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Imparja cricket victory to Blues



NEW South Wales players celebrate their

Imparja Cup women's title while captain Julie Muir holds the Imparja Cup women's trophy at Alice Springs last Saturday. The NSW team beat an Invitational XI – made up of Indigenous players from throughout Australia. A few days earlier the Invitational XI girls gave the Blues a big fright in a qualifying game, but couldn't stop NSW winning their sixth successive title when they were steamrolled in the final. Queensland took out the men's title.

● See our sports section for complete coverage of the Imparja Cup cricket.

Photo: Justin Brierty

Justice denied



THE shattered families of three murdered Aboriginal children are calling for a huge public turnout at a 'Justice for the Bowraville Children Protest March' in Sydney on 14 March.

And they are also urging a royal commission into the police investigation of the murders, after hopes for the retrial of a

Bowraville murders retrial refused; mass rally planned

man acquitted of two of them were dashed.

Colleen Walker, 16, her four-year-old cousin Evelyn Greenup and Clinton Speedy-Duroux, 16, disappeared from Bowraville, on the NSW north coast, during 1990-91. The

remains of Clinton and Evelyn were found, but not Colleen's. A local man was tried and acquitted of Clinton and Evelyn's murder.

The NSW Attorney General's decision not to order a retrial has sparked claims

of racism and a denial of justice.

The protest rally will gather at the fountain in Hyde Park at 10.30am on 14 March and proceed to Parliament House.

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My FAMILY

HELEN KELLY – Coffs Harbour, NSW



WE'RE pictured here in Armidale at the Narwan Eels Old Boys Rugby League Club reunion. My Dad Eric Kelly was captain-coach of the undefeated 1980 Eels team, which took all before them, including the NSW Aboriginal Knockout.

Dad loves his rugby league and played for the Eels for many years.

While we still have plenty of family in Armidale, Dad now lives in Coffs Harbour with his partner, and I moved down there as well with my family in 2011.

I'm a youth support worker with Wundarra Services in Coffs Harbour, looking after kids from all over the place.

I've got five children myself, Jacob, 21, Phoebe, 19, Ethan, 18, Liam, 16, and Simon, 14, and I'm also a nan to Te'ella, who's just a bub. I enjoy being a mother and a grandmother very much.

While we loved Armidale, we have no regrets about moving down to the coast.

We've made our home here and we've got lots of interests in the community.

I'm kept busy with work and just looking after the family.

My mum Julie also lives here and she looks after the kids a lot of the time.

At the young age of 40, I'm keen to go back to university. I'd like to get a degree in social work and expand my knowledge in an area that interests me very much.

I'm looking to further my career in caring for young people, and tertiary education has got to be the way to go.

So with any luck in about three or four years I'll have a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Deakin University to wave in front of potential employers.

But in the meantime, I'll be kept pretty busy here in Coffs Harbour with my job and the family.

● **Pictured above:** That's me sitting on the far right with, back from left, family friend Kimberley Widders, my daughter Phoebe, Casey Cutmore who's the partner of my son Jacob (with the beard) and my son Ethan and, front from left, my brother Thomas Kelly, Dad's partner Gloria Little and Dad, whose holding one of the trophies the Eels won in 1980 and my sister Trish Kelly.

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OUR CHILDREN



Jaelyn Salan and Tom Gaston from Gladstone explore 'The Cube' at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane as part of a three-day camp designed to give Year 9 and 10 students a taste of university life. For more on the camp, turn to Page 40. Photo courtesy QUT.

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Much-needed help on menu



THEY'RE at home in board rooms and, increasingly it would seem, in the kitchen too. Five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high achievers were amongst 132 chief executive officers (CEOs) who joined 36 of the country's top chefs earlier this month to

raise both awareness of some pressing social issues and much-needed funds for organisations that grapple with them. The 2013 CEO CookOff was a joint initiative of OzHarvest and Qantas Airways, highlighting food security, the plight of homelessness and youth in crisis.

Last year's inaugural event

raised just under one million dollars. This year's event raised slightly more, with a tally of \$1,030,944 to be shared between OzHarvest, *The Big Issue* and ONE80TC.

Each CookOff team prepared a meal, which they then served and enjoyed with people in need – more than 1000 in total.

The Indigenous CEOs who

raised around \$9000 in donations between them were Nolan Hunter from the Kimberley Land Council, Charles Prouse from the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy, Jasmin Herro from Outback Global, Wayne Bergmann from KRED Enterprises, and Danny Lester from the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

● Pictured above from left, KLC CEO Nolan Hunter, NASCA CEO Charles Prouse, Qantas CEO Alan Joyce, Gadigal Elder Charles 'Chicka' Madden who gave the welcome to country, Outback Global CEO Jasmin Herro, KRED Enterprises CEO Wayne Bergmann, and AES CEO Danny Lester.

Photo: Qantas Airways

Greens irate at APY food plan 'failure'



THE South Australian Government is under fire from the Greens party over its 'botched' handling of program meant to deliver food security to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Greens Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation spokesperson Tammy Franks said the gardens program, launched in 2011, had failed to deliver food security.

She said the Government had wasted precious resources and had failed to implement what local community organisations, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Greens had been urging for years – a system of freight subsidies and targeted subsidies to ensure food in the communities was fresh, plentiful and affordable.

She said the current Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Ian Hunter

continued the support the gardens program, despite it missing 'the real needs of Anangu people'.

There were reports last week that three market gardens in the APY Lands were no longer producing food, with two having been destroyed by feral camels and horses and a third left unplanted in a largely uninhabited community.

'Vanity projects'

Ms Franks also took a swipe at former minister Grace Portolesi, who launched the 'vanity projects' back in 2011.

"Under freedom of information it was revealed that the Minister 'launched' the gardens by commissioning a private plane with hand-picked journalists to launch the project in 2011 at a cost of \$18,690 for an overnight visit of less than 24 hours," Ms Franks said.

"This amounted to an extraordinarily expensive PR opportunity for the Government

and has wasted resources that could have lowered store prices and provided real food security for Anangu, many of whom live in abject poverty, facing extreme heat and cold without reliable power and often lacking even basic kitchen facilities.

"When food ... items cost about double what they would in Adelaide, with a single lettuce up to \$6 or a litre of milk for \$4 for instance, then subsidising the freight and supporting the vital stores to actually open would have been a far more prudent and effective approach.

"The new Minister Ian Hunter's failure to not accept and rectify the errors in judgment by his predecessor as shown by his claim that the gardens have failed due to fencing and heat issues is disappointing at best and a dereliction of his duty of due diligence at worst."

It is understood the SA Government is now reviewing the gardens.



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'I have witnessed incidents and events over the past 15 years whilst working on this matter, which have shown a bias and race was an issue. This bias may not be intended or deliberate but it did have an impact.' – *Homicide detective Gary Jubelin*

Royal commission plea over murders

Bowraville killings retrial hopes dashed

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE families of three murdered Aboriginal children from New South Wales are pleading for a royal commission into the police investigation of the murders, after hopes for the retrial of a man acquitted of two of them were dashed.

Sixteen-year-old Colleen Walker, her four-year-old cousin Evelyn Greenup, and Clinton Speedy-Duroux, also 16, disappeared

from Bowraville on the state's mid north coast over a five-month period in 1990-1991. Clinton and Evelyn's remains were later found in roughly the same area, but Colleen's body has never been located. Her weighted down clothes were snagged by a fisherman in the nearby Nambucca River and in 2004 an inquest found that she had been murdered by a person unknown.

A local man was tried and acquitted of Clinton's murder in 1994 and tried and acquitted of Evelyn's murder in 2006.

Despite the introduction of double



A supplied photo of Clinton Speedy-Duroux holding his niece Erin Rush, about a year before his death.

jeopardy laws in NSW in 2006, largely due to the families' lobbying, earlier applications for a retrial were declined by the Director of Public Prosecutions as well as then NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos.

Two weeks ago, Attorney General Greg Smith wrote to lawyers for the families, informing them that he could not grant their further request to refer the three cases to the Court of Criminal Appeal for consideration of a single trial.

Such referrals are permitted under the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act* in circumstances where 'fresh and compelling' new evidence comes to light.

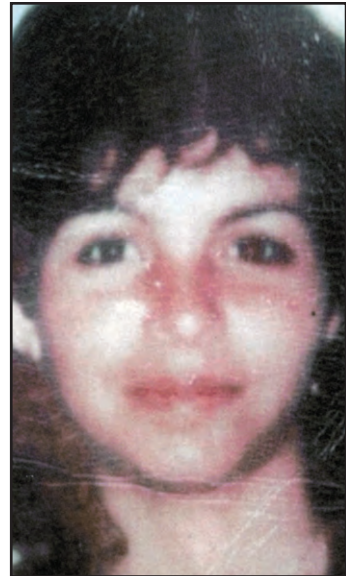
The distraught families and their lawyers have contended that witness statements given to police at the time of their original investigation into Clinton Speedy-Duroux's disappearance – but not included in the related trial – constituted such fresh and compelling evidence.

However Mr Smith disagreed, saying that 'unfortunately, after careful analysis of the complex case and extensive consultation with police, the families and their lawyers', he was convinced that the application had no reasonable prospect of success.

"I feel terrible for the families, and understand the impact the long and tragic cases have had on them. This has been a very difficult decision," Mr Smith said in a statement.

Only one application for a retrial can be brought and should more evidence come to light later, no further application can be made.

The evidence in question



Colleen Walker around the time of her disappearance.

Photo supplied

relates to statements made to police by two truck drivers that they saw a man fitting the description of the accused standing over an unconscious Aboriginal youth's body on the morning of Clinton's disappearance

More than a decade later, the original investigating police officer admitted publicly that he'd been out of his depth and his handling of the matter was inadequate. But that's been cold comfort for the families who say they'll live forever with the repercussions of police mistakes.

Over the years, there've been numerous suggestions that racism has played a key role in the denial of justice for the families.

Since Mr Smith's

announcement, the children's families, the homicide detective who took over the cases in 1997, and Aboriginal lawyer, author and rights campaigner Larissa Behrendt have all said the outcomes in the cases would probably have been very different had the children involved been white.

"We still don't have a voice, doesn't matter what we do," Colleen's mother Muriel Craig told the *Koori Mail*.

"We're no further along the road than when we started. It's got to be the colour of our skin, what else would it be?"

Prof Behrendt said she believed the Attorney General should have let the Court of Criminal Appeal decide what case could be made for a single trial.

"These families lobbied to get the double jeopardy rule – which has been in the legal system for over 800 years and is an absolute cannon of common law – overturned," she said.

"That was an extraordinary piece of advocacy on their part, so a huge question is why is it that this law they worked to overturn has had the bar set so high that they have not been able to use it? Why hasn't it given them the justice they're looking for?"

"They deserve answers as to why the system let them down."

Homicide detective Gary Jubelin told the *Koori Mail* he would like to be able to say the fact that the children were Aboriginal had made no difference to police investigations, 'but I feel this would be denying the truth'.

"I have witnessed incidents and events over the past 15 years whilst working on this matter, which have shown a bias and race was an issue," he said. "This bias may not be intended or deliberate but it did have an impact."

Clinton's sister-in-law Leonie Duroux agreed. "We do feel there'd have been a different result if three kids from the north side of Sydney had been murdered. We wouldn't still be waiting for justice. I'm a non-Indigenous person but it's pretty plain to see."

Ms Duroux is helping plan a peaceful protest to be held outside NSW Parliament on 14 March. For more details, go to <http://www.facebook.com/JusticefortheBowravillechildren?fref=ts>

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Recognition closer as Parliament acts

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIA appears to be a major step closer to recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people in the nation's founding document, the Constitution.

In a rare display of bipartisanship, Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition Leader Tony Abbott both threw their support behind an Act of Recognition, which passed the House of Representatives on 13 February, exactly five years since the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

Many Indigenous people applauded the passage of the Bill, although a small group of Sovereignty campaigners disrupted proceedings to 'serve' the Prime Minister with their objection to it (see Page 7).

The legislation, which contains a two-year sunset clause, is to pave the way for constitutional change while giving time to build community support.

"The Bill recognises the unique and special place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Ms Gillard told Parliament.

"A review will be carried out 12 months after the Bill is enacted to consider levels of community support for amending the Constitution and proposals for constitutional change."

The Act is expected to go before the Senate 'by the end of February', according to the Australian Parliament website.

Ms Gillard said the Government had committed \$10 million towards the Recognise campaign, being led by Reconciliation Australia, to continue to build support for constitutional change.

She urged all Australians to get involved in building support for constitutional change.

Mr Abbott said that while he and Ms Gillard were often at loggerheads, on the issue of constitutional recognition they were 'partners'.

"Most of all I honour the millions of Indigenous people, living and dead, who have loved this country yet maintained their identity, and who now ask only that their existence be recognised and their contributions be acknowledged," Mr Abbott said.

The Congress of Australia's First Peoples welcomed the passage of the legislation, but said the hard yards in achieving Constitutional reform were just beginning.

Congress co-chair Jody Broun said all political parties must continue to work together to achieve a referendum involving substantive reform, not just symbolic recognition.



Prime Minister Julia Gillard, left, greets Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue as Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomes Lorraine Peeters after the Act of Recognition debate. AAP Image



Lingiari Foundation chairman and former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation chair Patrick Dodson with constitutional reform campaigners Tanya Hosch and Jason Glanville in Canberra ahead of the passage of the Act of Reconciliation through the House of Representatives on 13 February. NewsPix image

Her co-chair Les Malezer said Congress would work to better inform Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about the proposed reforms.

"Congress supports a persuasive, community led campaign complemented by multi-partisan support and strong

leadership by the Government so that all Australians can understand and support the fundamental need for these reforms," Mr Malezer said.

In September, the Federal Government shelved plans to hold a referendum because of a lack of public awareness.

In the week after the Act was passed, however, the Recognise movement saw a groundswell of support, with almost 8000 people joining up, taking the total number of Australians now involved to around 132,000.

Recognise campaign deputy director Tanya Hosch said the

support showed what was possible when Australians worked together across the political divide.

"This boost shows the importance of both political leadership and grassroots activity," she said.

"Australians know that it is the right thing to do – to formally acknowledge that our people have lived in this land for tens of thousands of years and to remove discrimination from our founding document.

Ms Hosch said Recognise would begin a 'Journey to Recognition' in May, which would involve taking the message to communities throughout Australia.

"The man taking the first steps will be Michael Long, in an echo of his Long Walk to Canberra in 2004 to put Indigenous issues back on the national agenda," she said.

"It starts the day after Dreamtime at the G on May 26 in Melbourne, and our first legs of the journey will travel through Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory – including to the Garma Festival where we will honour the clans of Arnhem Land who urged Kevin Rudd in 2008 to work towards constitutional recognition."

Other Indigenous groups and supporters across the country also welcomed the passage of the Bill.

Central Land Council director David Ross said the bi-partisan support gave everybody hope that a referendum could succeed and carry Australia into a more modern era of race relations.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director Jacqueline Phillips called on political leaders to act with courage to translate their bipartisan support for the Act into united action.

"The immediate priority must be to agree on a model of reform with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the coming months," she said.

"This model should address the omissions and prejudices in our Constitution and be informed by the Expert Panel's recommendations."

Oxfam Australia chief executive Dr Helen Szoke said she looked forward to the Government conducting a review within the next year to examine public support for a referendum on constitutional recognition, as outlined in the Bill.

"It's essential that any review involves meaningful consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," she said.

Law Council of Australia president Joe Catanzariti said the Bill represented an important step towards the ultimate aim of a referendum.

"The Law Council supports
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People at the Act of Recognition



Ngambri man Paul House plays the didgeridoo as Patrick Dodson looks on.



Former Cootamundra Girls Home residents and their supporters after the Act of Recognition. All photos by Joseph Mayers



Matilda House gave the welcome to country at the National Press Club.



Lachlan McDaniel, from You Me Unity/Recognition, the NCIE's Carla McGrath and Katie Kiss, from the National Congress.



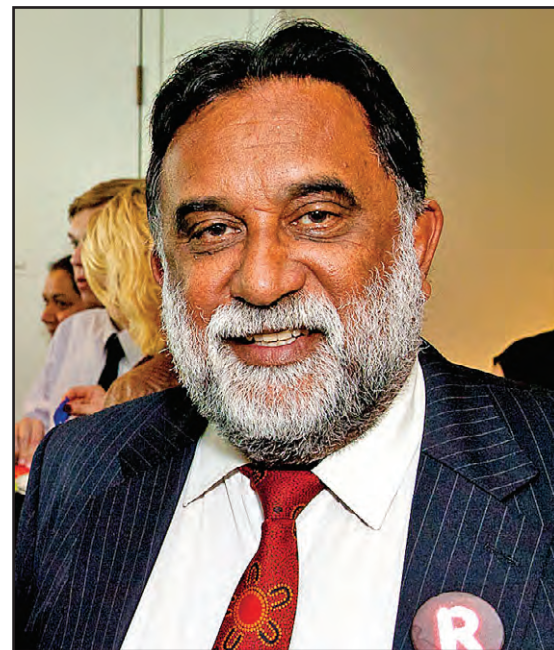
Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda with Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia CEO Dennis Eggington.



1967 Referendum campaigner Shirley Peisley. Behind her is a photo of her during the historic campaign, more than 45 years ago.



Sheryl Quartermaine, RA director Joy Thomas and Glenis Grogan.



National Congress co-chair Les Malezer.



Jenny Bedford, Louise Bygrave and Allyson Campbell in Parliament House, Canberra, after the Act passed the Lower House.



Charlee-Sue Frail, Zoe Betar and Rebecca Gallegos were there.



Gura-Dyarra from the Snowy River with Reconciliation Australia co-chair Tom Calma.



Karno Walker (centre), Mark McMurtrie (striped shirt) and other Sovereign Union representatives throw two documents stating that the Parliament had been served during Question Time in the House of Representatives during speeches on the Act of Recognition. *Newspix image*

Gillard, Abbott support for Act

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constitutional change to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their cultures, history and languages, and to give substantive effect to that recognition through change to Australia's Constitution," he said.

"To this effect, the Law Council will continue to advocate strongly on the merits of Constitutional recognition to ensure that it will remain on the Australian political and social agenda."

Diversity Council of Australia chief executive Nareen Young urged DCA members to encourage their Indigenous employees to join its National Indigenous Corporate Network.

"Many organisations are keen to know what they can do to promote reconciliation and engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for positive change for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," she said.

"Showing their support by committing to recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia's Constitution through the Recognise campaign is a great idea."

Important

The Business Council of Australia said recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution could play an important role in closing the gap between Indigenous and other people.

In a statement from council president Tony Shepherd, Indigenous Engagement Task Force chairman Michael Rose and chief executive Jennifer Westacott, the organisation said practical actions were also necessary to improve people's standards of living.

"BCA member companies know from experience that respectful relationships with Indigenous communities and individuals are the only basis for effective employment and other economic development initiatives," they said.

"Recognising and valuing Indigenous heritage and culture is part of building the kind of relationships that allow us to work together more effectively, and to solve problems and improve outcomes for everyone."

● See page 27 for excerpts from the National Press Club addresses by Tanya Hosch and Jason Glanville.

● *Koori Mail* editor Kirstie Parker is a director of Reconciliation Australia.

Opponents warn of hunger strike

By DARREN COYNE



SOME Aboriginal people opposed to the Federal Government's Act of Recognition have warned they will

begin a hunger strike to protest what they say is an attack on their sovereignty.

Sovereignty campaigner Alice Haines told of drastic measures to raise awareness of their objections to the Bill.

"I oppose it because it doesn't have the consent of Aboriginal people," the Gomeroi woman said.

She said the process was being used to nullify the effects of the Mabo decision, which recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection to their lands.

"It is an attempt to override our sovereign status."

In another act of defiance, members of the Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia disrupted parliamentary proceedings to 'serve' Prime Minister Julia Gillard with their formal objections to the Act of Recognition.

Governor-General Quentin Bryce was also 'served'.

Aboriginal Sovereign Union 'diplomat' Graham Merritt described the Act of Recognition as a sleight of hand, which bypassed proper recognition of 'our continued sovereignty'.

"Now that the Crown and Commonwealth Government have the Sovereign Union's written objections they cannot claim ignorance of the significance of our

'I oppose (the Act of Recognition) because it doesn't have the consent of Aboriginal people'

— Sovereignty campaigner Alice Haines

Sovereign position, nor do they have the free, prior and informed consent of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples to usurp our sovereignty," he said.

"Even more insulting to me as a member of the Stolen Generations is that the Federal Government is doing this on the fifth anniversary of the Apology. Since the Apology the Commonwealth Government has further stripped back our human rights.

'True ownership'

"Now they want to use the Act of Recognition to achieve the legislative equivalent of constitutional reform, usurping our sovereignty in a way that attempts to undermine our inalienable connection to country and our true ownership of the land and waterways that are so significant to us: the rocks, the hills, the rivers that will always be a part of our culture and traditions.

"Sovereignty is the most important issue today in this country they now call Australia.

"The Gillard Government may be educated, but we as an Aboriginal sovereign peoples are smarter and are here to stay.

"Our proposed solution is the negotiation of sovereign treaties, or other instruments under international supervision such as a peace accord."

During a forum at the Sydney Opera House last year, the subject 'Does constitutional recognition negate Aboriginal sovereignty?' was discussed by a panel of Aboriginal and other experts.

Constitutional authority Professor George Williams maintained that constitutional recognition would not compromise Aboriginal sovereignty.

He said constitutional recognition and Aboriginal sovereignty were like two pieces in a larger puzzle, and argued that

recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution would be a stepping stone to opening up a larger conversation about sovereignty and other topics.

Aboriginal lawyer and member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional recognition Megan Davis also said recognition did not negate sovereignty.

"The legal advice that we received in the context of sovereignty was that recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution as equal citizens could not foreclose on the question of how Australia was settled," Professor Davis said.

"Nor should Constitutional Recognition in general have any detrimental effect beyond what may already have been suffered on future projects aimed at greater place for customary law in the governance of Australia."



Crime squad investigates Alice deaths



ALICE Springs has had its second suspicious death in as many days, with a body found in scrubland. The man's body was found near the Stuart Highway last Wednesday night, police say.

The major crime squad, which flew to Alice Springs from Darwin earlier last week to investigate another suspected killing, has been investigating both deaths.

Around midnight (CST) on Tuesday 19 February, the body of a 25-year-old Aboriginal woman was found in scrubland near the Larapinta Valley town camp, on the outskirts of Alice Springs. A man has been arrested over that death.

The latest body to be found was not found near the earlier one.

Recent statistics showed the murder rate of Indigenous people in Australia was four times the national level (see separate story below).

The latest Homicide in Australia report by the Australian Institute of Criminology showed the Northern Territory had by far the highest murder rate in the nation at 5.7 per 100,000 in 2009/10. — AAP

New figures reveal high murder rate



AUSTRALIANS are shooting each other less and stabbing each other more.

The latest Homicide in Australia report by the Australian Institute of

Criminology (AIC) shows 13 per cent of people murdered in 2008-09 and 2009-10 were killed by guns, down from 25 per cent in the late 1980s.

But knife murders have risen from 30 to 41 per cent over the last decade.

The report shows Australia's homicide rate is at a historic low since reporting began in 1989, but the murder rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, although falling, is still four times the national level.

The AIC homicide monitoring program was launched in 1989 and uses information from police and coroners.

Reports usually cover a single year, but the latest covers a two-year period between 2008-09 (253 murder incidents) and 2009-10 (257 murder incidents).

There were 541 victims and 611 offenders in these incidents, translating to a rate of 1.2 murders per 100,000 people over both years.

The study shows there were 60 murders of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (34 of them males) over the two-year period, a decrease on previous years.

Overall, that's a rate of 4.1 per 100,000 people, around four times the rate that non-Indigenous people are murdered.

"In trend terms, the rate of Indigenous victimisation for both males and females has continued to decline steadily since 2001-02," the report said.

It noted that rates were at historic lows from the peak of 16.2 per 100,000 for males in 1993-94 and 13.5 per 100,000 for females in 1990-91.

Consistent with past years, NSW had the most murders — 153 incidents in 2008-10 — while the ACT, with seven, had the least.

The Northern Territory reported 24 murders over this period, but standardised by population size, it has by far the highest murder rate — 4.9 per 100,000 in 2008-09 and 5.7 per 100,000 in 2009-10. — AAP

Aboriginal man didn't assault police, PIC told



A POLICEMAN who admits he wrongly accused an Aboriginal man of assault says he and other officers shared their accounts of the incident before he prepared his official statement. The young officer said he was taught the practice by his field training officer. Constable Luke Mewing was giving evidence on Thursday before the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) in Sydney, which is inquiring into the arrest and prosecution of 24-year-old Corey Barker.

Mr Barker was charged after intervening in a violent street confrontation between two of his friends and police at Ballina, on the NSW far north coast, in January 2011.

He was also charged that evening with punching Senior Constable David Hill at Ballina police station during a brutal struggle in which police kicked him in the head, kneed his torso and dragged him to a cell where he was left handcuffed for one hour and 40 minutes.

All the charges against Mr Barker were eventually dropped and mid-last year the prosecution was ordered to pay his legal costs of \$30,000.

In Ballina Local Court in July, Magistrate David Heilpern found that some of the officers lied about the incident and that at least two of them had knowingly colluded about their evidence. However, he chose not to lay contempt charges against any of the officers, on the basis that the PIC had advised it would be investigating.

Central to Mr Heilpern's findings was CCTV footage from inside Ballina police station that was supposedly damaged but was later recovered and contradicted testimony from officers.

Mr Barker arrived at the police station with no injuries but left with significant injuries to his face.

"It is indeed fortunate that the video could be recovered," Mr Heilpern said in July. "Without it, this grave injustice would in all likelihood have never come to light."

Both officers and four of their colleagues had prepared written statements that Mr Barker started the fracas with a punch. Four of them later confirmed that evidence.

Share statements

Const Mewing told last week's PIC hearing that it was standard practice in the Richmond local area command for officers to share their statements in preparing their evidence, and Sen Const Hill's statement had been emailed to him.

The PIC heard the officers' written statements were nearly identical in referring to offensive language Mr Barker had allegedly used before the police station incident.

Const Mewing said his field training officer had taught him to share statements among officers who were present at the same incidents.

"He told you that was the appropriate way to go?" Mr Rushton asked.

"I believe so," he responded.

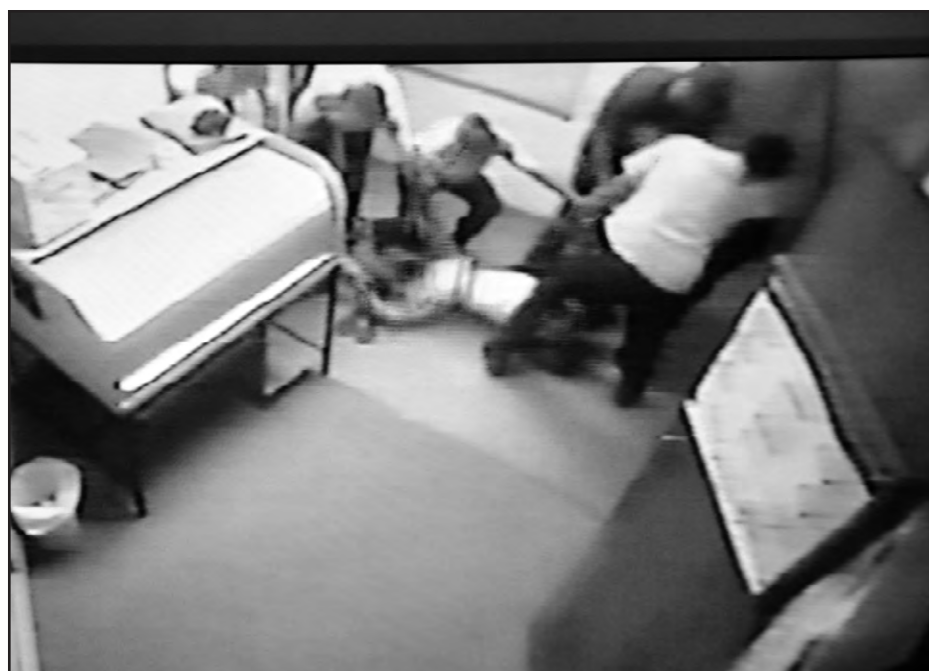
Const Mewing was later shown the CCTV evidence, which showed Mr Barker did not throw a punch.

