablelands, Snowy Mountains and beyond for practical, ceremonial, trade and other reasons.

Mr Cruse said they then shared knowledge of these routes with early settlers, which enabled pastoral development of the wider region.

Many of the old routes now have major roads along parts of them, but the landscape of this route remains largely unchanged.

**'Walking it is just magnificent. It's a different sort of track in that it covers lots of different wilderness country – from coastal lands, to plains, to snowfields'**

Yuin Elder Rev Ossie Cruse said it had been named it after the 'Bundi' people who once lived along the route.

"Some of the old people knew of it and occasionally someone would come across a site linked to it," he said.

It took considerable research over many years by ELALC researcher John Blay to rediscover the exact route after consulting early surveyors' notes and explorers' diaries, interviewing Aboriginal people, and conducting a detailed survey over the entire route.

Working in close partnership with ELALC to ensure the project's success is the

Bundian Way Management Advisory Committee with representatives from National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forests, the Catchment Management Authority, Lands Department, Eden LALC, and Bombala and Bega Valley Shire Councils. Mr Blay is chair.

The committee was recently recognised as a 'heritage hero' by NSW Heritage Minister Robyn Parker in the annual NSW Heritage Volunteer Awards.

The committee believes the Bundian Way will boost the region's economy, create Aboriginal jobs and revitalise local Aboriginal culture.

The first major infrastructure project rolled out by the committee was last month's opening of

the Bundian Way Art Gallery at Delegate in association with ELALC and the Delegate Progress Association. It is the region's only Indigenous art gallery and will also act as an information centre for the Bundian Way.

Delegate is midway between the high country and the coast and will be the hub of the Bundian Way.

Two camp sites are being established along the route and ELALC's Bilgalera and Jigamy Farm on the coast are being enhanced.

Technical information is being finalised and training of young people is underway.



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## Indigenous Sport Program Funding Submissions

### 2013-2014 Financial Year

The Australian Government is calling for funding submissions from organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the 2013-2014 financial year to deliver outcomes under Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP)\*.

Organisations that are committed to working in partnership with government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and want to make a difference in the community, should apply. Applications can be submitted from 2 February 2013.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply online. To access Electronic Submission Online (eSub) visit [www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au), where you will find links to the Program Information and Guidelines and contact information.

#### Submission deadline

Funding submissions must be lodged by **5 pm, 16 March 2013**.

\*Organisations have the opportunity to apply for multi-year funding (up to three years) under the ISARP

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Department of  
Justice

### Mobile Justice Service Centre Visits

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February 26

#### COWES

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(outside the Visitor Information Centre)

Tuesday, 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm  
February 26

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# Horsham organisations sign deal



Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative CEO Wally Coleman and Barengi Gadjin Land Council CEO Jim Golden-Brown sign the memorandum of understanding.



TWO Victorian Aboriginal organisations

have formalised a partnership aimed at improving the lives of local Aboriginal people. The Barengi Gadjin Land Council (BGLC) and the Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative in Horsham last month signed a memorandum of understanding laying foundations for joint ventures, such as the operation of the Werrimul agricultural property at Riverside, east of Horsham.

Werrimul is owned by Goolum Goolum and will now form the operational base for BGLC's land, water and heritage team.

A second MoU will be signed later this year to detail future relationships and the handover of ownership of Ebenezer village area from Goolum Goolum to native titleholders through BGLC.

Goolum Goolum chief executive Wally Coleman said the MoU was the first in the region. "This is the

first time that the two Aboriginal organisations in Horsham have worked so closely together," she said.

"This MoU clarifies Goolum Goolum's individual role in health services, BGLC's individual role in land and culture, and the role that we share in the pursuit of improved wellbeing for the Aboriginal community."

BGLC CEO Jim Golden-Brown said that the organisations shared a holistic view of wellbeing.

"For Aboriginal people, wellbeing is strongly affected by their connection – or lack of connection – to their land and culture," he said.

## Opportunities

"The work BGLC is doing at Werrimul, as well as our other properties around the Wimmera, is helping to reconnect Aboriginal people to their land, as well as offering training and employment opportunities.

"BGLC has received funding from the Indigenous Land Corporation to undertake repairs and maintenance at the Werrimul property,

which has not been operational for 10 years.

"Returning Werrimul to operational status will show our commitment to being a good neighbour by ensuring fencing is in order and weeds and pests are controlled."

BGLC says it will create a community garden at the site, which will be supported by Goolum Goolum's health promotion activities.

"At the end of the day both our organisations are working with the same community," Ms Coleman said.

"There are so many opportunities to work together to achieve better outcomes for Aboriginal people.

"Growing vegies in the community garden and getting people involved in activities is a great step in the right direction."

BGLC's goal is to establish a community garden with Goolum Goolum at Werrimul, and provide fresh produce to their business venture Café BG, which will be opening next to the BGLC office in Firebrace Street in March.

# Fears over translators

By LIZ MURRAY



TRANSLATOR shortages in regional areas are affecting vital outcomes central to closing the gap between

Indigenous and other Australians, according to language experts.

Kado Muir, a Ngalia traditional owner from Western Australia, says almost half of the Aboriginal people living in the Goldfields and desert regions use an Indigenous language as their first-spoken language, and are disadvantaged from the outset of education when it is primarily, or only, in English.

Currently, children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) families must undergo a crash course in sundry non-Indigenous cultural knowledge so they can understand the relevance of fairytales, nursery rhymes and other texts taught at school, which are completely foreign to them, he says.

"I've done little teaching sessions at school and, when I come in there, the Aboriginal kid that has been (branded as) 'the nuisance' in the classroom, all of a sudden pays attention and knows the answers and wants to learn," Mr Muir said.

"In WA, we have an Aboriginal languages policy that was developed over many years and, basically, it's been shelved. The Government needs to pull that policy out, start resourcing it and putting it into effect.

"It is the law of the land today that you can do your WA Certificate of Education in high school in your Aboriginal language... (but) I don't think it has ever happened because the Education Department is: a) not willing to and, b) not resourced to do it."

The Ngalia Foundation's Aboriginal Language Project is in the process of re-establishing a translator service, which will help to provide language services in schools, in the health sector and in justice services.

Mr Muir said staff at one city hospital were speaking loudly to a desert girl thinking she could not hear them, when she simply could not understand what they were saying.

"If it was any other ethnicity they would be bringing in an interpreter but, because she's Aboriginal, they wouldn't do that," he said.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert emphasised the importance of preserving and providing tuition in children's first language, adding that maintaining cultural links through language was important

for an individual's quality of life and produced better educational outcomes. "In particular, in northern and central Australia we need to improve the provision of education to Aboriginal children in their first language, while at the same time developing English as part of their education," she said.

"There should also be opportunities for people to learn and develop their English language skills, while still maintaining their first language."

Failures to deliver education to CALD children caused marginalisation and disengagement from education, Senator Siewert said, and serious challenges facing CALD people and their needs were heightened in highly linguistically-diverse areas, like WA's north-west.

Tiwi Island language specialist Aidan Wilson said he wanted to see the options for Indigenous communities to keep their own languages in use protected from arbitrary pressure to change.

He said it was a 'fictional construct that we have to only have English in these communities'. A parliamentary inquiry agreed that ensuring first-language education was the best way of learning anything, including English as a second language, he said.

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# Country music stars



Amy Hammond, from Moree, took a little time out from organising the Showcase to get some boomerang tips from Marc Sutherland, of Tamworth. Photo by Emily Murphy



Gomeroi Dancers perform a smoking ceremony at the Showcase opening. Photo by Peter Williams



Sheleaka O'Leary-Cloake and Nakia and Donna Creighton from the Gomeroi Dance Company get ready to perform at the Corroborree. Photo by Emily Murphy



Shellie Morris during the finale. Photo by Peter Williams

Four-time Golden Guitar winner Troy Cassar-Daley packed out the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC) and invited friends including Warren H Williams on stage. Photo by Emily Murphy



Artist Colin Wightman (centre) painted up a guitar case for Warren H Williams that was mentioned internationally on Nashville show *Music City Roots* during its broadcast from Tamworth. The Toomelah artist took time out at the Showcase with Lureen Coffey from Dodge City, Brewarrina, and Aaron Waites from Tamworth. Photo by Emily Murphy



Ready for the rush ... The ladies behind the food during the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase included, from left, Donna Creighton, Joan O'Leary, Cheryl Reid, Lisa Creighton and Paula Chatfield. Photo by Emily Murphy



● Left: Krista Hughes and Carmen Graham caught up during the Tamworth Country Music Festival, watching some great live music. Photo by Emily Murphy



Ann-Maree Lishman's traditional NSW weaving workshop was popular with many women at the festival. Photo by Peter Williams



Troy Cassar-Daley popped in to the delight of fans. He's pictured with performer Wyldwind (Colin Campbell) from Geraldton in Western Australia. Photo by Peter Williams



# shine in Tamworth

By EMILY MURPHY



AUNTY Pearl Trindall welcomed hundreds of people to Gomeroi land for the first corroboree in more than a century during the Tamworth Country Music Festival late last month.

Country music melded with contemporary and traditional music styles throughout the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase held through the week at the Tamworth Community Centre, with the likes of Auriel Andrew, Mark Atkins and Warren H Williams performing.

Weaving, dance and songwriting workshops were complemented by informal yarnning circles sharing culture and knowledge.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers blitzed the festival with much-loved performer Troy Cassar-Daley selling out his show at TRECC, long-time mates Warren H Williams and Pixie Jenkins performing three stellar shows and Luke Austen wowing crowds.

"Tamworth is my favourite festival," Warren H Williams said.

"The whole town turns into a festival site and there is so much on, and this



**Auriel Andrew was just one of the Aboriginal country legends who performed at the Reconciliation Concert. Photo by Peter Williams**

year there was a heap of mob here which is great to see."

First-time Tamworth Country Music Festival performer, award-winning artist Shellie Morris, was invited to take part in

the Aboriginal Showcase Finale tribute to the late Jimmy Little.

"It has been an amazing festival, the tribute concert was a fantastic way for so many people to share how much Mr Little inspired them and affected their lives and I got to get up on the Real Country Stage in Peel Street and perform to the crowds which was fantastic," she said.

With pubs and clubs packed with musicians there was constant entertainment on the sidewalks as well, with The Huntsmen showcasing their music in their customary busking spot and Johnny Huckle commandeering a spot near the brand-new Fan Zone area.

The 'Black Elvis' Roger Knox had audiences up dancing in Bicentennial Park on the Thursday night.

He also arranged a version of *Royal Telephone* dedicated to Mr Little which included emerging artists Scott Troutman and Loren-Jade Ryan as well as Auriel Andrew, Buddy Knox, Shellie Morris, Johnny Huckle and MC Athol Munro.

The sixth Aboriginal Cultural Showcase was organised by Tamworth Regional Council's Youth Services co-ordinator Stephen Blanch and event managed by Amy Hammond with support from Reconciliation Australia.



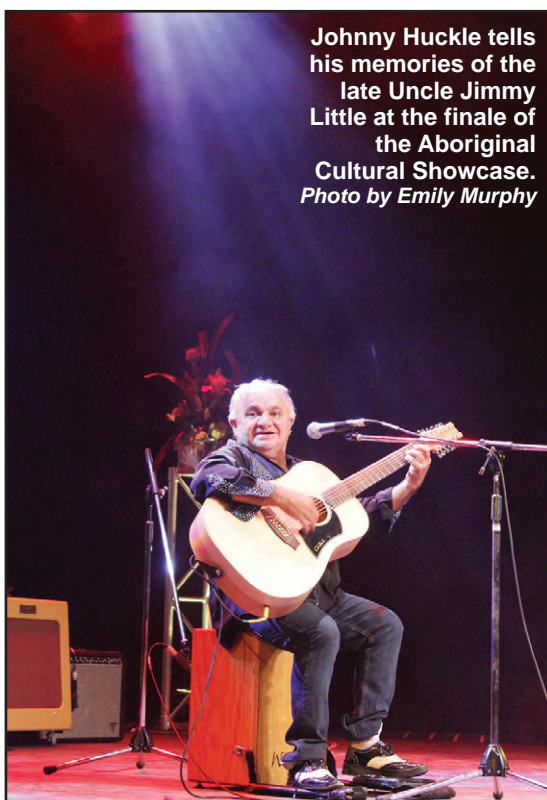
**The Aboriginal Cultural Showcase finale at the Capitol Theatre was dedicated to remembering and acknowledging the mark made by Uncle Jimmy Little and was supported by Reconciliation Australia. Representing the family were Mr Little's niece Esther Cohen, his daughter and The Jimmy Little Foundation trustee Frances Peters-Little, Glen Duncan, foundation CEO Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup and Mr Little's grand-niece Kayla Acton. Photo: Emily Murphy**



**Roger Knox MCed the Jimmy Little Reconciliation Concert. Photo by Peter Williams**



**Rhube Neale, from Alice Springs, and her niece Monica Dow, from Wollongong. Photo by Peter Williams**



**Johnny Huckle tells his memories of the late Uncle Jimmy Little at the finale of the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase. Photo by Emily Murphy**



**Maggie Walsh came all the way from Palm Island in north Queensland for the Showcase. Photo by Peter Williams**



**Reuben Andrew at the Twilight Performance in Bicentennial Park. Photo by Joanne Steade**



**Scott Troutman, originally from Mungindi, NSW, and now living in Tamworth, on stage. Photo by Emily Murphy**



## Where were you on 26th January 1988?

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Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 Victalent grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs are open until 5 March 2013 for projects scheduled to start after 1 July 2013.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DPCD regional representative before lodging a submission. To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

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## BIGAMBUL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Bigambul Applicant invites all persons who are members of the Bigambul People Native Title claim group to attend an authorisation meeting. The Bigambul People are the descendants of Queen Susan, Nellie Yumbeina, Sally mother of Mary Ann Beng, Jack Noble, Nellie of Goondiwindi and Sally Murray.

The meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

**Date of Meeting:** Friday 22 February 2013  
**Venue of Meeting:** Nurunderi TAFE Collins Road, Cherbourg Q 4605  
**Time of meeting:** Registration 12:00 noon, Meeting will start at 1 pm.

The Purpose of the Authorisation meeting is to consider the recommendations contained in the anthropologist's report of October 2012 particularly those relating to amendment of the claim group description and the extent of the traditional lands of the Bigambul People.

Colin Hardie, Solicitor for the Applicants, will be on hand to provide a full report and update on the Federal Court proceedings and the anthropological findings.

Should the meeting approve the recommendations of the anthropologist, the Applicants have determined to hold a further authorisation meeting at a date and place to be notified for the purposes of implementing the decisions of the meeting of 22 February 2013 (the advertised meeting) and to consider authorising further claims on behalf of the Bigambul People.

Please note that the Applicant is unable to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses and no sitting fees will be paid to members of the Bigambul claim group to attend this meeting. However, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Should you wish to register for the meeting please call Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects on (07) 32774801.

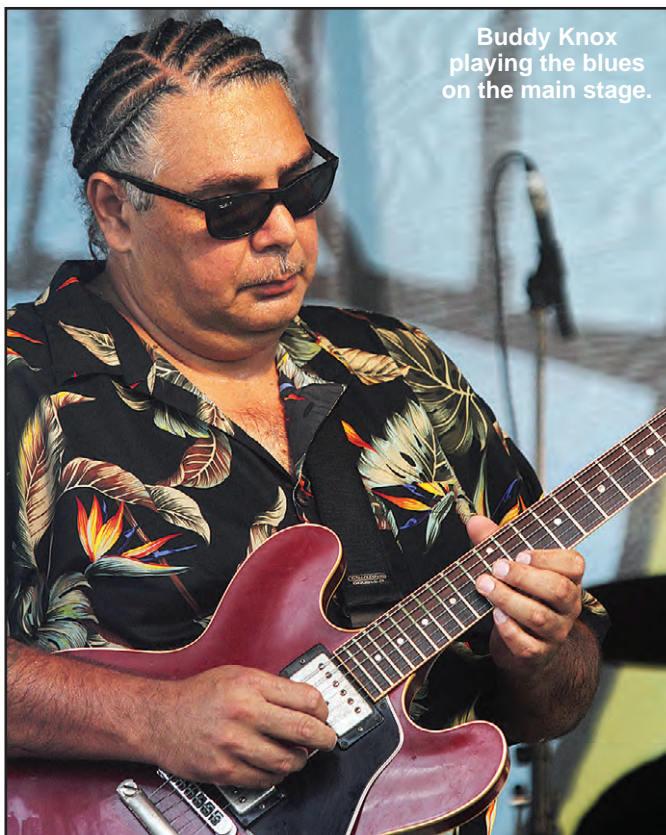
# Survival Day 2013

# Crowd packs

Karuah Local  
Aboriginal Land  
Council CEO Dave  
Feeney and NSW  
Aboriginal Land  
Council chair  
Stephen Ryan with  
festival organiser  
Alison Page.



Participants Elise McCarthy, Jay Davis, Kyra Kum Sing, Tyson Ferguson and Jeremy Donovan at the Youth Yarn in the GenerationOne Yarn Tent at the Saltwater Freshwater Festival.



Buddy Knox  
playing the blues  
on the main stage.



Jane Hosking, left, and Rachel Piercy, of the Manning Regional Gallery, with Jack Piercy.



At the constitutional recognition yarn, from left, Rob Oakeshott MP, Rene Wilson, Sueanne Russell, Nancia Guivarra, Tim Gartrell, Alison Page and Aden Ridgeway.  
Photo by Claire Toepfer, YMU



# out festival in Taree



THE premier of a dance created especially for the day was a highlight of this year's Saltwater Freshwater Festival held at Taree on Survival Day, 26 January.

Telling the story of ten land councils on the NSW coast coming together for the festival, the dance set the tone for the event – one of unity, celebration and sharing of the Aboriginal cultures of the Saltwater Freshwater (SWFW) region.

Dancers taught their 'canoe inspired' moves, with many of the 4000-strong crowd following them and weaving around the festival grounds for the finale parade.

SWFW Arts Alliance executive officer Alison Page said rain couldn't dampen the spirits of festival-goers.

"The show we put on, which featured so much homegrown talent alongside the best this country has to offer, was our strongest program yet," she declared.

"The connection and engagement with Aboriginal culture that was felt by everyone who came is what this festival is all about."

A children's tent was packed

throughout the day, with families joining in on the culturally inspired painting and craft activities. The youth area's hip hop workshops with The Last Kinection were over-flowing with teenagers, singing and dancing along to the band's songs.

Ochre-painted faces could be seen throughout the festival crowd, and people crammed into the National Maritime Museum's Nawi display to see demonstrations of traditional canoe building techniques.

The yarn tent pulled crowds throughout the day with conversations around Aboriginal employment, youth and constitutional recognition.

## Youth leadership

Jeremy Donovan, a spokesperson for the festival's principal partner GenerationOne, hosted a panel about youth leadership.

"Festivals such as Saltwater Freshwater that are really out there promoting Aboriginal culture are vital to our culture," he said.

"This festival also gives non-Indigenous people the opportunity to come and feel welcome and that they can

participate and really be involved.

"When they go home they take that great message stick with them, from the festival and back into the community."

Another popular spot was the Elders area and Lemon Myrtle Cafe with bingo, which featured 'Bingo Queen' Michelle Wilkes and prizes such as artworks by local Aboriginal artists.

The weaving area was packed, with scores of items produced and participants learning new skills. The mini-canoe making tent was also a hit, with well over 100 lantern canoes produced with messages of reconciliation that were used in the finale parade.

The musical line-up held centre stage throughout the day with acts such as Coloured Stone, The Last Kinection, Buddy Knox, Sue Ray, Whitehouse, the Jay Davis Trio, Kevin Starkey and final act The Medics taking part.

The Saltwater Freshwater Festival was assisted by GenerationOne, Greater Taree City Council and YouMeUnity, Biripi AMS, Holiday Coast Credit Union, IBA, NC TAFE, NSW Office of Communities – and Maritime Services and The Wollotuka Institute.



Chloe Wighton sporting the 'R' for Recognise at the Saltwater Freshwater Festival. Photo by Claire Toepfer, YMU



The premiere of the Saltwater Freshwater dance.



Bunna Lawrie on the festival main stage with Coloured Stone.



Rex Winston and some of his artwork on display at the festival.




The Medics on the main stage.



Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance chair Joanne Kelly.



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of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated

The General Meeting will take place on:

**Thursday, 14 March 2013**

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For further information please contact the NSW AECG Inc. Secretariat on: telephone (02) 9550 5666 or facsimile (02) 9550 3361 or email [info@aecg.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@aecg.nsw.edu.au)



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The Entrance Bridge, proposed work

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Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 1 March 2013**.

The proposal will 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
- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010.

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# Survival Day 2013



The Survival Day concert on the Frankston foreshore in Victoria.

## Frankston picnic attracts a crowd



BALUK Arts hosted a Survival Day picnic for hundreds of people on the Frankston Foreshore in the

Mornington Peninsula on 26 January.

While children made variations of the Aboriginal flag, with many cutting out yellow hearts for the centrepiece, Indigenous artist Robert Austin talked about survival.

"The Indigenous people of today are proof of the qualities that are needed to

survive," he said. "Survival, in my mind, means that you have an extremely strong base from which to begin, also a willingness to learn and accept that there are others around that make our world what it is today.

### Blessing

"To me, each and every day is a blessing.

"Many of us survive from day to day.

"We, as Australians, must recognise this day from both sides as it is now

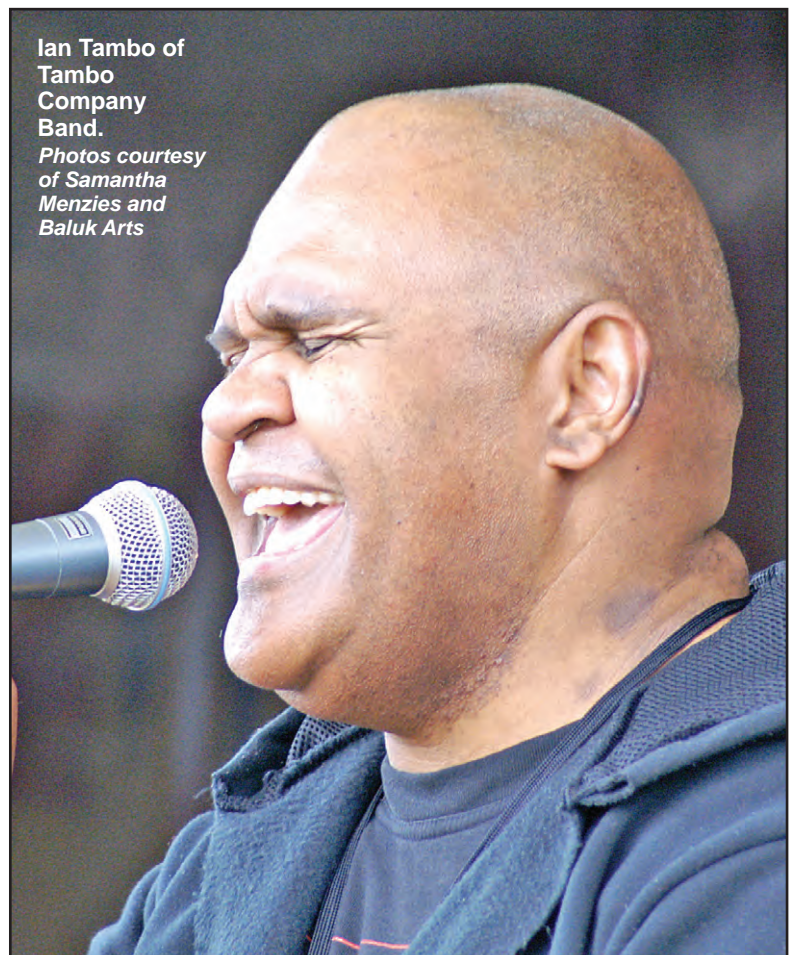
known we not only have a white history but also a black history.

"Baluk Arts, the organisation of which I am an artist and member, this organisation will survive as it has the ingredients to survive, a strong base and a strong core of members."

Talgium Edwards was MC for Indigenous performers Dickie Bedford, Allyson and Chris Walker, Peter Rotumah, David Dryden, Nola Lauch and headline act the Tambo Company Band.



MC Talgium Edwards on stage at the Frankston Survival Day picnic.



Ilan Tambo of Tambo Company Band.

Photos courtesy of Samantha Menzies and Baluk Arts



# Spirit strong in Adelaide



IF the turnout at Adelaide's recent Survival Day celebrations are an indication of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's strength and pride, its future looks bright.

An estimated 1500 people attended the activities, held in a park adjacent to host organisation Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide city.

Things began with a welcome to country and a flag-raising ceremony. There was a gold coin donation barbecue with plenty of malu (kangaroo) for hungry mouths, and weaving and other activities for the children. And the audience was entertained by performers such as Warren Milera, Nancy Bates, Eddie Peters, Kurruru Youth Performing Arts and Kuma Kaaru.

Tandanya's creative producer Gina Rings described it as 'a fantastic day' with perfect weather.



Warren Milera performing on stage at Survival in Adelaide.

Tandanya will now shift its focus to the 2013 Spirit Festival, which it will host this weekend (16-17 February) as part of the

2013 Adelaide Fringe Festival.

To be MCed by comedian Sean Choolburra, the Spirit Festival will feature headliner Jessica Mauboy,

Dr Anita Heiss (who wrote the *Not Meeting Mr Right* series of books and *Am I Black enough for You?*), Golden Guitar winner Troy

Cassar-Daley, Krista Pav, Yamba the Honeyant and Jacinta Price, Jimblah, The Medics, Warren Milera and more.



Dancers from Kurruru Youth Performing Arts.

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# Date 'an election issue'

Story by JILLIAN MUNDY  
Photos by GRAEME GARDNER



MICHAEL Mansell says changing the date of national celebration should be a federal election issue.

"There's going to be a campaign, to demand from every politician (to make known) what their stance is on celebrating invasion or changing the date," the legal director of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) told the *Koori Mail*. "It's a national issue, the national government has to be involved."

Mr Mansell said Tasmanian Aborigines would initiate a delegation of Aboriginal people from around the country to take the issue to Canberra.

He was amongst about 200 Aborigines who took to the streets of Hobart on 26 January to raise awareness of the issue.

They carried a mock coffin through the streets of the state's capital, waving placards and chanting 'change the date, that's what we say, then we can all celebrate a national day, January 26 is not okay, we won't celebrate invasion day'.

The rally converged on the lawns of Tasmania's Parliament to listen to speakers including Aboriginal activists Mr Mansell and Trudy Maluga,

human rights lawyer and newspaper columnist Greg Barnes, and Mona Foma curator and Violent Femmes founder Brian Ritchie.

"It is pleasing to see the number of people around Australia who recognise the divisive nature of January 26 as Australia Day is growing, and that there

are more and more voices calling for a new date," TAC spokesperson Sara Maynard said.

"January 26 marks the coming of the white people, which makes it a race-based celebration.

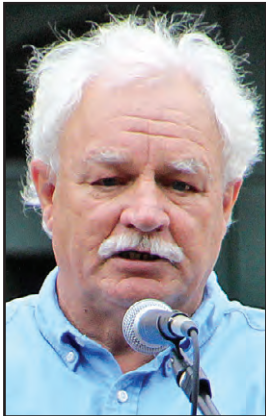
"On that date in 1788, an army of British struck the Union Jack and declared Aborigines dispossessed. How can any reasonable person celebrate that? We believe most Australians do not celebrate the particular date, most people just enjoy the holiday.

"It is the government officials who impose the date on all of us. It is time to change the date because it is so offensive to basic moral values."

Later that week, Tasmania's Aboriginal Affairs Minister Cassy O'Connor said she had written to the Prime Minister, urging the Federal Government to 'consider the appropriateness of celebrating Australia Day on January the 26th'.

"I have firmly expressed my view – one shared by many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians – that we need to celebrate our national holiday on a date that unites us as a nation, and does not entrench further division," she said in a statement.

Ms Maynard said Ms O'Connor was at the Invasion Day rally but could not be located when invited to address the crowd.



MICHAEL MANSELL



Mona Foma curator and Violent Femmes founder Brian Ritchie speaks at the rally.



A mock coffin was carried through the streets of Hobart during the 26 January march.



Phillip Beeton and Cheryl Mundy led a symbolic procession through a guard of honour.



A section of the crowd during the rally in Hobart.



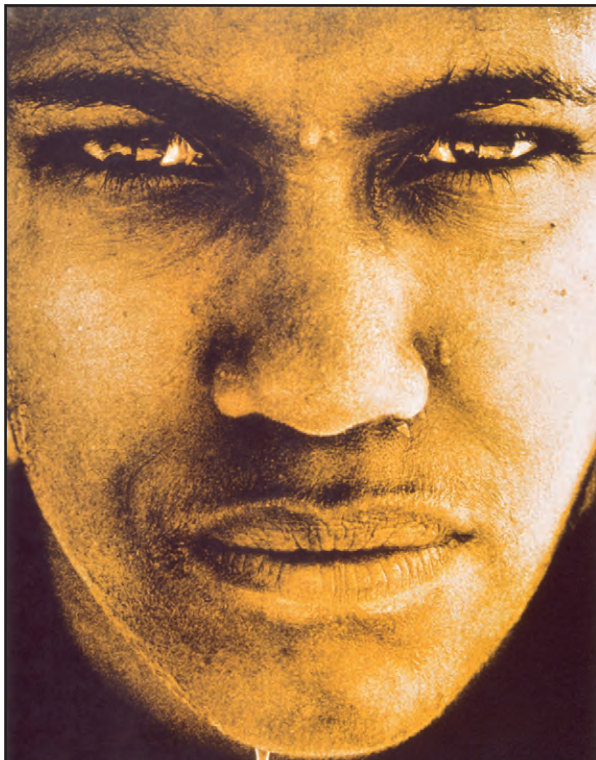
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre state secretary Trudy Maluga addressing the rally.



# They're 'First Ladies'



Marcia Langton (1982), by Juno Gemes.



Cathy Freeman (1995), by Montalbetti + Campbell.



Evonne Goolagong (1973) by Ern McQuillan.



THEY'RE Australia's 'First Ladies'. Not to be mistaken for prime ministers' wives, they're more the pioneering kind.

The National Portrait Gallery's latest exhibition illustrates the accomplishments of Australian

women in medicine, politics, academia, arts, sports, science and business. And Aboriginal women are well represented.

Curator Joanna Gilmour says her exhibit *First Ladies: Significant Australian Women 1913-2013* provides a visual display of just how far women have progressed in

society over the past 100 years.

"It starts off with portraits of two women who were very much engaged in the suffragette movement just before the First World War," she said.

"As you go around the gallery you get a chronological walkthrough of women's

achievements in the 20th century.

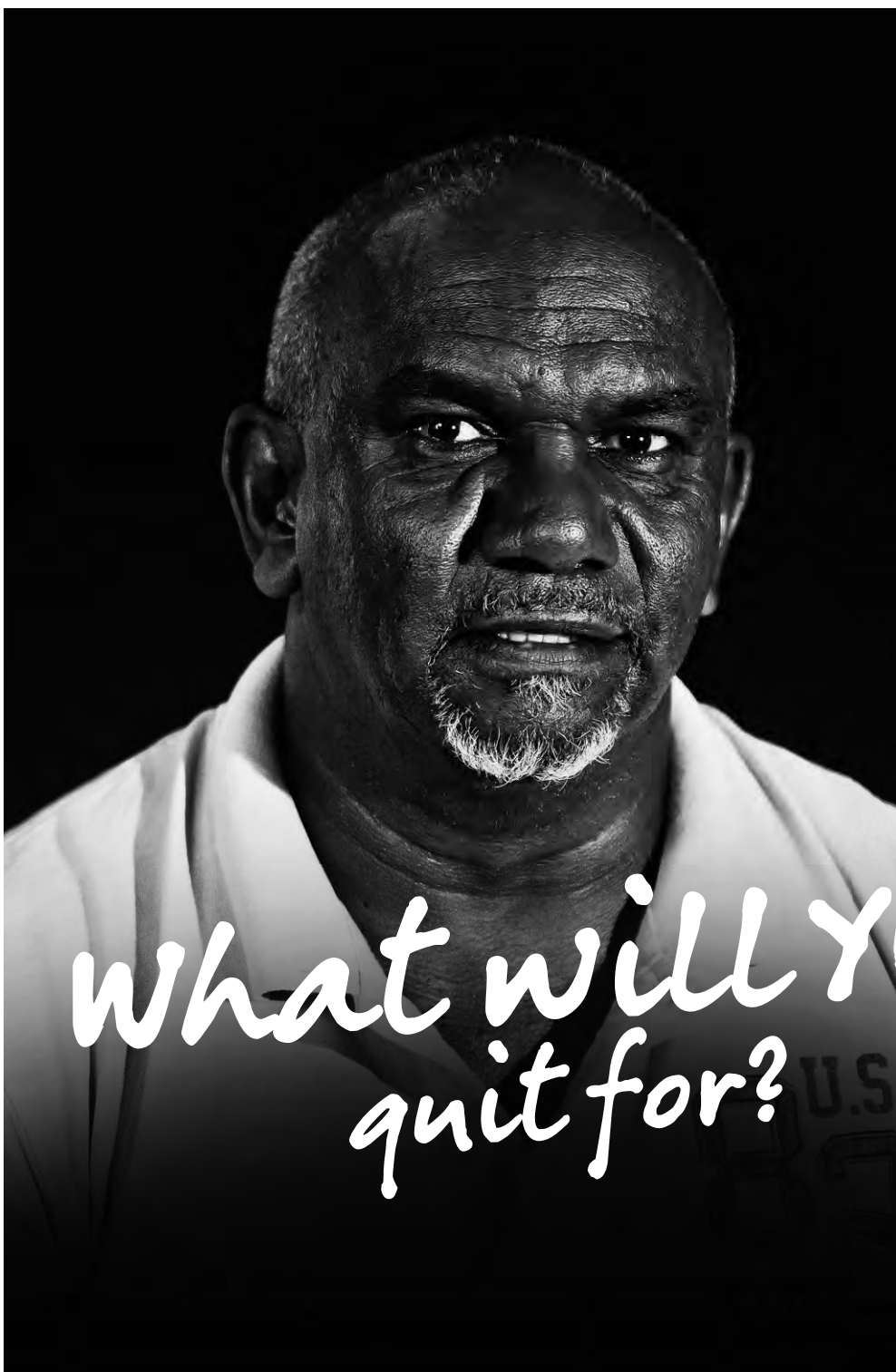
"By the time you finish you end up at the portrait of the current Prime Minister (Julia Gillard)."

Olympian Cathy Freeman, Nobel Prize winner Elizabeth Blackburn, aviator Nancy Bird Walton, land rights campaigner and academic Professor Marcia

Langton, and tennis champion Evonne Goolagong (Cawley) are just a few of the faces proudly displayed on the walls.

*First ladies: Significant Australian women 1913-2013* is on display until 16 June. — AAP

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# Blackfellas winners at



Brett Freeburn, Brett Freeburn Jr, Shannon Freeburn, Craig Madden and Uncle Chicka Madden.



Front, from left, Rod Bell from Waterloo, Shane Nolan from Redfern, Hamilton Hughes from Fiji, and Aaron McGrath from Redfern. At back, from left, Stephen Carr and Trae Saunders from Redfern and Josh Nolan from Bankstown.



Stephan Jaeggi, from Blacktown in Sydney (centre), with son Trae, 12, and mate Stewart Hall, from Ngukurr in the NT. Stephan and Trae were going for Mundine because 'we're family'. "My mother is a Mundine from Baryulgil," said Stephan. Stewart also picked Mundine to win but said 'It doesn't matter who wins (because) they're both Aboriginal'.



Kevin Simpson and Wesley Carberry, from Griffith, NSW.



Michael Colbung, Eddie Brown, Gus Hayden, Cara Taylor and Andrew Taylor all travelled from Perth for the fight.



● Above: Young Mundine mob Jayze Tuigamala, 6, Jeremiah Mundine, 9, Deonte Williams, 9, and Izayah Tuigamala, 9.



● Left: Brad Ellis and Ronald Prince, from Mungindi, on the Qld/NSW border, and David Peachey.



● Bottom left: Charlie Hardy, Wendy Dalton, Jamie Hardy and Kim Hardy, all from Brewarrina, in north-western NSW. All were going for Mundine, except Kim who backed Geale 'because he's a good sort'.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



"WIN or lose, blackfellas will be the winners." So said Perth's Gus Hayden, heading into Sydney Entertainment Centre on 30 January to watch Anthony 'The Man' Mundine fight Daniel 'The Real Deal' Geale.

And it was hard to argue with that, even if Mundine later disputed the judges' unanimous decision that Geale outmanoeuvred him in their highly-anticipated stoush.

Geale went into the fight a firm bookies' favourite but, outside the venue pre-fight, there seemed a clear case of mob backing the local lad, with many of Mundine's relatives and friends showing up and making clear their allegiances.

"If Choc doesn't win, it means the other guy is lucky!" declared Mundine's uncle, Djon Mundine.

## Vocal

Once inside, though, vocal Mundine supporters in the 8000-strong crowd seemed outnumbered by fans of his Tasmanian opponent.

After 12 rounds and the judges' verdict, which meant Geale retained his IBF Middleweight crown, Mundine tweeted 'Hate seriously blind people! I dictated last night caught him with more shots & power shots! Told yu this would happen if didnt ko him!' Geale's manager Gary Shaw

denied Mundine had been robbed. "(Geale) beat the shit out of Mundine tonight," he told a press conference. "It'd be nice for (Mundine) to say 'the best man won' and acknowledge it."

Geale revealed he used some of Mundine's past comments about his family and Aboriginal heritage to motivate him to win. "It was enjoyable tonight – I enjoyed punching him," he said.

Nevertheless, Mundine still had his fans.

Brisbane's Kane Keeble said that, while Mundine could probably think more before he spoke, 'I have met him in real life and he's a nice guy, nothing like (his public persona)'.

Eddie Brown, of Perth, said Mundine had brought fans back to the sport of boxing.

"When we were kids growing up, we were always watching boxing from overseas," he said.

"When Choc came from rugby to boxing, he said he would bring boxing back and he did. Our mob from Tasmania have been through a lot so Geale has put them on the map and we love them too. Tonight makes me proud to be a blackfella."

With both Geale and Mundine now having beaten each other once, time will tell if they'll have a third fight.

In a world where bums on stadium seats and pay TV deals can deliver highly lucrative returns for both winners and losers, anything is possible.



Derek Oram, from Woorabinda, was in Mundine's camp and helped walk him into the stadium to the boxing ring.



Brothers Randy and Kane Keeble, from Brisbane. Said Kane: "I'm going for Mundine. I like Geale too but I have always followed Choc. I have met him in real life and he's a nice guy, nothing like (his public persona)."

● Turn to pages 72-73 for our coverage of the world title fight



# Geale v Mundine fight



The Man's former manager Khoder Nasser said he was hoping for Mundine to knock Geale out in the first round.



Derek Walker Jnr and Derek Walker Snr, from Baryulgil, Peter Mundine, James Mundine, Djon Mundine and Graeme Mundine.



Tyan Smith, from Sydney, and Koolyn Gordon and Erin Carr, from Waterloo.



Street Warriors' Abie Wright caught up with Troy Davis (Fitzgibbon) from the Mundine camp.



Koori sisters from Melbourne, from left, Nakari Thorpe, Lisa Thorpe, birthday girl Candace Williams and Medika Thorpe all backed Mundine. "We love him. He's always been there for blackfellas," said Medika.



Sydney's Marissa Langley was at the merchandise counter. "I don't really know boxing but I would say Geale to win," she said.

## Short course: Foundation to water quality sampling



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- modules about the physical and chemical attributes of water
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# WA artists' works will be revealed



Minister John Day said the exhibition

ARTWORKS by more than 35 emerging West Australian Aboriginal artists will be on show in April in the *Revealed* exhibition at the Perth Cultural Centre.

would feature artists from across the state, including the remote communities of Kalumburu, Patjarr and Cue.

"The centrepiece of *Revealed* will be the one-day market at the Perth Cultural Centre on April 13," he said. "This market will give the artists the opportunity to sell their work directly to

the public and share the stories of their art and communities.

"People can expect to see lots of different styles and interpretations of the artists' relationship with their country.

"I am sure people will be interested to see the colour, skill and depth of these artworks."

Other activities as part of *Revealed* include an exhibition at the Central Institute of Technology, Northbridge, from 13 April to 4 May, and a symposium at the State Library of WA.

Professional development workshops are also planned for the artists and art centre staff.



Curator Kent Morris, artist Ralph Rogers, Christine Ward and Aunty Ann Cooper.



● Above: Back from left, Cristina Lochert and Jane Yule, and front from left, Mary Guthrie and Vanessa Harris from The Lowitja Institute in Melbourne.

● Right: Caroline Martin and Kimberly Moulton from Bunjilaka at the Melbourne Museum.

All photos by James Henry



## It's art from the inside



"I HAVE never been more proud in all of my life, seeing my baby brother's paintings up here on these walls." So said Ann Cooper at the launch of *CONFINED 5* on behalf of her brother who is currently serving a sentence in Barwon Prison.

In its fifth year, *CONFINED* is an annual exhibition that features artworks by Indigenous artists currently in or recently released from Victorian prisons.

Artists, industry professionals and many family members gathered at the St Kilda Town Hall on 30 January for the launch. Incarcerated artists also had the opportunity to listen to speeches and the buzz from an excited crowd via a live broadcast by Koorie radio station 3KnD.

"These boys and girls locked up, they need to be encouraged," Ms Cooper said.

"My brother became involved in the Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community Program this year and I have seen such a change in him. He is more proud, more willing to voice his opinion on things."

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment rate is 14 times that of the general community. Indigenous people represent 2.5 per cent of the Australian population but make up 24 per cent of the total prisoner population.

### Awareness

Speaking at the exhibition launch, City of Port Phillip Mayor Amanda Stevens said the exhibition proved that art could be used as a tool for personal growth and give hope and opportunities for economic pathways while at the same time raising awareness of the over-representation of Indigenous people in prison.

Corrections Victoria deputy commissioner Rod Wise said 'we have a long way to go and it is a responsibility of all of us to play our parts to end the over-representation'.

*CONFINED 5* curator Kent Morris, who over the past 18 months has been running the Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community pilot program through The Torch, called it 'an inspiring journey'. "With just a little support, a little genuine support, you can change people's lives. This pilot program has been an inspiring journey and one that I hope will continue for many years."

The Evaluation of the Statewide Indigenous Arts Officer in Prisons and Community Program conducted found it had the capacity to effect a 53 per cent improvement on current recidivism rates.

"Working with Kent has been important because we understand one another's culture," said artist Dennis Thorpe.

### 'Connection'

"We are able to talk about different cultural styles. When you are on the inside, just having that connection with someone outside is so important. Sharing ideas creates stronger ideas and working with creative people spawns new ideas."

"When you are out of jail, it's so important to have ongoing involvement and I have been working with Kent to forward my career."

"It's great to have someone to brainstorm ideas with, to get good contacts off, as well as advice about the industry and what's going on at different times of the year."

Mr Morris said his dream was not to see the exhibition expand, 'but rather for the walls to become bare because all the artists are gaining recognition and participating in the wider Aboriginal arts world'.

Ms Cooper said: "I am not only proud, but humbled by these paintings. My brother is always begging for me to bring in paints but I can't get them to him ... There are not enough programs like this, working to rehabilitate our people. We need to educate our children in our own ways."



# Portraits on show

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



PORTRAIT artist Cheryl Creed says she was honoured to welcome members of the Missi family to the opening of *Indigenous Portraiture through Kaleidoscopic Lens* at UMI Arts in Cairns late last month.

The Missi family's recently deceased son Billy John Macfarlane was featured in the exhibition as a subject. "They came to the exhibition and I was really happy with their presence, they were very gracious," Ms Creed said.

"The portrait was displayed and I gave it to them then and said 'it doesn't belong to me, it's yours'."

Ms Creed said her first portrait exhibition was named after the toy.

"I put the kaleidoscope in there because you know the childhood toy, when you look through them they have all these pretty colours," she said.

"Well that's how I view our people, as being colourful."

"I wanted to show the beauty of us in there, the personalities, the background, our features – looking closer at ourselves."

## 'Beauty'

"So I wanted to look closer into us and I wanted to show mainstream and the wider community the beauty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

Ms Creed said she had never met some of her subjects until the night of the opening, having worked just from photographs.

"First of all I was going to approach people in the streets, but I thought it could be intruding and I didn't have a camera at that time," she said.

"So I thought 'I have all these friends on Facebook' and I just put out a request that I had a project – I didn't tell anybody what it was about."

"I inboxed whoever responded and explained the project and it



Members of the Missi Family, front from left, Edna Tom, Peggy Tom and Nagi Misi. Behind are Amos Tom, Peggy Misi and Trent Mooka along with portrait subjects, from left, Jenny Fraser, Wayne McGinness, Graham Brady, artist Cheryl Creed, Arone Meeks, Patrick Cobbo, Joanne Houghton and, in front, Ms Creed's niece Maryanne Creed.

went from there.

"I wanted to challenge my skills by choosing people I hadn't met, who I didn't know but who were not exactly strangers."

"By doing unfamiliar faces, that was challenging my techniques and making me work a little bit harder, putting all my art knowledge into it."

"And I wanted to just use a different approach than what I thought was out there."

"I guess I wanted to try and reach the people and I just saw different colours, not at all like an aura."

Ms Creed said her long-time goal was to enter the Archibald Prize.

"Aboriginal people have entered and not won it, but in the past a lot of our people have won, as in subject matter," she said.

"So our images have been up there and have won, but so far an Indigenous person hasn't claimed that prize yet."

## Shepparton hosts men's exhibition



AS part of the SheppARTon Festival in northern Victoria, Kaiela Gallery, a not-for-profit Aboriginal community gallery, will present a free exhibition on 7 March from 6-8pm.

Wooghi Dungala Kaiela Woka (Aboriginal Men from Dungala Kaiela Country) is an exhibition of paintings from the men's painting group that meets weekly at the gallery to paint.

This is the first time the group members have shown their work together and for many of the artists the exhibition will be their first.

The SheppARTon Festival runs from 1-11 March and will also feature Blak Cabaret, a hit performance at last year's

Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival.

Featuring Jack Charles (MC), Illana Atkinson, Selwyn Burns, Kutcha Edwards, Jida Gulpilil, Shiralee Hood, Kevin Kropinyeri, Herb Patten, Jimi Peters, Lowana Wickham and Bart Willoughby, Blak Cabaret is a mixture of comedy, music, poetry and dance.

It is at the Rumbalara Football and Netball Clubrooms, Mercury Drive, Shepparton on 9 March from 7.30-11.30pm.

DJ Crystal Mckinnon will spin her favourite tunes after the show.

Tickets are \$15/\$10 at the door. Wooghi Dungala Kaiela Woka is at Kaiela Gallery, 170 Corio St, Shepparton.

For more information about other events at the SheppARTon Festival visit [www.sheppartonfestival.org.au](http://www.sheppartonfestival.org.au)

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wanting a full-time, part-time or casual position within the Cultural Park are invited to apply for an audition/interview.

Tjapukai Aboriginal Culture Park is looking for the next generation of Indigenous Australians to showcase their culture on the world stage. Situated in Cairns, the gateway to Tropical North Queensland's Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics rainforest, Tjapukai is a multi-award winning Australian tourism icon.

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- Traditional\* and contemporary dancers representing the diversity of Indigenous cultures across Australia.
- \* All traditional dancers must have permission from their tribal elders to perform their traditional dances at Tjapukai.
- Contemporary dance choreographer
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- Story tellers and singers (Aboriginal languages and English)
- Individuals with extensive knowledge of Indigenous cultures
- Artists and individuals with the skills to gather and mix ochres
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- Behind the scenes staff including guest services, retail, food and beverage, costume supervisor, staff supervisors and potential managers

**AUDITION DATES AND PLACES:**

KURANDA	Monday 25th February
CAIRNS	Monday 4th March
BRISBANE	Tuesday 5th March
SYDNEY	Wednesday 6th March
MELBOURNE	Thursday 7th March
ADELAIDE	Friday 8th March

**To register for an audition or interview, complete the on-line audition form at [www.tjapukai.com.au](http://www.tjapukai.com.au) or call Sue Ryan on 07 40429926 or e-mail [hr@tjapukai.com.au](mailto:hr@tjapukai.com.au)**

It is an inherent requirement of the above positions that applicants are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and identify with their culture.

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# Artists all set for this year's WOMAD

Pictured are Arpaka Dance Company performers.



INDIGENOUS artists from across Australia will be performing at this year's WOMADelaide festival from 8-11 March.

Among the line-up are Sing Sing, a collaborative performance by artists from Tonga, other Pacific islands, Fiji and Australia; the band East Journey from the Yirrkala community in North East Arnhem Land; and the Arpaka Dance Company from the Torres Strait.

As well, festival-goers will have the opportunity to see Ringbalin – River Stories, a multi-platform documentary that reinterprets Australia's greatest river system, the Murray-Darling, through an ancient Aboriginal ceremony.

The performance by the Sing Sing artists will be on the main stage on the Monday night.

The Wantok Musik Foundation has staged Sing Sing concerts since the mid-1990s, bringing together Oceania singers, musicians, drummers and dancers, embracing traditional, contemporary, choral and string band music.

Musical director David Bridie established Wantok with like-minded artists to support Pacific region talent, including Albert David from Australia's Bangarra Dance Company, Tonga's Bull Sisters, a trans-Pacific Island drum

extravaganza featuring Aireleke Ingram, Papua New Guinea musical patriarch George Telek and PNG up-and-comer Richard Mogu.

East Journey, which is made up of Yolngu clan musicians heavily influenced by their family and culture, will also be making an appearance on the Saturday and the Monday, just before Sing Sing.

The Arpaka Dance Company will perform on the Saturday on the Speakers Corner stage, and on Sunday on the Moreton Bay stage. They will hold a workshop on the Monday on the Zoo stage.

For those wanting to check out Ringbalin – River Stories, the Internode Lounge's computers will host the online documentary so festival-goers can drop by and take the 2500km journey along the Murray-Darling river from the comfort of the tent.

# The good, bad and in-between tackled

**Writers wanted by lab**



THE Black Writers Lab is looking for new

and established Indigenous authors who want to develop their writing for the stage. The program, run by Melbourne theatre company Ilbjerri, aims to create new literary works that can be performed for stage or screen that describe with empathy and honesty the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The lab says it offers participants the opportunity to build their writing skills, expand their professional networks and further career opportunities through professional openings, collaboration and mentoring.

It will be run over six weekly workshops beginning on 4 March, at Arts House, Meat Market, Melbourne.

For more info or expressions of interest, contact [lisa@ilbjerri.com.au](mailto:lisa@ilbjerri.com.au) or (03) 9329 9097.

By RUDI MAXWELL



ARTISTS  
Yatama  
Nigimali  
(Danny  
Eastwood)

and Thaya Giwiirr (Jake Soewardie) have focused on the good, the bad and the in-between for their new exhibition at Blacktown Arts Centre.

"The bad things include invasion, genocide, small pox, all these types of things, the poisoning of water wells, the destruction of Aboriginal people and their culture," Eastwood said.

"Then you have Aboriginal people looking opulent, rich, world travellers, dancers at corroboree, culture that has continued on.

"And some of the good things we remember from when we were young."

Eastwood retired from the fire brigade after having a stroke at age 52 and has made his living as an artist for more than two decades since, doing commercial work, including cartoons for the *Koori Mail* and jobs for companies like Coca-Cola.

For the upcoming



*Two Men in a Boat* by Thaya Giwiirr (Jake Soewardie), acrylic on canvas, 2012, and at right, *Stolen* by Yatama Nigimali (Danny Eastwood), pen and ink on paper, 2011, are among works which will feature in the exhibition.

exhibition, he wanted to work on art purely for the enjoyment, without having to take into consideration any commercial aspects.

"There is a lot of abstract artwork in this one, I'm enjoying it, having fun with art for the first time in a long time," he said.

Eastwood's works will cover a broad range of subject matter, including the *Stolen Generations*, in the work *Stolen*, (pictured).

"My mother was Stolen Generation, but I didn't find out until I was 30, when my sister and I did ancestry checks," Eastwood said.

## 'Secret'

"My mother kept it secret. She was raped twice while she was a stolen child, and had blocked it in her mind. She was very upset when me and my sister found out she had been in a girls' institution.

"I did (*Stolen*) in Indian ink, in black and white to represent the abyss that all the other mothers and children felt, that pain at that time."

Eastwood said the emotion of difficult subjects was difficult to sustain, so he also worked on happier themes.

"I am a very positive person and I wanted to get back to being an artist, so I changed my name (for the

exhibition), because I wanted to be happy and paint for myself," he said.

Thaya will present works of the native landscape and highlight the injustice of working Aboriginal people who were paid with rations rather than money, then at the conclusion of their work were asked to leave the land.

*The Good, the Bad and the In-Between* will run at Blacktown Arts Centre from 22 February to 6 April.







NTGPE director of medical and cultural education Dr Tamsin Cockayne shares her experiences of remote community life.



NTGPE RAP co-ordinator Belle Allison with launch MC Jason De Santis.

A RAP launch attendee's comment of what reconciliation means to them.



## NT health body now has reconciliation action plan



NORTHERN Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) launched its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE) last month.

NTGPE trains doctors in

Indigenous health and primary health care and ensures cultural education is embedded in all its training programs.

About 60 people attended the launch, which opened with Rocky Lee playing the didgeridoo, followed by NTGPE senior cultural educator Richard Fejo, a Larrakia traditional owner, welcoming people to country.

CEO Dr Brett Dale said the team at NTGPE was proud to develop and practise the objectives of their RAP.

"I plan for every objective outlined in the RAP to be evident as an outcome achieved by the entire organisation," he said.

"The RAP will become embedded in our everyday practices."

# Network launched



A NATIONAL research network has been launched to help improve the quality of life and survival rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with cancer.

The National Indigenous Cancer Network (NICaN) aims to encourage and support collaboration in Indigenous cancer research and the delivery of services to Indigenous people with cancer, including carers and families.

It was launched on World Cancer Day, 4 February, at the offices of Cancer Council Australia in Sydney.

Menzies School of Health Research cancer researcher Associate Professor Gail Garvey said the network represented a 'huge step forward towards closing the gap on Indigenous cancer mortality rates'.

"NICaN is about making sure that what's known about cancer in Indigenous Australians is available for use by people with cancer, their families,

practitioners, policy makers and researchers," she said.

Indigenous breast cancer survivor Adelaide Saylor was at the launch to raise awareness about NICaN and the 2013 World Cancer Day theme: 'Dispelling damaging myths and misconceptions about cancer'.

Mrs Saylor, who was born in Babinda, North Queensland, and lives in Brisbane, said this year's theme was particularly relevant given the lack of open discussion and general awareness about cancer in many Indigenous communities.

### Checked

"I had breast cancer two years ago and the only reason I got checked was because my husband forced me to go to an appointment," she said.

"I was lucky because the tumor was only the size of a grain of rice and I recovered after chemotherapy.

"I didn't know much about cancer because it was never spoken about with our mob even though four of my aunts were diagnosed with cancer – two

with bowel cancer, one with cervical cancer and one with breast cancer.

"Two of my aunts later died. That forced my other aunts to act and now they're living healthy, normal lives.

"NICaN is a wonderful initiative because it will raise awareness amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and that is desperately needed."

NICaN is a partnership between Menzies School of Health Research, the Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet, the Lowitja Institute, Cancer Council Australia and Indigenous audiences, consumers, researchers and health professionals from a broad range of disciplines, service providers, private sector and government organisations.

Cancer Council Australia chief executive Ian Olver said NICaN would bring together key researchers, practitioners, and consumer advocacy groups from across Australia.

NICaN resources can be found at [www.cancerinfo.net.org.au](http://www.cancerinfo.net.org.au)



Assoc Prof Gail Garvey with Indigenous breast cancer survivor Adelaide Saylor at the NICaN launch.



Dancers from One Mob Different Country at the NT Medical Program building in Darwin.



## Survival is celebrated



IN order to close the health gaps between Indigenous and other Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to first survive. So it was a good fit when the Indigenous support team at Flinders University's Northern Territory Medical Program (NTMP) held a community day on 25 January to honour Survival Day and highlight the importance of efforts to close the gap.

The support team works to cultivate an environment of social inclusion that enables staff and students to get to

know families and communities through participation in culturally significant events and occasions.

Local organisations who took part in the special day included Danila Dilba Health Service, Medicare Local, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the NT Interpreter Service.

The event presented an opportunity to distribute merchandise, to network and for the community to meet the Indigenous staff and students.

The dancers from One Mob Different Country entertained the crowd with traditional dances and staff from Larrakia Nation demonstrated the

preparation of pandanus leaves for weaving.

Northern Land Council anthropologist Carol Christophersen presented a talk on the repatriation of Indigenous remains to the NT from the London Natural History Museum from 2011-2013.

The hosts deemed the day a great success, particularly in their quest to recruit Indigenous people interested in being part of the university's school community and those interested in studying medicine and becoming a doctor.

Applications for the Indigenous entry stream under Flinders University's NTMP close on 1 March.

# Fuel law to take effect



ABORIGINAL people from communities in the NT are hoping a handful of petrol stations boycotting the non-sniffable Opal fuel program will comply by the end of the year. An Australian Greens private member's bill, which has passed Federal Parliament, will make mandatory what has been a voluntary Opal fuel roll-out in remote parts of the NT, Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

Opal fuel does not give off aromatic fumes that give sniffers a high. There are 123 petrol stations selling Opal fuel in remote parts of Australia but six in the roll-out zones that don't.

Lisa Sharman from Titjikala, 120km south of Alice Springs, told AAP the change would force the Maryvale station near her township to sell Opal.

"During the school holidays there was no sniffing because we gave the kids other activities to do," she said.

She said the handful of youngsters sniffing were aged 18 to 21.

"They get kicked out of one community and go to another one and they teach other kids how to sniff," Ms Sharman said.

Heather Goldsworthy from

Maryvale petrol station said they would reverse its stance now that the law had passed.

"We'll have to get it then, won't we ... we don't want to cop a fine," Ms Goldsworthy said.

Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the legislation would stop people suffering permanent brain damage.

"It's a disgrace we have retailers out there who make their living out of Aboriginal people, who are happy to milk the community of their money but not contribute to something that can improve their health," he said.

Tristan Ray from CAYLUS, a Central Australian petrol sniffing prevention program, said that at Lake Nash in the NT there were about 10 petrol sniffers because over the Queensland border at Urandangi petrol stations were not selling Opal.

"We've been asking them for over five years to change their mind but they haven't," he said.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert spearheaded the push to make the roll-out of Opal fuel mandatory.

There's a six month period for state and territory governments to introduce their own laws but, if they don't, the federal legislation will kick in. — AAP



## Aboriginal Scholarships for Nursing & Midwifery Studies

Scholarships are available each year for Aboriginal people in NSW to assist with educational expenses directly associated with nursing or midwifery studies.

### The following scholarships are offered:

#### Aboriginal Undergraduate Scholarships

Opens 01 September 2013  
Closes 30 November 2013

#### Aboriginal Postgraduate Scholarships

Opens 01 December 2012  
Closes 01 March 2013

#### Aboriginal Post Enrolment Scholarships

Open all year

#### Undergraduate Clinical Placement Grants

**Period 1** Opens 01 March 2013  
Closes 31 May 2013

**Period 2** Opens 01 August 2013  
Closes 04 October 2013

More information and application forms can be downloaded from:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarships.asp>

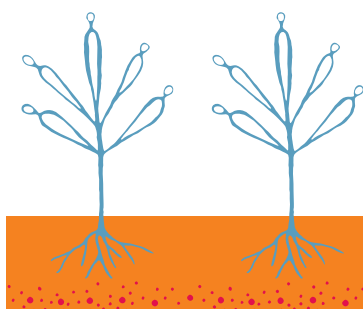
### Contact:

Aboriginal Scholarships Project Officer  
NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy  
Phone: 1800 155 325  
Email: [aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)

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Health





## Life's great for trim, terrific Napau

By ALF WILSON



Napau Namok before his healthy weight loss (now see the photo at right).



**HEALTHIER...** tick. Back on country... tick. More time with family... tick. A job he loves... tick.

Life sure is good for Torres Strait Islander man Napau Namok right now.