On Thursday, Const Mewing admitted his written statement and court evidence were incorrect.

"That evidence was just wrong, wasn't



Corey Barker outside the Ballina Courthouse (file photo)



A still taken from the watch house footage that showed police struck Corey Barker in Ballina Police Station in January 2011, rather than the other way around.

it?" counsel assisting the PIC hearing Stephen Rushton, SC, said.

"I guess so," Const Mewing said.

"You knew that it was wrong when you gave it?" Mr Rushton said.

"I believed it at the time that I saw (the incident)."

He denied deliberately fabricating evidence.

Const Mewing said he delivered a 'knee strike' to Mr Barker while he and four other officers had him pinned to the ground.

"It's a move, a weapons-control strike, for pain compliance," he told the PIC.

Statements from the officers said Mr Barker was dragged because he would not comply with a command to stand up.

Giving evidence previously, Const Mewing had admitted the prisoner would not have been able to stand up.

Earlier in the week, Mr Barker agreed he showed 'frustrated, angry and violent

behaviour' before officers wrestled him to the floor of the police station, and this behaviour was consistent with the way he acted during an altercation with his best friend in 2008.

The inquiry also heard that one of the officers taunted Mr Barker by making a lewd gesture behind his mother's back when she came to the police station.

"I saw an officer behind doing a gesture, pretending to squeeze her arse," Mr Barker told the inquiry.

"They were just trying to aggravate me."

CCTV footage shows Mr Barker becoming enraged at times during a conversation with his mother and slamming his fists against the perspex.

He also points, causing his mother to look behind her more than once.

The inquiry was scheduled to continue on Monday with evidence from other officers involved in the incident. — AAP, with additional reporting by Koori Mail

Larrikin actor threatens to sue over identity

Jack's new crusade



Jack Charles ... "I looked Aboriginal when I was born, when I was 14, when I was 17 and will look Aboriginal until the day I die."

File photo courtesy Belvoir Theatre

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HE'S a celebrated, much-loved larrikin of the Aboriginal acting scene, a

co-founder of Australia's first Aboriginal theatre company, and revered for his wry honesty about numerous brushes with the law and addictions.

But Jack Charles is deadly serious about his latest role – protagonist in a story about Aboriginal identity that has potentially huge ramifications for the community.

The Melbourne-based 70-year-old has engaged a lawyer to sue the country's lead arts agency unless it stops insisting that he provide written confirmation of his Aboriginality before it deems him eligible for funding.

Mr Charles says it's obvious that he's Aboriginal, and his word and reputation should be enough for the Australia Council for the Arts, which has insisted he back up his eligibility for grant funding with a letter or certificate of confirmation from a recognised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation.

"I looked Aboriginal when I was born, when I was 14, when I was 17 and will look Aboriginal until the day I die," he told the *Koori Mail* on Friday.

Born at Cummeragunja Mission on the Murray River, the Boonerung Elder was raised in a boys' home in Box Hill, where he was the only Aboriginal resident. His life as an Aboriginal actor and Stolen Generations member was the subject of the acclaimed 2008

documentary *Bastardy* and inspired his popular one-man stage show *Jack Charles vs The Crown*, staged by Ilbjerri Theatre in 2010.

Since 1997, the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIAB) has embraced a three-pronged definition of Aboriginality now standard amongst Commonwealth funding bodies, and required written confirmation of identity.

While the agency says it regularly reviews the policy, it has resisted making exceptions to the rule, on the basis that "it is not appropriate for a government agency to undertake the function of determining a person's cultural identity".

But that policy should be outlawed, Mr Charles says.

Compensation

In the meantime, he is seeking compensation for three months of lost wages and damage to his professional reputation because, he says, his distress over the matter forced him to quit rehearsals for the Sydney Theatre Company production of *The Secret River* and return to Melbourne.

Fitzroy Legal Service lawyer Meghan Fitzgerald has written to the Australia Council on Mr Charles' behalf saying that no-one other than Aboriginal applicants for its funding had to prove their identity, therefore Mr Charles had been disadvantaged as a result of his Aboriginal identity.

The requirement had 'caused detriment, offence and harm' to Mr Charles in connection with his Aboriginal identity, the letter read.

The debacle began in November when a Melbourne editor submitted an application to the Australia Council in November to create 'a biographical picture book about the inspiring life of Jack Charles'. When the editor became aware of the council's requirement for a letter or certificate of Aboriginality from a recognised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, he approached the Victoria's Koorie Heritage Trust and the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service – only to be told that neither could assist because it went against their own policies.

The Aborigines Advancement League was also contacted but its board was not due to meet again before closure of the funding round.

When advised that the Australia Council would not exercise flexibility in the matter – despite his self-identification as an Aboriginal person and widely available material demonstrating descent and community recognition/acceptance of him as an Aboriginal person – Mr Charles decided that he would pursue written confirmation no further and consulted lawyers instead.

Lydia Miller, the executive director of the Australia Council unit that supports ATSIAB, conceded in November that the policy was contentious, but said it was necessary to ensure Indigenous-specific funding went only to Indigenous people.

The Australia Council has been stung before, notably in the high-profile case of non-Indigenous writer Leon Carmen who won a literary award for a

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Shadow Dreams set to become a reality

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SHADOW Dreams, a show performed on two stages simultaneously more than 200km apart and connected in real time by high-speed broadband, is giving Tasmanian Aboriginal performers and artists an opportunity to show their talents, some for the first time. *Shadow Dreams* is the story of Dale, a Tasmanian Aboriginal boy living in the bush, and Pete, living in urban Hobart, who wake up one morning having had the other boy's dreams – shadow dreams of a place not their own.

Featuring a traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal creation story, Aboriginal language and props and puppets made by Aboriginal artists, *Shadow Dreams* is a collaboration between two of Tasmania's leading arts companies, the Terrapin Puppet Theatre and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

Aboriginal dancer Nathan Maynard, 32, who has spent most of his working life in land management, will make his professional theatre debut in the lead role of 12-year-old Dale. "It beats shovelling gravel, I hope this is the start, not the finish in acting," he told the *Koori Mail* between rehearsals in Hobart last week. "It's different but awesome."

Director Frank Newman reckons any of the major acting institutions could be next up for Nathan.

Experienced actor Elliott Maynard, who toured internationally with the award-winning *Stolen*, has returned home to play Dale's father and also his uncle, as well as provide mentorship and training to cast members.

"I've been away for too long, 17 years, it's beautiful to tell the story of my people on my homeland," Elliott said. "It's a human story, for me it's a story of understanding each other's culture and respecting each other's story."

Elliott's passion for mentoring is obvious.

"Nay's (Nathan) having fun. He has a natural presence, a lot of him



Actors Merinda Sainty, Elliott Maynard and Nathan Maynard with props and puppets for the upcoming *Shadow Dreams*.

as a person overflows into his character, he's got a natural timing and has an obvious love of telling stories. I'm a father now, to do a show like this with one of my blood family, it's really emotional to see him as my son and learn his culture and tell his story."

Fellow Tasmanian Merinda Sainty, a graduate of the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts, will make her professional stage debut in the role of Em, the energetic five-year-old sister of Dale and Heloise, Dale's best friend.

Fiona Hamilton, traditional story consultant for the production, said

Shadow Dreams would be a springboard for the Aboriginal newcomers involved.

"There's a lot of opportunity for Tasmanian Aboriginal people in the creative process and a chance to get a professional credit under their name," she said.

Shadow Dreams is suitable for children aged from five and their families. It will be performed in Hobart and Launceston on 15-16 March, and in Hobart and Burnie on 17 March as part of the ten days on the Island Festival. The show will also be available to tour. For more details, go to www.terrapin.org.au

Veteran actor threat to sue over identity

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novel he wrote about the Stolen Generations under the pseudonym Wanda Koolmatrice (Koolmatrice is a known Aboriginal family name in Mr Carmen's home state of South Australia).

Aboriginal publishing house Magabala Books, which unwittingly published the book, was funded by the Australia Council, which then pursued Mr Carmen in the courts alleging fraud but lost the case on a technicality.

And non-Indigenous WA artist Elizabeth Durack famously painted under the 'alter ego' of an Aboriginal man, Eddie Burrup. She continued to do so until her death in 2000, even submitting 'Burrup' works in Indigenous art exhibitions.

But things have moved on since then, Mr Charles says, and he's insisting that the Australia Council prove that non-Indigenous people are trying to commit identity fraud in large number. "It's a role of someone in my unique position, pulling up behaviour on a policy that's well beyond its use by date. It hasn't worked and it has dashed the hopes and dreams of me and others," he said.

Ms Fitzgerald said in her letter to the Australia Council that, while a certificate/letter confirming a person's Aboriginality 'might be relevant – though not determinative – if there were real questions regarding a person's identity as an Aboriginal person', this was not such a case.

'Racial discrimination'

"We submit that in the circumstances of this case, the mandatory requirement further constitutes an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable exercise of powers by the council, which in this case, constitutes racial discrimination," Ms Fitzgerald wrote.

"Unless the requirement is withdrawn forthwith, we are instructed by Mr Charles to take proceedings forthwith in order to vindicate his position."

On Friday, Ms Miller told the *Koori Mail* that Aboriginal identity was a complex matter that was constantly debated within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

"Some people think it goes too far and others say it doesn't go far enough," she said of the Australia Council's current policy.

But she said the policy was reviewed annually and 'because you have board members who are strong artistic and cultural leaders, they take it seriously'.

This year was no different, Ms Miller said, and she expected the latest review of the policy – which would involve comment from the Indigenous arts sector – to be completed by the end of May.

"In relation to confirmation of Aboriginality, we're very clear about wanting to respects people's cultural identity," she said.

"We know it's a complex and sensitive issue, in respect to 500 nations, and there are historical processes in relation to colonisation which mean there are people who may be marginalised and alienated."

Ms Miller said it was true that there'd been a 'contraction' in recent years in the number of Indigenous organisations willing to provide written confirmations of Aboriginality.

"We appreciate that there are a lot of factors that people have to contend with and that's why it's important to review (the policy) and ask if there's another way to deal with it," she said.

NT council ruled out



MOVES to form a new Aboriginal land council in the Northern Territory have been scuttled by Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Jenny Macklin.

A group of traditional owners led by the Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation (JAAC) applied to establish a Katherine region land council in 2011 in order to control nearly 80 per cent of the territory managed by the Northern Land Council (NLC).

But Ms Macklin has rejected the application following a negative review by former Aboriginal Land Commissioner Justice Howard Olney.

"Having carefully considered the application, Justice Olney's inquiry reports, and the submissions made to the inquiry, I am not satisfied that

the applicants could satisfactorily perform land council functions," she said. "I support the Northern Territory land councils' valuable work in representing traditional owners. However, the applicants believe their expectations are not being met under the current arrangements."

"I have asked my department, and encouraged the Northern Land Council, to meet with any applicants who wish to do so to discuss those concerns further and how they might be otherwise addressed."

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said the Federal Government should leave it to Aboriginal people to determine if

they want a new land council.

"I'm not arguing the merits of a new Katherine land council or of the Northern Land Council, but it should be a decision for Aboriginal people," Senator Scullion said.



'I am not satisfied that the applicants could satisfactorily perform land council functions'
– Minister Jenny Macklin

"On my reading of Justice Olney's report, there were no impediments identified to the formation of a new land council."

"I also acknowledge the Northern Territory land councils'

valuable work in representing traditional owners, but the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* does make special provision for people to establish their own land councils if they want.

"And I acknowledge that the Minister has to make a decision to request the Australian Electoral Commission to hold a vote or not. She should have done so in this case rather than pre-judge the outcome."

"That is the problem with the Gillard Government – they just don't listen to the Aboriginal people."

"I don't think there would be any push for a new land council if the people were able to pursue land tenure and other economic

reforms without encountering obstacles. The real issue behind all this is that people are fed up with governments and organisations standing in the way of economic development and, in particular, land tenure reform on Aboriginal land."

The Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation did not respond to requests for comment on the rejection.

Meanwhile, NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra said Ms Macklin's decision was a show of confidence in the council's capacity to perform its functions and deliver economic outcomes for all traditional owners.

"The NLC looks forward to working with all its constituents to help them achieve their aspirations – particularly in the area of economic development and cultural protection," he said.

Gordon seeks north Qld seat

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



BILLY Gordon is six days into the job and already he knows that he must pace himself in order to endure the marathon leading up to the federal election.

Mr Gordon was recently endorsed as Labor's candidate to take on the seat of Leichhardt's Liberal National Party (LNP) incumbent Warren Entsch in the federal election slated for 14 September.

While the Innisfail-born man might be a well-known face to the local Indigenous communities, he still has a big task ahead in making himself known to non-Indigenous voters in the far north Queensland electorate.

But Mr Gordon is challenging the notion that being a new face necessarily places him in an untenable position, and he's not afraid to take on any critics.

"You do your best to prepare yourself and protect your family but it's the end of privacy as you know it and nothing's sacred anymore," he told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"What I want to do, however, is change the public's expectations of the way politicians behave."

"The political discourse must reflect the community values. You've got to have a thick skin but the criticisms can be challenging and personal, especially when they're coming from your own mob."

"However, I believe Queenslanders want change. People are tired of the political discourse in the region and across the country and they're looking for more than home-brand politics, they want integrity and decorum."

"This is a real opportunity for us to redefine the relationship a candidate has



Labor candidate Billy Gordon ... "What I want to do ... is change the public's expectations of the way politicians behave."

with their electorate. An investment in me is an investment in a long-term vision for Leichhardt."

Mr Gordon's endorsement comes amidst public angst over 200 Queensland Health job cuts in Cairns that have threatened to unsettle an already shaky local economy.

"Jobs are a critical issue and the cuts we're seeing under the Newman Government we'd absolutely see on a national level under an Abbott Government," he said.

"The health issues and access to treatment, especially for Indigenous people in remote areas, will worsen and it's diabolical for the health and wellbeing of people in this region."

As a father-of-five, Mr Gordon said reforms in education were a priority.

"I'm passionate about education and

believe the Gonski Report will drive the reforms in the way we educate children and resource and fund schooling and teachers," he said.

"I want my children to one day be able to say 'Dad fought hard so we could have the best education and quality of life'."

If successful in winning the seat of Leichhardt, Mr Gordon would be Labor's first Indigenous member in the House of Representatives, a notion that sits somewhat uneasily on his shoulders. Former Olympian Nova Peris is a shoo-in for an NT Senate seat after winning the backing of Prime Minister Julia Gillard in controversial circumstances last month.

"I would love to see a lot more Indigenous people involved in politics but I'm not a fan of designated seats. I'd rather a merit-based process," Mr Gordon said.

"As Skytrans' community development manager I think I've broken just about every stereotype people have about blackfellas, and I want to continue to do the same. I'm a father, a brother, a son and these are all the things that influence me."

"My Indigenous heritage is always something I'm proud of, but I also want people to see me as a man and a person too. My candidacy allows me to break down the stereotypes of Indigenous people and rewrite and challenge people's perceptions."

"Part of my legacy is being able to shape and influence for the better Indigenous people's profile in politics. I want to be able to transcend the perception of race but also be proud of my cultural identity. Having Indigenous people within the Government is as much a part of nation building as the Constitution."

Grief manual sparks anger



THE grieving process could be branded a medical condition if a mourner feels sad for two weeks and consults a GP, according to an international authority on death and dying.

At present, mourners can feel sad for two months before being told they have a mental disorder, says Professor Dale Larson. Decades ago, a diagnosis could be made after a year.

In a keynote address at an Australian Psychological Society conference in Melbourne, Prof Larson will express his anger about the American Psychiatric Association's new diagnostic manual, DSM 5, which is used in many countries including Australia.

The manual, to be published in May, allows a diagnosis of depression after two weeks of grieving.

According to Prof Larson, the manual undermines the legitimate feelings of the mourner and the help available from family, support groups, clerics and professional counsellors.

"We are essentially labelling grief a disorder. Now it becomes a target for drug development," he said.

Prof Larson, who is the head of Counselling Psychology at Santa Clara University in the US, is concerned GPs will be dishing out prescriptions for anti-depressants.

"Almost all bereaved people believe they are depressed. But grief is a normal healing process and it resolves itself in most cases," he said.

"Bereavement-related depression is different from other kinds of depression. Medication, not psychotherapy, will be the major treatment because most people see their GP when they have an issue."

Prof Larson acknowledged support in Australia might be more focused on the needs of the mourner, who could take advantage of a Medicare benefit and consult a psychologist.

He said the focus should be on helping the mourner figure out grief's questions: 'What's happening to me and how long will it last?'

Prof Larson said the authors of the new guidelines had a genuine desire to help people. "People do have complicated grief. That's a reality. One option would be to include a diagnosis for prolonged grief disorder," he said.

"I personally think a year is the minimum amount of time before a disorder should be diagnosed, if we do medicalise this universal human experience." — **AAP**



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Court decides on Yindjibarndi fight

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A WEST Australian Aboriginal group embroiled in a deep and bitter dispute

with iron ore miner Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) and other traditional owners over native title has had a win in the courts.

On 12 February, the Federal Court validated a vote taken at a community meeting in Roebourne on 24 March last year to authorise a new and unified applicant group of 12 Yindjibarndi men and women to run what is known as the Yindjibarndi #1 claim.

The claim area is understood to include some vacant Crown land in the Pilbara region where FMG, headed by billionaire Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest, is developing its Solomon Hub and Firetail mine.

The new applicant group of six men and six women supports the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) as the chosen representative institution and prescribed body corporate for the Yindjibarndi people.

YAC has been at loggerheads with a rival traditional owner group, the Wiru-Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WMYAC), over the latter's preparedness to negotiate with FMG over access to land in exchange for jobs and joint venture contracts.

YAC has consistently maintained that the compensation offered by FMG is a mere fraction of

industry standards.

Following Federal Court Justice Neil McKerracher's decision, YAC CEO Michael Woodley pledged that WMYAC members would be included in negotiations about anything on Yindjibarndi land.

However, he said that 'if FMG wants a land access agreement over any part of that area, it must now deal with YAC'.

YAC had said many times that it was willing to go back to the negotiating table, Mr Woodley said, 'as long as Fortescue acts with respect for our people and our country, and offers compensation for the disruption and damage their project is bringing on our country, that does not insult us'.

He said he spoke for a very happy community.

"Today we all breathe a little easier, a big burden has been lifted from our shoulders. This is cause for those members who followed FMG to come home. That is the first thought of the YAC leadership and why we celebrate today – we have a chance to re-unify our families," he said. "...We can now turn our energies and resources to the development and support of our people. It's a new chapter in our history..."

WMYAC issued a less conciliatory statement in response to the court's decision, saying it would take some time to seek advice and consider as to what, if any, legal options arose out of it.

"Justice McKerracher expressly noted that his decision was purely



WMYAC's then chairperson Bruce Woodley at a press conference in Perth last November with the organisation's former lawyer Kerry Savas.



directed to the question of whether the replacement applicant established a majority vote at the 24 March 2012 meeting," the statement read.

"Further, he recognised that as a result of the decision, a substantial majority of Yindjibarndi people will not be represented in the application."

The statement said that, 'in every practical sense', it continued to be business as usual for WMYAC, that the organisation's members would continue undertaking heritage survey work at the Solomon Hub, and that it

would continue pursuing concerns about YAC's governance.

The mining company at the centre of it all said the court's decision to replace the applicant in Yindjibarndi #1 did not impact on its current or future operations in the Pilbara.

FMG CEO Nev Power said that Fortescue had acquired all of the necessary tenure for its Solomon operations. But he said the company would continue to focus on reaching an agreement with 'all Yindjibarndi people and for the whole community to benefit from the business

development and training opportunities that are available to so many other traditional owners in the Pilbara'. FMG would continue to support WMYAC, Mr Power said.

The court's decision was the latest twist in a saga that has damaged relationships in the Roebourne community, pitting uncles, nephews, cousins and aunts against each other.

In late November, the *National Indigenous Times (NIT)* reported that WMYAC's then chairperson (and Michael Woodley's uncle) Bruce Woodley had 'blown the whistle' on FMG and backed YAC, former WMYAC lawyer Kerry Savas, and the newspaper's claims that FMG had established WMYAC to circumvent YAC and had an 'inside man' working as a consultant for WMYAC and interfering in Yindjibarndi native title matters. A day later, a visibly shaky Mr Woodley left a Perth hospital where he was undergoing kidney dialysis and treatment for a shoulder injury to attend a press conference with Mr Savas and *NIT* journalist Gerry Georgatos to confirm the report.

But while Mr Woodley said he would appeal to his fellow WMYAC directors to reconcile with YAC, those colleagues had already issued a statement declaring his comments unauthorised.

In the weeks before the Federal Court decision, an at times bizarre exchange occurred between WMYAC and the *NIT* and Mr Savas. WMYAC distributed a

statutory declaration signed by Bruce Woodley who had, by then, stepped down as chairperson. In the document, Mr Woodley said that he had been seriously ill when he was encouraged by Mr Savas and Mr Georgatos to make the comments he did at the press conference.

The views he'd expressed were based on information provided to him by Mr Savas, Mr Woodley said, but he no longer held those views, had had no authority to express them and had reconciled with the WMYAC Board.

Mr Georgatos and Mr Savas responded in emails that the statutory declaration was 'in part a concoction' and questioning its integrity. Further statutory declarations from Bruce Woodley and WMYAC's business development manager Bruce Thomas met with a similar response from Mr Georgatos.

Last Wednesday, it was revealed that plummeting iron ore prices had almost halved FMG's profits for the first six months of this financial year.

The following day, WMYAC and another Aboriginal corporation, Eastern Guruma, announced that they had formed an historic joint venture to undertake \$200 million worth of mining contracts at the company's Solomon mine.

And Andrew Forrest and his wife Nicola were reported to have pledged to follow American philanthropist Warren Buffett's example and give away half of their estimated \$5 billion fortune to charity.



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ILC rejects claims



THE Federal Government and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) have rejected

Opposition claims that the organisation acted improperly in relation to acting arrangements for its CEO position.

Coalition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Senator Nigel Scullion said at a Senate Estimates hearing on 15 February that the statutory authority had accepted the resignation of its acting CEO Bruce Gemmell after he was in the job for just under six months, only to re-hire him a few weeks later. Senator Scullion said the move was a ploy to get around the *Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Act (ATSI) Act*, which

limits acting appointments for the ILC's CEO to six months.

Mr Gemmell attended a corporate management meeting in Adelaide and the ILC paid for his flights during an interim period after his resignation and before his reappointment.

Mr Gemmell said his colleague Jodie Lindsay was acting CEO while he was away and everything he did during that period was 'as a guest'.

He did not give back his work phone or office keys because he expected a further appointment, so handing them back seemed unnecessary.

Senator Scullion described the explanation as a 'fabrication' to get around the body's employment law.

Department Families, Housing, Community Services

and Indigenous Affairs (FAHCSIA) Secretary Finn Pratt told the hearing that the department had legal advice that it was 'not inappropriate'.

"Frankly I don't think there's any scandal here, I just think it's a sensible strategy to deal with an inconvenient part of the Act," he said.

Senator Scullion said it was amazing the department was denying there was a scandal afoot.

ILC chairperson Dawn Casey said later that the ILC Board acted in the best interests of the organisation's ongoing operations while it recruited a permanent CEO, and Mr Gemmell – who didn't apply – would provide continuity of management during the process. – *With AAP*

Protests planned at Hakea Prison

By LIZ MURRAY in Perth



A GROUP of concerned parents and local activists has vowed to hold peaceful weekly protests outside Perth's Hakea Prison, over juveniles detained there.

Shine Lawyers' Social Justice Team head George Newhouse spoke at the action held by the group last fortnight.

He said alleged assaults, isolation, and the withdrawal of rehabilitative or therapeutic programs could constitute a form of extra-judicial punishment by the West Australian Government.

He has taken the group's concerns to a trio of barristers who, he said, were confident there was a solid case to pursue against the Government if the conditions were not redressed.

After a skirmish on 20 January, parents alleged juveniles were assaulted during the incident and over the past fortnight. More allegations have emerged about racist bullying by staff.

The WA Department of Corrective Services (DCS) has rejected the claims, and WA Police say they've received no related complaints about police units that attended Banksia Hill detention centre.

Mr Newhouse called on authorities to 'come clean with the video' of the Banksia Hill unrest. He said the barristers were worried about the safety of the boys and the potential for victimisation.

Some of the group's concerns, he said,



Family supporters and Noongar advocates holding a peaceful protest outside Hakea Prison in Perth last fortnight.

stemmed from the conditions the youths were being detained in, which included extended lock-downs, and being allowed out of their cells for only 3.5 hours a day.

He said he had heard complaints about racist taunts, a lack of food and adult remand centre staff working with youths without the mandatory Working With Children Certificates.

"We believe... the staff and convicted adult prisoners without such clearances are working with the children," Mr

Newhouse said. He said adult prisoners may be operating in cleaning, delivery and catering roles around the youths.

"At this stage, we are working with the authorities to secure fairer treatment for the young men and in the meantime we are putting together a case," he said.

The WA Inspector of Custodial Services has called for public submissions for his inquiry into the incident and has left the parameters of those submissions open, allowing a fuller investigation of what

happened. The deadline for submissions is 8 March, and the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services (OICS) has made allowances for verbal submissions.

The Deaths in Custody Watch Committee WA has also weighed in on the issue. Spokesperson Marc Newhouse said juvenile prisoners would be more appropriately housed at Wandoo Reintegration Centre.

He rejected Government proposals to simply amend the *Prison Act* to declare Hakea's Units 11 and 12, where the juveniles are being held, as not being part of Hakea Prison.

"Placing juveniles in an overloaded adult prison isn't consistent with the rehabilitative aims of juvenile justice and unlikely to comply with international laws for the rights of children and the convention against torture and other degrading treatment," he said.

"Our committee would like to know why there are juveniles in Hakea when 18- to 24-year-old prisoners at Wandoo could be there instead. The committee has received numerous reports of young detainees being threatened and intimidated by adult prisoners and prison officers."

Last week, a DCS spokesperson reportedly told media that of 140 juvenile detainees now at Hakea, 50 were on remand and education services had resumed. The spokesperson has previously said that juvenile remandees were sometimes detained for only a couple of days. The department was approached for comment.

NT Govt puts crime hard line in place



THE Northern Territory Government is taking a tough-on-crime approach, amending its *NT Sentencing Act* to allow for mandatory sentencing of violent offenders.

The Government has also been trumpeting new crime statistics showing a 5.6 per cent drop in alcohol-related assaults, and a 3.6 per cent reduction in other assaults, murders and robberies.

NT Attorney-General John Elferink released a raft of quarterly crime statistics last Friday, claiming the number of alcohol-related assaults had dropped since the Country Liberal Party abolished the Banned Drinkers Register.

The Labor Party's Michael Gunner denied the statistics showed the register had not worked.

He said police were more likely to arrest a drunk person when the register was in place because they knew that person could be put on the register. Meanwhile, under the

Sentencing Act changes which passed on 14 February, unless there are extraordinary circumstances magistrates will now have to sentence serious violent offenders to at least three months' imprisonment for a first offence.

Repeat offenders would get at least 12 months in jail under the new laws.

People who physically harm people at work will also face three months' mandatory imprisonment.

Clear message

Mr Elferink said the laws sent a clear message that violent offenders would serve jail time. "These new mandatory minimum sentences correct the failed attempt by the former Labor government to be tough on crime," he said.

But the laws were criticised by NT Criminal Lawyers Association president Russell Goldflam, who said sooner or later they would lead to injustice.

"The new laws are unfair, unprincipled, unworkable, unnecessary and unaffordable," he said.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency principal legal officer Jonathon Hunyor was also critical, saying NAAJA would never support mandatory sentencing.