The 36-year-old says eating better and exercising regularly has helped him to lose 30kg in 15 months.

He says moving back home to Thursday Island (TI) in late 2011 and being able to see his family more often has been good for his weight-loss campaign. And the fact that he loves his job as an Indigenous specialist officer in Centrelink's Northern Queensland Remote Servicing Hub is another bonus.

Mr Namok's dad is of St Paul's descent and his mother is from Mer (Murray Island).

"I get to see my father Simeon Namok who is a client at the Star of the Sea Aged Home and my mother Selon

who had been a teacher on Mer Island has also now transferred here," Mr Namok told the *Koori Mail* when we caught up with him during his quick visit to Townsville last month.

"It is great as I see them and extended family who live here all the time."

### Friends amazed

Mr Namok's Townsville friends were amazed to see how much he had slimmed down since he'd seen them and he stepped on to the scales to prove how much.

"I have shed about 30kg from eating well and exercising and I don't smoke," he said, with a big smile.

"I feel a lot better and did it to improve my general health."

Back on Thursday Island, the former long-time police liaison officer enjoys fishing in the waters of the Torres Strait.

"I live in Tamwoy suburb on TI and we go when the tide is right, a perfect way to relax," he said.



The new slimmer Napau Namok.

## New dental clinic in Coffs Harbour



**GALAMBILA** Aboriginal Health Service in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, launched a new dental clinic last week. Galambila chronic disease co-ordinator Ros Hart, complete with toothbrush and tooth paste tried out the new dental chair with help from clinical services co-ordinator Natalie Sexton. The new clinic began operation yesterday, 12 February.

## Smokes are the target



A NEW Aboriginal health campaign that aims to help people give up smoking is embracing the culture of storytelling and yarning through film and social media.

The Rewrite Your Story campaign features the smoking stories of 16 local people and hopes to inspire Adelaide's Aboriginal smokers to rewrite their own stories and give up smokes for good.

The campaign was developed by the Puiyurti (Don't Smoke) team at Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA and includes six short documentaries and a short film shot by award-winning New York photographer and former Adelaide man Steven Laxton.



Maria Borsi has shared her story about smoking on film.

among Australia's Indigenous population," Ms Holmes said. "Smoking has become normalised in our communities, but this campaign is about saying enough is enough, we must stand up and together make a change, however little that change is."

Maria Borsi, 50, of Gepps Cross, quit smoking early last year and is one of 16 people who has told her story as part of the campaign.

"I lost three brothers in 12 months all to cancer. Two of my brothers were really heavy smokers right up to the day they died," Ms Borsi said.

"It was devastating, but it made me wake



Warren Milera, who plays Daniel, on the 'Don't Smoke' short film set at Semaphore beach, Adelaide.



Robert Taylor, who plays Daniel's father, on set at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

up and realise that we aren't immune, it does happen to you and those you love.

"I wanted to tell my story to help empower our mob to take action and give up the smokes for good before it's too late."

The campaign is being supported by Give Up Smokes for Good in partnership with Aboriginal Health Council of SA, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service and Cancer Council SA.

One story is featured each week and people are encouraged to watch and share the films via Facebook, tell their own smoking stories and make a pledge via the website [www.rewriteyourstory.com.au](http://www.rewriteyourstory.com.au)



## 'New approach' for WA



WEST Australian Education and Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier has announced what he says is 'an entirely different approach' to the education of Aboriginal students in that state. "As minister for both portfolios, I have a unique opportunity to ensure a great level of cooperation between the two agencies so they can combine

their expertise to work for one vitally important objective of developing better school outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people," Mr Collier said. He said deputy director general of the Department of Indigenous Affairs Duncan Ord would be seconded to the Department of Education under the new approach. "There is a wealth of experience in both agencies and I believe that they can achieve more together than separately," he said.

## Indigenous Foundation Studies in Melbourne's West

**Victoria University is offering Certificate II & III in Mumgu-dhal tyama-tiyt (Indigenous Foundation Studies) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Melbourne who want to reengage in education to improve skills to pathway in to further education or in to the workplace.**

Mumgu-dhal is a Woiwurrung word meaning 'Message Stick' and tyama-tiyt is a Keeraywoorung word meaning 'Knowledge'.

In 2013 Victoria University is also offering a dual certificate III in Mumgu-dhal tyama-tiyt and Community Services Work.

These courses provide Indigenous Australians with the skills and confidence to pathway in to further education, or out in to the workplace.

The courses are full time and are run 3 days a week at the St Albans Campus.

If this course is what you are looking for to reengage and set you in the direction of your goals, or for more information please contact:

**Phone:** Marley Stewart on 03 9919 2516

**Email:** marley.stewart@vu.edu.au.

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Mumgu-dhal Artwork  
Artwork by Arbut Ash Peters from Wurundjeri/Yorta Yorta



Students in the program Sylvia Watson-Compton (front) and Garlen Peace and Kasaia Peace.

# Using sport to help get kids to uni



WITH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school-leavers just half as likely to undertake tertiary studies as

other school leavers, it's clear that getting more of our people into universities will be key to closing the gap. That was the aim of a program run out of the University of Queensland (UQ) in the Brisbane suburb of St Lucia last month, with sport as its main driver and culture at its core.

The week-long Indigenous Youth Sports Program (IYSP) used a series of sporting, academic and cultural workshops to introduce 130 young Indigenous students to a university campus environment.

The program has the backing and involvement of rugby league star Sam Thaiday, as well as community leaders from the Logan area of Brisbane, who have expressed interest in implementing the program in the area to support youth affected by recent fighting

and negative media attention.

"While sport is a great thing, it is important that our kids understand the importance of putting education first," Thaiday said.

IYSP began in Australia in 2011 and is based on the National Youth Sports Program that has been running in the United States for 40 years. Since its establishment, the US has seen significant improvements in university enrolments for African American students.

IYSP founder and program director John Brady, from the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH), said he was determined to expand the program beyond the two that currently exist in Queensland to kids all over Australia.

"I am proud to be a part of this initiative which encourages our young people to participate in programs that promote higher education," he said.

"We have used sports as a vehicle for opening young people up to the opportunities that exist."

IUIH's fellow program partners the Inala Health Service and UQ also support the program's expansion.

UQ Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Cindy Shannon said the initiative was vital for developing future Indigenous university students.

"We're meeting a critical need to inspire and build the leaders of tomorrow," Prof Shannon said.

"There is a place for every Indigenous person in University and we want to let these kids know this," said UQ Senior lecturer Dr Chelsea Bond.

Queensland Health Minister Lawrence Springborg described the IUIH model as 'exceptional', outcome-based and one that should be implemented right across the country to work towards closing the gap.

And parent Kylie Watson Skeen said her children loved the program.

"I wish I had known about it earlier. It's a really good program, my children come away feeling good about themselves," she said.

## Achieve your Dream



### ...AND BECOME A DOCTOR IN THE NT

Flinders University offers an **Indigenous Entry Stream** to our four-year graduate-entry Medicine program. Applications are now open for entry in 2014, with places available in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

To apply, you must submit a written application form, attend an interview and take part in our Preparation for Medicine Program.

Applications for the Indigenous Entry Stream close on 1 March 2013.

If you're a school leaver the **Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine**, offered in partnership with Charles Darwin University, lets you complete a Medicine degree in the NT in six years.

To find out how you can achieve your dream of becoming a doctor in the NT, contact our Indigenous support team at:

E: [indigenoussupportnt@flinders.edu.au](mailto:indigenoussupportnt@flinders.edu.au)  
W: [flinders.edu.au/nt-medical-program](http://flinders.edu.au/nt-medical-program)





# Students get taste of engineering



MORE than 20 high school students from across the country attended Curtin University's fourth Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS).

Students spent a week at the Perth university, learning about the engineering profession, meeting engineers and gaining hands-on experience.

IAESS program manager Tim Keely said many of the 15 boys and nine girls aged 15-17 had indicated they would like to study engineering.

"The highlight for me was to see how far their confidence grew, from the first industry networking evening to their visit to Government House hosted by the Governor of Western Australia, Malcolm McCusker. Their self-belief and maturity was clearly stronger," he said.

"Building robots with the Curtin Robotics Club, viewing the night sky at the Perth Observatory, a visit to Watercorp and Woodside Energy were just some of the activities to try and capture their interest and enthusiasm towards the vast field of engineering.

"The sky's the limit when it comes to engineering, and it was great to see them realise this."

Other activities included building circuits, site visits to engineering operations, a floating platform



Students take part in a bridge-building competition using dry pasta and glue at the recent Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School in Western Australia.

competition, a closer look at renewable energy technology, a night at Abmusic with WA musicians Bryte MC, Ulla Shay and DJ Zeke, and a look at campus life.

Mr Keely said it was encouraging to see the increase in female participants, up

from three last year, in a traditionally male-dominated field.

Curtin Dean of Engineering Professor Moses Tade said IAESS was a fantastic opportunity to provide a platform for young students.

"The summer school not only allows them to engage with their interest in a supportive environment, but exposes them to key industry people and places to hopefully open doors to a promising future career in engineering," he said.

# Report points to improvements



AN Aboriginal educator from Dubbo has found that more cultural

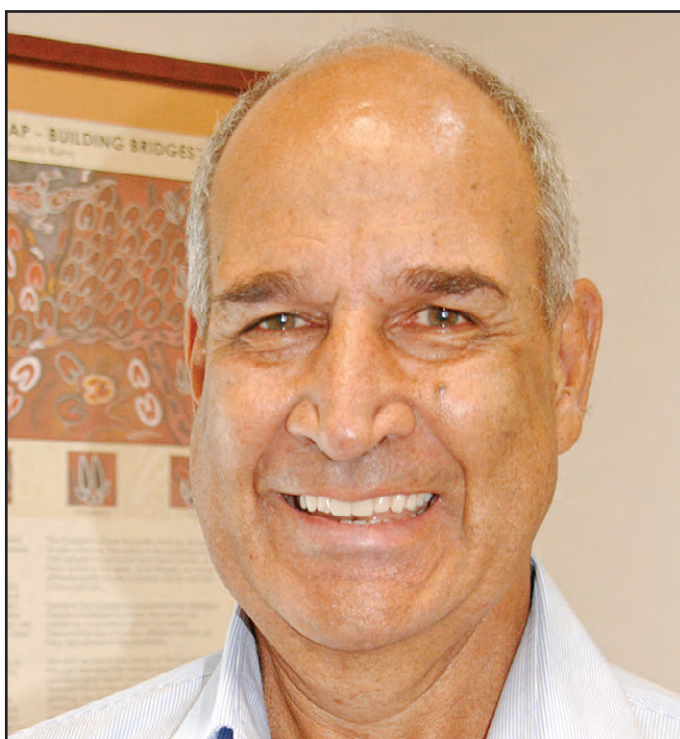
training for teachers and employing more Aboriginal teachers would help more Indigenous students finish their training.

TAFE Western manager of Aboriginal education and training Rod Towney has been exploring ways that training providers can help more Aboriginal people complete training courses.

He recently published the report 'Factors which encourage course completions by Aboriginal people: an Indigenous perspective', as part of research with the National Council for Vocational Education Research (NCVER).

"I am passionate about seeing improvements in educational attainments of Aboriginal peoples within Western NSW and throughout Australia," Mr Towney said.

"I am concerned that the completion rates for Aboriginal peoples continue to be lower than for non-Aboriginal students.



Rod Towney has recently published the paper 'Factors which encourage course completions by Aboriginal people: an Indigenous perspective'. Photo by Jamie Jones

"As a Wiradjuri man conducting this research, I have found that people have been very frank and open about their experiences.

"It is significant that it is the first time an Aboriginal researcher has carried out

this type of research in an Aboriginal cultural way. If the truth from past Aboriginal students is not told, and crucially told, we will not progress toward what we hope to achieve, which is to have many more Aboriginal

students complete their studies."

Mr Towney's research, which included in-depth interviews with students who had discontinued their TAFE training, found teachers could do more to improve their cultural competency through education and training, which would help them to more successfully understand and teach Aboriginal students.

"Teachers need to better understand the ways Aboriginal peoples learn," he said. "There is still mistrust between many Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, which can stifle learning. "This can be overcome by increasing the cultural competence of teachers and building up the trust between teachers and students."

Mr Towney also found that increasing the number of Aboriginal TAFE teachers would go a long way to improving completion rates.

TAFE Western is the largest provider of Aboriginal education in Australia, with more than 7000 Aboriginal enrolments each year.

Mr Towney's paper can be downloaded at: [www.voced.edu.au/content/ngv54036](http://www.voced.edu.au/content/ngv54036)

# Learning is the focus of new book



ENGAGING teachers with Aboriginal communities in an 'action learning process' can lead to better teaching programs, a new book says.

*Indigenous Education: A Learning Journey for Teachers, Schools and Communities*, launched this month, details a four-year research-based study of teaching Aboriginal histories and cultures in schools.

The book focuses on action learning in schools that sought to enhance engagement with local Aboriginal communities, promote quality teaching and improve students' learning outcomes. It was prepared by Dr Nina Burrige and Karen Vaughan from the University of Technology, Sydney with Frances Whalan from the NSW Department of Education and Training.

## Partnerships

The school studies, which cover different demographic regions in NSW, focus on the partnerships created in the development and delivery of curriculum strategies for teaching Aboriginal histories and cultures.

The authors say the findings illustrate that engaging teachers in a learning journey in collaboration with academic partners and local Aboriginal communities in an action learning process can deliver innovative teaching programs over a sustained period.

As a result, schools demonstrated that these approaches produced positive results for teachers and students and enabled authentic partnerships with Aboriginal communities.

"What struck me most clearly in the most effective school studies was the way teachers began to engage with the local Aboriginal community, to bring Elders into the school and to incorporate local Aboriginal cultural knowledge into their teaching programs," Dr Burrige said.

"This was very empowering for Aboriginal students."



**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:** Puliima 2013 National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum. The largest community focused national conference in Australia. Proposals for presenting and/or exhibiting at Puliima 2013 are now being called. Held at the William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Details: [www.puliima.com](http://www.puliima.com) or call (02) 4927 8222

## South Australia

**19-23 March:** The Ikara Wilpena Cultural Gathering. In conjunction with Adnyamathanha People of the Flinders Ranges, held over four days. Activities include art, music, dance, story, songs bushtucker, fire circles, dreaming stories and much more. Held at Rawnsley Park Resort, Wilpena Pound, Flinders Ranges, South Australia. Cost: \$120-\$160 per day or \$500 for full program. Details: Sealotus on (0477) 842 684 or visit the website [www.handsaroundtheworld.com.au](http://www.handsaroundtheworld.com.au)

## NSW-ACT

**Until 2 March:** 'Martuwarra' (River Country) Exhibition. A solo exhibition of new works by Sonia Kurarra. Free gallery entry. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Details on (02) 9699 2211 or visit the website [www.aboriginalandpacificart.com.au](http://www.aboriginalandpacificart.com.au)

**Until 13 March:** Aboriginal Art Exhibition. An exhibition of works by local Aboriginal artists, in conjunction with Arts Out West. Free entry. Held at The Flannery Centre, Panorama Ave, Bathurst from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Details: Aleshia on (02) 6338 4657 or (0418) 618 688

**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 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](http://www.acon.org.au/aboriginal) or freecall 1800 063 060.

**Until 24 March:** Papunya Tula Art Exhibition. A new exhibition highlighting some rare works of

the Papunya Tula artists. 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](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

**13 February:** National Apology 5th Anniversary. Randwick City Council and Aboriginal Affairs NSW will today honour the Stolen Generations, followed by a time capsule ceremony and morning tea. Free and all welcome. Held at Yarra Bay House, La Perouse. Details: 1300 722 542 or visit [www.randwick.nsw.gov.au](http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au)

**13 February:** AIATSIS Public Forum – Language Revitalisation, in the Mabo Room, AIATSIS, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT from 1.30pm. Free admission and free parking. Details: (02) 6264 1111 or email [PublicPrograms@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:PublicPrograms@aiatsis.gov.au)

**13 February:** 'Apology 5 years on', a free concert celebrating five years since the apology, featuring the Black Arm Band with Archie Roach, Bart Willoughby, Djolpa Mackenzie, Emma Donovan, Dan Sultan, Deline Briscoe, Lou Bennett, The Last Kinection and Microwave Jenny. Free and all welcome. Held at Federation Mall, Parliament House, Canberra from 5.30-10pm. Details: (02) 6124 4400 or email [info@healingfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@healingfoundation.org.au) or visit [www.healingfoundation.org.au](http://www.healingfoundation.org.au)

**13, 20 and 27 February:** Aboriginal Cultural and History Workshops. 'Way Forward Through Stories' is a series of workshops on Aboriginal cultural and history awareness and art expressions. Held in Lithgow, NSW. Bookings by early February via Annette Campbell between 3-6pm. Details: Annette Campbell on (0414) 445 890

**14 February:** V-Day, the global strike to end violence, NCIE Oval, George St, Redfern, 10.30am to 1pm. There will be a modern rites of passage into a violent-free life, including smoke ceremony, dancing, entertainment, food, drinks and a laughter workshop.

**16 February:** Lecture: 'Cher Breeze – My Jilamara'. Cher will share her experience of living and working in the arts at Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association, Milikapiti (Snake Bay) on Melville Island, NT. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from 3-4pm. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit [www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**19 February:** Menagerie exhibition. To be opened by Auntie Millie Ingram with a performance by Microwave Jenny. Held at the Australian Museum, 6 College, Sydney from 6pm. RSVP by 14 February to [rsvp@austmus.gov.au](mailto:rsvp@austmus.gov.au). Details: (02) 9320 6417

**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](http://www.sellingyarns.com/2013)

**February 22:** Festival for the Kimberley, all day in Martin Place. Stalls, speakers and entertainment to draw attention to the proposal to build a gas hub at James Price Point, including Arnhemland singer-songwriter Gambirra, Indigenous male poledancer Matty Shields and camel rides. For more information go to [www.wilderness.org.au](http://www.wilderness.org.au)

**22 February and 8 March:** Free Information Session by Alzheimer's Australia NSW and DAISI (the Disability and Aged Information Service), at the Community Centre, Walker St, Casino from 10am to 1pm. Details: Christine on (07) 5523 0731 or email [Christine.vannucci@alzheimers.org.au](mailto:Christine.vannucci@alzheimers.org.au)

**22 February - 6 April:** The Good, The Bad and The In-Between Exhibition. An exhibition by Thaya Giwirr (Jake Soewardie) and Yatama Nigimali (Danny Eastwood). Held at Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown from Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9839 6558 or email [artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

**3 March:** YMCA Swimathon. Shaun Hart is participating in the YMCA Swimathon 2013 to raise awareness and funds for Indigenous Australians living near YMCA centres in NSW, that have a disability to gain the opportunity of learning how to swim. Sponsor him online at [www.everydayhero.com.au/shaun\\_hart](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/shaun_hart).

**6 March:** Leeton Vibe 3on3. The Vibe 3on3 is a travelling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. Registrations are now open and schools can visit the <http://www.vibe.com.au/events.html> to register or call (02) 9361 0140 by 5pm Wednesday, 27 February. Held at the Leeton Indoor Stadium, Palm Ave, Leeton from 8.30am onwards. Details: (02) 9361 0140 or visit [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)

**19-24 March:** Message Sticks Festival 2013. This annual international multi-facted program showcasing performing arts, traditional knowledge and ritual ceremonies.

Highlights include wantok – Sing Song, Dancestry, late nights at Bar Badu, The Yolngu Experience and much more. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Tickets range from free - \$65 for performances. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit [www.sydneypoperahouse.com/messagesticks](http://www.sydneypoperahouse.com/messagesticks)

**25-28 March:** Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Advocacy Training Program. A training program for young community advocates interested in learning about rights and how to advocate more effectively. No Course fees. Details: (02) 9385 2807 or send an application email to [l.savage@unsw.edu.au](mailto:l.savage@unsw.edu.au)

**10-15 April:** Murra Mullangari Pathways – Alive and Well. An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health careers development program aimed at students in Years 10,11 and 12 who are passionate about improving the health of Indigenous peoples and interested in a health career. Cost is free for successful applicants, only 30 places available. Applications close 3 March. Held in Canberra. Details for information packs: (1800) 190 498 or (02) 6273 5013 or visit the website [www.aida.org.au/murruamullangari](http://www.aida.org.au/murruamullangari)

## Queensland

**Until 19 April:** State of Emergency Exhibition, marking the 30th anniversary of the 1982 Commonwealth Games protests. 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](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/showcase/state-of-emergency)

**23 February:** Indigenous Legends AFL Charity Match. Includes Indigenous Legends vs Gold Coast Suns Academy, Coolangatta Masters vs Palm Beach and Coolangatta vs Palm Beach. Held at Len Peak Oval, Coolangatta from 9am onwards. Entry by gold coin donation. Details: (02) 5594 5722

**26 February- 3 March:** Clancestry, a new event, throughout QPAC and the Cultural Forecourt, South Brisbane. Paid and free events showcasing art forms such as literature, performing arts, workshops, craft, traditional and contemporary dance, youth programs and visual arts. Troy Cassar-Daley will perform free on 1 March on the Riverside Stage, Cultural Forecourt, South Bank. For more information go to [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au) or phone 136 246.

**1-3 March:** Clancestry Festival. A new festival that connects Australians with First Nations culture. Includes workshops, free events and forums, live performances by Troy-Cassar-Daley, The Chooky Dancers, Darcy Roots, Impossible Odds and more, Free and ticketed events. Held at the Cultural Forecourt, South Bank Parklands, Brisbane. Details: 136 246 or visit [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au)

**15 March:** Trackers Culture Club Dinner. Held at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road, Manly West. Cost is \$75 includes dinner (must be purchased by 1 March). Details: Shannon on (0499) 326 876 or [admin@trackersqld.com](mailto:admin@trackersqld.com)

## Victoria

**Until 10 March:** Waradgerie Weaver Exhibition. A solo exhibition of works by Lorraine Connelly-Northey using materials such as rusted corrugated iron and fencing wire and turning them into forms of vessels and clothing worn by Aboriginal forebearers. Held at the Ararat Regional Art Gallery, Town Hall, Vincent St, Ararat from Mon-Fri,

10am-4.30pm and Sat-Sun, 12-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: Anthony Camm on (03) 5352 2836 or email [gALLERY@ararat.vic.gov.au](mailto:gALLERY@ararat.vic.gov.au)

**13 February:** Commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the National Apology. Join members of the Aboriginal communities, school students and reconciliation supporters to commemorate anniversary. Includes free coffee and breakfast, welcome to country, screening of the Apology Speech, live music, and a Link-Up Victoria book launch. Held at Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne from 8-10am.

Free and all welcome. Details: (0427) 030 545 or visit [www.reconciliationvic.org.au](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au)

**4-13 March:** Ilbjerri Black Writers Introductory Program. The 6xMonday nights workshops target new and established Indigenous writers, supporting the development of their skills and toolkit for writing for stage.

Held at the Arts House, Meat Market, 5 Blackwood St, Nth Melbourne. Details: Lisa Parris on (03) 9329 9097 or email [lisa@ilbjerri.com.au](mailto:lisa@ilbjerri.com.au) or visit [www.ilbjerri.com.au](http://www.ilbjerri.com.au)

**1-11 March:** SheppARTon Festival. An arts and community celebration based around the theme 'Emerging Voices'. Free and all welcome. Held at venues in and around Greater Shepparton. Details: (03) 9419 0931 or email [info@mbpublicity.com.au](mailto:info@mbpublicity.com.au) or visit the website [www.sheppartonfestival.org.au](http://www.sheppartonfestival.org.au)

## Western Australia

**1 March:** Indigenous musician Frank Yamma will play at the Fly By Night Musicians Club in Fremantle from 7.30pm. Details on (08) 9430 5976.

**2 March:** Keela Dreaming Festival 2013. 'Respect yourself, respect your culture'. Festival celebrations include live music, talent and dance competitions, kids rides, Elders tent, free workshops and entertainment for the whole family. Free and all welcome. Held at Kellerberrin Greater Sports Ground (off King St), Kellerberrin. Details: 1800 681 021 or (08) 9226 2422 or visit [www.canwa.com.au](http://www.canwa.com.au)

## Northern Territory

**22 February:** Long Walk Women's Luncheon in Darwin 2013. Featuring Jessie Mabo, Ngarukuruwala Tiwi Strong Women's Group, Michael Long and MC Aaron Pederson. Cost: \$110 a person at tables of 10. Held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade, 116 The Esplanade, Darwin from 11.30am onwards. Details: Kathy Braithwaite (03) 9230 0343 or email [info@thelongwalk.com.au](mailto:info@thelongwalk.com.au)

**9-13 October:** Mbantua Festival – Awakening the Desert 2013, in Alice Springs.

Held at the Old Telegraph Station and Todd Riverbed, Alice Springs.

Cost: Tickets available now. Details: (08) 8953 4000 or visit [www.mbantuafestival.com.au](http://www.mbantuafestival.com.au)



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Students' experience 'inspiring'



Experience, at the University of Queensland (UQ) last month. The initiative was a joint venture between the university

TWENTY Indigenous Year 11 and 12 students attended a five-day camp, the InspireU Engineering Summer

and leading mining company Rio Tinto. InspireU gave students the opportunity to visit engineering sites, experience laboratory work, climb the Story Bridge, and experience the thrills of Dreamworld from an engineer's perspective.

Student mentor Matthew Hourigan said the InspireU

engineering camp was well received by the students, with many inspired to apply to study engineering.

#### Challenges

"The aim of the camp was to inspire the students to complete their high school education with the aspiration to solve the challenges posed to modern

society while armed with a UQ engineering degree," Mr Hourigan said.

Principal adviser mining for Rio Tinto Asuka Kagawa said the company was delighted to support the camp and to speak with students about potential scholarships and graduate opportunities.

"We want to bring Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander teenagers who have an interest in the sciences to UQ and introduce them to engineering, a career that allows you to contribute in some way to creating a better society," she said.

"We hope to see many of the faces from the camp as first-year students in engineering at UQ in 2014."

## Jobseekers perform well at Ballina site



SIX Aboriginal jobseekers from Ballina, on the NSW north coast, have been getting practical experience working on the construction site of the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre project at Porter Park.

Joel Roberts, Jeremy Roberts, Jacob Roberts, Jirra Roberts, Daniel Roberts and Clarence Kelly are fulfilling the practical component for the Certificate II in Construction, which they have been studying.

Building firm Glenzeil's contract administrator, David Plunkett, said the jobseekers had been performing well.

"They are keen, enthusiastic and have been learning a great deal over the last month," he said.

There is potential for future apprenticeships.

Employment service provider EnviTE's employment development officer, Kim Vincent, liaised with New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Aboriginal employment and training adviser Trudy Roberts to negotiate the placements.

The Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is expected to be completed in late April.



At the new centre, kneeling in front Jacob Roberts, middle from left, EnviTE's Kim Vincent, Jirra Roberts, Daniel Roberts and NCAP Aboriginal employment and training adviser Trudy Roberts and, at rear, Joel Roberts, Jeremy Roberts and Clarence Kelly.

## It's your guide to employment

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- Are you passionate about making a difference in your community?
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The DEADLI program aims to create sustainable vocational training and employment options through a supported case management model, job placement, post placement support and work place mentoring with industry partners in Hospitality, Media and Creative Industries and Transport and Logistics.

#### QUALIFICATIONS / DESIRABLE

Relevant tertiary qualification or experience in youth work, social work, employment case management or related area and/or relevant employment experience.

If this job sounds like you we would love to talk to you. Please phone Sharni MacDonald SKYS Client Services Manager for a full position description and key selection criteria on (03) 9534 3685 or email sharni@skys.org.au

*People who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander with youth or community engagement experience are strongly encouraged to apply for this role.*



WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICES NSW

### Indigenous Women's Legal Program Aboriginal Community Access Worker

35 hrs per week/12 month fixed term  
(with possibility of extension)

Base Salary \$46,448 - \$59,957 p.a.  
(salary packaging available)

Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Community Access Worker for the Indigenous Women's Legal Program.

#### Selection criteria include:

A commitment to social justice, demonstrated experience in community education and development, facilitating workshops, understanding of Human Rights and advocacy, capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks.

Ability to travel to rural NSW and current driving license essential. We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

***This is an exciting opportunity for an independently motivated Aboriginal woman to develop community leadership throughout NSW***

*"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"*

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW 02 8745 6900 for a full job package and selection criteria, or visit our website [www.womenslegalsw.asn.au](http://www.womenslegalsw.asn.au). Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the IWLP Coordinator, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 by **4 March 2013**



**Family &  
Community Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



### Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 1

Home Care Service of NSW  
Newcastle / Hunter Valley Branch, Hunter Region  
Permanent Part-Time Positions

Job Reference No: 00001GIK

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$43,171 per annum (Salary: \$39,122 pa), including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$19.73 ph.**

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ **Permanent Part-Time** Grade 1 Care Workers to provide domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Friday available, based on a minimum of 30 hour contract per fortnight.

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- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds.

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**Information Packages & Enquiries:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact Janice Smith on (02) 4014 5622.

**Application to:** Home Care Services, Daramulen Branch, PO Box 29, Cardiff NSW 2285

**Job Reference No:** 00001GIK

**Closing Date:** Friday 22 February 2013

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## Various positions available within the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria

The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Vitoria (OAAV) takes a coordinated end-to-end approach to deliver the Victorian Government's agenda for Aboriginal policy reform, community strengthening and engagement and cultural heritage management and protection. OAAV works with Victorian communities and other partners to lead the whole of government reform strategy to improve the lives of Aboriginal Victorians.

Do you have a demonstrated comprehensive knowledge of and experience with Aboriginal communities? Can you apply this knowledge in the context of Victorian Aboriginal communities, drawing upon research and evidence about what it takes to effectively engage Aboriginal people? If so, this may be the role for you...

### Manager, Community Programs

- \$97,996 - \$131,139 plus 9% superannuation
- Ongoing / Full time

As the Manager Community Programs, you will be responsible for the planning and implementation of a range of community engagement programs, events and activities to build community strength and capacity and improve outcomes in Victoria's Aboriginal communities. You will manage a diverse program to build community participation, support community planning and implementation, broker investment and partnerships for community projects, facilitate community consultations, celebrate and promote Aboriginal culture and acknowledge achievement by Aboriginal Victorians.