Stuart MP Bess Price caused a stir in Parliament while speaking to the amended legislation when she said some Aboriginal people supported imprisonment because jail got the younger generations sober and kept them safe.

Mr Hunyor said that while Ms Price's comments were valid, prison was not the solution.

"The millions of dollars we spend on locking people up, we should be spending on improving the lives of Aboriginal people," he said.

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT has called on the NT and Federal governments to stop wrangling over alcohol policy.

AMSANT chief executive John Paterson said massive over-consumption of alcohol was the most critical public health issue facing the Territory. — **with AAP**



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All applications close 5:00pm on Friday, 8 March 2013.

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Call to keep perspective on native title



NATIONAL Native Title Council (NNTC) CEO Brian Wyatt has appealed for people to keep perspective in the debate around native title.

Mr Wyatt's call came as the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs met in Sydney to consider the *Native Title Amendment Bill 2012*.

"After years of working with the *Native Title Act*, including seeing amendments in 1998 that did not specifically benefit claimants, it is disappointing to see that the National Farmers Federation (NFF) and sections of the mining industry are fuelling old debates not seen since the original Mabo and Wik High Court decisions," Mr Wyatt said.

"The recent media reports show that they are still trying to deny any attempt to genuinely improve the legislation.

"The amendments currently before Parliament will allow Indigenous people greater benefit from their native title claims as well as better outcomes through negotiated agreements."

The bill allows for state governments to disregard historical extinguishment of native title when reaching settlements of native title claims to Crown Land in national parks.

'Scare tactics'

"By using scare tactics to say that private freehold land can be included is the same nonsense we had to deal with in the 1990s. It is just plain wrong and the NFF knows it," Mr Wyatt said.

The bill also provides clarification on what it means to 'negotiate in good faith' with native title parties about the grant of a mining title.

"Native title claimants have done nothing in recent years to indicate that there will be any

change to the way they negotiate with other parties, whether that is with the extractive industry for mining purposes or with farmers over national parks," Mr Wyatt said.

"The agreement celebrated (this month) between Rio Tinto and the Yinhawangka People of the Pilbara region of Western Australia shows that, whilst improvements can be still be made, the native title system is working.

"It is unfortunate that now (Liberal) Senator (George) Brandis has also decided to join in opposing the bill before he even speaks to native title representative bodies.

"We believe that it is time to improve the legislation so that it will benefit traditional owners and their communities. It is up to Attorney-General (Mark) Dreyfus and the independents to keep some perspective and vote to support amendments that will improve the native title system for all concerned."



BRIAN WYATT

High Court hears TSRA appeal on sea rights



THE High Court has heard an appeal to reinstate native title sea rights in the Torres Strait.

The appeal by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) was launched after the Federal Government appealed a Federal Court decision granting sea rights in 2010.

The High Court heard legal argument over the sea claim in Canberra on 12 February and reserved its decision.

TSRA chairperson Joseph Elu said the TSRA Native Title Office, which supported the appeal, had been advised by senior counsel that the court could take more than three months to hand down a decision.

TSRA deputy chairperson Aven Noah, Portfolio Member for Fisheries Kenny Bedford and Portfolio Member for Native Title Maluwap Nona represented the TSRA at the hearing.

Historic step

Mr Elu said the Federal Court decision in 2010 recognising the native title sea claim and awarding non-exclusive commercial fishing rights was an historic step forward for Torres Strait Islanders who had fought for the right to control their own resources.

"The Commonwealth appealed against the non-exclusive fishing rights decision last year and that appeal was upheld," Mr Elu said. "There is speculation that the granting of commercial fishing rights could set a precedent for other Traditional Owner claims over marine resources but that is not our immediate concern.

"We simply want to regain control of our marine resources so we can say how much catch commercial interests take and very importantly where they take it from."

Mr Elu said the TSRA had already demonstrated its capacity to effectively manage leasing arrangements in the fin fishery.

"With fin fish quota leasing we are able to raise revenue to support the development of community based Torres Strait fisheries which ensures our economic independence," he said.

Mr Elu said that with estimates putting the value of all Torres Strait fisheries at \$34 million a year, a favourable High Court decision represented a critical opportunity for continued economic development.

Family demands new 'TJ' inquiry



The 'TJ' Hickey rally outside NSW Parliament.
Photo by Sabine Kacha



SUPPORTERS of Thomas 'TJ' Hickey have presented a petition to the

NSW Government calling for a fresh investigation into the Aboriginal youth's death.

Family and friends marched through central Sydney to NSW Parliament on 14 February, nine years after the 17-year-old died while fleeing from police on a bicycle on 14 February 2004.

TJ was thrown off his bike and impaled on a fence, sparking riots in the inner Sydney suburb of Redfern.

Protesters yelled 'We want justice!' outside Parliament House as they waited for the NSW Attorney-General's chief of staff, Damien Tudehope, to accept the petition.

TJ's family and other Indigenous people blamed police for chasing the teenager to his death, but an inquest later cleared the officers involved of any wrongdoing.

As she handed the petition to Mr Tudehope, TJ's mother Gayle Hickey said she would keep fighting until the family had justice.

"I hope you will take a good look at that thing (the petition)

and I hope you can get my son's inquest reopened," she told Mr Tudehope.

"I will keep fighting until the day I die ... until the inquest is reopened."

Mr Tudehope said the NSW Attorney-General, Greg Smith, would take the matter 'seriously' and would deal with the matter in 'due course'.

'We want it now!'

One woman in the crowd replied in anger: "We don't want it in due course, we want it now!"

NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge, who addressed

the crowd before the petition was handed over, said Aboriginal deaths in custody and during arrest were a 'tragic' and 'ongoing' case in NSW.

"We cannot turn a blind eye to that. For too long we have turned a blind eye. Our police and our Government refuse to look at it (the case)," Mr Shoebridge said.

"While they continue to refuse to look at it, the anger in the community will grow.

"To address this anger, we need fundamental justice – justice for TJ, justice for the community – no more deaths in custody." – AAP

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RAP app traces journey



PROFESSIONAL services company KPMG has unveiled the country's first Reconciliation Action Plan 'app'.

The interactive iPad app shows KPMG's journey towards reconciliation, and can be downloaded from the Apple Store.

KPMG was the first major accounting firm in Australia to have its RAP endorsed by Reconciliation Australia (RA).

KPMG chief executive Geoff Wilson said the app would reach new and broader audience who liked to receive their news and information through a portable digital device, rather than a corporate website.

Mr Wilson, who is also a board member of Jawun, a not-for-profit organisation that forges relationships between corporate Australia and Indigenous organisation, said the app put KPMG's reconciliation journey in the context of Australia's journey for equality.

He said the RAP app charted KPMG's progress including the work of 124 Jawun secondees who had contributed more than 20,000 professional hours with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"Projects have included assisting with funding applications for Babana Aboriginal Men's Group in Redfern – an organisation committed to supporting Indigenous men in the areas of health, training and employment, and working with the Yolngu Nation of North East Arnhem Land to support the development of a commercial and sustainable meatworks operation," he said.

KPMG chairman and RA board director Peter Nash said the inequality between Indigenous and other Australians was unacceptable.

"We need to raise awareness of societal issues, and encourage and support human rights," he said.

"No one sector can solve society's challenges alone, but collaborative partnerships with business, government and other organisations are great steps forward in closing the gap."



Jessica Mauboy wows the crowd at this month's All Stars teams' dinner at Suncorp Stadium.
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Jessica becomes an ambassador



JESSICA Mauboy has become the latest ambassador for the Titans 4 Tomorrow's three Indigenous Sporting Chance

Girls Academies, which will have 300 participants from the Surat Basin, Gold Coast and Tweed River regions.

The singer-actor will join world surfing champion Joel Parkinson and NRL hero Preston Campbell as the combined face of the Titans 4 Tomorrow Academies.

The academies are an initiative under the Federal Government's Sporting Chance Program and will be supported

by major corporate partners Origin, Santos GLNG, the National Rugby League and the iSelect Gold Coast Titans.

Federal Education Minister Peter Garrett welcomed the announcement, and said the Federal Government was providing \$630,000 over the next year to establish the three new Sporting Chance academies.

"We are determined to close the gap between the education results of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and that's why we are investing in programs we know lift results," he said.

"Titans 4 Tomorrow have demonstrated their commitment

and capacity to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and we welcome these new and exciting projects.

"Having Jessica Mauboy as an ambassador for the Titans 4 Tomorrow Indigenous Girls Sporting Chance Academies will send a positive message to all Indigenous girls that they too can live their personal dreams... (that they) can achieve and can become the leaders of tomorrow in their communities."

Titans 4 Tomorrow chairman and prominent Indigenous barrister Joshua Creamer acknowledged the Federal Government's support, and that of the corporate sector.

Australian Rugby League commissioner Chris Sarra thanked all parties and congratulated Titans 4 Tomorrow for establishing the girls academies, which he said 'reinforces the message that the game is equally committed to girls and women in its reach to make a real difference to the communities it serves'.

Titans 4 Tomorrow ambassador Preston Campbell welcomed Mauboy and Parkinson.

"If in working together we can change the life of one individual, we will be one step closer to the shared dream of a better future for all our kids," he said.



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Artist to take action over Polish rip-off

By DARREN COYNE

ARTIST Bibi Barba is set to take legal action against a Polish hotel and a designer she says have ripped off her work. The Sydney-based artist told the *Koori Mail* she was surprised to find her Desert Flowers series of paintings had been virtually copied by Polish designer Ewa Smuga as part of a redesign of the Hotel Eclipse in the city of Domaslaw, Poland.

The designs from the paintings are replicated throughout the hotel, on carpets, walls and furniture, and Smuga had featured the designs on her own website.

Ms Barba contacted the hotel and Smuga to tell them she believed her copyright had been breached, and suggested a resolution that involved her being flown to Poland for an exhibition of her work.

Neither the designer nor the hotel had responded to Ms Barba's request at the time of publication.

"I thought we could come to a reasonable solution but they haven't even bothered to respond to me," she said.

The young Polish designer did respond, however, to a letter from copyright agency Viscopy, which is the visual arts copyright collecting society for Australia and New Zealand.

In an emailed response, Smuga denied copying the work, saying she had



Artist Bibi Barba ... "I feel I have a duty to fight for this because it happens to too many Indigenous artists."

'redesigned' Barba's paintings.

"My inspiration does not have regard to material benefits and I only wish spread Australian culture among Europeans," Smuga wrote.

"I haven't copied her work. I redesigned it so that it was an emotional reference to Australian art.

"What's more my inspiration wasn't hiding and it's why I put her name on my catalogue by officially writing about the author of the original work.

"In addition, to advertise Australian art and choosing Mrs Bibi I planned to hang on the wall advertisement about her works and promote her in Poland.

"I haven't reproduce her work, it was just inspiration which I underline everywhere. It is generally known work and available work in internet.

"What's more I was interested to contact her but nowhere was her email. I wish to know her and apologise if she feel uncomfortable in this situation."

Ms Barba has rejected the explanation, saying anyone looking at her works and the 'redesigned' patterns would instantly see the similarities.

She said the designer could easily have contacted her via the gallery from which the work was allegedly copied, and the hotel also should be held to account as its management had informed media that it was an issue between Smuga and Ms Barba.

"Did she really think I would sit here and do nothing?" Ms Barba said.

"I feel I have a duty to fight for this because it happens to too many Indigenous artists."

Yesterday, she was due to meet with lawyer Terri Janke, widely regarded as one of the country's top lawyers in Indigenous cultural and intellectual property.

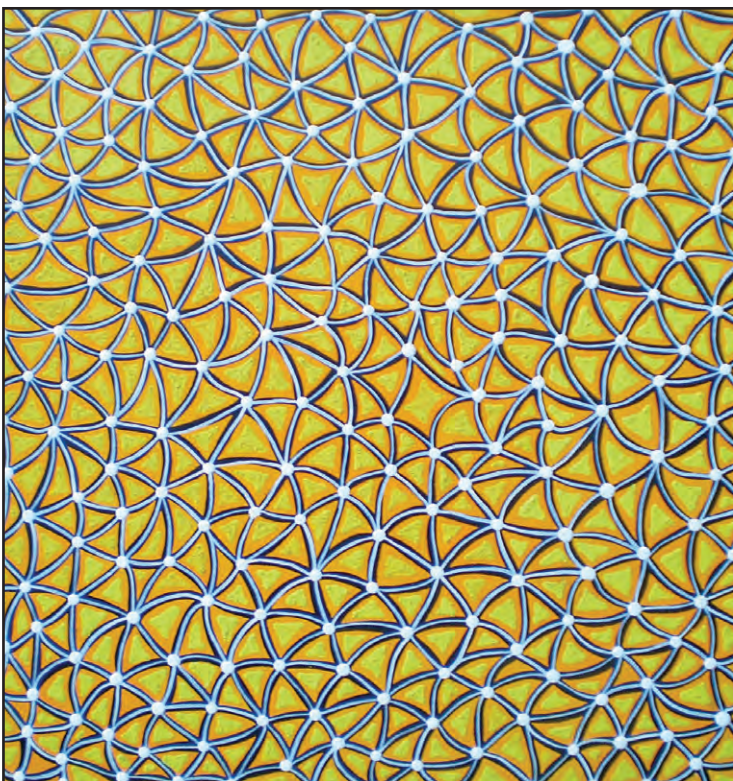
Ms Barba said she aims to sue both the hotel and the designer.

"I want to be fully compensated for my licensing rights," she said.

Poland is a signatory to the Berne convention, an international agreement designed to deal with copyright laws.



A room in the Hotel Eclipse, Poland.



One of artist Bibi Barba's original paintings from her Desert Flowers series.

Expression of Interest

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Reginald Murphy Hall

EOI No. 0812

The City of Sydney invites Expressions of Interest from not-for-profit cultural and creative organisations for the lease of Reginald Murphy Hall (also known as 'The Darlinghurst Theatre') at Greenknowe Avenue, Elizabeth Bay.

The venue comprises a 111 (one hundred and eleven) seat theatre, a bar lounge, bar/box office, balcony, dressing room (with separate toilet), and office space for up to 7 people. The venue is located on the first floor and is wheelchair accessible.

The City seeks Expressions of Interest from not-for-profit cultural organisations with a strong curatorial vision for the theatre and its place within Sydney's vibrant independent performing arts scene.

Interested parties will be required to have a sound knowledge of the cultural sector, existing professional networks and a capacity to engage with the local community. Applicants are expected to provide an example artistic program, demonstrate venue management or related skills and show an awareness of audience trends. Sustainable plans for the development of the theatre, along with competent financial management skills are essential. Demonstration of a commitment to environmentally sound principles is also necessary.

Expression of Interest documents can be obtained by registering through the e-tendering portal at www.tenderlink.com/cityofsydney If you experience difficulties accessing this website please contact the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

The property will be Open for Inspection on the following dates at the specified times:

- Friday, 22 February 2013; 10am–12pm
- Friday, 1 March 2013; 1.30pm–3.30pm

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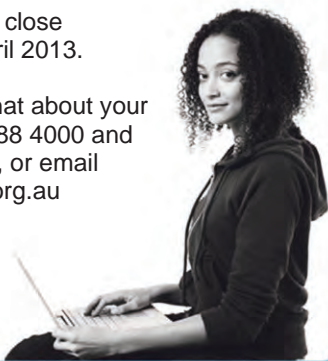
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James is the face of NSW Seniors Week

By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal man from the Wonnarua Nation in the Hunter River

region of New South Wales has been named the face of NSW Seniors Week.

James Wilson-Miller, a member of the Gringai Clan, has been the curator of Koori history, culture and design at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney for the past 17 years.

The author and teacher, who has a passion for improving men's health, is the first Indigenous person to front the campaign.

The 64-year-old holds a Centenary of Federation Medal for his contributions to Aboriginal issues, and is also the author of the book *Koori: A will to win*.

Mr Wilson-Miller told the *Koori Mail* he was 'overwhelmed' to have been chosen and would do 'everything I can to get the story out about seniors health and what Elders mean to our people'.

"I'm very fortunate," he said. "I've recently turned 64 and have still got my mother Kathleen Miller, who is 84, and my father Bob Wilson, who is 86."

Mr Wilson-Miller was chosen as the face of the campaign after people from the Department of Ageing visited an exhibition at the Australian Museum called Elders of Sydney in which he was featured.

He laughed off suggestions that he was



Wonnarua man James Wilson-Miller, the face of this year's NSW Seniors Week.

chosen because he was such a good-looking bloke, saying he was honoured to be chosen.

Mr Wilson-Miller is not the only Indigenous person taking part. Aboriginal man Steve Widders, of Armidale, and Aunty Ruth Simms, of Nowra, have also been named as Seniors Week ambassadors.

Mr Widders, who is legally blind, walked the Kokoda Track in 2011 and last year rode a tandem bicycle between Brisbane and Sydney to promote men's health and wellbeing.

The 57-year-old is a member of the Anaiwan and

Kamilaroi people of northern NSW, and he works full time as an Aboriginal community liaison officer with Armidale Dumaresq Council.

Yarn up

During NSW Seniors Week, Mr Wilson-Miller will be doing a yarn up with Mr Widders. They will be joined by Dr Phillip Bookalill on 22 March from noon-2pm at the East Armidale Centre in Canambe Street, Armidale.

The other Seniors Week ambassador, Aunty Ruth Simms, has dedicated her life to improving education opportunities for Aboriginal

students. She received an Order of Australia Medal for service to education as an Aboriginal education officer and she supports children and their families, as well as contributing to state curriculum planning.

Still working full time at 71, Aunty Ruth says she loves her job.

"Education opens doors to jobs and better health which can make a big difference to bridging the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," she said.

NSW Seniors Week will be held between 17-24 March.

Closing the gap findings detailed



PROGRAMS with a high level of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ownership and support are the most effective in promoting social and

emotional wellbeing. And Indigenous people who speak their own language have better resilience and mental health than those who don't.

Those are just some of the main findings of two international studies released recently on the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse website, which provides information on what works in addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

Strategies and practices for promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people focused on social and emotional well-being programs, while the paper 'Strategies to minimise the incidence of suicide and suicidal behaviour' provided a review of policies and programs that aim to prevent

suicide and suicidal behaviour.

According to the studies, nearly one third of Indigenous Australians aged 18 and over reported high or very high levels of psychological distress, more than twice the non-Indigenous population.

Also, the Indigenous suicide rate is estimated to be double that of the wider Australian population.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Australian Institute of Family Studies deliver the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse.

Emotional wellbeing

An AIHW spokesperson said the studies found programs that do not address past trauma, racism, poverty and homelessness were not as effective as those that promote emotional wellbeing.

"The programs that are particularly effective are those that have a high level of Indigenous ownership and community

support," he said. "Further, both international studies and Australian data show that Indigenous people who speak their own languages have better resilience and mental health.

"The Indigenous hip hop program run by the BeyondBlue organisation was effective in promoting positive mental health among young people.

"The program incorporated traditional culture fused with hip hop, rap, beat boxing and break dancing, and resulted in increased self-esteem, preparedness to talk to family and friends about mental health, and ability to see signs of depression in others.

"In addition, interventions involving 'motivational care planning' (motivating people to self-manage and solve their own problems step-by-step) were shown to improve wellbeing in Indigenous people with a mental illness in remote communities."

The studies can be found at www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap

Mundine ties the knot



WARREN MUNDINE does most things in a big way. And the GenerationOne CEO's recent wedding to Westpac executive Elizabeth

Henderson was no exception.

About 450 guests attended the couple's wedding reception in the Crystal Palace Grand Ballroom at Sydney's Luna Park on 15 February, including more than 220 members of the Mundine/Donovan clan.

The shindig also attracted a veritable who's who from Indigenous affairs, politics and business including Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, academic Marcia Langton, Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, Deutsche Bank honcho Steven Skala and billionaire miner Andrew 'Twiggy' Forest and his wife Nicola.

It was the second marriage for both and created a virtual 'Brady Bunch'. Between them, the Sydney-based couple have ten children ranging in age from nine to 41 – each of whom is represented in a diamond in the couple's gold wedding bands, which were designed by Alison Page.

The union also constituted a blending of political pedigrees. Bundjalung man Mr Mundine is a former ALP president and was a hot contender for former Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib's Senate seat (which eventually went to former NSW Premier Bob Carr). And Ms Henderson's father Gerard Henderson is a conservative commentator, former John Howard staffer and co-founder of the Sydney Institute.

It was at the Sydney Institute that the couple met about four years ago, during a dinner where Australian Workers' Union national secretary Paul Howes spoke on the not-so-romantic topic of energy policies.

"So we started our discussions on nuclear power," Mr Mundine told the *Koori Mail*. "It was a slow progression from there. We



Some of the many family and friends who attended the Mundine-Henderson wedding at Sydney's Luna Park this month and, inset, the newlyweds. Photos by Keith Saunders Photography

started a conversation years ago as business people, then became friends and eventually lovers. We like talking to each other and, of course, she finds me the sexiest man in the world."

The 56-year-old groom wore a charcoal suit, white shirt and grey/silver tie, while the 39-year-old bride wore an antique white dress. The Best Man and Best Woman were Russell Whit and Grania Connors, whom Mr Mundine and Ms Henderson met back in their respective kindergarten days.

The happy couple declined wedding gifts

in favour of donations to the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) and the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Dance Association (NAISDA) and others.

They honeymooned on Kangaroo Island for a week but are already back at work.

"We both have a big year ahead of us with work," explained Mr Mundine. "Me with GenerationOne's campaign for vocational training and employment for Indigenous people and a bipartisan approach to that, and Elizabeth with the Westpac development within the Barangaroo project."

Know someone getting hitched?

'Hitched' appears in the *Koori Mail* on an ad hoc basis. We welcome timely, good quality and high resolution/large format photos from weddings of any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander readers. Photos should be no older than a few weeks. Send submissions to newsdesk@koorimail.com



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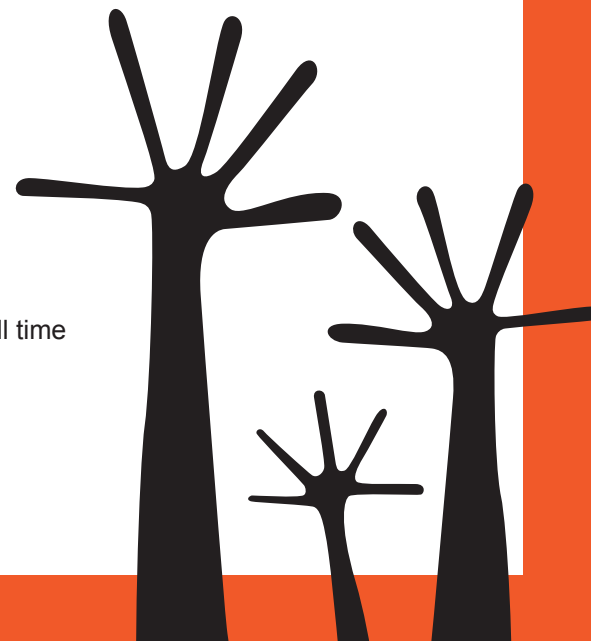
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



AARON FA'AOSO Actor, from the Torres Strait

Favourite bush tucker?
Turtle.

Favourite other food?
Seafood.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
Country and western.

Favourite holiday destination?
Munich, Germany. I was there last year and I'd love to go back.

What are you reading?
Am I Black Enough For You, by Anita Heiss.

What are you watching?
Game of Thrones, an HBO TV production.

What has been the greatest highlight of your life?
Becoming a dad. I'm the father of Ikalka (17) and Mele-Ana (11).

What do you like in life?
Everything, really. The bad times propel you forward.

What don't you like?
Despite what I said above, I hate racism. I don't like it at any level.

Who would you have for a night around the campfire?
My father, (kung fu legend) Bruce Lee and (father of native title) Eddie Mabo.

If you could, what would you do to improve the lives of Indigenous people?

I'd make sure every Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal family owned their own home. That would lead to, among many other things, economic sustainability for our people.

Quote



'We have a black Australia with a white Sorry and that's powerful'

– *Stolen Generations* member Mary Terszak (pictured in 2008)

● See Page 36

Unquote

Families deserve better than this

THERE is no pain or grief like that experienced by a parent who has lost his or her child.

And while there are some things that no parent should have to know, such pain is invariably amplified when uncertainty surrounds that loss.

We wish to pay tribute to the courage, spirit and determination of the families of Colleen Walker, Evelyn Greenup, and Clinton Speedy-Duroux – three innocent Aboriginal children cruelly taken more than two decades ago.

The families' campaign for justice has been dealt a terrible blow by a NSW Government decision not to invoke the very legislation – relating to double jeopardy – that they helped to bring about.

The so-called justice system can be an intimidating place but, even now, the families and their supporters have pledged not to give up, and we applaud them for that too.

While no single case has yet been brought under the legislation, we hope the families know that one day their legacy will help ease the burden felt by others who've lost someone or something very dear to them.

Suggestions that political and public sympathy over this saga has run less deep because of the colour of the victims' skin are deeply unsettling but hard to shake.

It is likely that, had they lived, Colleen, Evelyn and Clinton would have had their own children by now. We mourn not just for them and their



potential, but also the likelihood that racism and bias against Aboriginal people has shaped outcomes so far.

We were saddened to find out that the families learned of the Attorney General's decision not to refer the cases to the Criminal Court of Appeal only after some media organisations. This is unforgivable.

These families deserve the very same dignity and care as that rightfully afforded to non-Indigenous families touched by similar tragedies – high profile or not.

And the Government's silence on the question of why the families should have to pay for mistakes made during the initial police investigations should not go unchecked.

We hope that next month's rally and protest will attract the groundswell of support the families are seeking. We hope people of influence will bring that influence to bear. We hope that some day, somehow, the mention of 'Bowraville' will evoke feelings of relief instead of sadness.

And we hope justice eventually belongs to the brave and loving families in these cases. Because, if it does, it will belong to all of us.

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Surf's always up for Otis



OTIS CAREY arguably has one of the world's best jobs – he travels the world surfing and makes a living from it – without having to compete.

He's one of a handful of professional free-surfers and is touring the east coast of Australia before heading off to the United States to promote a surfing film, *Kill the Matador*. The surfing movie follows Carey as he chases waves on

beaches around the globe.

Carey, 24, is a Gumbainggir-Bundjalung man originally from Coffs Harbour, but now living at Narrabeen, on Sydney's northern beaches.

● Read about him on Page 74 in our sports section.

IBA under attack over job 'failure'

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government's Indigenous business body has been forced to defend itself against claims it invested in two Darwin hotels which have subsequently failed to employ Aboriginal people.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion has criticised Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Government, saying its \$50 million investment in the hotels had produced an appalling Indigenous employment outcome.

"In answer to Senate Estimates questions, IBA revealed that its 50 per cent stake in the Medina Grand Darwin Waterfront and Vibe Hotels has resulted in zero Aboriginal employees," Senator Scullion said in a statement.

"IBA said that the best they ever did was one or two Indigenous employees – now it's down to zero.

"(Indigenous Affairs) Minister Jenny Macklin in her April 2010 media release said the hotel projects would 'provide a range of employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people as well as support economic development in Darwin. This is a big win for the Darwin community'.

"The Gillard Government should be ashamed that \$50 million in a taxpayer-funded Indigenous investment has generated nothing to benefit the Indigenous people of Darwin.

"Not only have the Darwin

hotels produced an appalling Indigenous employment outcome, they have no Indigenous partner to share profits with.

"The IBA media release at the time of the hotel purchase stated: 'The key focus of this joint venture is its ability to contribute significantly toward providing opportunities for furthering Aboriginal employment'."

In response, IBA said it had invested a total of \$12.8 million in the hotels, which operated independently.

An IBA spokesperson blamed 'a competitive marketplace in which there is high demand for local Aboriginal employees, particularly from mining and resources companies'.

"IBA is working proactively to assist hotel management to generate employment, training and supply chain outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the investment in the hotels," he said.

"Although there are currently no Indigenous employees at the hotels, there has been Indigenous employment in the past.

"In order to increase and sustain Indigenous employment at the hotels, IBA has supported hotel management to initiate a job-readiness scheme in conjunction with a local Indigenous employment agency, with the first placement commencing in March."

The spokesperson said an Indigenous employment policy and Reconciliation Action Plan was also being developed.

IBA also defended its track record on employment.

NLC welcomes Gove decision



THE Northern Land Council has welcomed news that Rio Tinto will continue its mining operations at Gove in north-east Arnhem Land.

The future of the company's alumina refinery was in doubt before an announcement on

13 February that a deal had been struck with the Northern Territory Government to guarantee its gas supplies.

NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra, who is also a senior traditional owner (TO) of the affected area, said the mining giant's decision to stay on was significant and affected thousands of people. "Many Aboriginal people in the region benefit from the services that are in Nhulunbuy purely because of the mine," he said.

"If those hospitals, schools and shops had closed, it would have hurt our community badly."

In 2011, TOs signed a 42-year agreement with Rio Tinto and had stood to lose many benefits, including jobs.

Mr Wunungmurra said work would now begin on building a pipeline from the Stuart Highway, near Katherine, to Nhulunbuy.

Sydney to get a taste of Broome



THE multi-cultural laidback lifestyle of Broome in Western Australia will be on show in Sydney's Martin Place on Friday, 8 March,

as part of the Festival for the Kimberley celebration. The festival will transform Sydney's Martin Place with markets similar to those in Broome, along with entertainment, dancers, speakers, and even camels and a life-sized puppet of a whale.

There will also be a film preview, organic food, mango smoothies and beer and wine from Western Australia.

Entertainment highlights will include performances by Indigenous pole dancer Matty Shields, along with outback pole

dancer Samantha Hamilton.

On the music side, there will be performances by Paul Greene and the Other Colours, the Rhythm Hunters, Arnhem Land singer Gambirra, and Gondwana pianist Pasko Schravemade will perform with Indigenous Redfern pastor Ray Minniecon.

Under threat

Organisers said the festival aimed to highlight the 'incredibly multicultural laidback lifestyle of Broome and the Kimberley region, which is under threat from industrial development'.

Wilderness Society Kimberley Campaign manager Glen Klatovsky said

the Kimberley had Australia's most pristine coastline, home to the world's largest humpback whale nursery and threatened dolphins, sea turtles and dugongs. However, he said that coastline was now threatened by plans to build a gas processing plant on the red cliffs of James Prices Point.

"Some of the key decision makers reside in Sydney's CBD. This is a first step in telling an extraordinary story to the people of our largest and most powerful city," Mr Klatovsky said.

The event will be broadcast live at <http://broadcastz.net>

For more information go to www.wilderness.org.au/festival4kim

Get some good lovin' vibes

MARDI GRAS is here again! I was blessed a couple of years ago to go in the parade with the First Australians. You shoulda seen me.

I was sitting in this flash red Cadillac with my big hairs flying in the wind with a sign that said 'Ms Koori Love Says Homophobia Kills Koori Culture'. I got a few offers that night, but I had to respectfully decline as Ms Koori Love is a one-man woman – I'm still waiting for that lovely piece of man pie, Aaron Pedersen, to give me a call!

You'd think he doesn't have

access to Google or a phone the way he hasn't been in contact with me. So cheeky! He wanna hurry up and call me though, cos I seen them YouTube videos of Frankie Jackson and let me tell you, I wouldn't say no if he asked to leave his boots under my bed!

I was totally proud to go in the First Australians Mardi Gras parade entry and lead the Mardi Gras parade that year.

Yeah I know it's a gay and lesbian thing, but gay, straight or whatevs, love between consenting adults is a beautiful thing. I'd rather worry about my

own life than who's lovin' who!

It's all about the love, my people. At the end of a long day it is lovely to connect with someone ya love and just be loved. Yarning about your day, bitching about the bad things, laughing about the good things and feeling all safe and loved is a beautiful thing.

Love is a magical disease which makes you feel a thousand metres tall!

When you feel loved and give love it just makes you a nicer person to be around.

If everyone felt loved and were

seen to give out more love, I truly think this world would be a much better place – even for gay and lesbian consenting adults.

That's why I went in the Mardi Gras parade to support our brothers and sisters!

So if you don't have anything to do this weekend, why don't you share some good loving vibes will our gay, sistergirl, brotherboy, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters.

We are all one mob and remember what Ms Koori Love says: Homophobia kills Koori Culture!



Ms KOORI LOVE

mskoorilove@koorimail.com

Answers to our Edition 544 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

1. Murray
5. Bombers

6. Lightning

7. Tinto
9. Commission

10. NITV

11. Church
13. Amnesty

14. Deadly

16. Cricket
17. Liberal

DOWN

2. Rabbitohs
3. Wheat

4. Melbourne

8. Tennis
9. Canada

12. Charcoal

15. Yabun

Our brain-teasers

Edition 545

Koori Mail Word Search

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Expression of Interest Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Darebin City Council has a long standing commitment and relationship with the Darebin Aboriginal community.

Vacancies now exist for membership onto the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Its purpose is to provide advice to Council and advocate on issues affecting Aboriginal communities to inform and improve Council decision making in relation to policy, program, and service delivery.

The Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee will continue to strengthen connections between Council, Aboriginal communities and the broader communities in Darebin, and help guide deliverables as set out in the Darebin Aboriginal Action Plan.

Priority will be given to Aboriginal applicants who live, work or study in Darebin.

For more information about Aboriginal activities and services in Darebin, or to enquire about the Aboriginal Advisory Committee contact Dalal Smiley, Manager, Community Planning, Partnerships and Performance, Smiley, 84708332 or email dalal.smiley@darebin.vic.gov.au.

People are asked to refer to the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest available at www.darebin.vic.gov.au/daac

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Koori Mail Crossword

SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEXT EDITION

ACROSS:

3. River dividing NSW and Victoria.
5. My uncle's son is my...
9. Ten-year period.
10. Australia's country music capital.
11. Another name for official figures.
13. Place of higher learning.
14. Champion AFL star 'Buddy'...
16. NT national park.
17. State where you find Murrumbidgee.
18. Person who represents country overseas.

DOWN:

1. Official month for NAIDOC celebrations.
2. People in jail.

4. 100-year celebration.
6. Champion NRL

- player Johnathan ...
7. Title of person in the Upper House

- of Federal Parliament.
8. Saint celebrated on 14 February.

12. Indigenous cricket's top cup.
15. Non-sniffable petrol.



Australia's first and later citizens

THE Federal Parliament's unanimous decision to declare the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's first citizens is most welcome.

It has not come a day too soon. It has come, in fact, two centuries late and nearly 50 years after the 1967 referendum, which put an end to the non-recognition of the Indigenous people as citizens in their own country.

Hopefully the next and most historically and morally significant step – that of the

Constitutional recognition and removal of racist provisions – will proceed without delay.

Correcting and adjusting a nation's Constitution to record and reflect the truth and accumulated social and demographic changes is an imperative for building a nation on the solid foundations of equality, democracy and social justice.

The time is also overdue for the Federal Parliament to formally recognise the multicultural character of Australia, to enact

the required laws and to enshrine multiculturalism in the nation's Constitution.

GEORGE ZANGALIS
Secretary and broadcaster, 3ZZZ Ethnic Community Radio Station
Past president, National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters Council
Past president, Railways Union Vic, and ACTU Migrant Workers Committee.
Hawthorn, Victoria

It's a low blow

AUSTRALIANS are known to criticise our sports stars. It's in our blood.

However, the criticism aimed at Anthony Mundine before and after the Daniel Geale fight sank our country to a new low. What was Mundine's crime against Australia to deserve this? He spoke his mind, he showboated and he questioned Geale's Aboriginality. Not a lot considering we have radio shock jocks who may have caused a woman's suicide.

Our Aboriginality is questioned every time we have to fill in a Confirmation of Aboriginality form. Employers and government departments question our identity daily. Even (News Ltd columnist) Andrew Bolt wrote a column on it and got hailed a hero by the public for it.

But when Mundine said it the hypocrites, black and white, could be heard around the country.

To all the parents out there, if I said I know an Aboriginal man who has never been in jail, he doesn't drink, smoke or do drugs, he exercises and leads a healthy lifestyle, he has his own sports brand, he's a businessman and has been an Australian sports star in both the NRL and boxing where he has won Australian and world championship belts, would you not think this Aboriginal man could be a good influence on your teenager?

Instead of admiring him for his achievements, we go to his fights just to hurl abuse at him, we cheer when he loses, we harass



Anthony Mundine responds to jeers from the crowd during his recent fight against Daniel Geale.

Photo by Joseph Mayers

him on social media, and we thank the media for highlighting the bad and slamming him harder than anyone else.

The real issue that reared its

ugly head before and after the Mundine/Geale fight was not Mundine's comments but the unprecedented sustained attack on an Aboriginal celebrity fuelled

by a headline grabbing media and septic members of Australian society.

IAN LUDWICK
Hopevale, Qld

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

– EDITOR



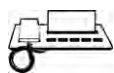
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POETRY

Fair go mate

You sidestep me and walk on by.
To avoid makin' contact with my eyes.
I know my presence uneases you.
But I'm here to stay, so f*** you.

You'd never accept me as one of you,
Hey I grew up with this shit, it's nothing new.
I see the hate there in your eyes.
Whether I work or not I'm still despised.

I know we've got problems, you see it all the time.
Alcohol and violence, living a life of crime.
But that's not all of us, it's just a few.
There's a lot of us living just like you.

Don't hate me in the workplace, when I'm doing the right thing.
'Cause I've got a family to feed and bills coming in.
Give me a fair go mate, ain't that the Aussie way.
Or would you rather turn the clock back to when we had no say.

This was our great land, our mother earth.
We roamed this country from Queensland, Tassie over to Perth.
Times have changed a bit I suppose,
But still hated in my country, in your eyes it shows.

I don't apologise for the words that I say.
Racism's like cancer, getting worse every day.

KEN MORRISON
Karratha, WA

The time for a true Indigenous voice

I WRITE in response to the question 'What say you?' (Editorial, 30 January, in relation to the date for Australia Day, the Australian flag and more).

Surely 14 September (the date announced for the Federal Election) can begin the time for a true Indigenous voice to be heard in the Federal Parliament of Australia!

Then we gonna be listened to (thanks be to God) and all those issues like Australia Day and the flag will be addressed, each in their turn.

#Aboriginal1stParty in 2013 will endeavour to find and encourage Indigenous people across the nation to stand as candidates in every federal electorate.

Come election day, those Indigenous individuals who gain the most votes in their electorate (whether they win the seat or not) will form the basis of an Aboriginal political party



Parliament House (at rear) in Canberra (file photo).

who then surely have a political mandate to speak on behalf of all Indigenous people and for the best interests of the nation!

Call this Aboriginal political party by whatever

name, but perhaps it is time for the formation of a party to be the political wing of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, like Labor is broadly the political wing of

the union movement and Liberals are the political wing of business in Australia?

DARREN SIEMS
Quirindi, NSW

The forgotten Australians

IN light of the upcoming election and recent government increase to the overseas aid budget (now \$7.7 billion), it is timely to remind Australians of the plight of carers.

For those of you who are unaware, there are about 2.6 million carers in this country. That equates to about 11 per cent of the population. According to the Carers Australia website, the replacement value of carers is more than \$40 billion a year.

For this, the Government believes that (full-time) carers are worth only \$800-plus a fortnight. To put this into perspective, a level one employee at an aged-care facility who works an eight-hour shift gets \$644 a week, plus superannuation and holiday pay and four weeks' annual leave. A private carer can earn over \$1000 a week. To highlight this matter further, the Fair Work Safety Net minimum wage for Australia is \$606.40 a week.

What we have here is a deliberate case of discrimination. Whilst others in the care industry (including support roles) enjoy good pay and benefits, full-time carers (who have a 24/7 responsibility) are 'sweat-shop' nobodies that save this country billions of dollars each year.

The *Carers Recognition Act (2012)* is all words and no substance. It does not go far enough. It does not fully recognise carers as 'employed'. Fully recognised carers means award payments. It means superannuation and holiday pay. It means 'rights' under Fair Work Australia and it means justice for the hard work and sacrifice by carers.

What can you do? Log on to carersforjustice.com or carersforjustice Facebook page and pledge your support.

Politicians don't want to be in opposition, so the more pledges we get, the more power we have to make them listen. Please talk to your local MP, friends, carers and family members about this.

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Dirtsong at Clancestry

By KIRSTIE PARKER



LAST weekend in the US city of New York, sold-out shows of the Black Arm Band's Dirtsong production received standing ovations.

This Saturday, Australians will have the chance to see what all the fuss is about with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'super group' headlining Queensland's new Indigenous arts and cultural festival, Clancestry. But there will be a few very special added extras... an appearance by rocker Jimmy Barnes being one of them.

Guest curator Rhoda Roberts sees the Black Arm Band as a perfect fit for the inaugural showcase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and traditions, given the dynamic ensemble's emphasis on creative collaboration and gathering together rich and diverse elements.

That, says Ms Roberts, is also what Clancestry is all about.

"The name came about because our ancestry is based on our clans and bloodlines and we used to gather annually for various ceremonies, hence 'Clancestry'," she said on Saturday.

Clancestry will feature emerging Indigenous artists and experienced performers across a variety of venues in and around the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) and the South Bank Cultural Forecourt.

Ms Roberts, who is also the head of Indigenous programming at the Sydney Opera House, said the festival had two main aims – engaging more of the Indigenous community at the QPAC site and providing a showcase opportunity for artists. "There'll be moments when you'll



Archie Roach leading the Black Arm Band and, at right, guest curator of the inaugural Clancestry festival, Rhoda Roberts

shed tears, moments when you laugh and moments when you'll want to jump on your seat and start dancing," she predicted.

"It'll have a bit of everything."

The week-long celebration of country – most of it free and being held outdoors – began yesterday, with the first of three nightly 'conversations' on 'Postcode justice'. Tonight's conversation will be on 'Life through art' and tomorrow's will explore 'Kinship and Identity'.

Clancestry's official opening ceremony will be held on Friday, 1 March at 6.30pm, followed by a free concert by country music's nicest guy, Troy Cassar-Daley,

on the Riverside Stage at 7.30pm.

The Black Arm Band's performance of Dirtsong from 8pm on Saturday represents exceptional value for money – \$65 to \$70 for two-and-a-half hours of a unique 'musical journey through Australia's heartland'.

Stunning backdrop

Set against a stunning backdrop of moving imagery and text, Dirtsong features songs performed in 11 different Aboriginal languages by Archie Roach, Lou Bennett, Emma Donovan, Deline Briscoe, Djolpa Mackenzie and William Barton, with guests



Paul Dempsey (Something for Kate), Jimmy Barnes, Shane Howard (Goanna) and Nat Pa'ap'aa (Blue King Brown), backed by an ensemble of Melbourne's leading jazz musicians.

Clancestry's closing ceremony will be held on Sunday from 6.30pm, following seven hours of contemporary and traditional performances by the likes of Nunukkal Yuggera Dancers, Sue Ray and the Chooky Dancers from Elcho Island.

● QPAC, cnr Grey Street and Melbourne Street, Southbank, Brisbane. For more information and the full program, go to <http://www.qpac.com.au/clancestry/>



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WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Series)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
12:30 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
1:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Rural Health Education G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)
4:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (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 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Bastardy MA:15+ (Documentary)
10:00 Australian Biography PG (Documentary Series)
10:30 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye 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 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
12:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Norforce G (Documentary)
1:30 Dhakiyarr Vs The King 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 PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Murri Carnival G (Documentary)
8:00 In A League Of Their Own G (Doc Series)
8:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Doc Series)

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye 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 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
11:00 Murri Carnival 2012: The Documentary G (Documentary)
11:30 In A League Of Their Own G (Doc Series)
12:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
1:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
1:30 Peppimentarti 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 Tangaroa With Pio 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 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
9:00 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
10:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
10:30 Crocodile Dreaming MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
9:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
10:00 Lousy Little Sixpence G (Documentary)
11:00 Yellow Fella PG (Documentary)
11:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Wildest Australia G (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education G (Documentary Series)
2:30 Opinion Piece NC (Current Affairs)
3:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Grounded G (Series)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
4:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
7:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Storm Boy PG (Drama)
11:00 Larger Than Life PG (Entertainment)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

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SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
8:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
9:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
9:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Series)
10:30 Grounded G (Series)
11:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
1:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
2:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:30 2011 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Awaken 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 Mosquita y Mari MA (Drama)
11:00 Wanja PG (Documentary)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Entertainment)

MONDAY 4TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye 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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Everyday Brave G (Documentary Series)
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (Documentary)
2:00 Yamaji Man 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
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 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
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 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye 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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
11:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
12:00 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
1:00 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Mataka M (Drama)
2:00 Bunnigul: Gamatj Dancers G (Entertainment)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:55 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
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 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Pioneers Of Love G (Documentary Series)
9:30 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye 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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Pioneers Of Love G (Documentary Series)
1:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:55 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 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
10:30 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Nice Coloured Girls PG (Documentary)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
12:00 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
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 PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
8:00 In A League Of Their Own G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa M (Series)
10:30 Dream It Do It Deadly! G (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
11:00 The Road To St Andrews G (Documentary)
11:30 In A League Of Their Own G (Doc Series)
12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 Mana Mamau M (Entertainment)
1:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
2:00 Dream It Do It Deadly! G (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 PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio 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 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Walk Like A Man PG (Documentary)
10:00 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
7:30 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
8:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
10:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
11:00 Black Magic G (Documentary)
12:00 News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Surfing The Healing Wave G (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Documentary Series)
2:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
3:00 Message Stick G (Documentary Series)
3:30 Grounded G (Series)
4:00 Grounded G (Series)
4:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
7:00 Pursuing The Flame PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Barking Water M (Drama)
11:00 Stone Country PG (Documentary)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
7:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
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9:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Series)
10:30 Grounded G (Series)
11:00 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
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2:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
3:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
4:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Where Maori PG (Documentary Series)
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
9:30 Ten Canoes M (Drama)
11:00 Up In The Sky PG (Documentary)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 11TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music M (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Entertainment)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (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)
8:45 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
11:30 Awaken 2013 NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Whare Maori PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Walking Through A Minefield PG (Doc)
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 PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
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 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
9:30 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
10:00 Mataka Series M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini: Stiff Gins, Bryte Mc G (Entertainment)
2:30 Murri Carnival 2012: The Documentary G (Sport)
3:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
4:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Bushwhacked G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (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 (Lifestyle)
10:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Documentary Series)
11:00 Ravens And Eagles G (Drama)
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Documentary Series)
12:00 Malcolm X M (Documentary Series)
1:00 Finding Our Talk G (Documentary Series)
1:30 Mataka Series M (Drama)
2:00 My Uncle Bluey 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)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Outback Cafe PG (Lifestyle)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Indigenous Insight NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Pioneers Of Love G (Documentary Series)
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The call grows louder

THERE comes a time, in the life of every nation, when it must put right the injustices of the past. A time for us to be our better selves.

Such a moment beckons now. Ever louder grows the call.

A movement is growing to recognise the long and impressive first chapter of our national story, and banish the lingering stain of discrimination from our Constitution – including the section that still says the States can ban people from voting based on their race.

For by remaining silent about the Indigenous history of this land, our Constitution is saying one of two things.

Either that this chapter didn't happen. Or that it is unimportant. We know both to be patently untrue.

Australia's history did not begin in 1901. Nor in 1788. It spans tens of thousands of years and more than 1500 generations. And it encompasses the oldest living cultures in human history.

History is calling us. It is urging us to finish the work of 1967, when more than 90 per cent of Australians voted yes to remove

from our highest legal document two pieces of discrimination against 'the aboriginal race'.

Now this generation has to complete the task.

As other civilisations rose and fell across the globe over tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples adapted and survived.

Our history reaches back to a distant time on the planet.

It stayed alive longer than that of the Romans, the Greeks, the Egyptians and the Assyrians.

Our children and grandchildren should have the chance to learn from and be enriched by the first cultures of this land. Constitutional recognition would help to safeguard these cultures.

Some will dismiss this as symbolism, and say it won't change a thing.

That's not only beside the point; it's plain wrong. Symbolic statements not only have intrinsic worth, they remind us of duties and obligations to each other.

To those who say that a referendum will never succeed, I say look at history. Who believed we would make the gains we have made in the past 50 years –



TANYA HOSCH
Recognise deputy campaign director

restoring our rightful ownership of our lands and waters.

We do not over-claim about the impact of this. But if we don't do it, it will be harder to fix the other practical challenges before us.

All of us, now, need to pick up

the pace to make this happen.

Everyone from (politicians) Barnaby Joyce to Tony Abbott to Julia Gillard to Christine Milne has signalled their support for constitutional recognition.

It's been 112 years already.

So why should we wait any longer?

Let's bring it on.

Let's think about the choice that would be before us on referendum day.

Who, given a choice between leaving discrimination in our Constitution and taking it out, would opt to leave it in?

And who, given a choice between denying our history or writing it in, would opt to keep us airbrushed out?

And that is why we will travel the length and breadth of this country over the next year.

On the Journey to Recognition, we will travel through homelands and heartlands, in each new place joining more Australians to this great cause. You can be a part of it, by signing up at recognise.org.au.

The man taking the first steps will be Michael Long, who once walked all the way to Canberra to

bring the plight of Indigenous Australians to the attention of (then PM) John Howard.

We will sound the call for Australians everywhere to join us on the journey.

We will journey to the lands of the mighty Yolngu and Bininj clans of Arnhem Land, to join them at the Garma Festival.

For it was from this part of the country that a powerful cry came in 2008. It was a call for recognition, so our nation could move forward with 'one heart, one mind, one voice'.

Well, we heard that call.

And we raise our voices with theirs.

It's time to count us in.

It's time to put this right.

It's time to make our Constitution even more Australian.

● *This is an edited extract of the National Press Club address by Tanya Hosch. The full version can be found here: <http://www.recognise.org.au/opinion-pieces>*

This photo of Tanya Hosch at the National Press Club on 13 February was taken by JOSEPH MAYERS

It's time to end the myth – and the disadvantage

OVER the past 200 years, our society has told Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children a story as destructive as it was untrue.

It was the colonial fiction of a 'dying race'; a tale of disadvantage and limited potential.

That myth is the direct historical cause of much of the Indigenous disadvantage that still exists today.

And that makes ending the myth the starting point for ending Indigenous economic and social disadvantage.

The truth is that every Indigenous child is descended from some of the most resourceful and resilient people on the planet.

Australia's true founding story is not the failure of a dying race but a story of ingenuity, creativity, adaptation and survival.

To my mind, constitutional recognition goes to the heart of the story we tell about our nation.

It's a choice about whether our story begins with dispossession and discrimination, or whether it begins in the longest unbroken thread of human history.

And it's a choice about whether we leave intact the paragraphs of our highest legal document that give the nod to

people being banned from voting based on their race – or whether we want fairness at the heart of our national charter.

Five years ago, a Prime Minister stood in the Parliament. He spoke truths as liberating as they were painful.

And I saw the relief on faces lined with grief.

My great-grandmother was a child of 13 when she was taken from her family on the Brungle Mission near Tumut and sent to Sydney to work as a domestic servant.

She spent four years of her life working in servitude before she made it back to the mission.

Little wonder, then, that when she gave birth to her own child, she feared for her fate.

So my great-grandmother, at the age of 20, and with my two-year-old grandmother on her hip, walked off the mission before her own children could be taken.

She got them all the way to Cootamundra.

And she built only the fourth house in the town.

Many years later my great-grandmother would recount the physical abuse she copped for daring these things. My grandmother would tell of men on horseback whipping her for having the temerity to go to school.



JASON GLANVILLE
Chief Executive, National Centre for Indigenous Excellence and Director, Reconciliation Australia

This, then, was the treatment of the first Australians in our own land.

My father was told bedtime stories by his grandmother in the language of our people, the Wiradjuri.

So he kept that connection

to part of his culture. But the threat of removal still loomed over his generation.

The Apology was recognition about one chapter of our history since 1901.

To my mind, constitutional recognition would have a similar power for the whole of the Indigenous community.

When we put this right, by recognising our full history, we will make us a better nation.

A stronger nation.

And a wealthier nation.

A few years ago, Reconciliation Australia commissioned Access Economics to assess the economics of fixing disadvantage.

It found that if Australia closed the gaps within a single generation, we could slash spending by \$3.7 billion, boost revenue by \$4.9 billion, increase our overall economy by one per cent of national wealth, and raise the living standards of every single Australian.

Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution would help create the preconditions for bringing that shared prosperity story to life.

As more Australians understand how parts of our Constitution are constructed –

with the continuing power to deny the vote from people based on race and a denial of our long history in this land – they won't stand for it.

They will want to fix it.

We want to be able to tell an even better story to our children and grandchildren – of fairness, respect and inclusion.

There's such a coda to my family's story already.

In the Cootamundra Town Hall, where once my great-grandmother was barred from being able to vote, a stained glass window now hangs.

In it, she is telling bedtime stories to her grandchildren in the language of their ancestors.

The town that once excluded this amazing Aboriginal woman has now immortalised her remarkable story.

At long last, it has recognised her.

It's time our Constitution did too.

● *This is an edited extract of Jason Glanville's National Press Club address. The full version can be found here: <http://www.recognise.org.au/opinion-pieces>*

This photo of Jason Glanville was taken at the National Press Club by JOSEPH MAYERS

Party marks Alice's 94th birthday



ALICE THOMAS could well be in the running for the title of oldest Aboriginal woman in Victoria, having notched up 94 years. Her stepson Colin Thomas told the *Koori Mail* that Mrs Thomas, who celebrated her birthday last month, is definitely the oldest living person born at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Reserve in Victoria's Gippsland.

And the family is wondering if she might just be the oldest Aboriginal woman in the state.

Mrs Thomas was born on 17 January 1919, to John and Alice Connelly (nee Thorpe), who were heavily involved in lobbying the Aboriginal Protection Board for decent housing at Lake Tyers.

They moved to Melbourne while Mrs Thomas was a small child, and ended up living in Fitzroy, which had a large Aboriginal community.

Married twice – first to Nansen Young and then Frank Thomas – Mrs Thomas had nine children of her own, and now has 200 grandchildren.

A good number of those turned up to the Aboriginal Advancement League in Northcote for Mrs Thomas' birthday celebrations.



Alice Thomas surrounded by family at her 94th birthday party.

Colin Thomas told the gathering that Mrs Thomas was 'knocking the stats on the head'.

"As you know, our life span only goes

to late 50s usually, but she's gone well over that now and in another six years we are hoping to celebrate the 100th birthday," he said.

Mrs Thomas lives in suburban Thornbury with her youngest son Ray, an accomplished artist and musician.

– By DARREN COYNE

Townsville gets advisory body

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



INDIGENOUS members of Townsville's new Inclusive Community Advisory Committee will liaise with the local city council

to tackle issues such as youth crime, disability services, mental health facilities, special services for seniors, multicultural engagement and the arts.

The four Indigenous members on the 27-person committee – Chris Townson, Gavin Kumsing, Monty Stubbings and Alec Illin – met at the Townsville City Council building last Thursday.