Refer to reference number 501869 Contact Simon Holmes 03 9208 3289

### Manager, Sector Support

- \$97,996 - \$131,139 plus 9% superannuation
- Ongoing / Full time

As the Manager, Sector Support, you will manage a range of programs to support effective governance and operation of Aboriginal community controlled organisations, Aboriginal Land Trusts operating under the Aboriginal Lands Act 1970, Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Aboriginal led agreement making. You will work closely with the Manager, Community Programs to build capacity and capability for future sustainability.

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### Manager, Policy and Strategy (Aboriginal Children and Families)

- \$97,996 - \$131,139 plus 9% superannuation
- Ongoing / Full time

As the Manager, Policy and Strategy, you will provide high level leadership through developing strategy and coordinating the implementation of whole of government policy and programs supporting the Government's family violence and protecting vulnerable children reform agendas. You will work in partnership with the Aboriginal community to oversee and support the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum and develop and monitor the implementation of whole of government reform projects including strengthening family violence responses and prevention in Aboriginal communities, enhance outcomes for Aboriginal children, and the ongoing implementation of the Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Strategy.

Refer to reference number 1502 Contact Athena Andriotis 03 9208 3039

**To apply and access the position description visit**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au/apply](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au/apply)**

**and refer to the relevant reference number**

***These are designated positions established as a special measure under Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for these positions.***

**Applications close Wednesday 27 February 2013**



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### Assistant Manager

Wagga Wagga Indigenous Coordination Centre

Executive Level 1 (\$94,378 - 103,296pa)

#### Wagga Wagga, NSW

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The Assistant Manager will work in consultation with Indigenous community representatives and other Australian, state and local government agencies to ensure better outcomes for Indigenous people in the Riverina and Murray regions of NSW.

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The position will be filled on a temporary basis.

This is an identified position and Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information on the position, contact: Michael Ramalli: (02) 6152 5110

### Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Western Region Indigenous Coordination Centre

APS Level 6 (\$75,747 - \$83,743pa)

#### Dubbo, NSW

FaHCSIA is looking for an energetic person for a Stakeholder Engagement role in the Western Region Indigenous Coordination Centre (Dubbo). The position will be part of a team working with both internal and external agencies developing and implementing local community action plans, as well as negotiating outcomes for communities based on the principles of Social Inclusion and Closing the Gap.

The successful applicant must be motivated and innovative with an understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They must have strong stakeholder engagement and contract management skills.

The position will be filled on a temporary basis.

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For further information on the position, contact: Margaret Lester (02) 6146 2814

#### How to apply:

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### Program Manager Guardianship Program

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This position will explore new ideas and approaches in Aboriginal service delivery and the successful candidate will ideally:

- Provide strong leadership for the Aboriginal Guardianship pilot and contribute to the development of best practice and processes in regards to service delivery;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with Aboriginal families, the Department of Human Services and other key stakeholders;
- Provide leadership and support to staff in case planning, case management and formulate risk assessments for complex children and families;
- Participate in pilot activities and evaluation.

#### Knowledge and skills

The applicant will have sound knowledge and advanced understanding of:

- Aboriginal history, values, practices and cultures;
- Safety and risk for Aboriginal children;
- A sound grasp of the theories relating to developmental trauma and attachment;
- A proven capacity to use this knowledge to lead practice with Aboriginal children, families and carers.

If you are interested in this position or would like further information please contact Julie Toohey at [juliet@vacca.org](mailto:juliet@vacca.org) or 9480 7300.

Applications close: Friday 22nd February 2013.

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Catherine Greenway General Manager, Therapy & Health Services on (08) 9443 0205 or by email on [Catherine.Greenway@tccp.com.au](mailto:Catherine.Greenway@tccp.com.au) (**NOT to be contacted for an Application Package**).

For information regarding the Application Package please contact: Julie McLean-Phillips - Human Resource Officer on (08) 9443 0202.

To apply please go to our website at [http://www.tccp.com.au/Employment~Current\\_Vacancies](http://www.tccp.com.au/Employment~Current_Vacancies) and download the Application for Vacancy and the Job Discription Form.

Send your completed Application for Vacancy, pre-placement health questionnaire, Resume and cover letter of not more than two pages outlining what you bring to this role to Julie at [jobs@tccp.com.au](mailto:jobs@tccp.com.au)

Applications close:

4pm Wednesday 27th February 2013.

## LISMORE TRANSITION PROGRAM ABORIGINAL TEACHER ASSISTANT

4.5 days per week

Experience working with young children essential and child studies qualification preferred. Job share considered.

For Selection Criteria and Position Description contact:  
Jan Loadsman Ph: 66 21 64 21  
or email: [seip@westnet.com.au](mailto:seip@westnet.com.au)



Applications close:  
4.30pm Thursday,  
21st Feb, 2013.



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To register your interest for Indigenous Career Opportunities with Virgin Australia please visit our website <http://careers.virginaustralia.com>

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, or would like further information regarding our Indigenous Employment Strategy, please email [indigenous.recruitment@virginaustralia.com](mailto:indigenous.recruitment@virginaustralia.com)



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## Finance and Business Manager

Salary \$120,000

#### The Role

This is a newly created position that will involve the administration of all financial and business systems, operations and human resource management. The successful candidate will be a qualified and experienced Chartered Accountant or a Certified Public Accountant with demonstrated leadership skills. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer you will be responsible for managing all financial requirements including budgeting and forecasting. You will oversee the Human Resource and IT Departments as well as managing the motor vehicle fleet. You will build and maintain professional working relationships with key stakeholders and look for opportunities to improve the overall operations of the organisation.

#### Essential Criteria

- Aboriginality
- Qualified CA or CPA Accountant
- High level qualifications in business/financial and staff management
- Substantial history of high level financial management
- Experience of budgetary development
- Direct experience of financial reporting
- Substantial experience of business development, systems implementation and development
- Managerial/demonstrated leadership skills
- Experience of liaising with a variety of stakeholders
- Knowledge and understanding of key work place legislation
- Ability to compile and produce reports, presentations and management documentation
- Willingness to undertake professional development training
- Excellent computer skills – Microsoft Office Suite

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a well established community based organization with a very attractive salary package. This role would suit an individual who is professional, self driven and passionate about making a difference.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mary at abrs on 02 9218 2352 or alternatively email at [mary@abrs.net.au](mailto:mary@abrs.net.au)



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## Indigenous Land Corporation

*"Deliver commercial and social returns"*

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To ensure these assets have an expanding and enduring impact, and that the objectives of the National Indigenous Land Management Strategy are achieved, we seek a CEO who will accelerate the commercial and social success of existing ventures; bring a sophisticated approach to ongoing investments and identify new sources of revenue and opportunity. Reporting to the board, the CEO will be:

- A highly commercial change agent, able to shape, influence and inspire strategic thinking and innovation
- Passionate about social equity and driven to 'make a difference'
- Experienced in identifying, assessing and delivering successful investment strategies
- A highly evolved business leader with a working knowledge of Government
- Able to collaboratively and influentially work with a wide range of stakeholders
- Able to provide visionary leadership to successfully take the ILC through a considerable transition
- Ideally experienced and passionate about working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, businesses, organisations and/or communities
- Appropriately tertiary qualified

To apply or to download an information package visit [talent2.com](http://talent2.com) and enter OTR460839 or for a confidential discussion call Ruth Morgan on (08) 8463 0111.

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**Family & Community Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

## Service Support and Development Officer (Identified)

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Newcastle, Hunter Region  
Permanent Full-Time  
Job Reference: 00001FR8

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,282 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Provide face to face support and advice to service providers and users. Monitor services provided to ensure the quality and mix of funded services within a specified geographical area is consistent with the requirements of service users.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Good knowledge of program policy, including funding guidelines and conditions.
3. Sound understanding of contemporary issues covering the provision of services to people with disabilities and older people and their carers.
4. Commitment to the service user as the focus of the Agency's work.
5. Understanding of funding, planning, monitoring and evaluation processes used in the community service industry.
6. Well developed conceptual and analytical skills to interpret financial and output/outcome performance data and an ability to assess and report on the financial viability of organisations.
7. Tertiary qualifications or relevant work experience.
8. Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. The position is an identified aboriginal position. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. The successful applicant must demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of social equity principles, cross cultural issues, and the issues faced by the Aboriginal communities and services. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of issues facing local Hunter communities and the demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and engage with Aboriginal people in the local community is highly considered. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**For enquiries:** John Balandin on (02) 4946 3658 or 0412 217 982

**Information package:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job reference Number:** 00001FR8

**Closing Date:** Friday, 22 February 2013

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**For assistance telephone** 1800 355 562.

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## Administrative Officer (Research and Contracts), Centre for Remote Health

**Ref 13029** The incumbent will support the administrative processes for the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) Key Performance Indicators across the partner organisations of Flinders University and Charles Darwin University. This will be achieved by managing research grants and tenders, implementing local processes, and developing and maintaining administrative systems.

- **Location:** Alice Springs, Northern Territory
- **Centre for Remote Health, School of Medicine**
- **Available until 30 June 2014 in the first instance, on a full-time basis**
- **Salary (HEO6): \$63,957 to \$68,307 pa**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**

## Student Administrative Officer, Centre for Remote Health (CRH)

**Ref 13030** The incumbent will provide quality service and advice to prospective and current students of the CRH, and a high level of administrative support to academic staff coordinating the Remote Health Practice postgraduate program.

- **Location:** Alice Springs, Northern Territory
- **Flinders NT, School of Medicine**
- **Available until 30 June 2014 in the first instance, on a full-time basis**
- **Salary (HEO5): \$57,099 to \$63,198 pa**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**

**Applications close at 11:00 am Monday, 25th February 2013**

**Full details for the above positions including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website:**  
[www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)

[www.flinders.edu.au](http://www.flinders.edu.au)  
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CRICOS Provider Number: 00114 A



**ACT**  
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Community Services

## Disability ACT Policy and Community Development National Disability Insurance Scheme

### Individual Support Facilitator

#### Administrative Services Officer Class 6

**Salary Range:** \$70,913 - \$81,460 (PN: 07296, several)

**Details:** Disability ACT (DACT) is seeking several dynamic and experienced people to manage the provision of information, planning, linkage and service coordination for up to 600 people through a grants process as the ACT prepares for the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The successful applicants will work to assist people with disability, including those with mental illness to identify their community support needs, develop a whole of life, goal focused and strengths-based plan; to link to and make best use of the formal and informal supports available to them. In addition they will assist people with disability to prepare for the phased introduction of the NDIS in the ACT.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** A current driver's licence, equivalent to ACT Driver's Licence, Class CA is mandatory.

**Notes:** These are temporary positions for a period of up to eighteen months.

**Contact Officer:** Vanessa Sutton (02) 6205 0393 [vanessa.sutton@act.gov.au](mailto:vanessa.sutton@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 27 February 2013

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## Aboriginal Planned Activity Group Support Officer

**\$24.90 per hour + Super**  
**14 hours per week (Wed & Thurs)**  
**Permanent**

The City of Whittlesea's Aboriginal PAG program is seeking a PAG Support Officer to assist the PAG Supervisor, HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer and Elders plan and deliver activities which support continued physical, social and emotional wellbeing of Elders. The new program initiated by Elders to support older Aboriginal people to remain active and socially connected has received ongoing government funding. Please read the detailed position description available on the City of Whittlesea website for more information.

Enquire to Cathy Austin,  
HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer on 0419 750 450

For a PD and to apply please visit  
[www.findyourbalance.com.au](http://www.findyourbalance.com.au)

**Applications close 6:00pm Sunday 3 March 2013**

[www.findyourbalance.com.au](http://www.findyourbalance.com.au)



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Community Health  
Service Brisbane Ltd (ATSICHS)  
provides a holistic approach to  
address the health and well being  
needs of the Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander community in  
Brisbane and surrounding areas.

## Practice Manager - Logan

Reporting directly to the CEO, this position will be responsible for the management and delivery of all aspects of health care from our Logan site. The scope of the position includes business planning, administration, financial management, human resources, leadership and health service quality assurance and delivery.

### The tasks to be undertaken by the Practice Manager include:

- Management of the primary health, allied health, family and child health and dental clinics at Logan;
- Lead a professional team that provides the highest standard of client care;
- Ensure the clinic delivers quality and culturally safe treatment and meets agreed health service commitments to clinic clients;
- Liaise with other organisations and service providers to ensure a targeted and coordinated approach to healthcare delivery;
- Maintain AGPAL accreditation and assist in the achievement of ISO 9001 as required;
- Review clinical services and operations with an aim to maximise clinic performance;
- Maximise and address client satisfaction with the Clinic e.g. manage feedback and organisational response to Client Surveys/Feedback/Suggestions.

### To be successful in this role, applicants must possess the following skills and experience:

- Demonstrated management experience, in particular the ability to manage and support a medical/primary health care team;
- An ability to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their leaders, respecting traditional culture, values and ways of doing business;
- Demonstrated understanding of the health, social and emotional wellbeing needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban areas;
- Demonstrated competence in the use of Business Technology, internet and desktop applications and good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills;
- Relevant qualifications in health and/or management preferred;
- Current drivers licence and blue card (or the ability to obtain a blue card).

**To apply** please forward an application including a current CV to [jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au](mailto:jobs@atsichsbrisbane.org.au) by no later than the 1 March 2013. For a confidential discussion please contact HR on 07 3240 8904.

**ATSICHS is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.**



## TENANT ADVOCATE (Orange Based)

CareWest is a community based, not for profit organisation that provides a wide range of innovative community programs and services throughout the Central West, Riverina Murray, Orana and Far West regions of NSW.

We have a full time opportunity for an energetic, creative and passionate advocate for the role of Tenant Advocate based in our Orange office. In addition to this great opportunity CareWest provides exciting career pathways and development opportunities to support individual aspirations.

This role is crucial in engaging in local communities and as such flexibility around regular travel will be required.

A Position Description including selection criteria and overview of the application process can be downloaded at [www.cw.org.au](http://www.cw.org.au) under careers.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.*

### Applicants must demonstrate they have:

- Proof of Aboriginality
- Be accepted and identify as Aboriginal and
- Demonstrate active membership within their Aboriginal community.

If you require any further information about the position please contact Jenny Nalder on 02 6391 2400.

**Applications close at 5.00 pm on  
Wednesday, 6th March 2013.**



**Barengi  
Gadjin**  
LAND COUNCIL  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION NTBC

## Barengi Gadjin Pty Ltd Call for Independent Directors

Barengi Gadjin Pty Ltd is seeking four (4) Independent Directors to oversee the development of the company and its three subsidiary enterprises:

- *River People Tours* – historical, cultural and eco-tourism
- *Land, Water and Heritage Management* – natural resource management, and Cultural Heritage
- *Wimmera Regional Museum and Knowledge Centre* – keeping place/ interactive display of history and culture. Education, conference and accommodation facilities.

### Our vision is to:

- Achieve economic independence through the sustainable development of our three enterprises
- Increase employment opportunities for Indigenous people and the broader community,
- Generate economic benefits for our region,
- Position the Wimmera and surrounding district on the national and international map through our Cultural and Tourism products,
- Enhance knowledge and appreciation of Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawajali, Yupagalk and Wergaia culture through, tourism, education and cross cultural training initiatives.

### Skills required - General

Company Director's Course, Business Operations and Development, Legal and Financial, Interest in Indigenous culture and commitment to social justice.

### Skills required – Specific Targeted

Tourism, Museum or Art Gallery curator, Natural Resource management.

**To apply:** Please submit your CV and application in writing (no more than 4 pages) by 15th February 2013 demonstrating experiences, skills and knowledge. Successful applicants will be required to obtain a National Police Check. More information on BGLC can be found at [www.bglc.com.au](http://www.bglc.com.au). Applications from Indigenous Australians and women are encouraged.

**Contact:** Jim Golden-Brown, CEO, Barengi Gadjin Pty Ltd. Tel: 03 53810977 or [ceo@bglc.com.au](mailto:ceo@bglc.com.au)



## Aboriginal Community Worker

**Part-time / Based at Campbelltown**

**Bring your experience working with Aboriginal women to the Centre for Women's Health team. You will deliver high quality service provision to improve the health and well being of Aboriginal women living in the Macarthur area.**

**The Aboriginal Community Worker position is responsible for the delivery of services that:**

- Identify and address access barriers experienced by Aboriginal women and respond to the needs of women and their children living in the Macarthur area.
- Advocate to address the broader systemic and social issues impacting the health and well being of Aboriginal women.
- Provide support to a multidisciplinary staff team to adopt culturally competent and appropriate work practices.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing professional development, a supportive working environment and great flexibility including a monthly accrued day off for full time employees.

The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.

For further information on how to apply and the position description, please visit our website [www.benevolent.org.au](http://www.benevolent.org.au) or contact Zoe Sharman at [zoe.sharman@benevolent.org.au](mailto:zoe.sharman@benevolent.org.au) or on (02) 4627 2915. Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and close on 1 March 2013.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.*

[www.benevolent.org.au](http://www.benevolent.org.au)



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## Elder(s) on Campus (Two Positions)

**Ref 13039** The Elder on Campus will provide support and inspiration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and faculty. The Elder will play an important part in introducing the entire University community to local traditions and will provide culturally appropriate support to students and staff of Flinders NT. The Elder will play a significant role in creating a culturally-affirming environment at all Flinders NT sites.

- **Location: Darwin, Northern Territory**
- **Northern Territory Medical Program, (Flinders NT), School of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences**
- **Available until 30 June 2013 on a part-time (0.6 & 0.4), job share arrangement**
- **Salary (HEO6): \$63,957 to \$68,307 pa (full-time)**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11.00am (AEDST) Wednesday, 27 February 2013**

**Full details including how to apply on-line  
can be found at our [Jobs@Flinders](mailto:Jobs@Flinders) website:  
[www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)**

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**Premier  
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## Cadet – Office Administration – Indigenous

**Office of the Director General  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Temporary Full-Time  
Sydney CBD**

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,671 per annum (includes salary \$54,742 - \$59,512, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading).**

This position will provide timely and effective administrative support to the Office of the Director General to facilitate the efficient delivery of day to day operations and services. This position is offered under the NSW JumpSTART Cadetship Program and is a position identified for applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background authorised by the Department's EEO Management Plan 2010-2013.

You are eligible to apply for this cadetship if you:

- are under 25 years at the time of application.
- are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- have an HSC or vocational qualification at the Certificate IV level or above.

### Selection Criteria: (Applicants are required to address each criterion in their application)

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to deliver a range of administrative services on time and to a high standard.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to deal confidently and courteously with people at all levels of responsibility and work well in a team.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and the ability to prioritise competing tasks and maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to use a range of software packages including word processing, databases, spreadsheets and email.
- HSC or vocational qualification at Certificate IV or above.

**Enquiries:** Sandy Armstrong (02) 9228 3534 or [sandy.armstrong@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandy.armstrong@dpc.nsw.gov.au)

**How to apply:** For more information, including the job description and information on the JumpSTART cadetship program, and to apply, please see <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au> and search for Job Reference No. 00001FWZ.

**Closing Date:** 27 February 2013

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# CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

## Community Development Officer – (Identified Aboriginal Position)

**Alice Springs**  
**Position Number: CD011**  
**Classification: ASO 6**  
**Base Salary: \$66,324 - \$76,188**  
**Estimated Effective Package (ex-super): \$76,214 - \$86,101**

This calculation includes district allowance and estimated packaged taxation savings.

This is a unique opportunity for someone with experience working in remote Aboriginal Australia to join the CLC's growing Community Development Unit.

The position will work with Aboriginal groups which are using income from community leases and mining agreements to improve their lives and futures. It will strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal people to set and achieve their own social, cultural and economic objectives.

You will need to demonstrate a strong commitment to Aboriginal directed development, as well as the ability to work effectively cross-culturally and as part of a team. Highly developed project and stakeholder management skills are also essential.

To be considered for an interview all applicants must address the selection criteria.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 1st March 2013**

**IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL POSITION**

### Employment conditions:

The CLC offers district allowance, flexible salary sacrifice packaging, five weeks annual leave and airfare and other entitlements included in the enterprise agreement. Relocation assistance may be available.

For a Job Description and Selection Criteria please visit our web site at [www.clc.org.au](http://www.clc.org.au)

Or contact Katirei Hever  
E-mail: [jobs@clc.org.au](mailto:jobs@clc.org.au)  
Phone: (08) 8951 6321  
Fax: (08) 8958 2805

Aboriginal people are urged to apply.

The CLC reserves the right to not make an appointment or vary the type of appointment.

Central Land Council is a Commonwealth statutory authority under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*, and the Native Title Representative Body for the southern Northern Territory region under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

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## Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Legal Development Programme 2013

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Targeted position  
Prosecution Officer (Administrative), Level 3**

The ODPP employs recent graduates as part of the Legal Development Programme. The programme provides valuable experience in NSW criminal prosecutions to talented and enthusiastic individuals who have a desire to succeed and make a difference. This opportunity is a targeted position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduate.

The Legal Development Programme offers temporary employment, with a salary between \$61,198 – \$67,010 pa, for a period of up to twelve months. Job offers will be for our Sydney CBD and Parramatta offices and will depend on the availability of positions and competitive selection.

Participants must be available to commence the programme in late March 2013.

**For more information and to apply online visit:**  
[www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference Number 00001H12**

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## Chief Executive Officer

**Salary package: \$133,000 pa  
Plus Super and Vehicle**



The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (NSW) (AbSec) is currently seeking a Chief Executive Officer. AbSec is recognised as the peak NSW Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out of home care policy advice for Aboriginal children and young people to the Government and non-Government sectors.

The position reports directly to the board and is accountable for the provision of high quality services within funding guidelines. They will be responsible for the effective overall management of AbSec within the framework set by the Board. *An attractive salary package of \$133,000 pa, plus super, plus vehicle is available for this position.* AbSec is a Public Benevolent Institution and employees can take advantage of generous tax savings through salary packaging.

The successful applicant would be able to demonstrate the ability to lead a vibrant management team, who supervise up to 30 staff in a range of programs related to Aboriginal child and family services. The applicant would also have extensive experience in the Child Protection and Out of Home Care or related sectors.

A history of successful financial management of programs or organisations is a requisite of this position, along with the ability to interpret relevant legislation. The successful applicant would have the ability to be able to prepare high level submissions and briefings.

The current CEO will be available for a period of up to 6 weeks for mentoring and for the exchange of corporate knowledge to the incoming CEO.

A full job description is available on our website [www.absec.org.au](http://www.absec.org.au), or by contacting Lyn Gall or Gail Pencheff on (02) 9559 5299, or by emailing [execasst@absec.org.au](mailto:execasst@absec.org.au)

**Applications close on 22nd February**, and should be addressed to the Chairperson at PO Box 604 Marrickville, 1475 or may be emailed to [finance@absec.org.au](mailto:finance@absec.org.au)

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of this position and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

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## CEO (Aboriginal Corporation)

Darwin, NT

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## Aboriginal AOD Counsellors Wyndham, East Kimberley, WA

**\* Multiple positions available!**  
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### Aboriginal AOD Counsellor

Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation has a fantastic opportunity for an **Aboriginal AOD Counsellor** to join their **7 Mile Rehabilitation Centre** team in Wyndham. Reporting to the Manager, you will be **responsible for providing case management, individual counselling, education and training programs to clients and their families. This role pays particular attention to the needs of Aboriginal women who are affected by alcohol and other drugs dependence. No qualifications are required** and you'll be rewarded with an attractive remuneration package circa **\$60,623 - \$70,623** (negotiable) incl. **salary sacrifice** and a range of fantastic benefits!

**To apply, visit <http://applynow.net.au/job41924>**

### Aboriginal AOD Counsellor

Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation also have a rewarding opportunity for an **Aboriginal AOD Counsellor** to join their **Community Centre** team in Wyndham. In this role, you will be **working closely with other social and emotional well being counsellors to educate, support, assess and refer individuals and families affected by the misuse of alcohol and other drugs**. In return for your hard work and commitment you will enjoy attractive remuneration circa **\$67,000 - \$80,000** (negotiable) incl. **salary sacrifice** and a range of fantastic benefits!

**To apply, visit <http://applynow.net.au/job42520>**

Due to the nature of these roles, the successful applicants are required to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent as identified under Section 50(d) of the EO Act.



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## SINGLETON HIGH SCHOOL



Have two positions available

**Aboriginal School to Work Transition Coordinator  
and KaWul Coordinator**

Under section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;

Qualification might include a diploma/degree or proven past experience and possession of a current driver's licence.

## Aboriginal School to Work Transition Coordinator

The successful applicant will be working at Singleton High School and Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation and will be responsible for coordinating employment related activities with Aboriginal students. The position requires the successful applicant to coordinate all aspects of the Aboriginal School to Work Transition Program which include:

- Supporting the engagement and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students;
- Enhancing the exposure of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to post school options;
- Supporting the readiness of Aboriginal students and families for the world of work and
- Engaging local employers, job search agencies and post school education providers.

The Aboriginal School to Work Transition Coordinator will be required to report on the KPIs of the program to the Steering Committee and Principal (or delegate) on a regular basis.

## KaWul Coordinator

The successful applicant will be working at Singleton High School and will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the KaWul Education Resource Centre including:

- Supporting the education and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Singleton High School and partner schools;
- Supporting teachers in the enhancement of curriculum delivery and cultural awareness;
- Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families within the Singleton community;
- Liaise with the local Aboriginal community and
- Participate on the school's Aboriginal Education Committee.

The KaWul Coordinator will be required to report on the KPIs of the KaWul program to the Steering Committee and Principal (or delegate) on a regular basis.

Salary and Conditions: 25hours per week for a 12 month period. Salary package \$51,270 p.a including leave and stand down payments.

Should you have further enquiries please contact the Principal, Mr Tony Jarrett on 6571 1199 during school hours.

**Please submit your resume to:**

Singleton High School.  
75-81 York Street. SINGLETON NSW 2330.  
Attention: The Principal. E: [anthony.jarrett@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anthony.jarrett@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Both applications close on:**

**February 19 2013.**

*Proudly supported by CNA Aboriginal Community Development fund.*



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**Department of Families,  
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### How to apply

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[www.fahcsia.gov.au/about-fahcsia/portfolio-bodies-and-statutory-office-holders](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/about-fahcsia/portfolio-bodies-and-statutory-office-holders)

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## Southern Women's Group Inc (FSCWDVCAS)

The Southern Women's Group Inc is recruiting for the Far South Coast Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (FSCWDVCAS), to provide assistance to women and children seeking an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order and Court Support in the Eurobodalla Shire.

### Aboriginal Specialist Worker Batemans Bay Office , 21 hrs p/w min.

Being an Aboriginal Woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the *Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW)*.

Employment is under the *Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award* and is subject to Working with Children and Criminal Record Check.

The interviews will take place at the main office in Bega.

A position description, including essential criteria and further information is available from the FSCWDVCAS on 64925002, 0458921000 or email-[far\\_south\\_coastwdvcas@bigpond.com](mailto:far_south_coastwdvcas@bigpond.com)

Applications in writing, which must address the essential criteria and a resume nominating 2 referees should reach:-

The Chairperson - Southern Women's Group PO Box 468 Bega NSW 2550 by **5pm 22 February 2013**.



## Indigenous Women's Legal Program Aboriginal Program Officer

Permanent full time (35 hours per week)

Base Salary \$46,448 – \$53,609 (salary packaging available)

Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Program Officer for the Indigenous Women's Legal Program. Selection criteria include a commitment to social justice, demonstrated experience in customer service, understanding of Human Rights and advocacy, capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks. We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

**An opportunity to offer advice and support to Aboriginal women throughout NSW, working with a legal team in a supportive environment.**

*"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"*

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW 02 8745 6900 or check our website for a full job package and selection criteria. Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the Indigenous Women's Legal Program Coordinator, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 or by email to [reception@wlsnsw.org.au](mailto:reception@wlsnsw.org.au) by **4 March 2013**.



Health  
Illawarra Shoalhaven  
Local Health District

## Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Female)

Shellharbour Hospital - Ante Natal Services  
Temporary Part-Time 14hpw until 19/1/2014 with the possibility of extension.

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Raewyn Posthuma 02 4295 2417  
Reference ID: 122440

**Closing Date: 24 February 2013**

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## MENTAL HEALTH

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#### Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

PFT, **Salary:** \$1,011.40-\$1,648.70 pa, **Recruitment No:** 106520, **Enquiries:** Peter Collison, (02) 6829 9900 or [pcollison@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pcollison@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au) **Close:** 22/02/13.

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to  
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Health  
Central Coast  
Local Health District

## CCLHD BSF Administration Officer Level 2

Gosford

Permanent Part-Time

**Reference ID: 119812**

## Aboriginal Health Worker - Maternity Leave Relief

Gosford

Temporary Full-Time / Temporary Part-Time

**Reference ID: 117828**

**Enquiries for the above positions:**  
**Suzanne Knibb 02 4325 9200 or**  
**Marisa Lawler 02 4328 7900**

**Closing Date: 20 February 2013**

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## Male Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Worker

Permanent Full Time, Tweed Valley

**Looking for a challenge and want to make a difference in the  
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On Track Community Program is a not-for-profit community organisation committed to providing responsive and flexible support services to people experiencing mental illness, disability or housing difficulties.

We are seeking an experienced aboriginal male to provide support and enhance the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities, focusing on one-on-one support to male members, to address current and future issues in the use of alcohol and other drugs. Your role would be to improve access to the appropriate range of health and wellbeing services.

Previous experience of work in the Drug and Alcohol sector and a working knowledge of the referral process is preferable.

You must have experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the field of drug, alcohol and mental health issues, be self motivated with the ability to work independently, engage with clients and liaise closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and other service providers.

This position is paid at SCHADS Level 5-6 depending on experience, plus superannuation and generous salary sacrificing options available to the not for profit sector.

To complete the application process, please go to our website [www.otcp.com.au](http://www.otcp.com.au) and follow the instructions. Enquiries contact Tracey Lawson on 07 5536 9851 or 0438 249 732. Applications close 9am Monday 25th February 2013.

*Aboriginality is considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*



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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Leading Aboriginal Organisation

Location – Sydney

Based in Sydney, NTSCORP Limited is the Native Title Service Provider for Aboriginal Traditional Owners in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

NTSCORP Limited receives Federal Government funding to perform the functions of a Native Title Representative Body under the Native Title Act 1993 in NSW and the ACT. NTSCORP aims to deliver high level legal, research and community facilitation services to Aboriginal groups in the native title process.