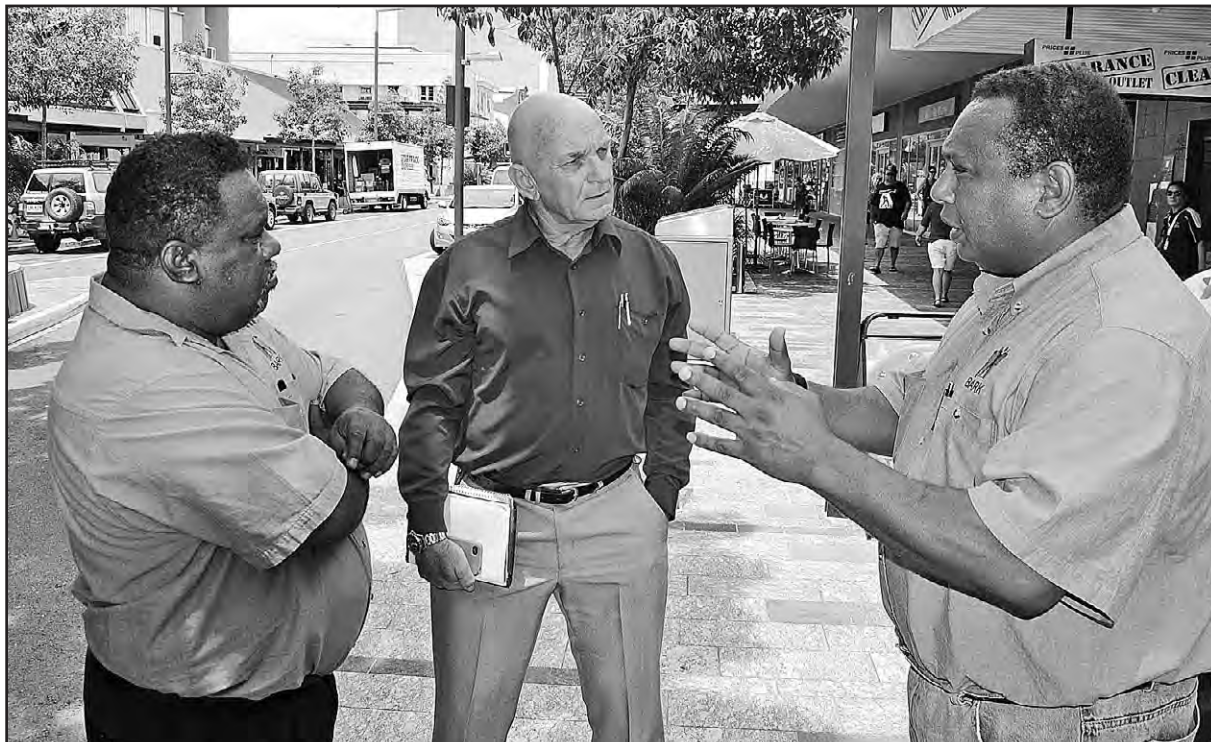
The next day, Mr Kumsing and Mr Townson spoke to the *Koori Mail* about what they would focus on to try to improve life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the city, which has a total population of about 180,000.

They are both employees of the Brothers' Act of Random Kindness program (BARK), which provides long-term unemployed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and young people with pathways to work, confidence and a reconnection to Indigenous culture and cultural identity.

The organisation strives to help Indigenous men get permanent jobs, stay out of jail, and become role models for their communities.

"We need to get jobs for more of our people because when they're employed they're much happier and have more self-esteem," Mr Kumsing said.

He said the abolition of the Murri Court by the State Government



Chris Townson, right, makes a point to Cr Vern Veitch as Gavin Kumsing looks on.

last year had been a great loss.

"We want to take that back to the council and find ways to overcome the sense of loss our people have about the abolition of the Murri Court," he said.

BARK already has an agreement with the council to clean up the Indigenous settlement of Happy Valley near the Belgian Gardens cemetery.

"Through that, those who volunteer to help at Happy Valley go into a work pool where they can get casual employment. That's been a success," Mr Kumsing said.

Mr Townson's role on the

committee will be to liaise with the council about the issues of the many Torres Strait Islanders in the community.

"I want to set up a committee of TSI people living here with at least three people with descent from each of the eastern, western and central islands," he said.

'Main aims'

"One of my main aims is to ask council to find us a hall where gatherings can take place after funerals, weddings or other community events."

Mr Townson, who has Saibai

Island and Seisia heritage, said unemployment amongst his people was a major issue.

"We have had a lot of success stories from youngsters turning their life around to men and women quitting drinking and holding down regular jobs," he said.

Townsville Deputy Mayor Vern Veitch met with Mr Kumsing and Mr Townson in the city centre and said he fully supported their efforts.

"These are good initiatives. It is very important for the younger generation to have jobs as unemployment impacts on all aspects of life," Cr Veitch said.

Deshong delegate for UN



QUEENSLANDER Michelle Deshong will be the Indigenous

delegate representing Australia at the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 57) in New York next month.

Federal Minister for the Status of Women Julie Collins said the theme was the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

"Delegates bring extensive experience and knowledge of the impacts of violence against women," she said.

The other three delegates are Rebecca Vassarotti, as a community sector delegate, Karin Swift, representing women with disabilities, and Adut Zita Deng Ngor, representing women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Ms Deshong has worked in senior leadership roles in both the government and other sectors, including as Queensland manager for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategies for the Australian Red Cross and national manager of Indigenous services at Centrelink.

Personal experience of domestic violence has shaped Ms Deshong's commitment to helping create a world that is free of violence for future generations.

Quiet achiever may soon become a hero – officially



MARY SLATER is known as a quiet achiever who gets things done in her

small town of Walhallow, about 90km south-west of Tamworth in New South Wales.

She was instrumental in setting up the Guurrama Women's Support Group, she formed the Aboriginal Men's Group, and she engaged Aboriginal Elders to ensure their input into decision-making processes. Ms Slater also oversees the Malagan-Yinarr Girls Mentor program at Quirindi High School, which helps more than 30 Aboriginal students with issues including health and wellbeing and career development.

And soon she could also be known as a hero.

Employed as a community program officer with the Tamworth office of Aboriginal Affairs NSW, Ms Slater is one of just four women from across the state to be shortlisted for the 2013 NSW Women of the Year Awards – People's Choice Community Hero category.

"I am humbled by this nomination and am still coming to grips with all this attention," she said.

"Guurama Women's Support Group has been approached by other Aboriginal communities, including Warren and Glen Innes, who want help to set up similar groups.

"We hope to take the concept to Toomelah to discuss how our group was set up, how it is run and our action plans."



Walhallow's Mary Slater, who's a finalist for the NSW Women of the Year Awards – People's Choice Community Hero category, to be announced on 7 March.

Aboriginal Affairs NSW general manager Jason Ardler said he was delighted that Ms Slater's work had been recognised. "Mary Slater is an outstanding advocate for her community and it is wonderful that she has been shortlisted for this prestigious award," he said.

"Her work is making a real difference in helping to change attitudes towards domestic violence and increase respect

for women and children."

The NSW Women of the Year Awards showcase inspirational stories and celebrate the outstanding contributions and achievements of women in NSW.

This year the awards received more than 150 nominations from across NSW. Premier Barry O'Farrell will announce the winners at a special reception on Thursday, 7 March.

Statue funds questioned



THE head of the Indigenous Land Corporation has ordered a report

into claims that public money was improperly donated to help fund a bronze statue of boxing great the late Lionel Rose.

Coalition senator Nigel Scullion raised the allegations in a Senate Estimates Committee recently, more than three years after the statue was unveiled in the Victorian town of Warragul, where Rose was born.

Senator Scullion told the committee that Jason Glanville, the head of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, the ILC charity offshoot which runs arts, cultural sports and health programs for 5000 Aboriginal youth, had authorised a donation of \$12,000 towards the statue from a charitable trust.

ILC chief operating officer Jodie Lindsay told the committee Mr Glanville 'did act outside his authority' in making the contribution toward the statue.

Senator Scullion said NCIE board co-chairs Ian Ferrier and



NIGEL SCULLION

Sam Jefferies had instructed Mr Glanville to repay the money.

Asked if he had, Ms Lindsay replied: "No he hasn't."

Senator Scullion asked why Mr Ferrier was dumped from the board and why co-chair Mr Jefferies was demoted from his deputy role during board changes last year, and whether there had been any lobbying from Mr Glanville on the matter.

"I can't comment on any

lobbying that may have been done... it would surprise me if there wasn't lobbying," ILC chief executive Bruce Gemmell said.

Mr Gemmell said the ILC would look into the issue.

ILC chairperson Dawn Casey has told the *Koori Mail* that the matter happened before she was appointed as chair.

"The matters relating to the payment of monies towards the Lionel Rose statue occurred before my appointment as chairperson of the ILC," Dr Casey said in a statement.

"As a result of information raised at (the) Senate Estimates hearings I have asked the CEO for a report on the matters."

It is expected the report will take several weeks to complete.

At the time of the unveiling, Victoria's then Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne said the State Government had put \$45,000 towards the statue, while the rest of the construction cost was raised through the sale of more than a dozen miniature statuettes, costing \$12,000 each.

Comment was sought from Mr Glanville. – **with AAP**

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Applications close at 6pm Tuesday 2 April 2013.

Community Information Sessions:

Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney

- 11am - Friday 22 February 2013
- 6pm - Thursday 28 February 2013
- 11am - Thursday 7 March 2013
- 6pm - Thursday 14 March 2013

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- Call **9265 9333**.



Bangarra hits Top End

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FOR dancer Jasmin Sheppard, heading to north-east Arnhem Land for Sydney-based Bangarra Dance Theatre's most recent cultural exchange program was an opportunity to renew family connections. Thirty-year-old Ms Sheppard is actually from the Tagalaka and Kurtjar people of Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria but was embraced – cultural way – by the Marika family when she first visited the remote community of Yirrkala in 2004 as a NAISA Dance College student.

"It was then that I was adopted into the Marika family, as (Bangarra cultural consultant) Kathy Marika's granddaughter so it has always been very special when I go back," she says.

"I feel so privileged to be able to continue that on at Bangarra. I'm so happy they have that relationship... we have all made lasting friendships."

As well as forging deep relationships, the practice of 'returning to country' has informed the integrity of Bangarra's work over many years and enabled host communities to strengthen their culture by sharing it in creative new ways.

New work

The latest week-long community residency, held in north-east Arnhem Land from 29 January to 5 February, was in preparation for the new work *Blak* choreographed by Stephen Page and emerging choreographer and dancer Daniel Riley McKinley.

Ms Sheppard says *Blak* is about being Indigenous in Australia, in all its diversity.

Indeed, the work is based upon a myriad of stories told by Bangarra's young artists, and driven by their personal appreciation for traditional customs and practices.

The dance company's male dancers have been working with Riley McKinley and the female dancers with Bangarra artistic director Stephen Page.

"We've been sitting down in a ritual manner, talking about women's business in modern-day society and the rites of passage we experienced being from different communities throughout Australia in a mix of environs... regional, remote and urban," Ms Sheppard said.

It's shaping up to be a very busy year for Ms Sheppard. On Monday, she and her fellow Bangarra dancers left for a performance and workshop tour of Vietnam. Late in the year, she will make her choreographic debut with a 25-minute work created as part of a triple bill for *Clan Dance 3* at the Bangarra Studios.

And tickets are now on sale for the national tour of Bangarra's *Blak*, encompassing the Arts Centre Melbourne (3-11 May), Illawarra Performing Arts Centre in Wollongong (17-18 May), Sydney Opera House (7-22 June), Canberra Theatre Centre (11-13 July), and Queensland Performing Arts Centre in Brisbane (18-27 July).

Prices range from \$29 to \$89, depending on ticket category, seating and venue.



Bangarra dancers pictured at Dhalinybuy with the company's artistic director Stephen Page, rehearsal director Robert Curran and founding member Djakapurra Munyarryun. Jasmin Sheppard is fourth from the left, back row. Photo by Jacob Nash
Inset: Bangarra founding member Janet Munyarryun and company dancer Leonard Mickelo. Photo by Deborah Brown



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NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

All people who hold or may hold native title to the land and waters shown in the map below (including registered native title claims VID6006/98, 6001/99, 6003/99, 6001/00), which includes people who identify as Dja Dja Wurrung, are invited to attend an authorisation meeting as follows:

WHERE: All Seasons Hotel, 171-183 McIvor Road, Strathdale (Bendigo)
WHEN: 16 March 2013
TIME: 9.30am – 4pm

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise an indigenous land use agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (between the State of Victoria, the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and the applicants to the proceedings listed above) as well as a suite of agreements under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) for a final settlement with the State of all registered native title claims over the land and waters in the area shown in the map below. Future act matters are also on the agenda.



Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) assists traditional owners in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including authorisation of native title settlements. NTSV is organising this meeting. People who hold or may hold native title in the area shown in the map who are not on NTSV's contact list for the Dja Dja Wurrung matter should contact NTSV on the number listed below by 5pm on **Wednesday 13 March 2013** and provide evidence that demonstrates how they hold or may hold native title to that area. People who attend the meeting without such evidence may not be entitled to participate in the decision making process.

Two information sessions will also be held for people who hold or may hold native title in the proposed agreement area. The first session will be held on **Saturday 2 March 2013** at the **Foundry Hotel, High Street, Bendigo**, from 9.30am. The second information session will be held on **Friday 15 March 2013** at the **All Seasons Hotel, Strathdale (Bendigo)**, from 9.30am. Please contact Drew Berick on **1800 791 779** for further information and to register your attendance. Please contact Drew by **13 March 2013** if you require travel assistance.

Invitation to Aboriginal Elders of the Dharug Country in the Liverpool, Fairfield and Bankstown Area



MDS invites Aboriginal Elders to attend a morning tea get together for a new funded HACC project that will develop an Aboriginal Dementia DVD for Service Providers.

When: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 6th March 2013

Where: Green Valley District Centre
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Bangarra artist-in-residence and cultural consultant Kathy Balngayngu Marika on Bremmer Island. Photo by Deborah Brown

Decade of *Living Black*

By **DARREN COYNE**



KARLA GRANT is living her dream – working in a job she is passionate about.

Ms Grant has headed the Indigenous affairs television program *Living Black* for the past decade, and reckons she still has plenty of stories to tell.

Some of those will be shared with viewers next month when the program celebrates its 10th anniversary by launching on NITV during prime time.

The premiere episode will look back to when the news and current affairs program premiered in 2003, and how it has progressed since.

"In the first episode we'll be looking at the big stories over the past ten years, with special guests, past and present video journalists, talking about their most memorable stories," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"There's been so much happened during this time that we've got a big job to package it all up."

Ms Grant said the video journalists who had made the program a success truly were 'one-man bands'.

"They have minimal camera gear. They are the sound person, the camera person and the journalist," she said.

Some of the original video journalists set to appear include Tanya Denning, Kris Flanders and Angela Bates, alongside current team members, Allan Clarke, Larteasha Smith and newcomer Hannah Hollis.

Together they will reminisce on their big stories and share their most memorable experiences.

Living Black presenter Karla Grant ... "The program has evolved significantly since we started."



"The program has evolved significantly since we started," Ms Grant said.

"We have moved from covering lots of Indigenous news and current affairs across Australia to focusing more on in-depth coverage of topical and ongoing issues

such as social justice, health, housing and employment; as well as covering stories of positive achievement."

Ms Grant's involvement with SBS actually goes back even longer than the 10 years *Living Black* has been on

the air – 18 years in fact. Before that she had stints working on a community radio station in Canberra, doing a weekly Aboriginal music and news program, and getting a job producing a program, *Aboriginal Australia*, on behalf of ATSIC.

"I began presenting once a month and then got a full-time job producing and directing, travelling over the countryside getting stories and then putting the program together," she said.

"That program was played on Channel 10 and also distributed around the country.

"Then I went freelance for a while, producing and directing corporate videos and then in 1995 I read in the *Daily Telegraph* that SBS was starting a new Indigenous current affairs program so I gave them a call.

The rest, as they say, is television history.

"It's certainly been an amazing journey over 18 years. I've had so many opportunities to do so many things," she said.

"I've been able to travel around the country visiting communities. It's been a real eye-opener and an education.

"I've seen a lot of good things and a lot of bad things. It's been incredible.

"I love doing what I do and I feel it's something that I've wanted to do all of my life, which is tell stories, Indigenous stories, and that's something that I feel really passionate about."

● ***Living Black* will appear on Tuesdays at 7.30pm on NITV from 12 March, and on Fridays at 2.30pm and Sundays at 4.30pm on SBS ONE.**



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Aboriginal knowledge in book



A NEW book, more than 20 years in the making, details local Aboriginal knowledge of

plants and animals in the Victoria River district of the Northern Territory.

The book, *Bilinarra, Gurindji and Malgin Plants and Animals*, features about 500 plant and animal species found in the region and includes detailed information about nutritional content, cultural value and medicinal uses, as well as around 270 illustrations.

Each species is named in Bilinarra, Gurindji, Malgin and English, in addition to their scientific name.

Topsy Dodd Ngarnjal, one of the Gurindji authors, is pleased her knowledge has been recorded.

She enjoys teaching her grandchildren Gurindji names for local plants and animals, but she knows she won't always be able to.

Speaking in Gurindji, Ms Ngarnjal said:

Jala-ma-rna-rla pinak jayingana jaru ngayiny-ku jaju-wu. Nyamu-rna wanku, latalata-mi ngurna-rla malu langa-ngkurra



Debra Victor and her daughter Vikarra Crowson reading the new book with one of the Gurindji authors, Topsy Dodd Ngarnjal. Photo by Penny Smith Inset: The book's cover.

nyanuny. Ngayiny-ju jaju-ngku kalp manku jaru kirrawa, karnti, yawu murlanginyi-warla milimilinyiwarla.

(Now I can teach my granddaughter Gurindji words. But when I pass

away, I can still pass on this knowledge to her. My granddaughter will be able to learn the names of goannas, trees and fish from this book instead.)

Ms Ngarnjal and 20 other Bilinarra, Gurindji and

Malgin Elders documented their knowledge of local fauna and flora, working with ethnobiologist Glenn Wightman and linguists Lauren Campbell and Felicity Meakins.

Bilinarra, Gurindji and

Malgin Plants and Animals currently has a limited distribution and is available from the NT Department of Natural Resources (Darwin), Mimi Arts (Katherine) and Karungkarni Arts (Kalkaringi).

Pilbara elderly in line to benefit



THE WA Government has approved the conditional sale of

unallocated Crown land in South Hedland following a proposal to develop nine one-bedroom units for elderly Aboriginal people of the Yinhawangka, Banyjima and Nyiyaparli communities in the Pilbara. The proposed development was submitted by the Innawonga, Banyjima, Niapaili (IBN) corporation through a call for expressions of interest.

WA Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said the Government had agreed to sell the land at a nominal value to support the development.

"The Government is working collaboratively with the local Indigenous people to ensure housing shortages are addressed and to also strengthen and support the development of sustainable regional communities," he said.

"The new units will not only assist in addressing affordable housing issues in the region, but IBN also plans to utilise Aboriginal graduates of the Pundulmurra Campus of Pilbara TAFE to work as apprentices on the development."

IBN has proposed that the properties will be managed by not-for-profit organisation Foundation Housing.

Kimberley water work



THE Kimberley centre of Ardyaloon and other remote Indigenous

communities in Western Australia are set to get better water supplies.

This follows a Federal Government allocation of \$10 million to improve the quality and security of water infrastructure in remote areas.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said that as well as improving the security and quality of water supplies in Ardyaloon, the project would upgrade water services and related infrastructure in up to 21 other remote communities, to be selected on the basis of the urgency of works required.

Big month for Vic legal community



LAST month was one of firsts for the Victorian legal sector. Rose Falla was appointed

Victoria's first Indigenous magistrate and the Victorian Bar became the first Australian barristers' association to launch a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Ms Falla, a member of Tarwirri, the Indigenous Law Students and Lawyers' Association of Victoria, has previously been the acting deputy directorate manager of complex crime at the Office of Public Prosecutions, and associate to the then Director of Public Prosecutions Paul Coghlan.

Ms Falla has also worked as a legal officer at the Department of Justice, where she played a major role in the establishment of Victoria's first Koori Courts.

Tarwirri president Karly Warner congratulated Ms Falla on her 'too deadly' appointment.

"Ms Falla has worked hard and is thoroughly deserving of her appointment as a magistrate in Victoria," Ms Warner said.

"I am sure she will inspire many of our current members, as well as future law students and legal professionals."

More than 30 years after Mick Dodson, Victoria's first Indigenous barrister, signed the Bar Roll in 1981, the Victorian Bar launched its RAP.



Linda Lovett, the first Indigenous female Victorian barrister, at the Bar Association's RAP launch.

Victorian Bar chair Fiona McLeod said their members had been assisting Indigenous people's rights for decades.

"In the mid-1970s some of our members helped establish the legal aid services in central Australia," she said.

"Victorian barristers have represented Indigenous clients in many pro bono cases and in landmark legal cases.

"Over the past decade barristers at the Victorian Bar have found practical ways to address under-representation of Indigenous people among the ranks of barristers.

"But we recognise there is much more to be done.

"After Mick Dodson in 1981, we did not see a second Indigenous barrister sign the Bar Roll until 2006. This RAP is a mark of our commitment to being a part of a

solution and to being active in addressing it."

The RAP includes mentoring and peer support programs and a work experience program for Indigenous secondary school students, as well as a series of policy financial aids designed to assist Indigenous barristers to begin and maintain thriving practices. There are also initiatives for improved legal services for Indigenous people as clients of barristers.

Indigenous barristers played an integral role in development of the RAP, which was launched by Gunditjmarra Elder Jim Berg and Victoria's first female Indigenous barrister, Linda Lovett.

Chair of the Victorian Bar's Indigenous Lawyers' Committee, barrister Daniel Star, led the working party to create the RAP over 18 months.

"There is no question that Indigenous people face unique difficulties and inequalities within the legal system in Victoria and nationally – and that includes entry into the profession, quite apart from access to justice issues as clients," Mr Star said.

"The Victorian Bar will continue to play its part with engaging in the challenge for reconciliation in our backyard. The RAP, which is for all members of our Bar, is a real step forward."

Sex issues focus of new resources



NEW resources will be distributed in Western Australia to raise

awareness among Aboriginal youth about sexual assault and consent. The resources, which include posters and a coaster-size flip card, will be distributed to high schools and relevant agencies to spread the message to Aboriginal youth that sex is okay only if a person is ready, willing and able to give informed consent.

The campaign was developed by the Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) with the aid of a \$5000 Aboriginal Cultural Awareness grant from WA Health's Aboriginal Health Division.

SARC education and training coordinator Fiona McMullen said the resources had been developed including consultation with students from Clontarf Aboriginal College.

"The end result is a group of materials that



Sexual Assault Resource Centre Aboriginal liaison officer Karen Brisbane with the new resources for West Australian youth.

help to clarify the issue of sexual consent for young Aboriginal people and provide details of who to contact with any questions or concerns," she said. "We hope these

resources will be widely distributed and used throughout Western Australia, particularly in the country areas, which can often miss out on these types of programs."

DoCS seeks new recruits



ABORIGINAL caseworkers and support staff are being recruited in the north-west of New South Wales. The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) has been holding information sessions in order to attract new workers.

DoCS acting director of child and family services Wendy Rhodes said Aboriginal

children continued to be over represented in the child protection system in Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and surrounding areas.

"We know that the best way to support Aboriginal families and keep them together is to have Aboriginal staff working with them because of their unique understanding of the culture and history of their community," she said. For more details, call Ms Rhodes on (02) 6826 7440.

Review is welcomed



THE Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) of NSW/ACT has welcomed the NSW Ombudsman's decision to review the use of move-on directions by police. The Ombudsman has released an issues paper for community comment and is calling for people who have had experience with move-on directions to comment.

NSW ALS acting principal legal officer Robert Tumeth said one of the big issues was that if people did

not move on when directed, police could give them an infringement notice, which is a fine.

"More often than not, that fine is not paid," he said.

"When a fine is not paid, it increases. The worst-case scenario is that the unpaid fine could lead to a person having their driver's licence disqualified. And that, of course, can hinder employment and family choices. So, yes, we welcome the review of police powers in this area."

NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour said that since changes to the move-on

laws in September 2011, more than 400 people had been prosecuted.

"The new law can be an effective tool for police to manage a very widespread and growing social problem, but we need to ensure safeguards are being met and that the new powers are being used as intended," he said.

The issues paper is available at www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

The Ombudsman said comment on any of the issues raised in the paper were welcome by this Friday, 15 February.

WHEN THE HEART OF THE NATION COMES TO THE CAPITAL



Image by Leise Knowles

28 FEBRUARY – 3 MARCH

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Thousands turn out



Sean Choolburra and the kids danced 'Gamin' style. Photo: Wayne Quilliam



SONG, dance and ceremony illustrated the life force of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures during South Australia's fifth Spirit Festival held last fortnight.

An estimated 7000 people, including many families, attended throughout the two-day event, hosted by Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide's east on 16-17 February.

The festival encompassed a sunset ceremony and welcome to country featuring leading Kaurna dance groups Paitya, Kuma Kaaru and Taikurtinna, as well as Kurruru Youth Performing Arts.

"This ceremony was magical, strong and many audience members and performers were astonished and overwhelmed with pride to see such strength and power from the dance groups who performed," said event manager and co-director Gina Rings.

"It was a truly amazing feeling."

Yolngu dance and Anangu inma (ceremony) also featured in the two-day festival, along with a 'Speaking Waves' writers forum with Dr Anita Heiss and Aaron Fa'aoso as keynote speakers, joined by local writers Jared Thomas and Alexis West.

Attractions

Local musicians such as Krista Pav with backup singers Sonya Rankine and Beck Gollan, the CASM Soul Band, Jimblah and Warren Milera were showcased alongside national attractions Jessica Mauboy, Troy Cassar-Daley and The Medics. Yamba the Honeyant and Jacinta Price put in an appearance.

MC Sean Choolburra had the audience in stitches throughout, but especially with his 'Fifty Shades of Blackness' routine. At one stage, he had kids up on stage dancing not Gangnam, but Gamin' style.

"There were so many other highlights, but Djukapurra Munyarryun and Banala Marika and Albert David and Smilar Sinak and other dancers who came and performed Yolngu dances were outstanding on and off stage," Ms Rings said.

Unfortunately, the second day of the festival was marred by the unruly behaviour of a small group in the audience. The situation led to the cancellation of a much-anticipated 'flash mob' dance routine that had been planned to be performed by local youth for Jessica Mauboy's performance.

Ms Rings said she was 'disappointed and heartbroken' at the turn of events, but believed the festival overall represented 'strong culture', artists and storytellers in a very positive light.