Reporting to the Board, the CEO must drive the organisation to maintain its peak body status in NSW and the ACT. The new CEO will be responsible for the development, implementation and reporting of the strategic plan in conjunction with the Board to ensure continued success in the Native Title process. The CEO will be measured by the achievement of the general functions and tasks as outlined in the position description and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders including the Traditional Owners, and the State and Federal Government Agencies.

The successful applicant will have a proven track record in driving performance and dealing with challenging issues within the key stakeholder groups including the Aboriginal communities, State and Commonwealth Government Agencies as required. A strong understanding of the native title environment in NSW, background in the delivery of native title services, corporate management, and commercial achievement and demonstrated ability balanced with a community approach to resolution of issues is highly desirable, as is an understanding of the governance, complexity and diversity involved in a high-profile, multi-layered Aboriginal organisation.

All applicants are invited to obtain a recruitment pack from [www.nstcorp/employment/CEO](http://www.nstcorp/employment/CEO) or the Chairperson. Written applications only should be addressed to the Chairperson, marked confidential, at P.O Box 361, Yass, NSW, 2582.

Or, if you would like to have a confidential discussion, please contact Michael Bell, Chairperson on 02 6226 3799. All applications must be submitted by close of business (AEDT) **Monday, 25th February 2013**.

**Note:** *This is an identified position and accordingly is open to Aboriginal applicants only.*

## PROGRAM MANAGER

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work for Barnardos, one of Australia's leading not for profit organisations. The role as Program Manager is based with the new Family Referral Service, located in Ultimo, Sydney. The position is permanent, full time.

The Family Referral Service is to offer vulnerable children, young people and their families, who do not meet the statutory threshold of risk of significant harm, access specific and appropriate support services in the South Eastern area of Sydney. The Program Manager will be responsible for the delivery of the Family Referral Service in the South Sydney local government areas, ensuring a high standard of service is provided to the families and children accessing the program.

#### Essential Selection Criteria:

- Minimum of 3-5 years case work and assessment experience in child and families services, including child protection
- Demonstrated experience of managing budgets and financial reporting
- Degree in Social Work, Psychology or related discipline
- Knowledge of child developmental milestones
- Demonstrated management experience, including staff supervision and effective problem solving skills
- Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of current child protection legislation and practices in NSW
- High level oral and written communication skills including report writing skills

#### Desirable Selection Criteria.

- Demonstrated experience working with young people, children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Demonstrated experience in training and experience in community development
- Demonstrated experience in working with Aboriginal, children, young people and their families
- Second language

**Closing date is by 5:00pm 25 February 2013.**

For a confidential conversation, please contact Ruth Farrer on (02) 9218 2354.

Application is a current resume and a covering letter outlining the selection criteria.

Pay scale:- \$95,816,-\$97,015,(inclusive of salary sacrifice super and a vehicle)

## FAMILY REFERRAL WORKER

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work for Barnardos, one of Australia's leading not for profit organisations. The role as Family Referral Worker is based with the new Family Referral Service, located in Ultimo, Sydney. The position is permanent, full time.

The role of the Family Referral Worker is to assist vulnerable children, young people and their families, who do not meet the statutory threshold of risk of significant harm, to access specific and appropriate support services in the South Eastern area of Sydney. The role will consist of three main components, working the telephone referral and Intake service, community outreach and home visiting case work, and developing community stake holder relationships.

For the role Barnardos are seeking the successful candidate to have:-

#### Essential Selection Criteria:

- Minimum of two years of direct experience in child/family welfare, youth work or children's services, and an understanding of issues that can impact upon families
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Sound computer skills
- Knowledge of child developmental milestones
- Current New South Wales unrestricted Class C licence

#### Highly Desirable Selection Criteria.

- Experience in working with young people, children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Second language
- Experience in working with Aboriginal, children, young people and their families
- Tertiary qualifications in social welfare

**Closing date is by 5:00pm 25 February 2013.**

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Pay scale:- \$71,692-\$82,105 (inclusive of salary sacrifice super and a vehicle)



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**Applications close 22 February 2013.**

**Project Officer - Quality Improvement  
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Eastern Sydney Medicare Local has an exciting opportunity for a **Project Officer** to contribute to the **Quality Improvement in General Practice** project, based in Rosebery, Sydney. Reporting to the Population Health Manager, you will be working as part of a team with the main aim of implementing the Quality Improvement Program in General Practices throughout Sydney's eastern suburbs. You will receive **highly competitive remuneration circa \$55,000 - \$65,000** including super and **salary packaging options**. Additionally, you will have **access to a fleet of work vehicles** for use during the day.



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**Applications close: 1st March 2013**



**Government of Western Australia  
Department of Housing**

**Housing and Property Services Officer  
Pool - Service Delivery**

Web Search No: HOU1313

Level/Salary: L3 \$60,330 - \$65,503 pa + Super, PSGOGA

**Job Description:** To manage, control and monitor a designated number of Housing Service Delivery tenancies and properties to ensure tenants are supported, payment of rent is sustained and properties are cared for and maintained.

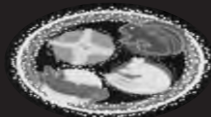
**To Access Detailed Information:** [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No.HOU1313 to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9222 4813 to be mailed an information pack.

**For specific inquiries:**

Please contact Shayne Hills on (08) 9158 3644.

**Location:** West Kimberley.

**Closing Date:** Thursday, 28 February 2013 at 9.00pm.



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**Phone:** 9416 8787 **Fax:** 9480 0690  
**Email:** [StaceyB@yappera.com.au](mailto:StaceyB@yappera.com.au)

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**5pm 28 February 2013**

For more information contact:

Brad Spolding, GM (03) 9329 9097 [brad@ilbijerri.com.au](mailto:brad@ilbijerri.com.au)

*This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander  
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**MANAGER  
Wangka Maya PALC  
Port Hedland**

Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre was established in 1987 and is located in Port Hedland (population over 20,000) which is the focus of a dynamic remote mining area of Western Australia. Port Hedland has very good air transport, education, health, sporting and cultural facilities.

The Manager is accountable to the Board for management of all resources so that Wangka Maya continues to develop as a sustainable organisation providing high quality outputs regarding the Aboriginal languages of the Pilbara.

The salary component of the remuneration is in the range 93-101k. In addition, a rent subsidised three bedroom house is available as well as a car for personal use within Port Hedland.

Further information about Wangka Maya is available on the website <http://www.wangkamaya.org.au> and in the information package which details the application requirements.

The information package is available from  
[reception1@wangkamaya.org.au](mailto:reception1@wangkamaya.org.au)

**Applications close 12 noon Monday 18th February.**



**Government of  
Western Australia  
Department of Fire and  
Emergency Services**

**Indigenous Development  
Officer**

Level/Salary: Level 6 \$87,939 - \$97,378

DFES is looking for a dedicated person to work with Aboriginal Communities.

**You will have a:**

- Strong background in Community Development
- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal Communities both metro and regional;
- Have a good understanding of aboriginal culture and its diversity; and
- Aboriginality is genuine qualification and is allowed under section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act (1984)

Your role will be to assist in the development and coordinate delivery of state-wide emergency management programs for Indigenous Communities.

Develop strategic partnerships to implement strategies to enhance DFES capacity to engage with remote Indigenous Communities.

For further information in relation to this position please contact Moya Newman on 0407 194 419.

**Applications close:** 4:00pm Friday 22 March 2013 (WST).

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**Juvenile Justice  
Attorney General & Justice**

**Assistant Manager-Generalist  
(Aboriginal) (Bail)**

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Department of Attorney General & Justice  
Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile Justice Community Service  
Permanent Full-Time

**Job Reference No: 00001FX3**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

The Assistant Manager is responsible for providing quality service through effective management of the delivery of juvenile justice programs at the local level within the specific area in accordance with relevant legislation, agency policies, guidelines and procedures to minimise the reoffending of juvenile offenders and enhance their functioning in and /or reintegration into the community.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Aboriginality.
2. Knowledge of legislation relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW and the public sector.
3. An understanding of the agency's policies and procedures and willingness to learn and adhere to agency's policies and procedures.
4. Demonstrated experience in staff management and team building skills and ability to manage conflict.
5. Experience in working with families and/or adolescents and an understanding of adolescent development.
6. Current minimum class C NSW Driver's Licence.
7. Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Requirement of this position is that assistant managers will be placed on a rotating duty roster to manage the weekend bail court for which you will receive an additional payment.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under the Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Successful applicants will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality.

Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

**Enquiries:** Helena Greeks on (02) 4624 8400

**Information Packages and to apply online:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference Number:** 00001FX3

**Closing Date:** Wednesday 6 March 2013

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Family &  
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Housing NSW

## CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER ABORIGINAL

Clerk Grade 2/4  
Northern NSW Housing Services Division  
Taree  
Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00001FG8

Total remuneration package valued up to \$73,945 per annum (Salary \$57,922 pa - \$67,010 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

This position provides comprehensive 'front end' services to clients seeking housing assistance. The role involves significant face-to-face contact with clients with complex needs and delivers a broad range of tenancy management services and advice to clients, maintains properties and supports sustainable tenancies or assists with alternative housing solutions.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds including those with complex needs.
- Ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, meet deadlines and targets.
- Computer literacy and knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member in a high volume client service environment.
- Active listening, communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills and proficiency in negotiation and conflict resolution.
- Demonstrated capacity to identify and analyse problems and propose effective solutions to meet client needs.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality.

Applications are invited from persons who wish to be considered for this permanent position in terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002*. This position will work with the Mid North Coast Tenancy Management and is located in Taree. This position may be required to perform some Access and Demand functions in the future.

An eligibility list may be created to fill any future vacancies that may occur over the next twelve (12) months in the Tenancy Management and/or Access and Demand Teams in the North Coast and New England Area. Applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Enquiries:** Mike Summerill on (02) 6659 2525

**Information Package:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference No:** 00001FG8

**Closing Date:** 22 February 2013

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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: 20 February 2013



National  
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**Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru People and Local Government ILUA QI2012/132**

### Description of the agreement area:

Agreement area covers about 23,615 sq km, situated north-west of Boulia and extending about 176 km north from the Donohue Highway and east from the Northern Territory border to Dajarra.

Relevant LGA: Boulia Shire, Cloncurry Shire and Mount Isa City Councils.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (QLD).

### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Boulia Shire Council; Cloncurry Shire Council; and Mount Isa City Council  
C/- Gilkerson Legal  
GPO Box 12543  
Brisbane QLD 4003

Mavis Sarmardin, David Riley, Marlene Speechley, Elizabeth Dempsey, Thelma Parker and Charles Page Jnr as the applicant for Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru Peoples #1 (QUD6115/98) and the Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru Peoples #2 (QUD6006/2002); and  
Bularnu Waluwarra Wangkayujuru Aboriginal Corporation  
C/- Queensland South Native Title Services  
PO Box 10832  
Adelaide Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

38.2 Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Future Acts covered by the Agreement.

43.1 The Parties consent to any Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact (they are described in Schedule 8) [being maintenance (e.g. repairs to buildings, re-sealing roads and car parks, removing rubbish); low impact infrastructure (e.g. street signs, replacing an existing sewerage treatment plant); statutory approvals (e.g. ministerial approval of a trustee lease, environmental approvals, permits under Local Laws); low impact tenure grants (e.g. trustee lease by a Local Government to a sporting club over a Reserve, permit to occupy, easements); pest control (e.g. removing weeds, eradicating feral animals); contractual interests (e.g. a Local Government entering into a contract with a third party for the mowing or maintenance of public places); operational activities (e.g. storage and stockpile of gravel, civic functions on land or waters, carrying out enforcement actions regarding alleged breaches of Local Laws); access and site investigation (e.g. inspecting an area, surveying an area, water quality testing); emergencies (e.g. constructing a fire break or a safety barrier); contractual interests with third parties (e.g. a management agreement, maintenance contract); low impact works/infrastructure otherwise agreed at a capital works forum (clause 59 has information about how this decision is made at a capital works forum); preventing the exercise of Native Title (e.g. enclosing an area by a fence or other structure which prevents the Native Title Claim Group from entering the area temporarily)].

43.2 There are no conditions on the consent to an Activity which has a Low Native Title Impact.

44.1 Where a condition applicable to a Particular Future Act is satisfied, the Parties consent to the Particular Future Act (they are described in Schedule 9) [Schedule 9(A) describes these as tenure changes necessary to the expansion of the current infrastructure corridor from Urandangie township to Urandangie airport (including any deviation to link Marmaya community and the adjoining education facilities), capable of carrying infrastructure for community services; installation of infrastructure along the infrastructure corridor; a grant of one or more trustee leases either to or by the Boulia Shire Council over the town common at Urandangie; construction of infrastructure or the delivery of services by the Boulia Shire Council or its agent for the benefit of the Urandangie community including any works to maintain, upgrade or make improvements to infrastructure, recreation areas and sporting facilities and compliance with any related regulatory requirements; any act necessary to encourage and support the economic development of Urandangie township. Schedule 9(B) describes the conditions on which the consent to the Particular Future Acts is given, including whenever practicable, the existing water infrastructure corridor must be used and the infrastructure corridor must not exceed a width of 30 metres; a trustee lease can only affect a portion of the town common at Urandangie (being that portion shown in a map in Schedule 9(C)) and cannot impede the future expansion of or any improvements planned for the Urandangie township; the construction of infrastructure/the delivery of services by the Boulia Shire Council (or its agent) and any act necessary to encourage and support economic development of Urandangie township must be discussed at a Consultative Committee and prior written consent to each specific act must then be obtained from two representatives for the Bularnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru Peoples who sit on the Consultative Committee].

"Activity" and "Activities" has the widest possible meaning and includes any activity (including any construction and ground disturbing activity) action, undertaking, dealing, grant, approval, consent and agreement.

### 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 Queensland South Native Title Services, 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, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4000 by 20 May 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 Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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## Indigenous Field Service Officer

### Public Land Fire Initiative

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- Full time ongoing role
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To succeed in this role you will have:

- The ability to achieve accreditation and maintain competencies in at least two of the following: Operations Officer Level 1, Chainsaw Operator – Faller Advanced or Intermediate or Tanker Driver.
- Demonstrated skills in the maintenance and construction of a range of park facilities, including signs, toilets, campgrounds, fences and walking tracks.
- Ability to implement OH&S requirements and have a sound knowledge of safety management guidelines and JSAs.
- Experience with delivering program, project and contracting management services and monitoring contracts.
- Experience and understanding of pest plant and animal control measures.
- A current manual transmission Drivers Licence is essential.

If you would like to find out more about this position, please obtain a copy of the position description and Aboriginal Form from [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au).

**Parks Victoria holds an exemption from the Equal Opportunity Board to enable the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only to identified positions (Nos:A126 of 2010) Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.**

For further information please contact Frank Gleeson or Wendy Berick by calling **13 1963**. To apply, please email your application, addressing the selection criteria including a resume to [applications@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:applications@parks.vic.gov.au).

**Applications close Friday 1 March 2013.**

More information  
Phone 13 1963  
[www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au)



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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 27 February 2013



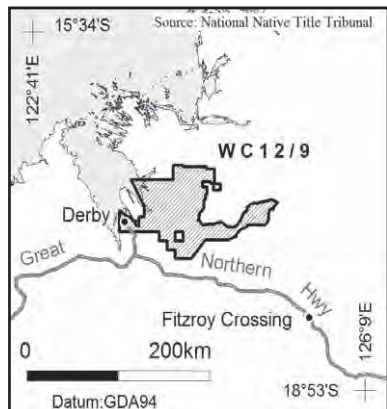
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This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 27 May 2013**. After 27 May 2013, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



**Application name:** Harry Lennard & Ors (Warrwa #2) v State of Western Australia

**Federal Court File No:** WAD258/2012

**Date filed:** 3 October 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this application covers about 6,921 square kilometres, and extends about 170 kilometres east from the town of Derby.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Derby – West Kimberley

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, WA (August 2012).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
16/393	SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh	414736	42.26HA	63km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 30' S Long: 120° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
27/345	LAWSON GOLD LIMITED	411784	2.62HA	45km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 22' S Long: 121° 38' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
29/644-I	SILVERTREE NOMINEES PTY LTD INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM LTD	413349	67.01HA	83km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 9' S Long: 120° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/670	ST BARBARA LIMITED	411015	21.69HA	48km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/916	ST BARBARA LIMITED	411016	55.17HA	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/917	ST BARBARA LIMITED	411017	142.55HA	45km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 121° 7' E	LEONORA SHIRE
40/283	DIXON, Trevor John	413493	8.77HA	21km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 3' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
40/283	DIXON, Trevor John	415025	97.81HA	21km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
40/320	KIN MINING NL	413007	129.23HA	20km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
40/320	KIN MINING NL	413303	87.43HA	20km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 1' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE
53/1061	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	413479	46.77HA	64km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 54' S Long: 121° 25' E	WILUNA SHIRE
53/1106	ROX RESOURCES LIMITED	413480	678.93HA	66km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 121° 25' E	WILUNA SHIRE
59/1199-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	415197	80.62HA	48km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 37' S Long: 116° 53' E	YALGOO SHIRE
59/1745	RED DRAGON MINES NL	414481	15.90HA	6km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 117° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
63/1051	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	415050	27.12HA	34km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 54' S Long: 121° 54' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
63/1446	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	414715	23.60HA	128km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 120° 26' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
77/1373	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	414341	26.06HA	16km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 4' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1765-I	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	414340	122.15HA	10km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 54' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1788-I	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	414330	36.98HA	58km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1788-I	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	414502	57.48HA	58km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 119° 33' E	YILGARN SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 13 February 2013

**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 **13 May 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. 13 June 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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Juvenile Justice  
Attorney General & Justice

## Aboriginal Projects Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8

Department of Attorney General & Justice

Juvenile Justice

Northern Regional Office, Lismore

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 00001GGX

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

This position is responsible for assisting the Regional Director in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of programs and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to reduce their re-offending and enhance their functioning in and/or reintegration into the community.

### Selection Criteria:

- Documented verification of Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the juvenile criminal justice system and legislation relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal culture and communities.
- Project management experience and demonstrated knowledge of evidence based programs and interventions for Aboriginal young offenders.
- Effective analytical and communication skills together with a demonstrated ability to liaise with government and non-government organisations.
- Demonstrated ability working with Aboriginal young people, families, communities and organizations within a case management framework.
- Demonstrated experience with a range of computer applications.
- Current minimum Class C Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Enquiries:** Leela Griffin - Ph (02) 6623 4202

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00001GGX

**Closing Date:** 22 February 2013

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Education and Training

## Learning, Teaching and Student Engagement Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Student Engagement Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

## School Engagement Officer

### Administrative Services Officer Class 4

**Salary Range: \$58,870 - \$63,917 (PN: 27553)**

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education section is seeking applications from interested people for the position of School Engagement Officer. The successful applicant will be responsible for working as a member of a team to provide school engagement support to ACT Public schools and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at them. Applicants must have knowledge of the educational issues, programs and initiatives relating to increasing educational outcomes and ensuring high expectations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Desirable: Certificate IV in Youth Work, Education Assistant or equivalent and/or relevant experience in this field. Possession of a current driver's licence.

**Contact Officer:** Ginibi Robinson (02) 6205 9195 [ginibi.robinson@act.gov.au](mailto:ginibi.robinson@act.gov.au)

**Applications Close:** 26 February 2013

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# Bowen at peace with JT leaving Cowboys



(NRL) partner-in-crime Johnathan Thurston leaving the North Queensland Cowboys. Bowen has combined with Test pivot Thurston in an

impressive NRL highlights reel. Yet Bowen understands how the off-contract Thurston could be swayed by interest from a reported pack of ten rival clubs led by Penrith.

Bowen – recovering from shoulder surgery – joined Thurston at the inaugural Indigenous players' Camp on Queensland's Sunshine Coast

ahead of last weekend's All Stars clash in Brisbane.

And he wouldn't be surprised if Thurston walked away at the end of the 2013 NRL season.

"What decision he makes I am all for it. If he decides to move then good on him," Bowen said.

The Cowboys hierarchy had hoped the recent re-signing of

controversial Test prop James Tamou would help convert the string of off-contract stars at North Queensland this season, including Bowen, Matt Scott and Brent Tate.

But even Bowen had been kept guessing about Thurston's intentions ahead of the season kick-off.

"Johnno is keeping his cards

close to his chest," he said.

"Personally, I will be right behind whatever decision he makes."

Bowen believed he would be fully fit by the Cowboys' final trial against the Gold Coast Titans at Mackay on 23 February.

He missed the All Stars clash, but still believed it was relevant. – AAP



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## Indigenous Cadetship Program

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet is seeking an enthusiastic Indigenous student, who is in their final year of study in 2013 or commencing their final year in Semester 2, 2013, to join us for an exciting opportunity to combine their present studies with part-time employment. The cadetship involves 40 weeks of academic studies and a 12 week paid work placement.

As a cadet you will be provided with a mentor to support you during your placement in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

To be eligible you must be of Australian Aboriginal descent and/or of Torres Strait Islander descent, and be studying fulltime and be in your final year of study. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

### The successful cadet will receive the following whilst studying:

- An allowance of \$600 per fortnight during semester, (based on 20 week semester).
- Up to \$500 per semester for books, materials and fees.

### The successful cadet is required to undertake 12 weeks employment with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet during the cadetship:

- The rate of pay depends on age, level of schooling and work experience.
- Cadetship wages are calculated on a **pro-rata basis**. Total remuneration package: \$45,993 p.a. Package includes salary (\$26,507 p.a. - \$41,679 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Closing Date:** 24 February 2013

**Contact:** Marjolein Gerber on (02) 9228 5047

For more information regarding the Indigenous Cadetship Program including eligibility requirements please visit the Indigenous Cadetship Support website at <http://www.ics.deewr.gov.au/>

For information on the job description and selection criteria and to apply, please see <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au> and search for: **Job Reference No. 00001GKP**.

This project is supported by funding from the Commonwealth Government under Indigenous Cadetship Support, administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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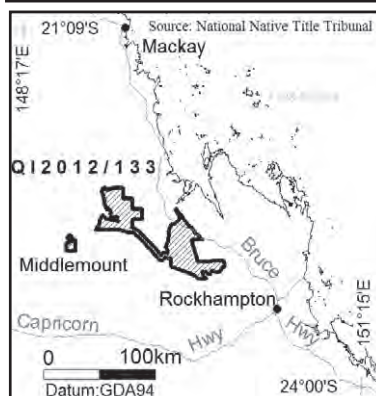
## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 20 February 2013



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



**QI2012/133 Arrow and Southern Barada People, Kabalbara People, Jetimarala/Yetimarla People, Darumbal People and Darumbal People #2 LNG Project ILUA**

### Description of the agreement area:

Agreement area covers about 2,500 sq km and is located approximately 100 kilometres north west of Rockhampton.

Relevant LGA: Isaac and Rockhampton Regional Councils.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (Qld).

### Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd  
C/- Gilkerson Legal  
PO Box 12543  
Brisbane QLD 4003

Randolph Powder, Heather Dooley, Bianca Kiem and Davina Tilberoo on their own behalf and on behalf of the Jetimarala People; and Amy Lester, Mona Kielly, Elizabeth Doyle and Jennifer Airs on their own behalf and on behalf of the Southern Barada People

C/- Margaret McLennan, Barrister  
Fullagar Chambers  
Level 29, 239 George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Colin McPherson, Daniel Kielly, Berylanne Bauman-Sadowski and Roy Bauman on their own behalf and on behalf of the Kabalbara People  
C/- Joshua Creamer, Barrister  
No. 2 Jacksons Building  
8 Petrie Terrace  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Maurice Bauman, Trevor Bowman, Allison Bowman, Berylanne Bauman-Sadowski, Roy Bauman, Selwyn Bowman and Christine Bowman on their own behalf and on behalf of the Yetimarla People  
C/- Rob Carroll, Barrister  
Higgins Chambers  
Level 29, 239 George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Alan Douglas Hatfield, Amanda Meredith, Pauline Cora, Rodney William Mann, Warren John Malone, Vanessa Ross, Louis Mann, Vivienne Roma and Robert Michael Muir on their own behalf and on behalf of the Darumbal People  
C/- Daniel Lavery, Barrister  
PO Box 891, Lutwyche  
Brisbane QLD 4030

### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

6.2 Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act (which relates to the right to negotiate) does not apply to any Project Activities covered by the Agreement.

8.1 For Native Title Purposes, all of the Parties consent to all Project Activities included in Class 1 and Class 2 [as described in the table in clause 8.1] which take place in, or relate to, the ILUA Area other than Portion 2 Area A.

8.2 For Native Title purposes, all of the Parties consent to all Project Activities included in Class 2 [as described in the table in clause 8.1] which take place in, or relate to Portion 2 Area A.

8.3 For Native Title purposes and particularly for purposes of section 24EBA(1)(a)(i) of the Native Title Act, any Future Acts (other than an intermediate period act) which:-

- (a) have been done invalidly prior to the Registration Date;
- (b) are included in any of the classes specified in clause 8.1;
- (c) are attributable to Arrow Energy; and
- (d) are not attributable to the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland

are validated as at the Registration Date.

[Clause 8.1 describes Class 1 (Exploration and Production Related) Project Activities and Class 2 (Gas Transmission Related) Project Activities. A copy of clause 8.1, showing the description of Class 1 and Class 2 Project Activities, can be obtained upon request from the National Native Title Tribunal.]

### Responses to an application to register an ILUA-where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 20 May 2013.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

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Juvenile Justice  
Attorney General & Justice

## Juvenile Justice Officer (Aboriginal) – ATSI Identified

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Operations Division  
Bourke  
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 00001DKK

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 per annum (Salary: \$72,242 pa - \$79,711 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

This position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within indigenous communities.
- Understanding of the legislation and issues relevant to Juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
- Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
- Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
- Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. The successful applicant will be expected to travel extensively in this role. It is an offence under the NSW *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Enquiries:** John Edwards, Ph (02) 6881 0731

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00001DKK

**Closing Date:** 13 March 2013

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# Mundine targeted as NRL role model



'ROLE model' might not be the first term that comes to mind for some when Anthony Mundine is mentioned. But National Rugby League (NRL)

welfare and education manager Dean Widders believes the polarising boxer is just that and hopes to invite him to future Indigenous rugby league player camps in a bid to inspire youngsters.

As co-ordinator of the inaugural Indigenous Players' Camp ahead of last weekend's All Stars showdown, Widders officially welcomed more than 40 NRL players and selected youngsters for the three-day event on the Sunshine Coast.

In what ex-NRL player and *Koori Mail* columnist Widders hopes becomes an annual event, the camp touched on aspects of Indigenous culture, including storytellers and street rappers to spear throwing and didgeridoo playing.

Far from fazed by Mundine's latest antics, Widders believed the former Dragons playmaker would be a perfect fit for the camp and hoped to invite him in the future.

"Definitely – he is a real mentor to a lot of these players. 'Choc' (Mundine) is definitely someone the boys look up to," he said.

"The way he lives his life and dedicates it to sport is a great way to follow, I think."

Mundine again raised eyebrows by bringing up the issue of race ahead of the 30 January International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight bout with compatriot Daniel Geale in Sydney.

He claimed league great Laurie Daley never embraced his Aboriginal heritage and said 'Uncle Toms' denied him representative honours during his playing days.

It came after Mundine was forced to apologise to Geale after drawing widespread condemnation for a tirade that included questioning his opponent's Aboriginal heritage because he had 'a white wife and white kids'.

But Widders said behind the scenes, Mundine was a very different person.

## 'Nicest guy'

"I know Choc personally and I have never seen a nicer guy, especially around his own people, community and family," he said. "I don't really like commenting on the stuff he says publicly."

Widders was excited by the prospect of the new camp which developed from a 2012 chat between Indigenous stars Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Justin Hodges.

"This camp is about learning a bit about their culture and going on whatever journey they want after that," he said.

"It's about representing Indigenous people and making sure when they go back out there, they can make a bit of a difference."

"If we can become aware and be better leaders and more comfortable in our own skin, it makes you a better role model out in the community."

"And role models are very important. We have a lot of issues in our community that we want to help improve." – **AAP**



Dean Widders, right, and Manly National Rugby League player George Rose, with Aboriginal dancers at the Indigenous Players' Camp on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. Picture by Charles Knight [nrlphotos.com](http://nrlphotos.com)



## 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	04/454	METEOR NOMINEES PTY LTD	15.99HA	66km W'ly of Derby	Lat: 17° 28' S Long: 123° 1' E	BROOME SHIRE
Mining Lease	15/1810	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	112.83HA	24km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 17' S Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1156	HAOMA MINING NL	5.61HA	48km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1222	NELSON, Thomas Charles	9.38HA	35km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 27' S Long: 119° 36' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1230	ALTURA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	350.66HA	89km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 118° 53' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1231	ATLAS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	43.03HA	88km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 4' S Long: 118° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1233	PILBARA LOGISTICS PTY LTD	1283.92HA	27km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 25' S Long: 118° 50' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	51/863	LAPELERIE, Alain	200.06HA	103km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 48' S Long: 119° 3' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Mining Lease	53/725-8 & 53/916	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	4314.51HA	12km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 40' S Long: 120° 54' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Mining Lease	53/1084	ECHO RESOURCES LTD	876.68HA	18km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 43' S Long: 120° 55' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1306	ROCLA PTY LIMITED	322.10HA	21km N'ly of Perth	Lat: 31° 45' S Long: 115° 52' E	SWAN SHIRE, WANNEROO SHIRE
Mining Lease	70/1307	ROCLA PTY LIMITED	1178.93HA	13km W'ly of Harvey	Lat: 33° 5' S Long: 115° 45' E	HARVEY SHIRE
Mining Lease	74/131	ASHBRIDGE HOLDINGS PTY LTD BUTLER, Raymond John Thomas	191.22HA	28km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 36' S Long: 120° 20' E	RAVENSTHORPE 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:** 13 February 2013

**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 **13 May 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. 13 June 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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Court Services, Local Courts

## Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 1-2

Lismore Magistrate's Circuit, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: \$54,742 - \$59,512

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$65,671

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients on the Lismore Magistrate's Circuit. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. In Local Courts, position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service with demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems;
- Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment and the ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the Court environment;
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

### Job Notes:

This position is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*) means a person who:

- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is a permanent Full-Time position at Lismore on the Magistrate's Circuit (the position holder is required to travel as court sits on circuit at locations in the Lismore Area).