Ellie Lovegrove performed as part of the CASM Soul Band. Photo by Colleen Raven Strangway



Keribasagul Dancers featuring Smilar Sinak (centre). Photo by Wayne Quilliam



Actor Aaron Fa'aoso speaks at the writers' forum in Tandanya. Photo by Wayne Quilliam



A Paitya dancer during sunset ceremony. Photo by Colleen Raven Strangway



South Australia's Krista Pav. Photo by Wayne Quilliam



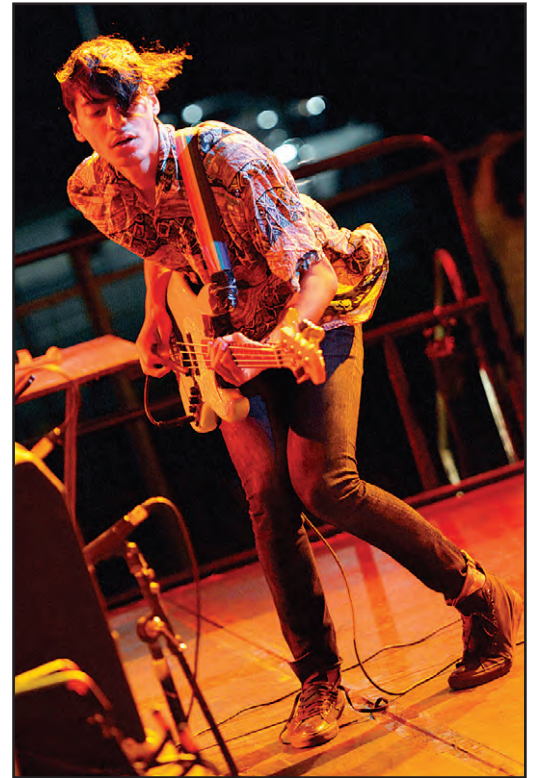
Kym Hamann, Nancia Guivarra and Alan Collins. Photo by Wayne Quilliam



Banala Marika (centre) with Smilar Sinak and Albert David. Photo by Colleen Raven Strangway

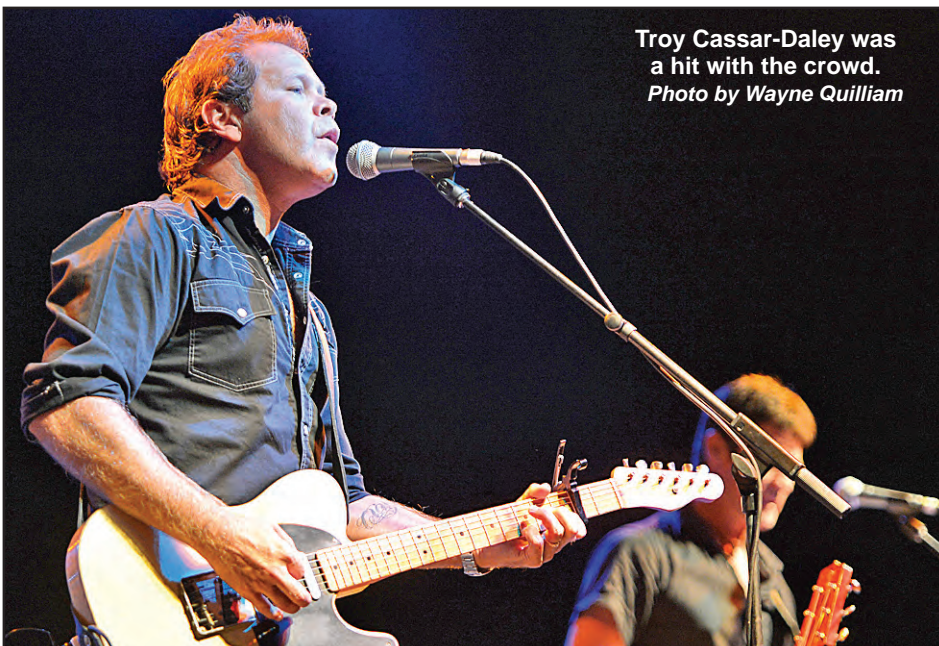
for SA Spirit Festival

The Rritjarukar Wagtails
from the Ngarrindjeri nation.
Photo by Wayne Quilliam



Charles Thomas from The Medics.
Photo by Wayne Quilliam

Troy Cassar-Daley was
a hit with the crowd.
Photo by Wayne Quilliam



Fans reach out to
Jessica Mauboy.
Photo by Wayne Quilliam



This dancer mesmerised during the Ngura Wiru Winkiku
inma (ceremony). Photo by Wayne Quilliam



● Above: Steve Goldsmith, Aaron Fa'aoso, Smilar Sinak (partly obscured), Djukapurra Munyarryun, Albert David, Banala Marika, Nulkuma Burarranga, Jamie Goldsmith, Karl Telfer and Sean Choolburra were among these performers at the Spirit Festival. Photo by Wayne Quilliam

● Left: Kurruru Youth Performing Arts were among the performers at the festival in Adelaide. Photo by Wayne Quilliam

Flashback to the National Apology



Lighting the way on the lawns of Parliament House, the night before the national Apology in 2008. On 13 February this year, five years after then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised for past wrongs, many reflected with sadness and dismay that justice still had not been served in the form of reparations and compensation for all Stolen Generations members – not just those living in states that had offered some redress. *Photo courtesy of ANTaR*



Then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson shake hands in Parliament.



Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo catches up with Kevin Rudd after the Apology. Mr Rudd spoke at length to Mrs Fejo before crafting his historic speech.



Stolen Generations members Netta Cahill-McCarthy, Lorna Cubillo and Valerie Day were invited into the parliamentary chamber to hear the Apology.

For Mary, the grief goes on

By KIRSTIE PARKER



In the Members' Hall following the Apology and holding photographs of family members were, from left, Dindima Johanna Huckle-Moran, Djnaya-Cyla Fraser-Chalmers, Liannah Jones, Caleb Clifford-Jones, Nyngari Little and Jessie Waratah Simon-Fitzpatrick.



Yorta Yorta Elders Patricia Atkinson, of Maroopna, Victoria, and Frances Mathysen, of Shepparton, showed their true colours.

MARY Terszak often wonders if it would have made a difference if she'd found her natural mother sooner than she did. It wasn't until almost five decades after her forced removal as a two-year-old from Carrolup, south of Perth, that circumstances led to their reunion. Sadly, it was far from the joyful homecoming Mary had hoped for.

"We did meet when I was about 50 but we were just complete strangers," she said of meeting her mother, Noongar woman Lizzie Woods.

"Some other (Stolen Generations) met their mother at an earlier age and seemed to be able to converse with them but, for me, there was always that distance.

"It was a culture shock when I met my mum. Having been two years old when I was removed, I had no recollection of her whatsoever. It was very difficult; my mother had no idea what to say to me and vice versa... It was a terrible time. We never connected."

In official records from 1944, a native welfare officer noted the close bond between toddler Mary and her mother, who worked at a local hospital, and that the toddler was 'well looked after, being very clean and tidy'. However, because Mary was fair-skinned enough to be 'taken for a white child', the welfare officer deemed her 'suitable' to be removed and placed in Sister Kate's Home in Perth.

Two weeks ago, on the fifth anniversary of the national Apology, now 70-year-old Mary was scheduled to travel from her home near Newcastle to Sydney to give a speech about her experiences – some of which were chronicled in her 2008 book *Orphaned by the Colour of My Skin*. But, still depressed by the death last year of one of her best friends from the orphanage, she couldn't bring herself to go.

"I have done quite a lot of speeches



Stolen Generations member Mary Terszak.

in my time but, even if you are used to it, it still plays havoc," Mary told the *Koori Mail*.

"I am trying to help people understand and was sorry that I didn't get to go and speak on account of how I felt, but it breaks you down. The grief never goes; it will always be a part of who I am."

But, browsing on Facebook around the anniversary, Mary saw for the first time a *Koori Mail* photo taken of her outside Parliament House on 13 February 2008. In it (it's pictured above), she's carrying two Aboriginal flags and wearing a shirt 'Kevin 07 says Sorry'. She looks happy.

Contacted by our newspaper, Mary said the national Apology had helped her.

"If I had the chance to meet Kevin

Rudd personally, it'd be amazing because I was absolutely thrown with the way he did that..." she said.

"There's nothing we want more than for people to understand: We were taken... We have a black Australia with a white sorry and that's powerful."

Mary received some compensation under WA's Redress Scheme and, while it enabled her to fix a few things around her house and help out her own children, she says it could never make up for what she'd lost.

"I don't want to sound like I'm bitter," she said.

"If I am going to get anywhere, I have to talk without that real hatred of what happened. But I can never forgive that policy ever because it took away a mother's love."

Apology anniversary concert



On stage with the Black Arm Band, from left, Lou Bennett, Deline Briscoe, Dan Sultan and Natalie Pa'apa'a.



Joel Wenitong from The Last Kinection welcomes former PM Kevin Rudd on stage.

A high note, five years on

Photos by ANDREW ROSENFELDT, Deadly Vibe



IN the five years since it changed our political landscape and entered the national lexicon, the national Apology has been considered and remembered in many different ways.

This year, more than 2500 people chose to celebrate former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's historic gesture through music and dance at a gathering back where it all happened.

A free concert 'The Apology – Five Years On – Heal our Past, Build our Future' was held on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra on 13 February and offered a stellar line-up including musical torchbearers for the ongoing campaign for justice for the Stolen Generations.

Archie Roach headlined with the Black Arm Band, alongside Kutcha Edwards, Lou Bennett, Bart Willoughby, Dan Sultan, Emma Donovan, didg player Mark Atkins, Djolpa McKenzie, Deline Briscoe and Blue King Brown's Natalie Pa'apa'a. The Last Kinection and Microwave Jenny also performed.

The event was hosted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

About 2500 people attended the concert in Canberra on 13 February to commemorate the anniversary of the national Apology to the Stolen Generations.



Healing Foundation, and MCed by actor Luke Carroll and singer Christine Anu.

Mr Rudd made an appearance, too, and was quickly mobbed by people wanting to shake his hand and have their photo taken with him.

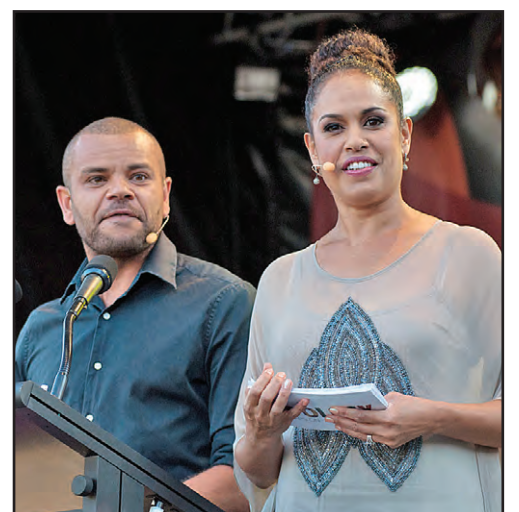
Afterwards, reports that Mr Rudd did not receive a personal invitation to the

event were disputed by the Healing Foundation.

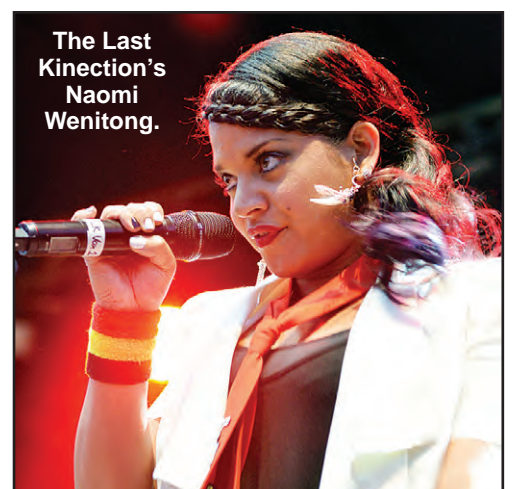
Established on the first anniversary of the Apology, the Healing Foundation supports culturally strong, locally run Indigenous healing programs around Australia and funds education and research on Indigenous healing.



Djolpa McKenzie performing with the Black Arm Band.



Hosts Luke Carroll and Christine Anu.



The Last Kinection's Naomi Wenitong.



Archie Roach performed his groundbreaking song on the Stolen Generations *Took the Children Away*.



The Healing Foundation hosted the concert. Seen here, from left, chair Charles Passi, Youth Reference Group member Jasmine Onus, CEO Richard Weston, Jeremy Donovan and Stolen Generations survivor Florence Onus.



Members of the Doonooch group from Nowra perform.



Pictured with some of the titles that feature in the library collection are Ballarat Citizen of the Year and Koorie Engagement Action Group member Tony Lovett and Ballarat Elder Uncle Murray Harrison.

Ballarat Library marks apology



BALLARAT Library in Victoria marked the fifth anniversary of the national apology to the Stolen Generations by launching its Australian Indigenous Collection.

The collection includes books and DVDs, ranging from pre-school picture books and junior fiction through to books on sport and contemporary art.

The launch event was addressed by local Elder Uncle Murray Harrison, who spoke about his experiences as a member of the Stolen Generations.

City of Ballarat's Cr Belinda Coates said the council was committed to playing its part in the journey of reconciliation.

"Over a number of years, council has worked with the Koorie Engagement Action Group (KEAG) to achieve the aims of Ballarat's Reconciliation Action Plan," she

said. "Together, we've worked to promote a better understanding of our shared past, how this affects the lives of Indigenous people today, and how we can work to build a better future for all of us."

"We hope this Indigenous collection will better connect the wider community with local Indigenous information and knowledge."

"Our libraries are genuine community spaces, and this is one more way that they can serve the needs of Ballarat residents."

Ballarat Citizen of the Year and KEAG member Tony Lovett said the Ballarat Council and KEAG continued to work on initiatives to promote reconciliation at a local level.

"Marking the anniversary of the federal apology and launching the collection demonstrate the diverse ways the council is honouring the Reconciliation Action Plan," he said.

A time to reflect

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THREE years ago, Betty Gibson, a former resident of a missionary dormitory at Daintree in far north Queensland, described the Federal Government's handling of the national apology as 'unfinished business'.

Last week at a 'yarning circle' held in Mossman to mark the fifth anniversary of the apology, Cairns-based Ms Gibson declared that not much had changed.

"Every year something like this comes, but this is the first time in many years that I've come back here, and I'm glad that I arrived today for Sorry Day," she told *Koori Mail*.

"I've tried to explain to people we've gone through these things, these are the trials and tribulations for us every day of our lives."

"It would be a really good thing to see this go further. There's a lot of kids, they don't know about the Stolen Generation; they don't know about what happened."

About 50 people came together for the event, hosted by the Jawunkarra Indigenous Family Support Service (JIFSS).

JIFSS coordinator Donna Elliot, a Dunghutti woman from Kempsey in NSW, said there were still members of the Stolen Generations who had never been heard from again.

Affected

"There are not many Indigenous families throughout Australia who have not been directly affected (by removal policies)," she said.

"Today is a time for Mossman as a community to come together to reflect and share our stories about a time that affected many of us."

"My hope is that we remember our past and present generations as survivors and that our future generations will be strong in mind, body and spirit."

Ms Elliot read a speech from Elder Marina Petersen who said stolen children were never allowed to cry.

"Nobody can ever take us away for we have seen the world in all

A.U.S.T.R.A.L.I.A.

A Stands for Aboriginal first people of this land

U Stands for Unite – United we stand together

S Stands for Survive – We are the survivors

T Stands for Tears for the Stolen Generation

R Stands for Respect – Respect for our people

A Stands for Australia the big vast country

L Stands for Loyalty – Loyal to each other

I Stands for Invasion of this country invaded

A Stands for All one together. That's what Australia means.

By Clare Ogilvie

different ways, the tears we cried and so much pain they made us endure," she said.

"This is something that you would never want your children to go through even though it is still happening today."

"It is lucky that we have a day, a day we say and call for this special 'sorry day'."

Elder Agnes Burchill agreed that there'd been little progress since the national apology.

Clare Ogilvie grew up with Ms Gibson in the Daintree dormitory.

"Betty, Cynthia and me, the three of us, we all grew up in the girls' dormitory in Daintree Mission," Mrs Ogilvie said.

"We didn't know there was going to be a dormitory up there; they cleared the land."

"Dormitory life wasn't easy for us. We had good times and bad times."

"They say this impact, what you had is the trauma, won't go away, it'll still be there. But we have to forget the past and think about our future for our children."

Mrs Ogilvie has written a book of her experiences for her grandchildren.



Marjorie Kooka (front) with, clockwise, Clare Ogilvie, Karen Gibson, holding Mrs Ogilvie's book *My Story*, Betty Gibson and Agnes Burchill.



● Above: Some of the participants at the Mossman Sorry Day Yarning Circle in far north Queensland.

● Left: Queensland Police constable Jason Fallon and Andrew Gibson performing *Took the Children Away*.

Call to recognise sea rights



Some of the members of the Indigenous Sea Country Strategic Policy Group, from left, Colin Enoch, Sam Backo, Melissa George, Charmaine Koroï, Kerry Blackman, Cathy Prior, Phil Rist (executive officer Girringun Aboriginal Corporation), Vince Mundraby, Gary Lui (coordinator) and Vanessa Kirk.



THE Indigenous Sea Country Strategic Policy Group believes it is time to recognise saltwater traditional owners' sea rights and responsibilities as well as land rights.

At a recent meeting in Cairns, the group discussed a range of issues covering holistic natural resource

management, including turtle and dugong management and hunting practices.

It is aiming to develop an overarching framework for Indigenous sea country management by the middle of this year.

Priorities under the framework's umbrella include leadership, monitoring and research, community engagement and

relations, training, management of high conservation value areas and sea-country planning.

The framework was intended to fill any gaps at local, state, national and international levels, without cutting across any of the work already being done, the group said.

Members said they also hoped to deliver a way for other stakeholders,

including government, to engage more effectively with saltwater traditional owners in relation to their sea country business.

The group said it would advocate and lobby government in relation to funding priorities and environmental issues, such as new federal biodiversity offsets policy in relation to long-term damage to marine resources.

Many Rivers body out of administration



THE Many Rivers Regional Housing Management Services Aboriginal Corporation is no longer under special administration. The corporation, which manages about 300 rental properties on behalf of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and other housing organisations in northern NSW, was placed in administration on 13 August last year.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said an examination of its books had revealed poor corporate governance and financial management, including excessive payments to the directors at the time.

He said significant improvements and changes were made during the special administration. The corporation now had a stronger corporate governance framework, which included tighter eligibility requirements for the appointment of directors, increased financial accountability and reporting requirements and a requirement that the corporation has independent directors.

Mr Beven said a new staffing structure was also implemented and vacant positions filled. All of the properties managed by the corporation were inspected and all necessary repairs were completed to comply with occupational health and safety standards.

"The corporation is now set to resume the important task of providing tenancy services to the Aboriginal community on the mid-north coast," Mr Beven said.

"I would like to acknowledge and thank the AHO for its input and assistance during the special administration."

The newly appointed directors of the corporation are Dean Evers (chair), Guy Jones, Daniel Rose and Helen Duroux. They will be joined by an independent non-member director, John Daley, who is a public accountant in Kempsey.

Peoples have key role in new park

By GEOFF VIVIAN



WESTERN Australia's Karajarri, Nyangumarta and Ngarla peoples are playing an important part in planning the new Eighty Mile Beach marine park with the state's Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

Nyangumarta traditional owner Nyapuru Rose said site visits to important cultural areas allowed her people to teach DEC officials about their connection with coastal and sea country.

"The Nyangumarta people have an intricate knowledge of their country and retain a strong connection through sacred sites and ceremonial activities," she said.

A ministerial statement says the marine park would be jointly managed between DEC and Karajarri, Nyangumarta and Ngarla traditional owners.

It is to include special 'cultural heritage' zones acknowledging the existence of cultural values in the area.

Traditional owner and director of the Karajarri Prescribed Body Corporate Thomas King welcomed the decision.

"It means we are able to participate and engage with the department on equal terms," he said.

"It also allows traditional owners to have legislative backing in relation to



Nyangumarta traditional owner Nyapuru Rose (file photo, courtesy Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation)

protection of natural marine resources.

"That's been a common cry amongst traditional owners, about over-fishing and unsustainable use of marine resources."

Mr King said the terms of the marine park, gazetted late last year, would not prevent traditional owners carrying out their accustomed activities, which

have never included commercial fishing.

"A traditional owner would be subject to the same rules and laws in regards to any commercial fishing," he said.

Mr King said the DEC had indicated an interest in using Karajarri Rangers to help manage the park.

"They didn't specifically make any mention of jobs as such, they mentioned fee-for-service contract... we can utilise it to perhaps create a position," he said.

DEC marine science program leader Chris Simpson said Indigenous participation was a key objective of his department's strategy for the Kimberley.

"Indigenous engagement and the employment of Indigenous rangers is a priority," he said.

"There are Indigenous rangers working on the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park as we speak."

Mr King said Karajarri rangers had been involved with DEC in exercises such as turtle nest monitoring for several years.

"It's normally during the wet season around December, January and February that that occurs, the breeding and hatching period," he said.

Mr King said the details of how the new marine park would be run were yet to be settled.

"The next step will be nutting out details of that management agreement ... I'll be looking forward to it," he said.

Corporation is back on track



BRISBANE-based Umpi Korumba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Housing is now back in community hands. The corporation, headquartered in suburban

Zillmere, provides long-term and emergency rental accommodation for Indigenous people in the Brisbane area.

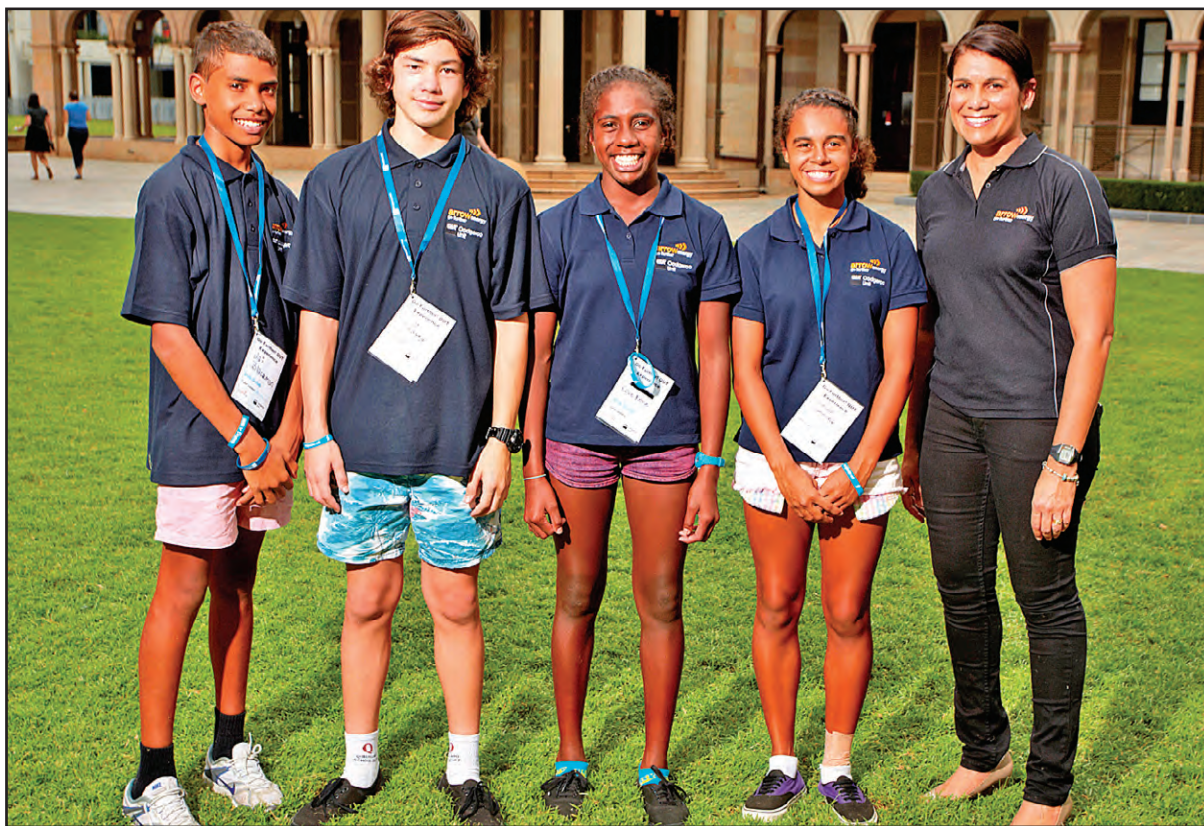
It was placed under special administration on 23 August last year after Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said an examination identified the need for improved administrative systems and corporate governance at the corporation.

He said that during the administration there had been a steady increase in profits and a reduction in liabilities. Changes had been made to the corporation's policies and procedures to improve productivity, recruitment and financial and corporate governance processes.

The special administrator also entered into a partnership with the Red Cross for staff training, renovations to homes and the installation of a new computer system. A Red Cross manager has been appointed as an independent director of Umpi Korumba as part of the partnership arrangements.

Rental increases were also introduced to ensure the corporation had the financial resources to adequately maintain and manage its rental properties. Mr Beven said Umpi Korumba's rents were still below those charged in the private rental market in Brisbane.

The new directors are Umpi Korumba members Barney Manktelow, Robert West and Emily Doctor and independent non-member directors Kevin Antonovich and Matthew Cox.



Pictured in front of Old Government House, which is now part of QUT's Gardens Point campus, are Jai Blackman (Corinda State High), Tyrone Titasey, Kobe Nona and Sharaya Summers (Cavendish Road State High) and Arrow Energy senior Indigenous relations officer Tania Carlos. Photos courtesy QUT

Indigenous students helped to go further



IT'S only natural to feel uncomfortable with things that are unfamiliar. But that very human reaction can stop a person reaching their full

potential. Combating that was at the centre of a camp held at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) for nearly 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 9 and 10 students.

The Go Further QUT Experience, supported by Arrow Energy, is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who would not normally see tertiary education as an option.

This time around, it gave youngsters from North Rockhampton State High School, Rockhampton SHS, Gladstone SHS, Tannum Sands SHS, Toolooa SHS, Caboolture SHS and Deception Bay SHS a taste of university.

From 7-10 February, the students experienced a range of 'hands-on' activities including computer game animation, law (where they took part in a mock trial, playing roles from prosecutor to judge), boat design, and film/television (where they got behind television cameras and sat at a newsdesk).

They also took part in adventure activities including canoeing and rock climbing, attended the Learn,

Arrow puts up \$120,000

ARROW Energy has announced \$120,000 in funding to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to stay at high school.

Company CEO Andrew Faulkner said the two-year QATSIF-Arrow Energy Queensland Certificate of Education Scholarship Program would provide up to \$5000 assistance per student, covering education-related expenses like textbooks, tutoring, uniforms and cultural support.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students can face many barriers to completing school. Without this basic level of education, anyone will struggle to make the best of their life," Mr Faulkner said.

"By funding this scholarship program, our goal is to help young people from Traditional Owner groups, in Arrow's areas of operation to get through school and pursue their dreams.

"In years to come, I hope some will join the Arrow family, anywhere from out in the field to our engineering teams or the boardroom."

QATSIF chair Professor Cindy Shannon said she was delighted Arrow Energy had joined efforts to overcome the education gap.

Earn, Legend All Stars Careers Expo, and joined the record crowd at this month's NRL All Stars Game.

Cavendish Road State High's Kobe Nona attended the camp with her best friend Sharaya Summers and cousin Tyrone Titasey. Kobe's mum Tiffany told organisers the teen 'could not stop talking about the camp and all she had experienced'.

"Especially exciting for me as a parent, though, is to hear that Kobe has a goal toward working hard in high school to attend uni and perhaps consider studying sports psychology – she told me that's there where the dollars are," Ms

Nona wrote in a thankyou note.

"She is a rugby league fanatic so to see the Indigenous (All Stars) boys was a major highlight for her.

"...Anyway, when I'd asked Kobe what was the one point she'd taken away from camp, she replied 'Mum, I don't have to be a genius or straight-A student to attend uni. My achievements in my subjects should be the very best I am capable of and my behaviour and effort should be no less because it gives others an insight to who I am'."

Ms Nona thanked QUT and Arrow Energy for the 'wonderful opportunity' extended to Kobe.



Participants in the Go Further QUT Experience on QUT's Kidney Lawn.

On the right track

By WARREN PEISKER,
CareerTrackers' 2013
Intern of the Year



A NEW partnership between an award-winning mentoring scheme and an organisation linking university students with private sector companies is set to make significant inroads in Indigenous employment and education prospects.

The partnership between the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) and CareerTrackers will help Indigenous students with a clear development path and support network from school, through university, and on to their first employment.

AIME connects Indigenous high school students with university student mentors in an educational program proven to dramatically improve the chances of Indigenous children finishing school.

In 2011, the Year 9 to 12 completion rate for AIME students was 62.7 per cent – double the national Indigenous average of 32.4 per cent and approaching the national non-Indigenous average of 75.2 per cent.

Five states

AIME now connects more than 2000 mentees and 1000 mentors across 16 university sites in five states.

Through CareerTrackers, Indigenous students perform their internship with a sponsoring company every year while at university, with the aim of converting from intern to full-time employee upon completion of their degree program.

The national non-profit organisation currently supports 287 Indigenous university students across 21 universities and partners with 42 employers in the private sector to create career pathways through a structured internship program.

CareerTrackers and AIME are looking to expand significantly over the next 12 months.

CareerTrackers CEO Michael Combs said the partnership marked its next phase and evolution.



CareerTrackers CEO Michael Combs and AIME CEO Jack Manning Bancroft at the announcement of the partnership.

Photo: Katie Kaars

"The uptake for CareerTrackers over the past three years has been extraordinary and I am honoured to be witness to the personal and professional development of our young Indigenous men and women," he said.

"For us, the partnership with AIME will ensure the continued growth of the CareerTrackers student community, which will help us deliver even more employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians."