**Inquiries:** Melissa Everson (02) 6623 3618 [melissa\\_everson@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:melissa_everson@agd.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 24 February 2013



# Goodes set for round one return



SYDNEY Swans co-captain Adam Goodes says there is ‘no doubt’ he’ll be ready for the start of the Australian Football League (AFL) season despite being restricted over summer due to a knee injury.

Goodes suffered a partial posterior cruciate ligament tear in the Swans’ grand final win last year, making rehabilitation the chief focus of his 16th AFL pre-season.

But the 319-game veteran rejoined the club’s main group during a four-day training camp in Coffs Harbour last month and says his knee is feeling great.

“I think the best thing that has happened out of all of it is that I’d gone through the same process with my other knee,” Goodes said on the club’s website.

“We’ve taken a really cautious approach this time because we did have that extra time and now I feel like I’m really coming good at the right time of the year.

“There is no doubt I’ll be ready for round one.”

Dual Brownlow Medallist Goodes won’t feature in the Swans’ pre-season opener against Greater Western Sydney and Carlton on 24 February at Blacktown.

But the 33-year-old expects to get some match fitness under his belt before Sydney start their premiership defence on 30 March with a derby fixture against GWS.

“I’ll try and fit in a couple of NAB Cup games before round one and make sure I’m really feeling good and get some confidence going,” he said.

The Swans were given a break until Friday after the camp in Coffs Harbour, while Goodes linked up with the Indigenous All Stars in Alice Springs.

Goodes was an assistant coach at last Friday night’s exhibition match against Richmond, helping out former teammate, good friend and the man whose club games record he broke, Michael O’Loughlin. – AAP



ADAM GOODES



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority application applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
STP-SPA-0047 with Acreage Option	GOSHAWK ENERGY (OFFICER BASIN) PTY LTD	18009.4km <sup>2</sup>	<p>The application is located in the Officer Basin, at the limits of the Little Sandy Desert and the Gibson Desert. It occupies 233 whole 5'x5' blocks of the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna) between Carnegie Homestead and Everard Junction on the Gunbarrel Highway.</p> <p>The maximum extents of the application are: from east to west around 150 kilometres and from north to south around 170 kilometres.</p> <p>The north-eastern corner of the application is located approximately 43 kilometres north-west of Everard Junction and the south-eastern corner of the application is situated approximately 175 kilometres south-west of Warburton.</p> <p>The application commences at the North-East corner of the application at a point 124°40'4.81"E, 24°54'55.03"S,</p> <p>thence south along meridian to a point 124°40'4.83" E, 25°24'55.03"S,</p> <p>thence east along parallel to a point 124°45'4.83"E , 25°24'55.03"S,</p> <p>thence south along meridian to a point 124°45'4.86" E, 25°59'55.08"S,</p> <p>thence east along parallel to a point 124°50'4.86"E , 25°59'55.08"S,</p> <p>thence south along meridian to a point 124°50'4.88" E, 26°24'55.11"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 124°20'4.89"E , 26°24'55.13"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 124°20'4.88" E, 26°14'55.12"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 124°10'4.88"E , 26°14'55.12"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 124°10'4.87" E, 26°4'55.11"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 124°0'4.88"E, 26°4'55.11"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 124°0'4.87"E , 25°54'55.10"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 123°50'4.87"E , 25°54'55.10"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 123°50'4.86" E, 25°44'55.09"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 123°40'4.86"E , 25°44'55.09"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 123°40'4.85" E, 25°34'55.08"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 123°30'4.86"E , 25°34'55.08"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 123°30'4.85" E, 25°24'55.08"S,</p> <p>thence west along parallel to a point 123°10'4.86"E , 25°24'55.10"S,</p> <p>thence north along meridian to a point 123°10'4.84" E, 24°54'55.12"S,</p> <p>thence finally east along parallel to the starting point of 124°40'4.81"E, 24°54'55.03"S.</p> <p>All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)</p>	Shire of Wiluna (92.7%) Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (7.3%)

**Nature Of The Act:** A Petroleum Special Prospecting Authority, while it remains in force, authorises the holder, subject to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA) and in accordance with the conditions to which the Special Prospecting Authority is subject, to carry on in the blocks specified in the Special Prospecting Authority the petroleum exploration operations being an airborne magnetic survey. A Special Prospecting Authority comes into force on the day the survey commences and unless surrendered or cancelled, remains in force for such period, not exceeding 6 months, as is so specified.

**Notification Day: 13 February 2013**

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. The Special Prospecting Authority may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **13 June 2013**, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, 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 application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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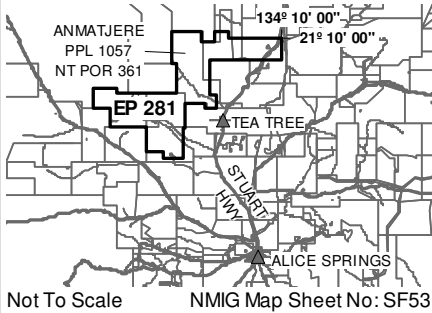
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

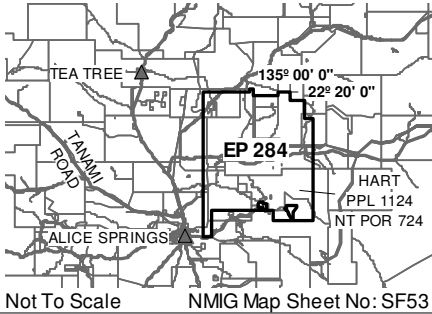
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) that application/s has/have been made for, 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:**

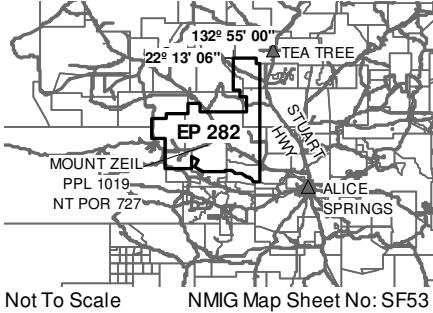
Exploration Permit 281 sought by NT GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 781 over an area of 194 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



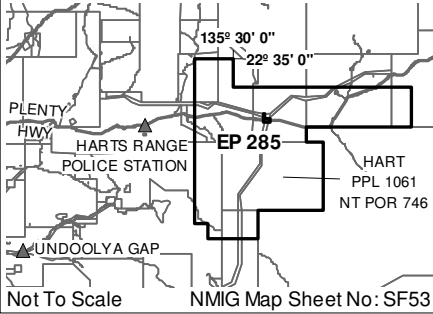
Exploration Permit 284 sought by NT GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 781 over an area of 200 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



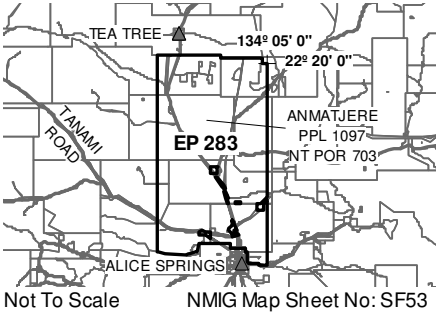
Exploration Permit 282 sought by NT GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 781 over an area of 168 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



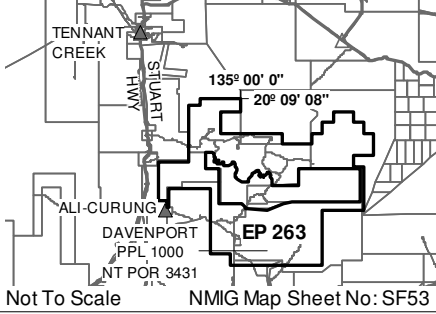
Exploration Permit 285 sought by NT GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 781 over an area of 125 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



Exploration Permit 283 sought by NT GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 781 over an area of 176 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



Exploration Permit 263 sought by TERRITORY GAS AUST PTY LTD, ACN 153 719 772 over an area of 177 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS 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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith St Mall, DARWIN NT 0800.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 ADELAIDE SA 5001, telephone (08) 8205 2000.

**Notification Day:** For the purposes of section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act*, the notification day is 13 February 2013.



# Thurston, Inglis back clean-up campaign



RUGBY league superstars Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis have admitted they have been stunned by the Australian Crime

Commission's findings on the use of banned drugs in professional sport.

But they welcomed moves to ensure that rugby league was clean.

"Personally, we need to support the National Rugby League (NRL) here to get this out of our code and, like everyone else, I am shocked," said Thurston.

Inglis said he hoped the investigation

would stamp out anything that could tarnish the game.

"We have to keep our game clean. It's such a great product," he said.

"I would love to see this resolved in a quick manner but there is still more investigation to do but we all want to see it rubbed out."

## In the hot seat

Less than a week after taking over the hot seat as ARL Commission chief executive, Dave Smith had his first crisis on his hands.

Findings from an investigation by the

Australian Crime Commission (ACC) last Thursday lifted the lid on widespread use of banned drugs in professional sport – and also links with organised crime and one possible instance of match-fixing.

The 12-month investigation, codenamed Project Aperio, focused primarily on two major sporting codes in Australia.

Although no code, team or individual was identified, Smith confirmed the NRL had been briefed on information that affected 'more than one NRL player and more than one NRL club'.

On a day that's been called the darkest

in the history of Australian sport, Smith said the NRL was already working with the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) to get to the bottom of the issue.

In addition to employing former Federal judge Tony Whitlam to set up a wide-ranging integrity compliance unit, independent auditors Deloitte were enlisted on Thursday morning to investigate Manly's sports science department in Narrabeen.

Deloitte also visited Cronulla and Penrith who, along with the Sea Eagles, have been associated with sports scientist Stephen Dank. – AAP

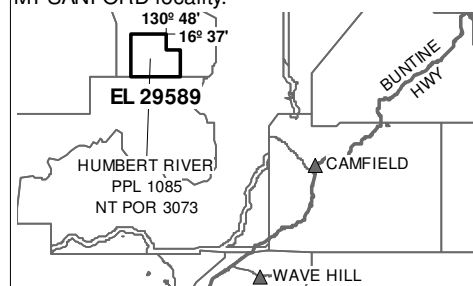
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### 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.

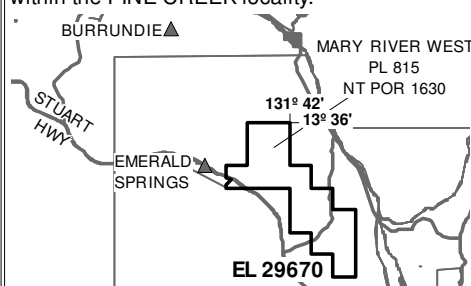
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29589 sought by AUSTRALIS MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 131 522 257 over an area of 71 Blocks (233.59 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 4 years, within the MT SANFORD locality.



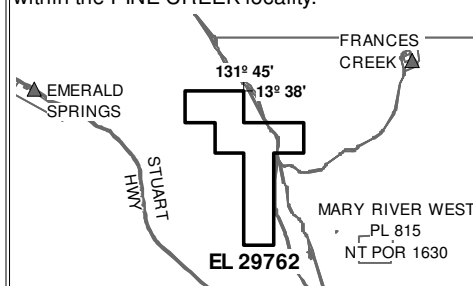
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Exploration Licence 29670 sought by CROCODILE GOLD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 136 505 587 over an area of 16 Blocks (53.27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



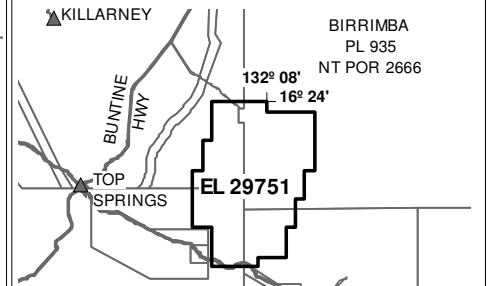
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Exploration Licence 29762 sought by CROCODILE GOLD AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 136 505 587 over an area of 8 Blocks (26.7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



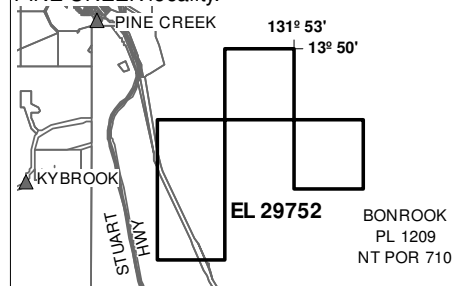
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Exploration Licence 29751 sought by GRAHAM BUBNER over an area of 173 Blocks (569.6 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLAT TOP HILL locality.



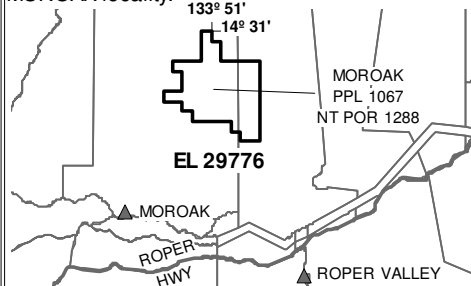
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Exploration Licence 29752 sought by NORTH QUEENSLAND MINING PTY LTD, ACN 152 890 643 over an area of 4 Blocks (13.34 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



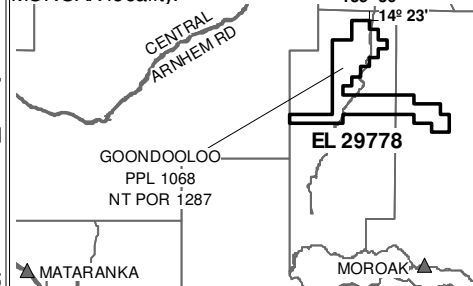
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Exploration Licence 29776 sought by ROPER RIVER IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 149 861 665 over an area of 60 Blocks (199.4 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



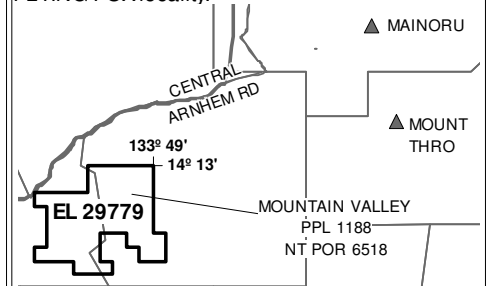
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Exploration Licence 29778 sought by ROPER RIVER IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 149 861 665 over an area of 59 Blocks (195.44 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



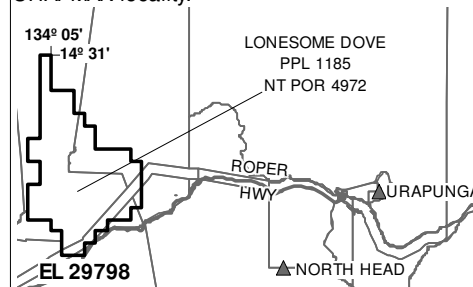
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Exploration Licence 29779 sought by ROPER RIVER IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 149 861 665 over an area of 52 Blocks (173.08 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX locality.



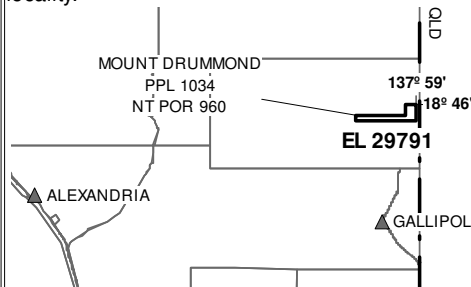
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Exploration Licence 29798 sought by ROPER RIVER IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 149 861 665 over an area of 90 Blocks (298.97 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



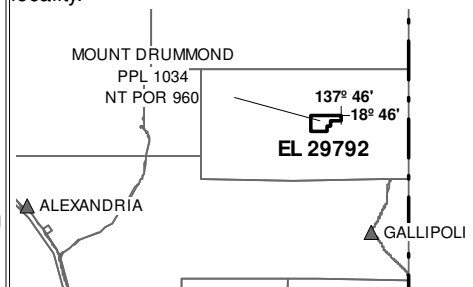
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Exploration Licence 29791 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 16 Blocks (52.04 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



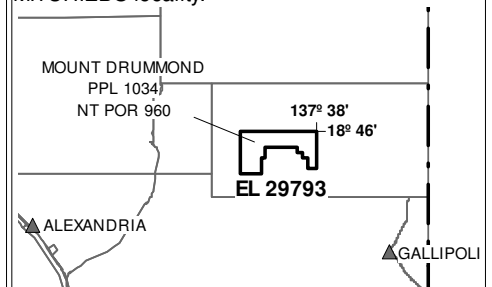
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Exploration Licence 29792 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 13 Blocks (42.27 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



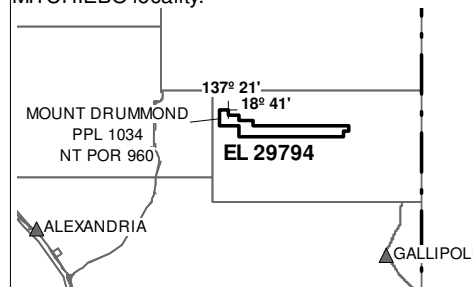
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Exploration Licence 29793 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 78 Blocks (253.5 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITCHIEBO locality.



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Exploration Licence 29794 sought by TECK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 091 271 911 over an area of 56 Blocks (182.2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITCHIEBO 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 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:** 13 February 2013



Queensland cricket roadshow ready to roll



THE annual search for Indigenous cricket talent throughout Queensland is about to begin.

Queensland Cricket has announced the itinerary for the Eddie Gilbert Indigenous Talent Identification Program, starting on 4 March at Chinchilla.

Male and female cricketers between the ages of ten and 30 can attend any of the sessions listed here.

Imparja Cup prospects

Younger players may be seleted to attend Queensland Cricket regional training sessions, while senior players must attend to be evaluated for inclusion in the 2014 Imparja Cup squad.

The itinerary is:

**Darling Downs:** Chinchilla, cricket oval, 4 March at 3pm.

Mitchell, State School 5 March at 3pm  
St George, State School, 6 March at 3pm.

Goondiwindi, cricket oval, 7 March at 3pm.

Warwick, Slade Park, 8 March at 3pm.

**Central Queensland:**  
Theodore, cricket ground, 16 April at 3pm.

Bileoela, cricket ground (Ian Healy Drive), 17 April at 3pm.

**East Coast trip to FNQ and Central Queensland:**

Toowoomba, Heritage Oval, 3 June at 3pm.

Theodore, cricket oval, 4 June at 3pm.

Rockhampton, Juds Park, 5 June at 3pm.

Clermont, cricket oval, 6 June at 3pm.

Charters Towers, Mossman Park, 7 June at 3pm.

Innisfail, TAFE Oval, 8 June at 3pm.

Cairns, Endeavour Park, 9 June at 3pm.

Townsville, Brothers CC, 10 June at 3pm.

Mackay, Harrop Park, 11 June at 3pm.

Yeppoon, Showground, 12 June at 3pm.

Hervey Bay, cricket ground, 13 June at 3pm.

Gympie, One Mile Fields, 14 June at 3pm.

**Darling Downs/Central Queensland/South Burnett:**

Mitchell, State School, 16 July at 3pm.

Charleville, State High School, 17 July at 3pm.

St George, State School, 18 July at 3pm.

Warwick, Slade Park, 19 July at 3pm.

Woorabinda, Sports Centre, 9 October at 10am.

Murgon, Showground , 10 October, 3pm.

**Metropolitan/Sunshine Coast/Gold Coast:**

Caloundra, Henzell Park, 23 September at 3pm.

Metropolitan north: Northern Suburbs DCC, Shaw Rd, 30 September, 3pm.

South Coast: Dolphins CC, Robina, 14 October, 3pm.

Metropolitan East: Redlands Sports Club, Wellington Pt, 21 October, 3pm.

Metropolitan West: Western Suburbs DCC, Oxley Rd, 24 November, 9am.

Brisbane: Queensland Cricket HQ, Allan Border Field, 1 December, 9am.

Players can contact Nev Paulsen on (07) 3281 2300 or 0419 725 823 to confirm availability and venues.

Sessions may be cancelled if no attendees are confirmed.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS  
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire	
Exploration Licence	04/2222	ASKINS, Paul Winston	35BL	82km S'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 2' S	Long: 123° 33' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2230	MERIDIAN (LENNARD SHELF PROJECT) PTY LTD	1BL	55km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 37' S	Long: 125° 49' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2236	ROLFE, John Victor					
		ROLFE, Barbara	46BL	36km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 19' S	Long: 125° 53' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2244	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	1BL	102km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 46' S	Long: 124° 51' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2245	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	1BL	108km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 36' S	Long: 124° 40' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2246	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	1BL	108km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 8' S	Long: 124° 8' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2250	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	58L	112km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 7' S	Long: 124° 14' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2253	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	18BL	113km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 33' S	Long: 124° 36' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2254	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	38BL	83km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 21' S	Long: 124° 49' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2255	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	31BL	125km S'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 21' S	Long: 124° 3' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2256	ASF CANNING PTY LTD	31BL	86km SE'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 1' S	Long: 123° 57' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2258	BROCKMAN EXPLORATION PTY LTD	63BL	91km S'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 57' S	Long: 125° 53' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2329	QUARRY PARK PTY LTD	7BL	23km SW'ly of Onslow	Lat: 21° 44' S	Long: 114° 55' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2364	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	93km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 28' S	Long: 116° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2372	ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	115km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 5' S	Long: 116° 33' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2373	ILMENITE RESOURCES PTY LTD	22BL	127km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 5' S	Long: 116° 26' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2414	STATE RESOURCES PTY LTD	55BL	142km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 8' S	Long: 116° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2416	REGIONAL RESOURCES NW PTY LTD	15BL	100km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 30' S	Long: 116° 2' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2427	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	58L	132km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 45' S	Long: 115° 54' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2428	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	141km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 53' S	Long: 116° 5' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2436	AUREUS INVESTMENT PTY LTD	100BL	146km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 11' S	Long: 115° 11' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2003	EASTERN GOLDFIELDS EXPLORATION PTY LTD	116BL	154km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 51' S	Long: 115° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2017	DESERT MINES AND METALS LIMITED	93BL	108km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 13' S	Long: 116° 15' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2018	KARRAMINDIE RESOURCES PTY LTD	58L	164km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 23° 57' S	Long: 116° 17' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2019	MALLINA EXPLORATION PTY LTD	8BL	159km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 12' S	Long: 116° 28' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1338	BROADARROW GOLDMINES PTY LTD	1BL	12km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S	Long: 121° 2' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1347	ST. IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	2BL	9km NW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 10' S	Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1348	ST. IVES GOLD MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	2BL	6km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 13' S	Long: 121° 36' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1349	BULLABULLING GOLD LIMITED	17BL	38km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 10' S	Long: 120° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2271	EPIENERGY PTY LTD	70BL	96km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 42' S	Long: 122° 37' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/450	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	9BL	88km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S	Long: 120° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1031-I	AUSNICO LIMITED	47BL	101km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 44' S	Long: 122° 4' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1038	TERRANOVA, Guiseppe	21BL	83km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 33' S	Long: 121° 52' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/781	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	1BL	36km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 48' S	Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/787	CAVALLARO, Matthew Charles					
		CAVALLARO, Justin Charles	6BL	44km W'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 49' S	Long: 120° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/796	DUKETON CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD	15BL	26km S'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 8' S	Long: 120° 36' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1145	REDPORT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	77km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 32' S	Long: 121° 21' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2716	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	1BL	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 38' S	Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2806	GOLDEN PIG ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	23BL	62km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 3' S	Long: 122° 16' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1411	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	38L	191km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 57' S	Long: 123° 39' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3246	HOLOCENE PTY LTD	97BL	50km E'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 47' S	Long: 122° 42' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4061	HAOMA MINING NL	38L	7km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 10' S	Long: 119° 40' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4104-I	PILBARA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL	32km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 12' S	Long: 119° 47' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4117	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	50km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 57' S	Long: 120° 15' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2200	DYNASTY METALS AUSTRALIA LTD	29BL	83km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 22° 37' S	Long: 119° 52' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2339	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	58km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 6' S	Long: 116° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2451	AMEX RESOURCES LTD	38L	10km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 17' S	Long: 117° 42' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2677	IRON ORE HOLDINGS LTD	1BL	38km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 53' S	Long: 116° 26' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2737-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	1BL	52km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 43' S	Long: 117° 17' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1551	GASCOYNE RESOURCES (WA) PTY LTD	47BL	46km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 35' S	Long: 118° 2' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2823	MAGELLAN MANAGEMENT PTY LTD	113BL	41km SW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 37' S	Long: 119° 27' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2827	COLLINS, Jeffory Joseph	4BL	128km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 44' S	Long: 119° 21' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2829	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	38L	37km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 24' S	Long: 119° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1708	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	22BL	88km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 14' S	Long: 120° 14' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1725	PANORAMIC GOLD PTY LTD	53BL	95km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 8' S	Long: 119° 23' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1728	GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED	53BL	83km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 25' S	Long: 120° 2' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/448-I	FLINDERS MINES LIMITED	14BL	45km E'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 8' S	Long: 118° 18' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1785-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	28L	73km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 57' S	Long: 116° 58' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1798-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	88L	46km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 21' S	Long: 117° 13' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1576	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	23BL	93km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 46' S	Long: 122° 36' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1577	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	74BL	47km NE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 48' S	Long: 122° 6' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2447	UCABS PTY LTD	17BL	231km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 27' S	Long: 122° 47' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2558	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	138BL	253km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 25' S	Long: 123° 1' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2562	BOLDJET PTY LTD	175BL	201km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 24° 56' S	Long: 121° 40' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3110	VICTORY GOLD PTY LTD	42BL	214km N'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 7' S	Long: 125° 6' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3655	DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD	12BL	15km S'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 22' S	Long: 116° 9' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4095	BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED	2BL	21km W'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 11' S	Long: 115° 55' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4096-I	BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED	11BL	16km NW'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 10' S	Long: 115° 59' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4229	HEDGES GOLD PTY LTD	9BL	43km E'ly of Waroona	Lat: 32° 54' S	Long: 116° 22' E	BODDINGTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4438	AUSQUEST LIMITED	154BL	83km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 19' S	Long: 118° 31' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2083	AUSQUEST LIMITED	200BL	99km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 39' S	Long: 118° 36' E	MERREDIN SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2084	AUSQUEST LIMITED	70BL	73km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 30° 31' S	Long: 118° 32' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2091	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	62km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 38' S	Long: 119° 45' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2092	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	58L	25km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 47' S	Long: 118° 59' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2093	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	4BL	43km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 37' S	Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2094	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	11BL	55km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 31' S	Long: 118° 55' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2095	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	14BL	46km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 36' S	Long: 118° 54' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4629	JORRY PTY LTD	26BL	111km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 42' S	Long: 126° 46' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4732	LAMBOO RESOURCES LIMITED	28BL	68km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 38' S	Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4733	URAMIN PTY LTD	17BL	60km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 17° 42' S	Long: 127° 50' E	HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4744	MINPROVISE PTY LTD	200BL	137km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat: 16° 59' S	Long: 127° 40' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE, WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/4746	AC MINERALS PTY LTD	62BL	66km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 25' S	Long: 126° 10' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE, HALLS CREEK SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5744-S	DALGLISH, Owen James	6.30HA	24km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 16' S	Long: 121° 25' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5766	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	89.23HA	25km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 18' S	Long: 121° 26' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5767	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	126.55HA	31km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 39' S	Long: 121° 50' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2791-2	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	399.08HA	59km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 28' S	Long: 120° 53' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2793	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	83.01HA	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 29' S	Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2794-7	PHOENIX GOLD LIMITED	666.05HA	76km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 19' S	Long: 120° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2798	MAYALL, Paul Gregory					
		MAYALL, Emma Maree	142.46HA	55km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 31' S	Long: 120° 52' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4689-97	QVR PTY LTD	1129.30HA	55km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S	Long: 121° 18' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3941	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	134.14HA	27km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S	Long: 121° 43' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3942-51	AMBERLEY MINERALS PTY LTD	1690.92HA	23km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S	Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2153	NEWTON, Neville Lawrence					
		NEWTON, Craig Brian	7.08HA	24km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S	Long: 121° 34' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2292	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	7.76HA	79km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S	Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2293	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	42.15HA	80km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 8' S	Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2294	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	11.29HA	77km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 9' S	Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2295	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	49.27HA	76km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 10' S	Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2296	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	85.03HA	82km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S	Long: 120° 31' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2299	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	16.76HA	92km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 4' S	Long: 120° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2300	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	11.87HA	91km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 4' S	Long: 120° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2301	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	15.51HA	82km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 7' S	Long: 120° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2302	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	21.34HA	84km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 5' S	Long: 120° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2027-8	HAMPTON NICKEL PTY LTD	315.71HA	114km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 4' S	Long: 122° 21' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8207-8	GLOBAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	229.39HA	39km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 42' S	Long: 121° 40' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8326-8	ARCAD					





The Hope Vale side which finished third at last year's inaugural Palm Island All Blacks carnival.

# Palm Island to host All Blacks carnival

By ALF WILSON



EIGHT sides are expected to compete in north Queensland's first 2013 All Blacks rugby league carnival at Palm Island on 16-17 February.

The Algon Walsh Snr Memorial Community Challenge All Blacks carnival will see two or three local Palm Island Barracudas teams pitted against visitors Yarrabah, Bindal Sharks from Townsville, Mackay Magpies, Hope Vale and Woorabinda.

The first carnival scheduled for 2013 was the Central Queensland Indigenous Development Reconciliation carnival at Rockhampton over the 26 January long weekend, but that was postponed until Easter due to flooding in the area.

The late Algon Walsh Snr was a Palm Island rugby league stalwart who, in his later years, became a referee.

Palm Island carnival co-ordinator Norman Bounghi said Palm Islanders and the players and supporters of the visiting teams enjoyed many close family connections.

"This is going to be a big carnival and lots of visitors will be here," he said.

Hope Vale ran a gallant third last year and will again be one of the favourites.

"There wasn't much between last year's winner Descendants, Barracudas Green and Hope Vale last year," he said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the Hope Vale visitors would have many family and friends on the island.

Last year star Palm Island footballers Darryl Pearson and Josiah Geia played for Hope Vale.

The strong Barracuda side must be given a good chance to take out honours, especially after winning the grand final of last October's Bindal All Blacks carnival in Townsville.

Bindal Sharks will also field a powerful outfit and Yarrabah and Woorabinda can never be under-estimated.

Descendants were to play at Palm Island, but spokesman Elia Ware the side had to pull out of the Palm carnival.

"That is because we are committed to travel to the Rockhampton CQID carnival at Easter and the two carnivals are close," he said.

Last year 1800 spectators watched the Palm carnival action and organisers are hopeful that will be bettered.

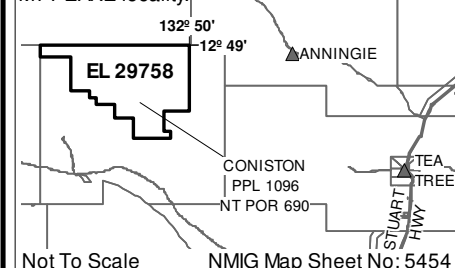
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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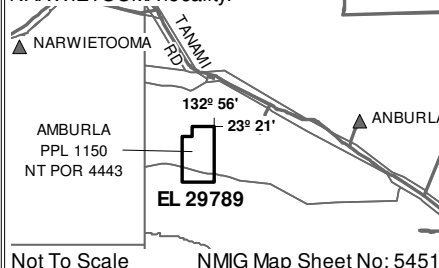
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

#### Applications to which this notice applies:

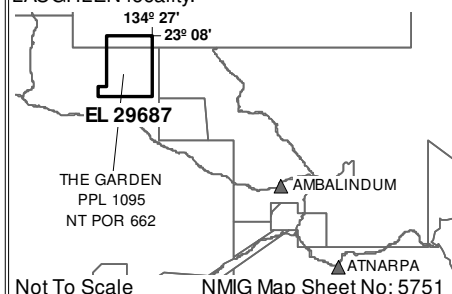
Exploration Licence 29758 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 and PANCONOZ PTY LTD, ACN 141 191 997 over an area of 210 Blocks (652.2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MT PEAKE locality.



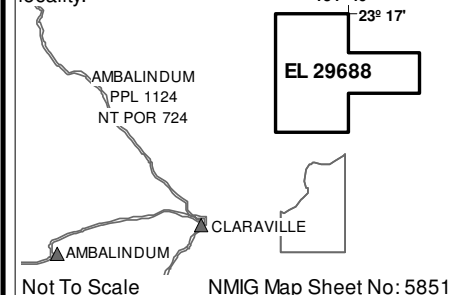
Exploration Licence 29789 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 and PANCONOZ PTY LTD, ACN 141 191 997 over an area of 14 Blocks (44.13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NARWIETOOMA locality.



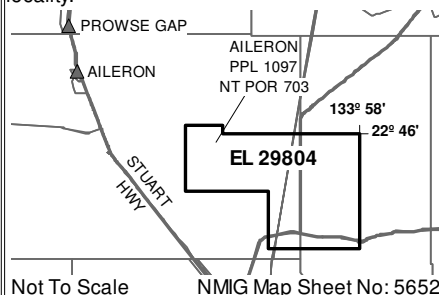
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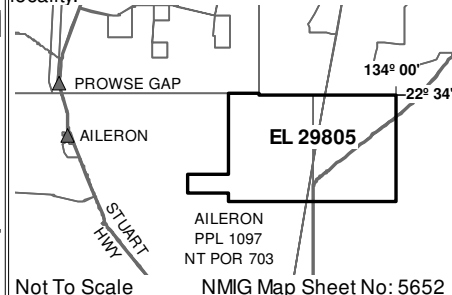
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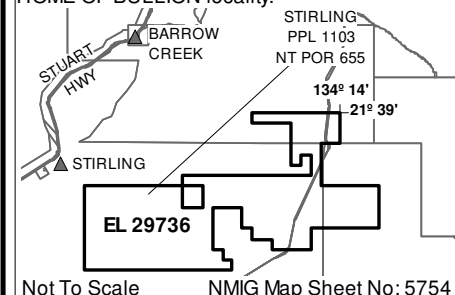
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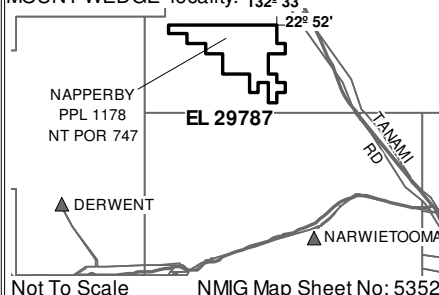
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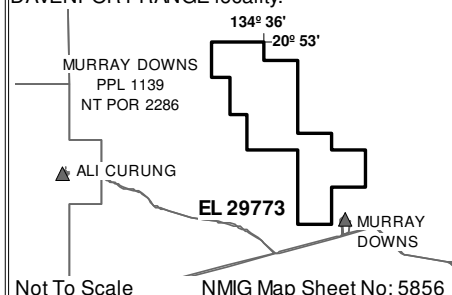
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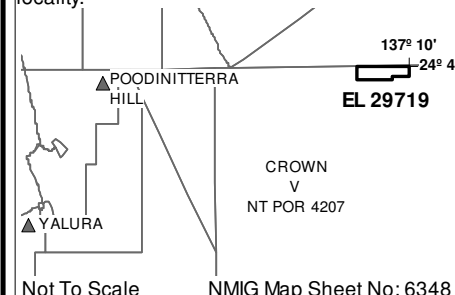
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**Notification Day:** 13 February 2013

## 'Buddy' leaves future plans up in the air



HAWTHORN star Lance Franklin is unapologetic that his Australian football future is a massive issue that will hang over the club throughout the year.

The two-time Coleman Medallist acknowledges that his decision to postpone contract talks until the end of the season had shocked the Hawks, but was confident it would not hurt their 2013 campaign.

Franklin, arguably the AFL's top player, becomes a restricted free agent at the end of the year.

He follows Chris Judd, Gary Ablett, Tom Scully and Travis Cloke as star players whose futures became the focus of media scrutiny through a season.

"I obviously love Hawthorn and they've been an absolutely great footy club for myself," he said.

"But it was my decision and it was something I wanted to do.

"I know there will be a lot of speculation about what I'm going to be doing at the end of the season."

Asked about his plans, Franklin replied: "At this stage, I want to stay at Hawthorn."

He later added: "I have no intentions of leaving the football club, but it is what it is.

"I just want to play footy."

This is already a crucial year for the Hawks, who were upset by Sydney in last year's grand final.

Hawthorn remain premiership favourite, but are yet to fulfil the potential they showed by winning the 2008 flag. — AAP





The lanky Luke Lavender, who will be going to the Imparja Cup with the South Australian Southern Boomerangs. Picture: Peter Argent

# Looking beyond this year

By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian Southern Boomerangs are taking a young and energetic 13-man squad to the annual Imparja Cup cricket competition this month.

Gawler Central top-order batsman from the Barossa and Light competition Jamie McCafferty is going to his fourth carnival and will captain the Boomerangs.

"We have an extremely young side, with just five players over the age of 18," the 28-year-old told the *Koori Mail*.

"We are taking three debutants, but also a number of the group have played representative cricket.

"A player to watch with bat and ball is Ayden McGregor-Baptista, although he is still just in his mid-teens.

"What we will lack in experience we'll make up with youthful exuberance.

"Tall teenage quick Luke Lavender and young left-armer Charlie Holmes will lead the bowling attack, but we have an abundance of slow bowlers because we are playing all T20 cricket."

## Grade experience

Lavender and Marcus McGregor-Cassidy have played good A grade cricket in the SACA competitions, while there is also a number of others in the grade programs. This pair, along with Ayden McGregor-Baptista and Charlie Holmes, have been involved in junior Redbacks programs. Another to watch is Chris Buttfield, who has represented Australia in indoor cricket.

"It's probably youngest team we're every taken away," team coach Paul Tregloan said.

"My charter is to have an eye to the fixture. Tyrell Sinclair is the youngest at 14, but we believe everyone, including him, will play a role.

"We've got a solid mix of youth and experience.

"Marcus, who has been playing well at senior level at East Torrens, will be one of our keys, as will Luke Lavender

"Our spinners will play a significant role in this Imparja Cup as well.

"Charlie Holmes may be a bit of a surprise pack for a lad of 15 – he bowls at good pace and hits the ball hard.

## Bonding

"The squad has been through team bonding exercises, including dragon boat racing. There also has been a large emphasis on field drills.

"While we expect to be competitive and we're on the park to win, we are definitely building for the new couple of years."

Teenage wicketkeeper Reece Hocking was late withdrawal because of school assessments during this period.

The 2013 Imparja Cup will be played in Alice Springs from 17-23 February.

The Southern Boomerangs squad is: Jamie McCafferty (Gawler Central) (c), Matthew Bedgegood (Rose and Crown), Brodie Cameron (Tea Tree Gully), Jordan Charles (Tea Tree Gully), Wayne Ericson (Port Adelaide), Luke Lavender (Adelaide), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (East Torrens), Marcus McGregor-Cassidy (East Torrens), Andrew Quintrell (Marion), Tyrell Sinclair (Tea Tree Gully), Chris Buttfield (Sharks), Russel Coulthard (Port Augusta), Charlie Holmes (Kensington).

Coach, Paul Tregloan; assistant coaches, Greg Size, Marcus Wallis; manager, Tanya McGregor.

# A role model

By CHRIS PIKE



PERTH Glory and Australian soccer star Travis

Dodd has fully embraced the fact that he is a role model for Indigenous people and is throwing himself into helping his sport follow in the footsteps of rugby league and Australian football in getting move involved with Aboriginal culture.

Dodd is playing in the A-League with the Perth Glory after starting his professional career with his home-town Adelaide City in the old National Soccer League.

However, when the A-League was started in 2005, he returned from overseas and played 137 matches, scoring 24 goals with Adelaide United before switching to the Glory ahead of the 2011-12 campaign.

## Socceroo

On top of being one of the biggest stars in the Australian league, the 33-year-old has also played twice for the Socceroos, highlighted when he became the first Indigenous goal scorer for Australia in an Asian Cup qualifier against Kuwait.

Even though Dodd's career speaks volumes about his quality as a footballer and athlete, he is even more proud of his Indigenous heritage and is proud to be a role model, and to give back to the Aboriginal communities, and people as much as possible.

Dodd is an ambassador for the Roger Rasheed Foundation and

whenever and wherever, he is asked to help any Indigenous group, person or community, he jumps at the opportunity, and is keen to increase his involvement further when he retires.

"I am a footballer yes, but I am also Indigenous and I do think it's important to mention it, especially when there are not a lot of other Indigenous players going around," Dodd said.

"I look at myself as a normal person who is lucky enough to play football. I've been fortunate to do a lot of things like play for my country and travel all over the world, and to have kids admire the fact that you are a professional athlete is still a strange feeling.

"But I'm happy to embrace that and try to give as much back to those kids as possible. Doing stuff with the Indigenous community when I can is great. It's important for them to have one of their own as someone that's been able to make it."

While the A-League remains a fair way behind the AFL and NRL in terms of recognition within the Indigenous community and as a sport they wish to take up, Dodd is seeing some encouraging signs of that starting to change and he is keen to be involved as much as possible.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) knows it has a lot of work to do in order to catch up to the AFL and NRL, but is hoping to unearth the next generation of stars from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



Travis Dodd in the colours of Perth Glory.

communities with the recently launched Indigenous Development Program.

The now annual National Indigenous Football Festival takes place in Alice Springs each year and it's just one of a host of things that Dodd is keen to be part of to help grow the game with Indigenous people.

"It's a very difficult process to just go in there and start establishing yourself as a code. I think it'll be a few years before that really starts to produce results, but maybe in five to ten years we'll start to see players coming through," Dodd said.

"The AFL has a bucket load and if we want to promote the game and get the game to their communities, I am happy to be seen as a role model. I think that soccer has missed a big opportunity, but the AFL has been around a lot longer and have a lot more funding and organisations backing them.

## Different ways

"It is hard to have the level of involvement I'd like to have, but hopefully things can be planned a bit better down the track so that players from the A-League and W-League can all join in. I'm really enjoying learning different ways to try and help people, and it's something that is always evolving."

As for Dodd's son Jake, he might not take up football, but could be set to follow in the footsteps of other Indigenous stars like Evonne Goolagong and Ashleigh Barty in tennis.

"He was a ball boy at the Hopman Cup and he's just been in Melbourne participating in an Indigenous tennis camp run through the Evonne Goolagong Foundation," Dodd said.

"Hopefully with the right training, he can become the family cash cow!"

● LEFT: Travis Dodd the mentor... out and about with kids in schools.





# Black Bream women

Story and pictures by  
ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL side Black Bream defended their title by taking out the women's section at the 65th Goldfield Ashes Cricket

Carnival at Charters Towers from 26-28 January.

A total of 224 teams competed at the Ashes, with ten sides in A grade, 24 in B-1, 141 in B-2, 42 in men's social grade and seven in the women's division.

It was estimated that about 500 Indigenous male and female cricketers from around north Queensland played at the carnival, regarded as the world's biggest.

## Won three games

The Black Bream side consisted of Aboriginal players from Charters Towers and Townsville and won all three games against Get Stumped, Travelbugs and Biggalo Babes.

Black Bream scored 680 runs at the carnival, took 25 wickets and finished with 20.80 points to defeat Hormoans with 20.35, Mount Isa on 17.99 and Travelbugs fourth with 17.03.

It was a great effort by the 2012 champions as they looked in

trouble on day one against Get Stumped XI at Charters Towers High School after losing many early wickets cheaply.

Captain Christine Hero said it was a great team effort and Black Bream also looked very fashionable in their uniforms.

"We won the Ashes. On the last day we scored 358 and Biggalo Babes only made 29. Our outstanding players Kylie Dallachy with 50 runs and three wickets, Tyler Masso with 50 runs and three wickets, and Eva Masso, who scored 50," Hero said.

On day two, Black Bream defeated Travelbugs 148 runs to 107.

Erica Budby scored 32, Christine Hero 29, Eva Masso 26 while Kylie Dallachy took three wickets.

The Ashes were played in hot and humid conditions with the temperature reaching 37 degrees.

Heavy rain in the week leading up to the carnival resulted in many of the 70 fields at schools, parks, aerodrome reserve, the gun club, golf club, and private properties being green.

Although water on fields did result in some games being switched to drier grounds. B-1 games were shortened from full-day to half-day contests.



Black Bream women's players, from left, Tyler Masso, Erica Budby and Christine Hero.



● LEFT: Black Bream captain Christine Hero with the trophy after winning the women's section of the Goldfield Ashes.

● RIGHT: West Indigies skipper Glen Butler batting against GT Radial XI.

● FAR RIGHT: Mt Isa women's batter Vinnie Harwood.

● BELOW: West Indigies batsman Simon Leo smashes a delivery against GT Radial XI.



A lusty hit by Mt Isa women's batter Vinnie Harwood against Hormoans at the Charters Towers State School oval.



# hold on to their title



Hunter Corp fieldsmen Mal Little, left, and Sam Solomon of Moa Island descent, at the aerodrome on day one against Whogaf.



The Mt Isa women's side.



Nathan Baker sends down a left-arm orthodox spinner for GT Radial XI.



Ashley Paul of GT Radial XI fielding in the outer.



Black Bream women's batter Lynette Anderson hits out.



Father and sons in opposition teams, from left, Jermaine Ross Snr and Jermaine Ross Jnr, 17, of West Indigies, and Jordan Baker, 17, and his dad Nathan, of GT Radial XI.

## Stout performance by Imparja Cup player

MASTER blaster Queensland Imparja Cup batsman Bradley Stout plundered runs at the Goldfield Ashes in the top grade, winning the coveted player of the carnival and batsman of the carnival awards while starring for winning side A Fish Called Wanda.

It was an ideal warm-up for the Imparja Cup, to be held at Alice Springs from 17-23 February.

The 23-year-old Bindal man came into the Ashes in great form, having scored 146 runs from just 62 balls for his club side Saints in the Townsville competition the weekend before.

At the Ashes, Stout, a Townsville police liaison officer, smashed 109, which featured 14 sixes and three fours against a hapless Ingham.

A Fish Called Wanda scored 6-225 in the Twenty20 format games, while Ingham replied with 6-91.

In another game under the Twenty20 format, Stout hammered 177 not out against Pacey's West when his side scored more than 300 runs.

"I also took five wickets so was pretty happy during the carnival and I have been playing with A Fish Called Wanda since I was aged 16," he said.

It was the third A-grade Ashes win in a row for A Fish Called Wanda and their fourth in the past five years.

Stout also played for the Charters Towers Invitational XI that took on a Queensland Bulls Masters team which had the services of Jimmy Maher, Michael



Queensland Imparja Cup player Bradley Stout at the Goldfield Ashes carnival in Charters Towers, where he was the player of the carnival.

Kasprovicz and Graham Hick.

The home side won, scoring 4-163, while the Bulls Masters replied with 7-154 and Stout chipped in with a handy 40.

Maher, Kasprovicz and Hick were not the most famous cricketers to compete at the Ashes.

Former Australian Test and one day all-rounder Andrew Symonds played in the B-2 division for Hidden Talent XI.

Stout remained quietly confident about Queensland's prospects at the Imparja Cup.

"I have played a lot of cricket recently but will be doing my best," he said.



West Indigies XI and GT Radial XI together during a drinks break.





Players and officials at the All Stars Indigenous Camp on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. Picture by Charles Knight, nrlphotos.com

# Making connections

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

**I**N 2008 when the Indigenous Players Group first met and the All Stars concept was only a simple desire to get all the NRL Indigenous players to be able to play together, we had a few basic goals.

The group – consisting of Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Matty Bowen, Sam Thaiday, Dean Widders and myself – all thought we could use our combined profile to make a difference on an issue affecting our communities.

Out of that simple idea the whole Learn Earn Legend program grew as the All Stars concept developed and the game partnered with the Federal Government to encourage kids to stay at school, get that job and become a 'legend in your own community'.

It is fair to say that this program alone has had a positive effect on the lives of hundreds of Indigenous kids, with many of them securing great jobs or continuing their education at university or TAFE to pursue their chosen dreams.

The All Stars match is a continuing celebration of those



Champion players Greg Inglis and Sam Thaiday at the All Stars Indigenous Camp on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. Picture by Charles Knight, nrlphotos.com

successes and all the new kids enrolled in the programs.

The other goal we set ourselves was to help create pathways for younger Indigenous players in the game and to help mentor them in the process.

To become true mentors we knew that we all first had to learn more about our culture.

Across the game and during the All Stars week we have had the privilege of learning aspects of our culture from the likes of Billy Williams and the now NRL commissioner Chris Sarra.

But last week at the start of All Stars week the concept was taken to a whole new level when more than 40 Indigenous players across the NRL took

part in a two-day cultural camp on the Sunshine Coast.

And I am pleased to say that Dean Widders, JT and GI all played key roles in getting the camp off the ground.

### 'Cultural warriors'

Some respected 'cultural warriors' were enlisted to give more us an education about our place in Australia, and not a single football was involved.

There were more than a few spears and didges though!

This wasn't about the footy.

Deano set the context for the camp when he spoke to the media.

"These boys, especially the younger ones, you always run the risk of taking them too far

away from their people and their culture," he said.

"We're trying to teach them that there is nothing to be ashamed of in being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

"Instead, there's a whole new level the boys can reach if they become connected to their people, their country and their culture."

We were greeted and given a traditional welcome on the land of the Gubbi Gubbi people beneath the Glasshouse Mountains.

As the Queensland sun headed behind the mother mountain Beerwah on Friday we were led on a tour of sacred sites by Neville Victor Blackman, a guide who had

made it his mission to teach young fellas about their history.

"I'm trying to teach them that everything is connected," he said.

"You know pathways, culture, the land. Sometimes I think all they think about is food. Bloody young fellas."

Blackman identified ancient scar trees, carved out for Aboriginal shields or as material for shelter.

"You can rub the bark and see how it feels," he said, pointing to an old tree behind Steve Irwin Way.

"I'm not rubbin' it," said Greg Inglis, causing all the boys to laugh.

But Greg's commitment to his personal learning and the purpose of the camp was beyond question.

"I always had a connection, I just didn't feel comfortable within myself growing up because of other people around me and the environment I grew up in," he said.

"We wanted to do this to have a voice in the game."

It was great that Chris Sarra was also there more in his role as an Indigenous leader and educator.

His talk to the boys in private was something special.

"It's no different for an elite sportsman or someone in the street: we've got to feel comfortable in our own skin and of course we've been bombarded with the negative stereotype," he said.

"It breaks my heart when I see young black kids in communities thinking they've got to run amok to prove they are Aboriginal when all they're doing is colluding with a negative stereotype."

That's a challenge that's bigger than the All Stars Match itself.

But a challenge we are all prepared to accept.

We accept it because we are proud of who we are and where we come from.

We are proud of our history.

We are proud of our culture.

We are cultural warriors for our people.

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# Full of confidence



DESPITE fielding a number of debutants, Western Australia is not lacking in confidence as it prepares for this year's Imparja

Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

The Sandgropers won the tournament in 2010 and coach Matt Abrahamson reckons they are a chance this year despite the absence of Dane Ugle and Wayne Norman and the late withdrawal of star batsman Liam Ugle.

Liam Ugle has been replaced by Rob Gibson, a wicketkeeper-batsman from the Warriors club in Albany who has scored a hundred and a double-hundred this season. This will be his second Imparja Cup.

Alistair Bivens and Michael Bailey were two youngsters who were maturing well and could expect to shine in Alice Springs, the coach said.

Bivens was coming off a thumb injury that kept him out of action for 11 months.

Abrahamson said Dallas



Still fresh in the minds of some of the West Australian players is this moment, when they had their hands on the 2010 Imparja Cup.

Coyne would return for his second tour after some handy performances last year.

He said debutant Rhonen Maher was an all-rounder from Broome, now playing in Perth.

Another newcomer was Rob McLean, who bowls seamers that could be effective on the Alice Springs pitches.

Willy Nona, who was part of the winning 2010 combination, is returning and is another seam bowler who could be effective.

Abrahamson said Trent Davies had been called in as a late replacement for Dane Ugle.

"Yagan Walley is a promising leg-spinner who has added another string to his bow with

some good recent batting performances," Abrahamson said.

"Jay Collard is coming off a brilliant 140 for us during Senior Country Week and is making a good return with the ball following a groin injury.

"Hayden Collard, another debutant, is an emerging fast bowler who we expect to have an impact."

Abrahamson said Bevan Bennell represented WA in the recent State under 17 carnival where he took a dozen wickets and scored a half-century.

"He is also playing first grade cricket at Midland-Guildford and plays for Scotch College. This is also Bevan's first year and he is the son of Bevan Bennell Snr, who played for us in 2007," the coach said.

## Shining light

Another debutant is Hugh Sando, who was a shining light at Junior Country Week as the leading run scorer.

"Hugh is a stylish batsman and we expect him to learn a lot from his experience in Alice Springs," Abrahamson said.

"Despite having a significant number of first-time players, we are confident in their abilities and do not expect them to be out of their depth.

"We lost three close matches last year which shows that despite finishing with a record of 3-4, we are so close to contesting another final. We feel this year should be no exception.

"Against South Australia and Queensland last year, our total was chased down on the third last ball of each match.

"Against Victoria, we could not chase down a target of 110. We take nothing away from those losses, but we know where we let ourselves down in those matches and that is the difference between winning and losing.

"Flip those results around and that's 6-1 and you are in the final.

"We also had our chances against NSW, along with some controversy to boot. We will use that to galvanise our approach to the match.

"The guys are eager and excited. We will use this energy and channel it into our performances during the week."

## Vics lose warm-up game to police team



THE Victorian Imparja Cup side warmed up for the big national Indigenous

cricket tournament in Alice Springs with a friendly Twenty20 game against Victoria Police at Camberwell.

After losing the toss and being sent in to bat, Noogal Toengorrt Tani (Indigenous Victoria) posted 9-116 from its 20 overs, with veteran Sandy Hodge top-scoring with 23 not out.

However, a strong partnership from Chris Hill (44) and Rob Bartlett (38) saw the Police triumph in the 18th over.

Newcomer Grant Bell was the pick of the bowlers for the Noogal Toengorrt Tani, claiming 2-30 from four overs.

"Unfortunately, we didn't perform too well with the ball, but there were some positive signs with the ball and in the field," Noogal Toengorrt Tani captain Ben Abbatangelo said.

Commander Ashley Dickinson said the match was a good opportunity to strengthen ties between Victoria Police and the Indigenous community.

"This really shows the true concept of community engagement through sport and this is the sort of thing that police all over the country need to do," he said.

"We are very proud that we

have an opportunity to do this in Victoria."

Following the match, a cap presentation was held for the male and female Victorian Imparja Cup cricketers.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell presented the caps, along with Justin Parcell, Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Wandin-Murphy, Cricket Victoria CEO Tony Dodemaide and Cricket Victoria chairman Geoff Tamblyn.

## Opportunity

"With a few new guys in the squad, it was a great opportunity to get the team together, try a few different things and ready ourselves for the Imparja Cup," Abbatangelo said.

Mrs Powell said last year's team, captained by Abbatangelo who plays for Northcote Cricket Club, had its most successful tournament with a third place finish.

"Ben's leadership will hold the team in good stead again this year and he'll be ably supported by Barry Firebrace, who's making a record-breaking tenth appearance for Victoria."

The Victorian debutants are David Egan (Malvern) and Grant Eaton (Wendouree).

The 2013 Victorian Imparja Cup squad is: Ben Abbatangelo (capt – Northcote), Grand Bell (Wendouree), Damon Eaton (Essendon), Barry Firebrace (Keon Park), Nathan Gardiner (Whittlesea), John Green (Plenty), Sandy Hodge (Homers), Alex Kerr (North Dandenong), Clayton McCartney (North Dandenong), Adam McDermott (Camberwell), Brendan Miller (North Melbourne), Troy Oakley (Newborough Bulldogs), Fletcher Stewart (Australian National University), Bohdi Walker (Sale City).



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell presents Sandy Hodge with his Imparja Cup cap.

## Emphasis on youth in Territory squad



THERE are plenty of new faces in the Northern Territory team to take on the other states and the ACT at the Imparja Cup starting in Alice Springs on 17 February.

In announcing its team, Northern Territory Cricket said the emphasis was on youth.

Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) head cricket coach Tony Judd will coach the side.

NT Cricket general manager – cricket development and performance John Stock said he was looking forward to seeing the team in action.

"We have decided to look to our next generation of Indigenous stars, which is very exciting," he said.

"The team still has a lot of experience in Adrian McAdam, Brian Manning and Charlie Dick to name a few, so I'm looking forward to seeing how they perform."

The team will start their campaign against Victoria on Monday 18 February at Albrecht Oval, Alice Springs.

The NT Imparja Cup team: Ayden Allen (Tracy Village CC), Lee Blumenthal (PROBuild Rovers CC), Charlie Dick (PROBuild Rovers CC), Dylan Fuller (Tracy Village CC), Leo Harrison (Waratahs CC), Brandon King (Palmerston CC), Greg Louis (West CC), Darrell Lowe (PROBuild Rovers CC), Jordaan Ludwig (Palmerston CC), Robert Maloney (PROBuild Rovers CC), Brian Manning (Southern Districts CC), Curtis Marriott (West CC), Adrian McAdam (PROBuild Rovers CC).

Coach, Tony Judd; assistant coach, Doug McClure (Federal CC); manager, Charlie Dick.

MEANWHILE, a Northern Territory Invitational squad will compete in the women's division at the Imparja Cup.

The women's competition is in the development stage and includes a number of invitational sides to round out the contest.

John Stock said he was pleased to see NT-based cricketers presented with the opportunity to compete at a high level.

"We have some very talented female players in the Territory," he said.

"It is an indication of the depth of talent in the female ranks that the NT is able to invite such a strong team to participate this year."

The women players will continue training in Darwin and Alice Springs before starting their Imparja Cup with a game against a National Invitational side on Wednesday 20 February in Alice Springs.

The NT Imparja Cup Women's team: Karen Brown (Tracy Village CC), Rebecca Cummings (Southern Districts CC), Tessa Geroni (Federals Asbuild CC), Camella Gray (Gapview Works CC), Tenille Harrod (Southern Districts CC), Olivia Magno (capt – Maningrida), Wendy Maxwell (Tracy Village CC), Deborah Moore (Southern Districts CC), Rose Moore (Federals Asbuild CC), Tabatha Saville (Federals Asbuild CC), Sandy Warner (Gapview Works CC), Pennyrose Wiggins (Nightcliff CC).

Coach, Olivia Magno; manager, Jenny Croker



The Indigenous All Stars celebrate their big win over the Tigers.



## All Stars win by 50

Curtly Hampton flies high to take a mark for the All Stars.



By DALE FLETCHER  
in Alice Springs



INDIGENOUS football talent was on show for all to see at Traeger Park in Alice Springs last Friday night when the AFL Indigenous All Stars proved too strong for a weak Richmond side, winning by 50 points.

In front of a crowd of 8350, the All Stars showed their dominance right from the first bounce to win 14.6 (90) to 6.4 (40).

The league's best Indigenous talent proved far too strong for the Tigers, who were missing key players Trent Cotchin, Brett Delidio, Jack Riewoldt, Alex Rance and Bacher Houli.

All Stars forward Liam Jones marked strongly in the opening minute from a bullet Aaron Davey pass to kick the first major.

Luke McGuane, who started up forward, kicked a quick reply for the Tigers, but from then on the All Stars dominated.

Leroy Jetta boomed home a major from 60m after the restart, and coupled with Jones' second and Eddie Betts showing some skill in the pocket, the All Stars built a comfortable 18-point lead.

A roar went around Traeger Park when GWS Giant and former Pioneer star Curtly Hampton ran on to his home ground for the first time in more than four years.

The Indigenous All Stars continued the one-way traffic in the second quarter, as another pinpoint pass from the Swans'



Harley Bennell receives the Polly Farmer Medal from Gilbert McAdam.

Tony Armstrong found Betts for his second goal.

Orran Stephenson then stepped up for Richmond to kick his side's second major and his first for his new club.