AIME CEO and founder Jack Manning Bancroft said the partnership offered AIME's participants continued support through university and opened doors to job opportunities.

"We've used mentoring as a model to support Indigenous kids to step up to change their teachers' and fellow students' perceptions, lift their parents' hope, and inspire a generation of younger Indigenous kids to see that if they are willing to work hard and believe, they will shatter the mould that has been cast for them," he said.

CareerTrackers alumnus and 2012 Intern of the Year Morgan Coleman described the partnership as 'truly historic' and said it would 'empower young Indigenous people to dream about being a CEO, lawyer or a politician'.

"It's something that was lacking when I was a high school student and I think it could not be more important in changing the face of Indigenous Australia," he said.

'Legend' program helps Becca



CAIRNS teenager Becca Fatnowna is on course to be a doctor in remote Indigenous communities after starting a six-year

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery double degree at James Cook University in Townsville this month.

The 17-year-old, who is a Queensland Under-18 hockey representative player, says she has a dream to be a doctor and help her people.

She puts the fact that she is on her way to that down to support from the Learn Earn Legend! Program, a Federal Government initiative which supports Indigenous peoples to stay at school and get a job and 'be a legend for themselves, their family and community'.

"I first learnt of Learn Earn Legend! when they came to our school to chat with the students about what role they could play in our lives," Becca said. "I was interested straight away, because I thought it was something that could help keep me on track to achieve my dreams.

"The program kept me motivated while I juggled school, hockey and work. It kept everything balanced for me."

Former professional rugby league star Rod Jensen runs the Federal Government program through Northern Pride Rugby League Club's Take Pride community service.

"Rod has been great – I see him as a good Indigenous leader



CAIRNS teenager Becca Fatnowna ... "The program kept me motivated while I juggled school, hockey and work. It kept everything balanced for me."

and role model, and I can't thank him enough for the time he has given me," Becca said.

She says she is in for a 'huge year' at university, and hockey may have to take a temporary back seat while she concentrates on her studies.

But the former Cairns State High School student says she will still be kept busy in the sport as an ambassador for the North Queensland Rubies, the first Indigenous team to compete in an international competition and part of the Remote and

Indigenous Hockey Development Program.

Becca, whose family hails from Mossman and the Torres Strait, will play once again this year for the Rubies in the Singapore Sixes hockey competition, after having also

played in the south-east Asian city-state in 2011 and 2012.

"My ultimate dream is to be a community doctor in remote Indigenous communities, but I am also proud to represent the NQ Rubies in Australia and internationally," she said.

Trainees on course



SIX Aboriginal young people have begun studies as part of their traineeships with

the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). Under a partnership with TAFE Western and the NPWS, the trainees have started studying their Certificate III Conservation Land Management course.

During six separate one-week training blocks they will learn skills in safe work practices, environmentally sustainable work practices, Indigenous cultures and practices, weed and pest control, operating machinery and equipment and fencing.

The trainees are from the Blue Mountains, Broken Hill, Byron Bay, Nelsons Bay and Nowra.

TAFE Western head teacher of Natural Resources Management and Environment at Orange College Richard Ingham said the traineeships were a great opportunity for the trainees to learn skills at TAFE which they could immediately put into practice within their workplace.

"For the employer a TAFE traineeship produces a more productive worker who is familiar with the business and trained for



Four of the six trainees, Joel Deaves of Nowra, Delta Kay of Byron Bay, Luke Knight of Nelsons Bay and Jordan Spencer of Broken Hill.

that industry," he said. "This partnership with NSW National Parks and Wildlife provides real employment outcomes for Aboriginal students and has been very successful in the past."

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage organisational development officer Lisa May said NSW has 877 national parks and reserves where rangers and field officers played an integral role

in protecting the landscape.

"Over the next two years the Aboriginal trainees will develop the knowledge to undertake the role of a field officer and enhance their

employment opportunities," she said. "The customised training our trainees receive at TAFE Western ensures we have staff on the ground with the right skills for the right environment."

APY students lead way



FIVE students are leading the way in a new training program on the APY Lands in the north of South Australia.

The five, senior students from Fregon Anangu School, are doing the Certificate II in Community Services with child care focus electives.

And according to the principal manager at the new TAFE SA Trade Training Centre, in Umuwa, they have been model students.

"The first session went extremely well, with students actively engaged, and participating fully, in training activities," Mark Connelly said.

"It was heartening to witness their enthusiasm, eagerly wanting to get back to work after a short lunch break. The students, along with the Fregon Anangu School, can be justifiably proud."

While the APY Trade Training Centre is owned and operated by the SA Department for Education and Child Development (DECD), it relies on training providers such as TAFE SA for nationally accredited training.

TAFE SA lecturer Sue Wilson, who delivers training in Children's Services across the APY Lands, said she was very happy with the facilities available in the new centre.

"The range of industry-standard equipment within the centre, and its centrality within the APY Lands, promise to broaden our students' learning experience," she said.

● Pictured left: Program officials, from left, TAFE SA's Lesley Harvey, DECD's Mark Connelly and Ann Ramzan, TAFE SA's Sue Wilson and DECD's Pollyanne Smith with Fregon Anangu School students, from left, Tania Nelson, Justine Williamson, Renae Nelson, Tracie Curley and Letesha Lennon.

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Aboriginal man Gary Stout ... "I never learned to read and write properly and it has caused me problems ever since."

Gary says education is the key

By ALF WILSON



FOR decades, Gary Stout struggled privately with not being able to read and write. Now, the 53-year-old Bindal man has gone public to encourage Indigenous youth to get a good education.

Mr Stout said he went to an opportunity (alternative) school in Townsville's West End and left at age 14.

"I never learned to read and write properly and it has caused me problems ever since," he said candidly. "I have never been able to write out an application for work. Put a bit of paper and a pen in front of me and I am hopeless."

Mr Stout said his first job was as an apprentice jockey riding racehorses in Townsville. "But I started to put on weight and had to leave after a couple of months and then got a job at the local meatworks and was there on and off from 1975 to 2005," he said.

In 2010, Mr Stout moved to Georgetown in Queensland and started work driving a dump truck.

"I came back to Townsville and did lawn maintenance and went to Weipa last year to drive a road roller, and not being able to read or write has always made it difficult to fill out paperwork," he said.

Mr Stout has three sons aged 23, 27 and 30 and said he ensured they had a great education.

"I pushed them to go to school and they all completed Grade 12 and have good jobs in the community," he said proudly.

"I live with my eldest son and he reads stories in papers for me. I just look at the pictures and watch the news on television."

Mr Stout said he knew other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults who could not read or write but preferred to keep it to themselves. "I want our young people to know just how important it is to get a good education and learn well how to read and write. It is what is required to get employment," he said.

These days Mr Stout does casual work for an Aboriginal organisation mowing lawns – a job he loves. He also works part-time at Cluden Racecourse on meeting days loading horses into the barriers.

Mr Stout said there was one thing missing in his life: A good woman.

"If there are any single ladies who read this I would like to hear from them... someone around my own age," he sneaked into the conversation. "My hobbies are horse riding, fishing and watching sport."

And while the *Koori Mail* isn't in the business of matchmaking, we reckon he can count honesty and guts amongst his virtues.

TAFE full of praise for Eric's efforts



ERIC Ferguson is on track for a career in art and design after completing a TAFE course in northern NSW.

The Lismore man has been honing his skills by working with North Coast TAFE and the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation.

The TAFE course he just completed focused on the development of design skills, copyright of artistic and intellectual property, sales and marketing of design products.

"My goal is to start my own business and this course gives me the formal qualification to back myself up and the skills an artist needs to negotiate the balance between developing commercially successful products and treating my culture appropriately and with respect," he said.

"Recently I have worked on



TAFE success story Eric Ferguson ... "My goal is to start my own business."

the Cultural Signage program at the Wollongbar TAFE campus, where Aboriginal students were commissioned to create artworks, functional pieces, sculptures and design landscapes."

Mr Ferguson's efforts have

won praise from TAFE staff.

In 2011, while studying Certificate IV in Visual Arts, he was part of the Travelling Art Project where Aboriginal students designed an artwork that covered an entire coach. The bus, decorated with key elements of the Bundjalung creation story, now operates between Lismore, Coraki and Evans Head. The Travelling Art project was a collaboration between Sponsored by Transport NSW, it was designed to promote the use of public transport by Aboriginal people.

In 2010, Mr Ferguson also took part in a study tour of Vietnam while studying Certificate IV in Goori Design.

Building on the success of the Goori Design program, the Lismore Creative Industries TAFE team has started a new Certificate IV in Design that is open to local and international students.

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 Keeraywooroon 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:

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Mumgu-dhal Artwork
Artwork by Arbup Ash Peters from Wurundjeri/Yorta Yorta

Big day has them ready for learning



A 'READY for Learning' day for Indigenous families in the Victorian centre of Horsham

has proved so popular that organisers hope it will become an annual event.

The event, held last month at the Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative, was hosted by the Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start Program. Delkaia means 'to be healthy'.

Children received 'passports', allowing them to participate in activities and screenings for hearing, sight and speech to prepare them for the school year.

Once the passports were completed, the children and their families received a 'Ready for Learning' kit which included a

school bag, drink bottle, lunch pack and information to assist with all areas of education, health and wellbeing.

Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start facilitator Tracey Rigney said families and children had a lot of fun with the activities on offer during the big day, such as haircuts and playing games.

The Delkaia Project, launched in October 2004, trials innovative ways to improve access to Aboriginal and other services for young Indigenous children and their families. It aims to improve health, development and wellbeing.

Facilitated by Wimmera UnitingCare and Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative, the program is for Aboriginal children aged up to eight living in the Horsham and district.



Jandamurra Lauricella and Curtly McDonald, front, and Colby McDonald, Teagan Kanoa-Muir and Bianca Lauricella, back, show off their 'Ready for Learning' packs after completing their passports at the Horsham Aquatic Centre. Photo by Belinda Elliott

AFL Tigers popular with Santa Teresa students



A COUPLE of Tigers – the AFL kind – have provided an unscheduled but

very welcome break for Charles Darwin University students at Santa Teresa.

Richmond players Shane Edwards and David Astbury were in the remote central Australian community as part of the Outback Tigers program when CDU lecturer Roz Russelhuber caught their eye earlier this month.

She had been leading a session on health and safety at the university's transportable classroom.

"It's not often that we get visitors out bush and even rarer to have someone with the gravitas of an AFL footballer," Ms Russelhuber said.

"They're pretty passionate about their footy in Santa Teresa and were particularly impressed that Shane took time to meet them."

Edwards has a connection to the local Arrernte people of Santa Teresa on his mother's side.



Lecturer Roz Russelhuber (rear, centre) introduces Richmond players David Astbury (front, left) and Shane Edwards (front, second from right) to business students Douglas Palmer, Nathan Morris, Vanessa John, Tarun Nanda, Mathew Alice, Wayne Mulladad and Andrew Conway. Photo by Patrick Nelson

Ms Russelhuber is delivering the Certificate I in Business course at Santa Teresa, about 80km south-east of Alice Springs.

"The course is designed so individuals

can develop basic skills and knowledge in order to prepare themselves for work," she said.

Ms Russelhuber said it was fitting that the Richmond players spoke about the high

value they placed on a good education.

"CDU takes its vocational education and training programs as possible regardless of their locations," she said.

Richmond has been running the Outback Tigers program in Central Australia for the past five years, promoting the importance of school attendance, healthy living and hygiene.

Three receive Northparkes scholarships



THREE students from the NSW Central West are this year's recipients of

the Northparkes Mines Industry Aligned Indigenous Scholarships (NIAIS).

Amelia Sharah, from Peak Hill, received the technical scholarship (\$10,000 a year) and will study a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Newcastle.

Adelaide-Rose Wakefield and Jason O'Neil each received non-technical scholarships (\$5000 a year) to support their study.

Adelaide-Rose will undertake a Bachelor of Education (primary) at Charles Sturt University, while Jason will study a Bachelor of Combined Law at the University of NSW.

Jason O'Neil said he plans to take full advantage of the scholarship. "For me this scholarship means I get a head start out of the gate and I'm going to make the most out of the opportunities it brings," he said.

Northparkes Mines managing director Stefanie Loader said the company was providing support and encouragement to regional high school students through its Indigenous Scholarship Program.

"Each vacation period, Amelia, Adelaide-Rose and Jason will have the opportunity to work at Northparkes within their chosen area of study, helping them to develop their careers," she said.



Emerging playwrights, from left, Leanne Lovegrove, Victoria Kennedy, Kylie Coolwell and Lorna Munro were part of the Redfern Salon event at Carriageworks on 8 February, where actors read scenes from their plays.

Plays come to life at Redfern Salon

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FOR emerging playwright Lorna Munro,

watching actors reading a scene from her play *Yalalinya for me, I be the sisters three* was like a form of reanimation.

"I can't find the words to express how it made me feel," she told the *Koori Mail* after the recent 'Redfern Salon' at Sydney's Carriageworks. "It was like watching flesh being put on to bones."

There were similar sentiments from the other emerging playwrights whose works were also featured in the event, which was part of the Yellamundie Indigenous playwriting festival.

For Kylie Coolwell, whose play *Battle of Waterloo* sees protagonists battling the police, themselves and each other, the reading was where she got to see her work 'breathe and take on a life of its own'.

Leanne Lovegrove said she got goosebumps, watching scenes being read from her play *Little SSSissster*.



From left, Kate Beckett, Shari Sebbens and Angeline Penrith were among the actors who read scenes from works by emerging Indigenous playwrights for the Redfern Salon, part of the Yellamundie Indigenous playwriting festival.

Meanwhile, for Victoria Kennedy it was 'a fantastic feeling'. Working as an actor in the film and theatre world when she was younger, Ms Kennedy said she'd initially started writing the play as a way of creating some work for herself. But as the work progressed she began to envision it more as a vehicle for somebody else.

After attending weekly workshops every Saturday for the past two years,

she's now writing every day, and hopes to have her play completed soon.

"I was really interested in English and creative writing as a teenager at school," Ms Kennedy said.

Creative

"When I became redundant in my job I decided it was time to become creative again.

"Definitely the arts world is my world, and I'm coming back into it."

Indigenous directors, actors and playwrights for two weeks in Sydney, culminating with a series of free play readings at Carriageworks from 7-9 February.

Yellamundie (the Dharug word for storyteller) is an initiative of the National Indigenous Theatre Forum. Plays by Jada Alberts, Suzanne (Jub) Clerc, Jane Harrison, Billy McPherson, David Milroy and Sermah Bin Saad were selected for development following an extensive national call-out in 2012.

Artistic director of both Moogahlin Performing Arts and the Yellamundie festival Frederick Copperwaite was one of three directors working with the writers during the festival.

He said the key focus of Yellamundie was to identify and develop new work that displayed the potential for further production.

"The ideal outcome for any of these writers would be that an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal theatre company would pick up the work and continue the creative development process that has been initiated here," he said.

The Redfern Salon is part of an Aboriginal playwriting project developed by Playwriting Australia in partnership with the Redfern Community Centre, Moogahlin Performing Arts and Belvoir, with mentoring by playwright Tommy Murphy.

The Yellamundie: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Playwriting Festival brought together

Entries open for Telstra award



THE Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award has

put out a call for entries.

The award features a number of categories, including the main \$40,000 Telstra Award, \$4000 general painting award, \$4000 bark painting, \$4000 work on paper, \$4000 Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D and the \$4000 New media award.

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) director Pierre Arpin said the award was the only national Indigenous art award that provided emerging and established artists with an opportunity to showcase their work in a juried exhibition with a significant total prize pool.

Exhibited

"Last year, almost 300 entries were received, with 63 artists selected as finalists with their works exhibited at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory," he said.

Mr Arpin said MAGNT would again present an online gallery of works, acquired throughout the 30-year history of the award. "This online presentation, made possible through generous grant funding received from the Gordon Darling Foundation, showcases more than 220 works including 101 paintings, 33 bark paintings, 33 works on paper and 61 three dimensional works," he said.

For an entry form, contact the exhibition co-ordinator at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory by phone (08) 8999 8203, email natsiaa@nt.gov.au, or visit www.nt.gov.au/natsiaa.

Entries close on 15 March, with winners to be announced on 9 August.

Dan Sultan signs deal

ABORIGINAL performer Dan Sultan has signed a deal with Liberation Music, a Melbourne-based record company that also represents the likes of Troy Cassar-Daley, Archie Roach and Jimmy Barnes.

Liberation Music is part of the Mushroom Group, which Sultan joined in 2008 by signing a deal with Mushroom Music.



Chicka Dixon's granddaughter Nadeena and her mother Rhonda, at the reading of their play *The Fox and the Freedom Fighters*. Photos by Claire Britton



Chicka Dixon's great granddaughters Wasana and Naryma Grovenor with an image of 'The Fox' at the Redfern gathering.

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Helicopter Ride with Brooks to See My Father's Ngurra (Country), 2011, by Ken Shepherd, one of a new collection of artworks by Warakurna Artists, donated to the National Museum of Australia through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program by Wayne and Vicki McGeoch.

Play focus on Chicka

By MARGARET SMITH



ABORIGINAL leader and activist Chicka 'The Fox' Dixon left

behind an extraordinary legacy when he passed away in 2010. Now his daughter Rhonda and granddaughter Nadeena are aiming to tell his story through a new work for the theatre, called *The Fox and the Freedom Fighters*.

It's a work in progress for a 2014 performance, and on a recent rainy night at Redfern's Community Centre a group gathered to witness their efforts so far and to make comments.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Chicka Dixon was a member of the Black Caucus, an activist at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, chairman of the Aboriginal Arts Board, involved in the establishment of the Aboriginal legal and medical services at Redfern, and a part of a world's first citizen delegation to China.

Battling with alcohol in his earlier years, he was also a great storyteller, orator, humourist, a tireless worker, friend to Charlie Perkins, a mentor to younger Indigenous activists such as Gary Williams, Denis Walker, Gary



Chicka Dixon's daughter Rhonda, with an image from 1972, when Chicka Dixon visited China as part of an Indigenous delegation.

Foley and Billy Craigie, and someone who just simply never gave up.

He overcame a great deal, once declaring 'While I struggle for justice, I will never, ever drink'.

The Redfern performance included dance, personal testimonies, photographs, documents and interviews.

"I was a little skinny blackfella, who grew up in Wallaga Lake Mission, under the repressive racist laws of the Aboriginal Protection Board," Chicka Dixon says in accompanying documentary film segments. And 'Pay us for our land, pay us for what's morally right'.

His daughter Rhonda and

granddaughter Nadeena were the two main performers, and they re-enacted stories of having such a famous father and grandfather, who was often too busy to spend time with them.

Their own transition from mission life to the streets of Canberra was funny and dramatic, as the family tried to come to terms with a world so different from what they had known. The play also includes fresh research from Chicka Dixon's ASIO files.

The presentation ended with Nadeena Dixon dancing to her song *Aboriginal Land*, and more than an hour of enthusiastic audience discussion and feedback.

Touring applications invited



PROFESSIONAL Indigenous artists and arts organisations are being invited to apply for touring opportunities in 2014/15.

Blak Lines, a national touring consortium of metropolitan and regional presenters who present contemporary Indigenous work in their venues,

is behind the scheme. The closing date for applications has been extended until close of business on 8 March.

For more information on how to apply, visit the website <http://performinglines.org.au/about-us/initiatives/national-indigenoustouring-consortium/> or telephone Jodie McNeilly on (02) 9319 0066.

Clinic aimed at screenwriters

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT HAS been a long time coming, but an authentic Indigenous voice is beginning to be heard through Australian screens.

The success of *The Sapphires* movie and the *Redfern Now* TV series, now guaranteed a second season on ABC1, as well as the buzz around newer productions like Jon Bell's *The Gods of Wheat Street* are all helping in that regard.

And an initiative launched in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales earlier this month should help keep up the momentum.

Northern Rivers Screenworks has received \$26,475 from Regional Arts Fund towards an Indigenous Screen Writers project.

As a result, the organisation will partner with the Indigenous Unit at the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) to provide an intensive writing clinic for Indigenous emerging screenwriters in the Northern Rivers.

At the launch of the initiative in Bangalow on 19 February, Screenworks chairperson and local producer Lois Randall spoke about her recent work as producer on *The Gods of Wheat Street*, written by Bell, filmed in Lismore, Casino and Coraki, and due to screen on ABC1 this year.

She said it was important to have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people telling their own stories on screen.

"Indigenous people have their own unique way of storytelling and I think it's really important for stories that involve Indigenous characters or Indigenous events to be told in a way

that is authentic, through Indigenous authorship," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's only because our media is really behind that we've had to create special initiatives to get those voices now on our screens. We should have been having Aboriginal stories told by Aboriginal people on our screens for a long time. It's long overdue but at least it's happening now."

Ms Randall also spoke about the 'craft' of writing for screen.

"Aboriginal people are natural storytellers, but screenwriting is like any sort of writing; there's the great idea and the great story that you want to tell and then there's a way of structuring that story so that it

works for whatever outlet that you're writing it for," she said.

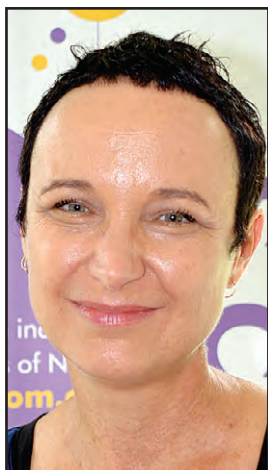
"If it's for a television drama, for example, each episode has to have its own structure and then it's quite challenging because there's got to be elements of the story that go across all episodes and then each episode has to have its own unique story so it works as a self-contained piece as well.

"So, it's mainly structure and the craft of bringing a character to life and making the dialogue feel authentic.

"The other thing is

also to help people have the confidence to say 'I've got this really great idea and then you know, what they need to do to get it developed and bring it to life. Often I think that's the hardest thing, to have the confidence in your ideas to start with.'"

Northern Rivers Screenworks has also received funds to work with local cinemas to bring premiere Australian films and their key creatives to the region. For more information about Northern Rivers Screenworks and its activities, call (02) 6687 1599 or email info@screenworks.com.au



Screenworks chairperson Lois Randall

Festival travelling to Casula Powerhouse



SYDNEY Film Festival (SFF) is partnering with Blackfella Films in a bid to bring the very best of Indigenous films from Australia and around the world to Sydney's south-west next month.

SFF's Travelling Film Festival will have a program of Indigenous short films and a free workshop with an emerging Indigenous filmmaker at Casula Powerhouse on 9 March.

"For many years, (audiences) have seen Indigenous films travel around Australia under the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival banner," a festival spokesperson said.

"This year, we are delighted that Sydney Travelling Film festival is bringing (audiences) the best of Indigenous films from Australia and around the world. They are guaranteed to deliver great stories and a fantastic workshop with one of the most promising of our emerging Indigenous filmmakers."

To register, telephone (02) 9824 1121 or send an email to reception@casualapowerhouse.com

Tickets are also now available for the Travelling Film Festival at Casula Powerhouse from 8-10 March.

Opening night (Friday, 8 March at 7pm) features the winner of Cannes Film Festival Jury prize, *The Angels' Share*, a Ken Loach film described as 'a bittersweet comedy about redemption, kilts and whisky', and the short film *Julian*.

Saturday's offerings include *Maori Boy Genius*, starting at 7pm and preceded by a hangi feast @ 6pm. Sunday's films include *First Position*, an award-winning documentary in which six talented young performers pursue their dancing dreams at one of the most prestigious children's ballet competitions in the world.

For tickets, go to <http://www.casualapowerhouse.com/theatre/book-now.aspx>; or visit the cinema box office at 1 Casula Powerhouse Road, Casula.



Tessa Rose as the mother Joan in a scene from the play.

Heavenly debut for playwright

By MARGARET SMITH



GROWING up in Sydney's Mt Druitt, Nakkiah Lui witnessed some violent interactions between police and the local Aboriginal community.

The experience propelled her along two different but productive paths – to study law and to start writing drama.

During a stint as an associate playwright at Belvoir St Theatre last year, Lui wrote her first full-length play. The ironically titled *This Heaven* has now made it on stage at Belvoir St's Downstairs Theatre, where it is running until 10 March. It is about balancing worlds.

This Heaven stars three Aboriginal actors – Jada Alberts as the young law student Sissy, Travis Cardona as her blind brother Ducky, and Tessa Rose as their mother Joan.

When Sissy and Ducky's father (and Joan's husband) is killed in the local police station, they express their grief in different ways.

Sissy and Joan initially believe they will receive some justice through the court system, but deeply disturbed Ducky knows this is just not going to happen and 'acts out' in a variety of ways. Their lawyer James, played by Eden Falk, hopes initially that the truth will come out, but eventually becomes just as disillusioned.

Reflecting on the things that inspired the play, Lui remembers a tribute for a young girl who passed away in front of some housing commission flats.

"I passed it most days, and then one day it was gone," she said. "Someone had burnt it down during the night, and just the remnants of the burnt fence remained."

Haunted by the image of the burnt fence, Lui took up writing and began her law studies at the University of NSW, 'wanting to change the world and realising that change is actually a really difficult thing'. "This has been living in me for a long time," she said.

But it paid off for Lui, who went on to win the inaugural Dreaming Award, as well as the inaugural Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award.



Travis Cardona as Ducky. Photos by Brett Boardman, courtesy Belvoir St

This Heaven actors Alberts and Cardona grew up in Darwin.

Cardona told the *Koori Mail* that it had been refreshing to work with a young playwright with whom he had 'a lot in common'. He said the play was important and would get people thinking.

"Sissy's commitment to study law is really hard after the death of her father, with the law and her personal life being so intertwined," Alberts said of her character.

She said the play's story and themes were common in many Aboriginal communities, citing deaths in custody in Alice Springs and Palm Island.

Belvoir St's Downstairs Theatre is at 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. For tickets to *This Heaven*, go online at www.belvoir.com.au or call the box office on (02) 9699 3444.

Lubelicious joins fight

By CHRISTINE HOWES
in Cairns



LUBELICIOUS, a companion to Condoman, was launched in Cairns last week via a comic book full of new characters and strong health messages.

Health promotion officer with 2 Spirits Arone Meeks said Lubelicious was there to help the iconic Condoman fight off a set of new 'bad guy' characters, complete with costumes, depicting sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

"Condoman was a great campaign for the importance of condoms in communities, and people could relate to him," Mr Meeks said.

"Lubelicious brings that female component to the superhero package.

"She represents women's rights, the right to say no and women's health issues and she's also representing a Torres Strait Islander component as well, so they're like brother and sister.

"It's quite exciting that this is the area that I think will get the best response so far as these costumed characters can be adapted into each of the communities."

2 Spirits manager Michael Scott said he believed Condoman and Lubelicious were successful because they worked from a cultural perspective, using theatre, art and storytelling as part of the message for STI awareness.

"So it's not just a group of health workers standing up and taking about sexual health, because that's boring," he said.

"The comic books and the suits allow people to relate to the images – people see Condoman and Lubelicious and they want to be like them.

"I think that's the key, that people want to aspire to be like Condoman, and the way they do that is to protect themselves and protect their culture."

Queensland Aboriginal Islander Health Council (QAIHC) sexual health blood-borne virus coordinator for Aboriginal



Front from left, Michael Scott (2 Spirits), Ivana Gibson (Cairns Sexual Health Service), Nikki Hill (2 Spirits), Arone Meeks (2 Spirits) and Melanie Kielly (Cairns Sexual Health Service) with, back from left, cartoon characters Hep C and HIV, Morgan Dempsey (Cairns Sexual Health Service), and characters Chlamydia, Condoman, HPV, Lubelicious, Syphilis and Herpes.

medical services statewide Tony Coburn said it was great to see young people recognising Condoman.

"I know the young ones giggle, but they go home and think about it afterwards and go: 'Oh, okay, that's Condoman, I got some condoms so we'll just shove them in our pocket' and hopefully use them," he said.

"I think Lubelicious will be the same because a lot of the boys don't think about making sure the woman is prepared too, they think they just have to put a condom on and go for it."