### Superior

But the All Stars showed superior pace, skill and willingness for the ball, as Adelaide Crow Graham Johncock booted two goals within a minute to give the Indigenous side a 36-point half-time lead.

The All Stars continued after the interval, with the Tigers' only

Indigenous All Star, Shane Edwards, who captained the side, showing fight and leading by example.

Johncock's third was finished with class after Betts fooled the defence yet again.

Richmond's third major and McGuane's second was due only to the efforts of Reece Conca – clearly the Tigers' best player – intercepting an All Stars pass.

Richmond scored some late consolation goals, but the game was already in the All Stars' keeping.

Gold Coast's Harley Bennell was named best on ground, to win the Polly Farmer Medal.



# Happy to be home

## Trio returns to where it all began

By DALE FLETCHER

LAST week was a homecoming for three Centralians who are shaping as Australian football stars of the future.

For Greater Western Sydney Giant utility Curtly Hampton, Melbourne Demon midfielder Dom Barry and Port Adelaide Power pocket rocket Jake Neade, to be back in the Red Centre was a dream come true.

Hampton, who has played 17 AFL games, said the thrill of running on to Traeger Park last Friday night was going to be inspiring.

"I'm going to be so proud to get on to my home ground and represent my people at the same time," he said.

"It's right up there with my AFL debut.

"To have the opportunity to play AFL back in my home town is a great feeling."

### Brought back memories

Neade said that to see Traeger Park again brought back memories of past matches.

"It's been a while since I have been back here," he said.

"I think it's been about four years and training on Tuesday night brought back some memories."

Barry was playing his trade on Traeger Park during last year's Easter Lightning Carnival.

"I was here last year playing but I have never played a full game on the ground," he said.

"I was too busy over at the tennis courts."

Boarding school has played a big part in all three players' lives and they believe it's the way of the future.

Hampton, who went to Immanuel College in Adelaide, said his character came through when being away from home.

"The years away really build you as a person," he said.

Barry and Neade, who spent his high school years at St Patrick's College in Ballarat, said the timing had to be right to leave.

"Everyone is different. You need to leave when you feel right," Barry said.

"You have to find the right time to leave.

Some leave at 14, and others leave at 18.

"To make an AFL career, you have to leave at some time. The earlier you leave, the better you make it for yourself."

Hampton and Neade still have a little of the local Pioneer-West rivalry and Barry thanks the Sadadeen Saints for his introduction to the game.

"We still have a bit of friendly banter," Hampton said.

Neade believes the Clontarf Foundation was the catalyst to his career.

"I was a boarder at Yirara College and then went on to Centralian and that made me a more confident person both on and off the field," he said.

Barry agreed with Neade and thanked Clontarf mentors Charlie Maher and Ian McAdam.

"I learned a lot of values and ethics from that," he said.

"Kevin Prior was amazing and Clontarf football was great too."

## More than a camp

LAST week's Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous All Stars camp was more than just that. The squad of 60 players from across the league were put through a number of workshops run by the AFL Players Association (AFLPA).

All Stars coach Michael O'Loughlin said the camp taught a lot more than kicking goals on the field. He said it gave players an insight into 'what is required to play at the elite level'.

"To see the younger guys sitting next to Buddy Franklin, Shaun Burgoyne and Adam Goodes, they are getting a lot out of the camp and what it really means," he said.

After last week's drug drama at the Essendon Football Club and the fallout a couple of days later from the revelations that organised crime is behind the increasing use of banned performance-enhancing drugs by athletes, O'Loughlin said the camp had come at exactly the right time.

"It's a cut-throat industry, to get yourself right to perform at the highest level," he said.

"The older guys have said it's

not by luck that they are here, it's about making sure you are working hard and making sure you are doing everything in your power to be the best player.

"It's no accident Adam Goodes has won two premierships and two Brownlow Medals."

O'Loughlin said the workshops would help the All Stars now to become even brighter stars in the future.

### 'Struggles'

"We talk about their finances and adapting to that, and the struggles of living away from home, and I guess that comes a lot from the older guys as well," he said.

The squad split up last week to visit local communities.

O'Loughlin said it 'was both a learning tool for themselves and a thrill for the locals'.

"We actually asked the question 'who had been to Alice Springs?' and about half the group hadn't been here before, so are having a great time," he said.

– DALE FLETCHER



Dom Barry, Curtly Hampton and Jake Neade catch up at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, before the Indigenous All Stars game against Richmond.



Richmond coach Damien Hardwick and All Stars Coach Michael O'Loughlin in Darwin last week ahead of the AFL Indigenous All Stars-Richmond game in Alice Springs last Friday.



# Sport – Geale-Mundine world title fight



Anthony Mundine about to enter the ring for his IBF middleweight world title challenge.  
Pictures by Joseph Mayers



Geale scores with a left to Mundine's head.



There were some torrid exchanges.



'What – I can't hear you' ... Anthony Mundine gestures to the crowd after he entered the ring. His opponent Daniel Geale was clearly the crowd favourite.

## What now for 'The Man'?

By GRAHAM HUNT



AS the Daniel Geale Express gathers speed, questions are being asked about the future of Anthony 'The Man' Mundine. The all-Indigenous International Boxing Federation (IBF) world title fight in Sydney on 30 January was more one-sided than some keen judges had predicted. To my untrained eye, the fight appeared to be a lot closer than

**'Look at him, there's not a mark on his face'**

– Daniel Geale's promoter Gary Shaw

what the judges thought.

I may have been swayed by Mundine's post-match celebrations just seconds after the boxers had ceased hostilities.

A supremely confident Mundine punched the air and gave victory salutes to a mixed reception.

But the crowd was very much on Geale's side and the Sydney Entertainment Centre erupted when ring announcer Jimmy Lennon Jnr announced Geale as the unanimous winner.

A stunned Mundine wasted no time in leaving the ring, allowing Geale to savour the moment.

Mundine later told a television reporter that he had 'walked into an ambush' and had been robbed.

Geale's win was revenge for his only professional career defeat – a controversial points loss to Mundine in Brisbane in 2009.

But Geale was better equipped this time.

Mundine and Geale are noted for their speed and there were some early quickfire exchanges.

But as the fight wore on, Mundine's work rate seemed to drop away, while Geale just kept coming.

At the press conference after the fight, there was hardly a mark on Geale's face.

His promoter Gary Shaw was quick to point out that

Geale's biggest improvement in recent times had been his defence.

"Look at him, there's not a mark on his face," Shaw said. At 31, Geale appears to have the world at his feet. In boxing terms, he is nearing his peak.

Geale said there still was improvement in him.

But at 37, time is running out for Mundine and losses don't help his cause at this stage of his career.

Mundine definitely was competitive, but maybe his trademark speed is beginning to wane.

Two judges scored it 117-111 in Geale's favour. The other judge scored it 116-112 to Geale.

It was Geale's fourth successful title defence.

A suggestion that Mundine would snub the national anthem was averted. Officials decided to present the anthem before the fighters entered the ring.

Geale told the press conference he delivered the result, but could have done better.

"I would have liked to do it that little bit extra," he said.

"A lot of people asked me to finish the job and a couple of moments there I had him in some real trouble, I just couldn't find that last little bit.

"He's a great defensive fighter, you can't take anything away from him."



# Sport – Geale-Mundine world title fight



Mundine goes on the attack.



One of Geale's more telling blows.



● **ABOVE:** Geale covers up as Mundine cuts loose.

● **LEFT:** Swing and a miss... Geale sways away from an explosive Mundine right.

● **BELOW:** Job done... Geale acknowledges the crowd after the 12th round.

*Pictures:*  
Joseph Mayers

## Another Aussie is after Geale

**D**ANIEL Geale's bid to establish himself as the world's best middleweight boxer has taken a turn, with the International Boxing Federation (IBF) world champion locking himself into a title defence against another Australian.

After Geale outpointed Anthony 'The Man' Mundine in Sydney on 30 January, all indications were that the Tasmanian-born Palawa man would take on World Boxing Council (WBC) world champion Argentinian Sergio Matinez or the highly-ranked Gennady Golovkin. But just four days after Geale disposed of Mundine, fellow Australian Sam Soliman outpointed German Felix Sturm in an IBF elimination bout.

Now, Geale has agreed to defend his title against Soliman. No date or venue has been finalised.

"We're going to get the shot, and we've locked it in on contract," Victorian Soliman said.

"We're just waiting for the date and we'll be fighting."

Soliman, who survived a second-round knock-down by Sturm in Dusseldorf, won the fight with a unanimous points decision.

Geale was last year stripped of his WBA title when he opted to fight Mundine over mandatory challenger Gennady Golovkin.

Soliman has a 43-11, 17 KO (knock outs) record, while Geale's record stands at 29-1-1 15 KOs.

Two judges scored it 114-113 to Soliman and the third judge had it 116-111 in the Australian's favour.

Before the outcome of the Soliman-Sturm fight was known, Geale's American promoter Gary Shaw said he might petition the IBF to have a voluntary defence next, rather than fight the winner of Soliman-Sturm.

At a press conference after the Geale-Mundine fight, Shaw wasn't sure who his boxer's next bout would be against.

Geale has 90 days in which to defend his title. — **With AAP**



Mundine appeared stunned by the result.



# Dan is on a roller coaster

By PETER ARGENT



LAST summer Daniel Christian was on the brink of Test selection.

Since then, the peaks and troughs the all-rounder has been through would test the resolve of the most positive of characters.

Much to the bemusement of Christian and the greater cricket public, in the week after he played in the Brisbane Heat's Big Bash League victory in Perth, the South Australian selectors couldn't find a place for him in the Sheffield Shield clash at home against Victoria on Adelaide Oval.

When quizzed about Christian's non-selection, SA Redbacks coach Darren Berry was pragmatic.

"The facts were we won the last game," he said.

"He (Christian) wasn't in the side for the last game in Melbourne and that was his own doing.

"The selection panel agreed they would reward the guys who played in the last win against Victoria.

"It was a difficult selection process."

Since he was 12th man for the Hobart Test in December 2011, Christian has seen international honours in one-day and Twenty20 fixtures for Australia

At the start of the current summer, Christian was seen as a prime candidate for the vacant all-rounder's position when it was decided Shane Watson wouldn't bowl.

## Pear-shaped

Things started to go pear-shaped when he was suspended by South Australia for the late November Sheffield Shield match against Victoria at the MCG after three separate incidents where he damaged change rooms following his dismissals at the batting crease.

He was told to spend some time away from state cricket following the

outbursts, which occurred at Adelaide Oval, Bellerive and the WACA.

Christian was an important performer for the victorious Brisbane Heat in the BBL2 grand final title triumph over the Perth Scorchers at the WACA.

With the willow, he smashed 37 from just 21 deliveries, including five boundaries and a six.

Noted for his ability as a batsman, bowler and fieldsman, Christian also took the important wicket of former Test cricketer Marcus North, although he did concede 12 runs an over. He also snaffled a pair of catches in the outfield.

## Impact

He was consistent over the two months of the BBL2, having an impact in the majority of this third generation of the game.

While South Australia was involved in a thrilling one-wicket win over Victoria, Christian played with the Adelaide University Blacks in the South Australian Cricket Association grade competition in suburban Adelaide.

Over his journey in big cricket, Christian has played for Australia, Brisbane Heat, Deccan Chargers, Hampshire, New South Wales and South Australia.

After being collected at a bargain basement price of \$100,000 in this year's Indian Premier League (IPL) early February auction, Christian will become a Royal Challengers Bangalore player for this year's competition, which starts in early April.

A couple of years back Christian was collected by the now dumped Deccan Chargers in the IPL for \$900,000 a season in a two-year contract.

The next three to five years are seen as the most pivotal and productive for Christian, who will turn 30 in May.

It is not out of the question that Christian, who has a healthy respect for Queensland coach Darren Lehmann, could be playing for the Bulls next season.



Dan Christian batting for South Australia in a 50-over game (above) and bowling for the Brisbane Heat in a Big Bash League Twenty20 game (below).

Images: Peter Argent



# After success in the west

By CHRIS PIKE



DANYLE Pearce and Sharrod Wellingham had fruitful Australian Football League (AFL) careers with Port Adelaide and Collingwood respectively, but have made the move west for the 2013 season and beyond with the aim of being part of more success.

Pearce played 154 games with Port Adelaide from 2005 until the end of last season, and was a key player for the Power as a damaging and classy running half-forward and occasional midfielder.

He made a blistering start to his AFL career, making his debut late in 2005, and then having a breakout 2006 when he finished by winning the AFL's Rising Star award.

Despite being dropped for a brief time during 2008, Pearce was a mainstay of Port Adelaide's team throughout his seven years from 2006, but was after a fresh challenge personally and desperate for team success in general.

The now 26-year-old joined Port Adelaide with the club fresh off winning the 2004 premiership, so it would have been more than reasonable for him to expect to be part of another one, but the closest he got was the record-breaking grand final loss to Geelong in 2007.

The damaging left-footer felt he was getting a little stale at a Port Adelaide club that was struggling on and off the field, so decided to take advantage of the AFL's new free agency rules last year to join the Fremantle Dockers.

Pearce watched on last year and decided he wanted to be part of Fremantle when he saw the Dockers destroy Geelong at the MCG in the first week of the finals.

He has so far enjoyed the move both from a football and family point of view.

"I watched the last few games of last season and the finals that Fremantle played, and it was the Geelong game that swayed me across just to see how well they played, and how good they are going to be made me want to be part of it and help in any way I can," Pearce said.

"Freo was fantastic in helping me come over and getting the family here in good nick. From the day we got here, we had great weather and we got to know the whole area of Perth. Fremantle is great and there's so much to do, and lots of things to keep the kids entertained.

"I have a little girl Kyla, she is four years old, and a little boy Jordan who is

turning three in March. Kids that age pretty much run the house and keep us on our toes, but the eldest one understands that we are in a new city and at a new team. She's got the song down pat already."

Wellingham, meanwhile, had become a key part of the Collingwood outfit in recent years as a midfielder and as part of the forward line.

## AFL debut in 2008

After making his debut in 2008 after being drafted from WAFL club Perth, Wellingham racked up 92 games with the Magpies and was a key player in the 2010 premiership victory by playing in the drawn decider against St Kilda and then in the replay a week later.

The now 24-year-old then took his football to another level the last two seasons, highlighted by a career-best 37 possessions in the 2011 Queen's Birthday game against Melbourne.

Despite being a key Collingwood player, the Magpies had salary cap pressure with the attempts to re-sign Travis Cloke as well as others, and Wellingham eventually was the one forced out and offered a much more lucrative deal from his home-town West Coast Eagles.

Wellingham has now joined the Eagles and could very well be the added piece to their side to get them from being a finals contender to a real premiership threat as they look for their fourth AFL flag, and first since 2006.

Despite being a big signing himself, Wellingham's move to Western Australia has led to rumours about his good friend, and housemate in Melbourne Lance 'Buddy' Franklin moving over with him once his contract with Hawthorn is up at the end of this season.

Wellingham believes Franklin will remain at Hawthorn, but can't help but see the similarities in what Collingwood went through all of last season with contract

talks involving Cloke.

"I've sensed that he would like to finish his career at Hawthorn, but we'll find out at the end of the year and he'll make the decision in due time," Wellingham said.

"It's probably similar to all the stuff we went through last year over at Collingwood with Travis and it's just going to be one of those merry-go-rounds I suppose.

"I haven't been in his ear yet about coming to West Coast, I'll have a bit of a whisper, but I'm not sure how far it'll go."



Danyle Pearce at a Fremantle Dockers AFL pre-season training session at Fremantle Oval last 26 November. Getty Image



Sharrod Wellingham playing for Collingwood against the West Coast Eagles in Perth last year. Getty image



# Mundine 'at 50 per cent' in Geale fight



CONSPIRACY theories have come thick and fast from Anthony Mundine, who says he was 'robbed' in

his International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title fight with Daniel Geale.

But the controversial boxer still managed to come up with another last Thursday as he prepared for an 'inevitable' re-match with Geale.

Never usually the bashful type, Mundine claimed he was only 'at 50 per cent' against Geale – then refused to reveal the reason.

"I held back (against Geale) because I was travelling at 50 per cent," he said in Brisbane ahead of good mate Quade Cooper and Sonny Bill Williams' bouts last Friday night.

"I am not going to say the reasons for it. I am not going to make any excuses.

"I still thought I could have stopped him, though.

"But it is 1-1 now (against Geale) and it sets it up for a big No 3.

"It is inevitable. The people and the fans want it. And what they want, they get."

Even boxing stats couldn't sway Mundine on Thursday.

It has emerged statistics compiled from the recent fight showed Geale landed 208 punches from 690 thrown while Mundine landed 141 from 646.

"People who did the recent stats, they are not fans of mine so they are going to sway it in his favour – if you want the real stats, watch it yourself on mute," he said.

"Some judge it on effectiveness of the punches, the volume of punches – but I was in control.

"If I thought I had lost, I would have been a man and said 'you were the better man'.

"But look at my face, man. I felt him hit me twice in the third round. The rest were little pitter patter punches."

While sweating on a Geale re-match, Mundine said he would seek to host a 'big name' fight in Australia.

But Danny Green should not be waiting by the phone.

"I could do it but for what," Mundine said of a Green re-match.

"I am not going to go up four divisions to fight a guy I have already beaten, just because he wants to earn money.

"He is out of the picture. Australian boxing is dead without me.

"My next opponent will be a shock to you. Stay tuned." – AAP



Anthony Mundine is introduced to the Sydney Entertainment Centre before his IBF middleweight title fight against Daniel Geale on 30 January. Picture: Joseph Mayers

# Knight sacked



CONTROVERSY surrounded the removal of Percy Knight as chairman of the Australian Rugby League Commission (ARLC) Indigenous Council

just days before last Saturday's big All Stars extravaganza.

The Australian Rugby League Commission announced on Friday 1 February that Mr Knight's tenure as chair of Indigenous Council had ended. NSW Labor MP and Indigenous Council member Linda Burney is the temporary chair.

ARLC chairman John Grant said a new chair would be appointed 'in the coming weeks'.

The removal of Mr Knight brought a stinging rebuke from former Kangaroo Larry Corowa, who said he had never experienced such arrogance.

He said it was 'disrespecting, controlling and outright putting Aboriginal people down' and he had 'had enough' of what had been happening.

## 'Disgust, anguish'

In a letter to John Grant and Indigenous ARLC member Dr Chris Sarra, Corowa said he was writing on behalf of many Aboriginal communities and former Indigenous greats of the game 'to express my disgust and anguish in the sacking of Percy Knight'.

Corowa said Mr Knight was a former team-mate of his at the Balmain Tigers.

He said Mr Knight had been getting 'bad advice from dysfunctional people in the NRL One Community'. One Community is the ARLC's community arm.

Corowa also said Aboriginal people and former Aboriginal players did not want Dr Sarra representing them at the ARLC level 'or any level for that matter'.

"Chris has often told people that he used to come to Leichhardt Oval to watch Percy and I play footy and that we were his rugby league idols," Corowa said. "Chris, how do you live with yourself in the knowledge that you played a prominent and key role in our demise from the ARLC?"

Corowa's lengthy letter referred to the lack of transparency in the selection process of the ARLC.

"Our communities have little respect and

## Indigenous Council chairman removed by ARL hierarchy

no confidence in the ARLC," he said.

"Our communities deserve better as our players are the stars of the game.

"When will the Commission and the game start listening to true grassroots Indigenous people on what we think is our place in this great game?"

"The mood with our people is one of disbelief that the Commission would treat one of our own greats of the game in this manner because he had the courage to speak out."

## Groundswell

Corowa said there was a groundswell of opinion that a protest march on Rugby League Central was on the cards.

Dr Sarra was quoted as saying the ARL Commission was committed to meaningful and functional dialogue with the Indigenous Council, 'but we prefer to do that through the normal Commission process rather than through the media by the chairman, who has clearly lost the confidence of his council'.

In announcing Percy Knight's departure, Mr Grant said the Indigenous Council was intended to provide the game with critical advice on policy formation and funding allocation.

"To do so, it needed to be united in its view and at the same time representative of the broader Indigenous community," he said.

"We need the council to be able to work cohesively as a group and to represent Indigenous communities across the game.

"It is clear from the council members that to achieve this, some change was required and the Commission is responding to the council's views in making this announcement.

"We thank Percy for the time he committed as chair and as a member of the council."

For his part, Mr Knight said the decision

to remove him was a 'real error of judgment by the Commission and not in the best interest of the Indigenous rugby league communities'.

"We now play a very different game – a game of emancipation – freeing our people from the viral and toxic environment of One Community," he said.

"The Indigenous rugby league communities through transparent community consultations and engagement will define our place in the game through an instrument endorsed and supported by our communities – not through the subservient NRL instrument ARLC."

In a later statement, Mr Knight said that in the real world, rugby league was no virtual game.

"Fighting for First Australian peoples to have an identified place in the future of rugby league is no virtual game, but a practical challenge," he said.

"Like the game itself, development of rugby league is not a virtual reality exercise, but rather requires a face-to-face encounter with supporters and the community if it is to be successful in a highly competitive environment. I say this based on my extensive experience in community development in NSW.

"In the few months I was chair of ARLC, I moved discussion on the place of First Australians in rugby league much further forward than what had occurred in the past five years."

Mr Knight said his dismissal as chair of the ARLC reflected deep-seated problems in rugby league.

"Just one week ago, 60 First Australians, meeting in Sydney, unanimously supported my aim to instigate real engagement and consultation with First Australian rugby league supporters regarding their place in the future of rugby league," he said.

## Unanimous support

"Those present at the meeting were fierce foes on the field or in support of their many different clubs, but they were also deadly earnest in their unanimous support for my call for engagement and consultation off the field.

"The issue of why a call for genuine engagement and consultation with First Australians around their place in the

future of rugby league is such a threat needs to be explained to all rugby league supporters. The issue is not about Percy Knight, but about the reality of expectations today that building a better game must involve genuine consultation and engagement, especially with First Australians."

Mr Knight said that even a council supposedly representing these interests needed to connect with its constituency at some time.

"Just at this time, when the special and historic place of First Australians in our nation is being highlighted through recent academic research, action at the highest level of politics and in acclaimed films and plays, why would rugby league management attempt to turn back the pages of history?" he asked.

"Under the guise of what may be a well-intentioned marketing slogan of 'One Community', the special place of First Australians is actually undermined.

"First Australians are part of Australian society, but they are not immigrants like everyone else and it's offensive to us to be so labelled."



Happier days: The Rugby League Indigenous Council meeting for the first time at Rugby League Central, Sydney, on 30 August 2012. Back row, from left, Preston Campbell, Glenn Brennan, Stephen Tillett, Katrina Fanning; front, Linda Burney, chairman Percy Knight and Darren Godwell. Missing is William 'Smiley' Johnstone.





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## Daniel Geale too good for 'The Man'

**T**HE Daniel Geale-Anthony Mundine International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight world title fight promised so much – and delivered.

A packed Sydney Entertainment Centre saw Geale defend his crown with a unanimous points win over 12 rounds on 30 January.

Geale is pictured here landing a telling left to Mundine's head.

Our coverage of the big fight is on pages 72-73.

Picture:  
Joseph Mayers



● Mundine 'at 50 per cent' for title fight – see P75

# Focus on women

By GRAHAM HUNT



THIS year's Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs will have two new focuses – women's cricket and Indigenous culture.

New South Wales has been the only state or territory to field a women's team until now. They have played town-based Northern Territory teams in what has been a one-sided competition.

But this year there will be a women's team from Western Australia and two invitational sides – one from the Northern Territory and another made up of players from other states and territories.

The focus on cultural activities is also new to the Imparja Cup. They will involve men and women players.

Only one game in the men's division has been scheduled for Wednesday 20 February – Tasmania and the Northern Territory will clash in a night contest at Traeger Park.

Wednesday has been declared a cultural day for the men's teams, with half the players being involved in activities at the Old Telegraph Station, on the outskirts of Alice Springs, and the other half visiting the Aboriginal community of Hermannsburg, about 150km south-west of Alice Springs.

The format for competitions this year is unchanged, with Imparja Cup state and territory teams playing Twenty20 games. The final at Traeger Park on Saturday 23 February also will be a Twenty20 game.

## Imparja Cup winners

2001 Tasmania	2007 NSW
2002 NT	2008 Qld
2003 NSW	2009 Qld
2004 Qld	2010 WA
2005 Qld	2011 NSW
2006 Qld	2012 NSW

New South Wales is aiming for its third Imparja Cup in a row and selectors have picked a strong team to defend their title.

Evergreen Jeff Cook will lead the Blues and he will have the services of nearly all the players who were there last year.

Lain Beckett and Harrison Kelly are the only NSW debutants.

### Other sides improving

But other states and territories have lifted in recent seasons and the Blues should not get it their own way.

Queensland has a proud history, having put together a hat-trick of titles in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and back-to-back titles in 2008-09.

The Maroons again will be led by all-rounder Worrin Williams.

The Twenty20 format will also be used in the Major Centres division, while the Community and Women's divisions will play the Super 8s format (eight-a-side 14-over games).



New South Wales captain Jeff Cook accepts the Imparja Cup trophy from former co-chairman of the National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Board Vince Copley at the conclusion of the 2012 carnival in Alice Springs.

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## This year's line-ups



The Indigenous All Stars team and officials: Back row, from left, Ken Nagas (trainer), Dane Nielsen, Timana Tahu, Joel Thompson, George Rose, Justin Hodges, Andrew Fifita, Matt Parish (assistant coach); middle row, Cliff Lyons (head trainer), Ron Gibbs (trainer), Aidan Sezer, Reece Robinson, Jake Foster, Jack Wighton, Blake Ferguson, Ryan James, Greg Bird, Mal Cochrane (manager), Wendell Sailor (trainer); front row, Gorden Tallis (assistant coach), Joel Romero, Travis Waddell, Scott Prince, Johnathan Thurston (capt), Laurie Daley (coach), Greg Inglis, Nathan Peats, Ben Barba, Craig Bellamy (coaching director).



The NRL All Stars : Back row, from left, Paul Gallen (withdrew), Brett Morris, Willie Mason, Ben Hennant, Josh Morris, Robbie Farah; middle row, Kieran Foran, Justin O'Neill, Shaun Kenny-Dowall, James Tamou, David Shillington, Tim Grant, Akuila Uate; front row, Feleti Mateo, Shaun Johnson, Jarryd Hayne, Benji Marshall (capt), Wayne Bennett (coach), Cameron Smith, Ashley Harrison, Adam Reynolds.



# 2013 Rugby League All Stars



A section of the crowd enjoying the game. Photos on this page by Kirstie Parker, Joseph Mayers and Theresa Dalton



The match was a family affair for Marnie Kelly and Ernie Pontecorvo (holding flag) and Logan and Ethan Atkinson, all from Mackay.



Jessica Mauboy was one of the performers.



Back, from left, Steven Graham, Jasmine Crane, Krista Hughes and Jay Graham. In front are youngsters, from left, Taneisha Graham, 5, Shayla Graham, 3, Meika-May, 8, Adrian Graham, 9, Duran Graham, 8, Isaiah Graham, 2, and Jayden Graham, 6.



The Sista Girl Cheer Squad proved a favourite with the 40,000-plus crowd.



Some of Indigenous All Star Reece Robinson's family from Sydney, including his proud mum Christine on the far right.



Gertie King, from Sydney, with her daughter Joeline King, DJ Cavanagh, and granddaughter Sarah-Lee King enjoying the game.



Indigenous rugby league stalwart Sol Bellear and his nephew Tanna Bellear, 9.



Torres Strait Islander performers before the game.



'It's a good crowd', said Inala Senior Police Liaison Officers Steven Currie and Doug Peachey, pictured with colleague Fortitude Valley PLO Bianca Corowa.



Former prime minister Kevin Rudd with Koori Mail staffer Theresa Dalton.



Queensland's Argun Warriors after winning the Deadly Choices Koori v Murri Rugby League Challenge at Davies Park, Brisbane. Pictures: Joseph Mayers



# Golden Warriors

By GRAHAM HUNT

**T**HE Argun Warriors from tiny Badu Island in the Torres Strait scored a sensational 28-24 win over the Newcastle Yowies in extra time on Friday night in the Deadly Choices Koori v Murri Rugby League Challenge at Davies Park, Brisbane.

Halfback Maipele Morseu was the hero with his extra-time try. The Warriors were down 20-10 at half time and still faced an uphill battle when trailing 20-16 at three-quarter time.

They levelled at 20-all in the

63rd minute, then skipped four points clear six minutes later with another try.

With seven minutes remaining, the Yowies drew level through a try to winger BJ Button.

The game remained deadlocked until full time, and either side could have won had more tries been converted.

The Yowies' ten-point lead came about through more structured play, but the Warriors never gave up and were always dangerous.

The Warriors won the right to represent the Queensland Murris

when they beat the Yarrabah Seahawks 30-12 in the final of the Murri Rugby League carnival last year at the Briggs Road Sporting Complex in Ipswich.

Badu Island is 60km north of Thursday Island, and most of the players came to Brisbane after boat trips to Horn Island, and then long plane flights to Brisbane.

Newcastle Yowies represented the NSW Kooris after beating the Mindaribba Warriors 26-20 in the final of last year's NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout at Raymond Terrace.

In the game on Friday night,

both sides fielded teams that were far different to the sides that won their respective carnivals.

There were at least eight new faces in the Yowies line-up, while the Warriors had five changes to their team. But it was a quality game and the players gave their all in high humidity.

Bobby Nona was the standout forward for the Warriors. He put in an 80-minute effort and was exhausted when it was announced the game was to go into extra time.

Skipper Tremayne Bowie was another to shine, while Roy Baira didn't stop tackling. Joe Tamroy

and Mark Garama were other forwards to work hard.

Keiji Bowie, Tremayne Bowie, Harold Mosby, Maipele Morseu and Guyai Nona combined well in the backs.

Matt Rose, brother of Manly star George, was one of the Yowies' best. Steve Gordon also shone, while veteran halfback Wes Patten proved a handful.

The result evened the ledger after the NSW Mindaribba Warriors beat the Queensland Southern Dingoes in the inaugural Deadly Choices match 12 months earlier on Queensland's Gold Coast.



Newcastle Yowies forward James Livock takes the ball up.



Members of the 1973 all-Aboriginal rugby league team that toured New Zealand.