Senior health worker for the Cairns Indigenous Sexual Health Workers' Network Morgan Dempsey said getting the

message to the community was a collaborative effort.

"I'm so proud of the work our guys have done and the involvement we've had with a lot of the work," he said.

Working together

"There's us, 2 Spirits Program, Wuchoppem Health Services, everyone here and the Yarrabah Sexual Health team all working together and delivering programs like this.

"It's all about sharing the sexual health workload around the Cairns region because a lot of sexual education needs to happen in the community and the schools and all those sorts of places."

Sexual health coordinator for the Cairns North Community Health Facility (Queensland Health) Carla Gorton said Condoman and Lubelicious were available at attend community events.

"We have the costumes, we have health workers that have worked exclusively in sexual health that can come and provide education and yarn with community about these issues," she said.

"It's been very important because Queensland Health has a workforce of experienced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers. We've also seen growing and developing community controlled

health services in Queensland, and that's newer in the Cape and Yarrabah and continuing to develop.

"Those Aboriginal medical services are crucial to health care delivery but there's still capacity within non-government organisations and Queensland Health and I think Condoman has been a good collaboration of working together."

The Condoman character was originally created in 1987 by a group of Townsville health workers, including Dr Gracelyn Smallwood, and re-created with a more modern image in 2009 by Cairns-based 2 Spirits before a re-launch at Yarrabah in September 2010.

New chair for Katherine West



LAJAMANU man Willie Johnson is the new chairperson of the Katherine West Health Board Aboriginal Corporation (KWHB). The long-serving board member replaces outgoing chairperson Geoffrey Barnes, also of Lajamanu,

who has taken up the role of male health outreach worker in the Lajamanu Health Centre so he can stay closer to home and family.

Mr Johnson has wide community experience, including roles as chairperson of the Victoria River regional branch of ATSIC, councillor for the Central Desert Shire, board member of the Central Land Council and cultural liaison officer with the former NT Community Employment Services.

Another former KWHB chairperson, Joseph Cox, said Mr Johnson's experience and leadership in good governance would be vital and welcome.

Mr Johnson and Mr Cox thanked Mr Barnes for



At this month's KWHB board meeting in Katherine, from left, Jack Little, Charlie Newry, Steven Jones, Willie Johnson, David Lines, Joseph Archie, Jocelyn Victor, Sean Heffernan, Roslyn Frith, Joseph Cox, Joyce Herbert, Doris Lewis and Rosie Saddler.

his service. "Geoffrey played a strong role in advocating for better patient travel outcomes and future work pathways for Aboriginal health workers," they said.

Aboriginal Women Breast Screen and Cervical Screening Day

When	Monday 4th March, 2013
Time	10am – 2 pm
Where	Royal North Shore Community Health Centre Level 6, 2C Herbert Street
Train/Bus	St Leonards (5 minutes walk)
Cost	Free
Contact	Bookings are essential. Call Tammy Yam at Breast Screen on 9462 9625

Morning tea and lunch will be included. Free manicure or massage for all women screened.
Free health check assessments and free Pap tests will be available on the day.

Researchers graduate



THREE graduates from the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin have completed their research studies. And, along the way, they had the opportunity to contribute to the national discussion on Indigenous anxiety and depression.

Helen Kassman-Reid, Sian Graham and Joe Fitz recently travelled from Darwin to Adelaide for their graduation ceremony after completing the Certificate IV in Indigenous Research and Capacity Building.

The research-training course was conducted through the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia. It has been specifically designed to bolster the future generation of Indigenous researchers.

Sian Graham, who worked as a research assistant with a pre-term kidney study, said the course had offered her a newfound appreciation of the research process.

"The Cert IV attracts people who are really passionate about working to improve the health and



HELEN KASSMAN-REID

wellbeing of their communities and it unlocks the secrets of research and how it can facilitate those improvements," she said.

"We were required to collect information, analyse data sets, conform to ethics requirements and make recommendations which will contribute to BeyondBlue's upcoming campaign to address anxiety



Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia Board chairperson John Singer, Joe Fitz and AHCSA chief executive Mary Buckskin.

and depression in Indigenous populations."

Talking About the Smokes Project administration officer Helen Kassman-Reid said the course had also yielded personal benefits for graduates by developing increased confidence, motivation and a greater sense of research competency.

"This course and the

qualification makes me feel empowered and is a great foundation to build upon by putting the theory into practice in the workplace," she said.

"Everyone in the Indigenous Capacity Building and People Development team has been nothing but supportive through this journey and I thoroughly recommended every Indigenous



SIAN GRAHAM

staff member to do a course like this to get an appreciation of the research process."

Ms Kassman-Reid and Ms Graham said the highlight was attending the Congress Lowitja 2012, together with end-users of health research, researchers and policy makers, to observe what was being done on the national level to close the gap.



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NATIONAL CALENDAR



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

Until 29 March: 2013 National NAIDOC Poster Competition. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is 'We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963'. Indigenous artists are invited to submit an artwork based on this year's theme. Forms available online at www.naidoc.org.au or from your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre.

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 sought. Held at the William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Details: www.puliima.com or call (02) 4927 8222

NSW-ACT

Every Sunday: Family barbecue 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) or telephone 0412 712 513.

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. The 2013 Mardi Gras theme is 'Generations of Love'. Register and get more info at www.acon.org.au/aboriginal or freecall 1800 063 060.

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 www.aboriginalandpacificart.com.au

Until 13 March: An exhibition of works by local Aboriginal artists, in conjunction with Arts Out West at The Flannery Centre, Panorama Ave, Bathurst, from Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Free entry. Details: Aleshia on (02) 6338 4657 or 0418 618 688

Until 24 March: A new exhibition highlighting some rare works of the Papunya Tula Artists 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

Until 6 April: The Good, The Bad and The In-Between Exhibition. An exhibition by Thaya Giwiirr (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 or visit www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Until 16 June: First Ladies – Significant Australian Women 1913 to 2013 Exhibition, profiling the achievements of Australian women in the course of the past 100 years across fields of endeavour including politics, academe, the arts, literature, sport,

science, business and medicine. Held at the National Portrait Gallery, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, Canberra from Mon-Sun, 10am-5pm. Details: (02) 6102 7000 or visit www.portrait.gov.au

1-2 March: Kungkarangkalpa: Seven Sisters Songline. This is the epic story of creation of earth and sky. Held at the Outdoor Amphitheatre, National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton Peninsula, Canberra from 7pm. Cost: \$20 adult, \$15 concession, \$10 child. Book online at ticketek.com or call 13 28 49 or visit any Ticketek outlet. Details: (02) 6208 5000.

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 who have a disability to gain the opportunity of learning how to swim. Sponsor him online at www.everydayhero.com.au/shaun_hart.

4 March: Aboriginal Women Breast Screen and Cervical Screening Day. Morning tea and lunch will be included. Free manicure or massage for each woman screened. Free health check assessments and free Pap tests will be available on the day. Held at Royal North Shore Community Health Centre, Level 6, 2C Herbert Street, St Leonards from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Bookings essential. Details: Tammy Yam on (02) 9462 9625.

6 March: *The Light Of Day*, an ABC TV Australian Story screening. Follows the story of one of Australia's most enduring photographic mysteries and the eight-year

8 March: Free Information Session by Alzheimer's Australia NSW and DAISI (the Disability and Aged Information Service). A 'Getting Ready' futures information session, knowing what services and supports are available to assist as you age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders. Free, but registration is essential. Held at the Community Centre, Walker St, Casino from 10am to 1pm. Details: Christine on (07) 5523 0731 or email Christine.vannucci@alzheimers.org.au

8 March: International Women's Day 2013 celebration. Join AIATSIS chairperson Professor Mick Dodson and AIATSIS principal Russell Taylor to mark and celebrate International Women's Day. Held at AIATSIS, Lawson Cres, Acton Peninsula, Canberra from 4-6pm. Must RSVP by Monday 4 March. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email invitations@aiatsis.gov.au

11 March: Mentor Program Information night. Shane Phillips, the CEO of Tribal Warrior and Australia's 2013 Local Hero, explains the Tribal Warrior Mentor Program, an initiative that focuses on simple life skills, teaching and mentoring, targeting young offenders who have been referred by police and Juvenile Justice. Held at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale from 7.30pm. Free but donations are welcome, includes a light supper. Details: (02) 9913 7940 or visit www.asgmwp.net

12 and 19 March: Supply Nation Indigenous Business Growth Seminars. Supply Nation is recruiting for more Indigenous businesses. It will be holding

Broadway, opposite Broadway shops from 12.30 onwards. Details: Jean on 0449 646 593.

21 March: National Close the Gap Day – Investing For a Healthy Future. A range of organisations will come together in the Tweed-Gold Coast Community Hub, promoting health, legal, education and support services to the local Indigenous community. Health and hearing checks, legal advice and other support will be available on the day. Held at the Tweed-Gold Coast Community Hub, 100 Blundell Blvd, Tweed Heads South from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Andrew Watson on 0439 660 148 or Linda Fitzpatrick on 0429 553 562.

25-28 March: Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Advocacy 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

28 March: A performance titled *Boxman*. It's about Ringo, displaced from an African homeland and disconnected from his new one, he lives in a local park. Held at Casual Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Powerhouse Rd, Casula at 11am and 8pm. Cost: \$35 adult, \$30 conc, \$15 student, \$28 group booking (10+). Details and bookings on (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

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. 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 www.aida.org.au/murruamullangari

29 June: Tjupi Band performance. Tjupi (honey ant) come from Papunya, 250km north-west of Alice Springs. The band plays energetic and emotive desert reggae. Singing in Luritja (as well as in English). Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, 1 Casula Rd, Casula from 6pm onwards. Cost is \$15 per person. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

Blak Cabaret to tour



AN Indigenous production called **Blak Cabaret** will soon be touring regional Victoria. Produced by Jason Tamiru for Malthouse Theatre, the

cabaret features some the finest Aboriginal and Torres Strait performers in the state.

The cast includes Uncle Jack Charles, Dave Arden, Illana Atkinson, Selwyn Burns, Kutcha Edwards, Jida Gulpilil, Johnny Harding, Shiralee Hood, Kevin Kropinyeri, Uncle Herb Patten, Jimmy Peters, Lowana Wickham and Bart Willoughby.

The show – described as a 'delicious

cocktail of comedy, music, poetry and dance' – will be performed as part of the Castlemaine State Festival and the Shepparton Arts Festival.

The cabaret will be performed on **Saturday 9 March** from 7.30pm at the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club, Mercury Drive Shepparton. The Cost is concession \$10 and full \$15, with all tickets available only at door).

It will also be performed on **Saturday 16 March** from 8pm at the Theatre Royal, 30 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine. Concession \$25, full \$30 (bookings available).

journey of The Clarence Valley photographs by John William Lindt Collection. Includes refreshments and entertainment by the South Grafton High Indigenous dancers. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton. Free and all welcome. RSVP for catering. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

6 March: Leeton Vibe 3on3. The Vibe3on3 is a travelling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and other students for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. To participate, young people need to pre-register in teams of four through their schools. 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 today, 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

8 March: 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 Arnhem Land singer-songwriter Gambirra, Indigenous male poledancer Matty Shields and camel rides. For more information go to www.wilderness.org.au

information sessions to provide Indigenous businesses with all the information they need. Details: 1300 055 298 or email info@supplynation.org.au or visit www.supplynation.org.au

Dates, venue and times: 12 March at Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern from 6-7pm; 19 March, Parramatta Leagues Club, 13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta from 6-7pm.

14 March: Justice For the Bowraville Children Protest March. Held outside Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney from 10.30 onwards.

19-24 March: Message Sticks Festival 2013. This is an annual international multifaceted program showcasing performing arts, traditional knowledge and ritual ceremonies. Highlights include wantok-Sing Song, Dancestry, late nights at Bar Badu, The Yolngu Experience and more. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Tickets range from free to \$65 for performances. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneypowerhouse.com/messagesticks

21 March: Rally Against Racism. On the International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination and National Close the Gap Day, it includes guest speakers. Held at the office of Tanya Plibersek MP, 150

Queensland

Until 23 March: Beautiful Art (made in proper way) Exhibition. Featuring Mwerre Anthurre Artists, Bindi Art features art from an organisation in Central Australia which has been working with people with disabilities for more than 32 years. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba from Tues-Sat, 9am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details on (07) 3891 5551 or email wag.com.au or visit www.wag.com.au

Until 19 April: State of Emergency Exhibition. In marking the 30th anniversary of the 1982 Commonwealth Games when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander held civil liberties protests, the exhibition includes original footage, photographs and personal stories. Held at Kuril Dhagun, Level 1, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, Southbank from 10am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3842 9061 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/showcase/state-of-emergency

27 February: Deepen the Conversation: A Burning Landscape. Historian Bill

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Gammage explains the myth that pre-European settlement Australia was an untamed wilderness, revealing the complex, country-wide systems of land management used by Aboriginal people. Held at the State Library of Queensland Auditorium, level 2, Stanley Pl, South Bank, Brisbane from 6pm onwards. Free and all welcome. Details: (07) 3840 7768 or visit www.slq.gov.au/whats-on

1-3 March: Clancestry Festival. A new festival that connects all Australians with First Nations' culture. Includes workshops, free events and forums, live performances by Troy-Cassar-Daley, The Chooky Dancers, Darky 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

15 March: Trackers Culture Club Dinner. Held at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road, Manly West. Cost of \$75 includes three-course dinner (must be purchased by 1 March). Details: Shannon on 0499 326 876 or admin@trackersqld.com

16 March: Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum Tour. Visit the restored wooden shed that was used for handing out rations, learn about aspects of traditional Aboriginal culture and contemporary Cherbourg life. Held at Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group, 19 Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg. Details: (07) 4169 5753.

Western Australia

Until 27 March: The King Sisters Exhibition. A new series of works from Sarrita and Tarrise King. Trained by their late father, these two young artists are defining their own identities. Held at Japongka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm and Sun 12-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japongka.com.au

Until 27 March: Fabrianne Peterson Nampitjinpa Exhibition. Held at Japongka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm and Sun noon-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japongka.com.au

27 February: Kimberley Starlight Films – Hyde Park. Join the Wilderness Society WA for a collection of short films produced over the past two years in the Kimberley. Get a snap shot of the campaign to protect the Kimberley. Held at Hyde Park, Vincent St, Perth from 6.30-9pm. Free, but donations are welcome. Details: (08) 9420 7255 or email sarah.vannsander@wilderness.org.au or visit www.wilderness.org.au/campaigns/kimberley

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 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

Northern Territory

25 March: Same But Different: Experimentation and Innovation in Desert Arts II. This forum continues to support established and emerging cultural and



David Hyams, Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, who will feature at the festival.

Festival is at Kellerberrin



NOONGAR culture will be front and centre in the West Australian Wheatbelt

centre of Kellerberrin this Saturday (2 March) for the 8th biennial Keela Dreaming Festival.

Keela Dreaming – The Festival of the Ant – will feature an all-Noongar entertainment line-up, including rock bands Bad Influence, Patch Up and Wadumbah Dance Group.

A special highlight will be the debut performance of Noongar songs by award-winning singer Gina Williams, with Guy Ghouse and David Hyams.

"Festivals like this are about us all coming together. Thousands of years ago... all our people came together to celebrate... and we are still doing that today," said festival committee spokesperson Tom Hayden.

A range of free activities, including traditional games hosted by the Nyoongar

Sports Association and hip-hop dance workshops presented by Urban Youth Crew, are also on the program.

CAN WA will also showcase Healing Songs, a compilation of works penned by people in Kellerberrin and Quairading during a series of songwriting workshops.

Performer Phillip Walley-Stack will again be master of ceremonies for the festival.

For more information, go to www.canwa.com.au

project relationships between artists, media-makers, community art centres, independent artists, curators, researchers and writers working across this dynamic field. Held at Desert Knowledge Precinct, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs from 9am-5pm. Free event. Details: (02) 9385 0619 or visit www.niea.unsw.edu.au

9-13 October: Mbantua Festival – Awakening the Desert 2013. This Indigenous cultural festival will feature exhibitions, stories told through song and dance, arts and crafts, foods, music, healing and harmony, tours, exhibitions, environment and sustainable desert living projects and more. 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

Tasmania

5-7 April: NAYRI NIARA Good Spirit Festival. The three-day gathering explores and promotes the cultural diversity, innovation and creativity of Bruny Island, Lunawanna, and its people. Hosting an array of musicians, dancers, healers and teachers from across the globe including ceremony, music, art, kids space, workshops, films, guest speakers and much

more. Held at Bruny Island, Tasmania. Cost is \$40 (tickets sold at gate) kids under 16 free. Gates open for camping on the Friday at 3pm. Sat/Sun events starting from 10am. Details: 0481 120 880 or email nayriniafestival@gmail.com

Victoria

Until 6 March: All Creatures Exhibition. An exhibition of all the animals found hiding in the gallery. Held at the Bridget McDonnell Gallery, 130 Faraday St, Carlton from Wed-Fri, 11am-5pm and Sat 12-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (03) 9347 1700 or visit www.bridgetmcdonnellgallery.com.au

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

Until 24 March: Reflect Exhibition. A survey exhibition that provides a sampling of some of the West's most inspiring artistic

outcomes from a range of community-focused projects and creative processes. Held at the Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St, Footscray from Tues-Fri, 9.30am-5pm & Sat-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry.

Details: (03) 9362 8888 or visit www.footscrayarts.com

1-11 March: SheppARTon Festival. An arts and community celebration based around the theme 'Emerging Voices'. Featuring eight choirs, an Indigenous program and more. Free and all welcome. Held at various venues in and around Greater Shepparton.

Details: (03) 9419 0931 or email info@mbpublicity.com.au or visit www.sheppartonfestival.org.au

4-13 March: Ilbjerri Black Writers Introductory Program. The 6xMonday night workshops targets new and established Indigenous writers support 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 or visit www.ilbjerri.com.au

6 March: Invitation to hospitality employers. Mark Olive, aka the Black Olive, is establishing Outback Academies to provide accredited hospitality training and job placement support, with master classes from Olive in bush/native foods and menu-food preparation. Organisers are seeking local employers with an interest in hosting Outback Academy trainee/apprentice chefs to join Olive for a morning tea and information session.

Held at the Shire of Campaspe Function Room, Heygarth St, Echuca from 10-11.30am. RSVP by 4 March. Details: Julie Tyndall on (0411) 674 332 or email Julie.Tyndall@deewr.gov.au

16 March: Coranderrk Festival 2013. It celebrates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station. Live performances, culture, history, healing market stalls and more are planned. Held at Coranderrk, 19 Barak Lane, Healesville from noon-8pm. Cost: \$25 family, \$15 adult, \$10 concession. Available from www.trybooking.com/CFTk. Details: Brooke Collins on 0429 486 329 or Jacqui Wandin on 0439 409 929.

South Australia

Until 22 March: Manuwangku – Under the Nuclear Cloud. This traveling exhibition, by photographer Jagath Dheerasekara, showcases a photographic narrative of the spirit, the connection to and the collective voice of the community that came through the nuclear explosions of the 1950s. Held at the Centre for Creative Photography, 138 Richmond Road, Marleston from Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm. Details: (08) 8354 0839.

1 March: 146th Justice and Peace Candle Walk, to call for a treaty and bill of rights and to support the Ngarrindjerri and all other Aboriginal people and the Stolen Generations, their families and communities left behind. Held at Government House, cnr of North Terrace and King William Rd, Adelaide. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8227 0171 or visit antarsa.auspics.org.au

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 a day or \$500 for full program. Details: Sealotus on 0477 842 684 or visit www.handsaroundtheworld.com.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Pictured at Baragaroo's Headland Park construction site last week are, from left, on-site mentor Mark Beetson, Lisa Dews, Shaquille Robinson, and Baulderstone apprentices Matthew Whitehouse and Daniel Croman.

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SYDNEY'S \$6 billion Baragaroo project has been described as vital for the city, New South Wales and Australia. And it is also shaping up to be pretty important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment.

The largely 'green' project will see the 22-hectare former container port on the western edge of the city centre transformed into a combined commercial, residential, retail and dining hub; a major park and low-rise mixed-use development; and a restored Headland Park and cove.

It is expected to generate 570 job and training opportunities over

the next few years, and up to 70 of them are expected to go to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

As part of the redevelopment, Lend Lease and Baulderstone are taking on employees and providing training managed by Indigenous employment specialists Koori Job Ready.

Mark Beetson, son of the late rugby league legend Arthur Beetson, is currently working for Baulderstone on the Headland Park. Employed as a leading hand in the tier one construction and civil company's marine section, the 37-year-old will also act as on-site mentor for other Indigenous employees.

He says it can be hard to find on-the-job training in the industry, and the program is a significant initiative.

"We are going to have up to 70 Indigenous people working on site during then next two-and-a-half years in various roles including concreting, drainage, marine work, form work, and office positions," Mr Beetson told the *Koori Mail* last week.

Currently six Indigenous people are working on the site, including Mr Beetson, a couple of Indigenous apprentice carpenters and a receptionist.

Opportunities

The father-of-three has been working for Baulderstone for about five years, on an off. He began in the construction industry as a labourer and has worked his way up on projects around Sydney to become a leading hand. He says he enjoys the work, despite sometimes long

hours, and there's plenty of opportunities once people are trained.

"The salary is reasonable and, if you have a trade, you are paid very well," he said. "At the end of the day, you actually build things. You're leaving a legacy and there's self-fulfilment there."

"Baragaroo is a one-of-a-kind project and, once it is built, I will be able to come here with my kids and say 'I helped to make this'."

Mr Beetson credits his strong work ethic to his dad, who left school at age 13 and became a postman, before working on the wharves and then as a purchasing officer for the Sydney Roosters while pursuing his sporting career.

"My dad was very diligent, always giving 110 per cent, and he passed it down to his family,"

Mr Beetson said. "He told me that anything you want in life, you have to work for."

"When you work, it promotes so many different things – a better lifestyle, self-esteem and it helps close the gap in health and education."

Mr Beetson and two of his three brothers also run the Arthur Beetson Foundation, which has an employment and education arm and also coordinates the annual Murri rugby league carnival.

As for his mentor role at Baragaroo, Mr Beetson says it'll be a two-way street.

"I gain a certain satisfaction in seeing people develop and progress and mature," he said.

"Everyone's trying to better themselves in one way or another and to be part of that is great."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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and a

Program Officer for 4 months

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THE PROGRAM OFFICER INDIGENOUS STRATEGIC PROJECTS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

implementing many national and international arts projects, intergovernment liaison and supporting important working relationships. Four month contract commencing March 2013.

THE PROGRAM OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

working in a team to provide information to people applying for grants, maintaining accurate and confidential records and using computer and office systems. Four month contract commencing March 2013.

Both positions need good verbal and written communication skills, project management abilities, experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, excellent time management skills and being able to manage many competing deadlines.

You will be working in an enjoyable team environment.

SALARY

Program Officer - Indigenous Strategic Projects salary of \$80,078 per annum plus 15.4% super
Program Officer salary of \$68,340 per annum plus 15.4% super
Location: Central Sydney office.

MORE INFORMATION

www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment

Any questions contact:

Mark Stapleton Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division
Tel: (02) 9215 9014 or toll free on 1800226912 or 0417 238 158
Email: m.stapleton@australiacouncil.gov.au
Web: www.australiacouncil.gov.au

Applications close: Tuesday 5 March 2013 by 5.00pm

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body



Make a difference

TRAINEESHIP IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FACULTY OF BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LAW

Position Reference No.: 546711

Faculty/Division: Faculty of Business, Economics & Law (FBEL)

Work Type: Full-time, fixed-term (up to two years)

Location: Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

Remuneration: Traineeship Award Salary (\$14,491-\$32,798 per annum) – subject to school level (plus 9% superannuation)

Closing Date: 15 March 2013

La Trobe University is an internationally recognised leader in tertiary education and training, with strong research and teaching programs and student exchange networks across more than 40 countries. We are committed to providing undergraduate and postgraduate teaching of the highest quality, supported by an outstanding research profile.

The FBEL Traineeships will provide an employment development opportunity for Indigenous Australians through direct work activities and completion of a nationally recognised qualification; Certificate IV in Business Administration.

The program is seeking to fill (two) positions to commence on a contract (of up to two years), to gain experience across the various professional roles within the Faculty including finance, student support, administration and human resources.

The successful candidate will be a team player and will demonstrate good communication skills. In addition, you will need to express your commitment to learning and developing your career.

APPLY NOW

To apply online and view the position description, please visit latrobe.edu.au/jobs and quote job reference 546711.

Position Enquiries

Mick Coombes, Indigenous Employment Coordinator
T 03 9479 6678

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply under the Special Measure Provision Section of the *Equal Opportunity Act 2011* (Vic).

latrobe.edu.au

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Australian Government

Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

www.fahcsia.gov.au

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is all about people. We are committed to providing a meaningful and rewarding career in a supportive environment. We value respect, collaboration, professionalism, results and innovation.

People working in FaHCSIA provide support that touches on the lives of every Australian family and community in some way. We are responsible for about a quarter of the Government's budgetary outlays and we are the Government's principal source of advice on social policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

2014 Graduate Program

APS Level 3, \$54,290 - \$60,803

Canberra, ACT

Are you passionate about Indigenous Affairs? Do you want to be involved in developing the policies and programs that affect your people and communities?

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At FaHCSIA we work on important Indigenous programs including:

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- Land and Native Title

We want you!

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Assist in social policy development and provide advice through data analysis, research and modelling.

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Department of
Human Services

Expressions of Interest – Victorian Disability Advisory Council

The Minister for Community Services, the Hon Mary Wooldridge MP, is seeking expressions of interest for membership of the Victorian Disability Advisory Council (the Council).

The Council advises the Minister for Community Services about whole of government policy and initiatives that enable people with a disability to participate in the community.

Expressions of interest must be from Victorian residents who are a person with a disability or a carer of a person with a disability.

Expressions of interest are sought from people who have demonstrated high levels of performance in their fields of endeavor, are highly regarded in their community and can demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following.

- appreciation/understanding of the broader policy context and issues relating to disability
- good knowledge and understanding of accountability and governance arrangements for statutory bodies
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- effective consultation and collaboration with stakeholders.

Young people, women, people in rural and regional Victoria, Aboriginal people, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and people with an acquired brain injury, an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder or a mental illness are encouraged to apply.

Selection and remuneration of Council members is in accordance with the *Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines for Victorian Government Boards, Statutory Bodies and Advisory Committees*.

Application packages are available through the Office for Disability.

Call 1300 880 043 (free call), TTY 03 9208 3631 or vdac@dhs.vic.gov.au

This notice is available in Easy English and other accessible formats on request.

Applications close 4.00 pm Friday 22 March 2013

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INDIGENOUS
LITERACY
FOUNDATION

PART TIME POSITION

Book-Keeper / Office Administrator

25 hours a week (4-5 days flexible)

An enthusiastic part-time position for mature individual to help manage the day to day running of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's office.

Core responsibilities and duties include: bookkeeping; stock management of book supply; general office duties; updating and maintaining database.

Essential skills necessarily include accounting qualifications and experience; competent computer skills (Microsoft office & macintosh); driving license essential and excellent written and spoken skills. Flexibility and willingness to be part of our busy team is essential.

Please email your application and cv to:
Karen@indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
Applications close: 13 March 2013 at 5pm.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Housing

Advisor Regional Aboriginal Housing Service Delivery

Web Search No: 04002853

Level/Salary: L7 \$102,830- \$110,213pa + Super, PSGOGA

Job Description: Responsible for influencing Aboriginal housing investment, acquisition and mgt. Facilitates the implementation of Aboriginal housing strategies. Gathers intelligence to make sound business decisions. Identifies Aboriginal housing development decisions. needs and contributes to the strategic direction.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. 04002853 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: Broome.

Closing Date: Monday, 18 March 2013 at 9.00pm.



Attorney General
& Justice

Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk, Grade 1-2
Penrith Local Court, Permanent Full-Time

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. Position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service 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 organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the Court environment.

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

Inquiries: Julia Gahan or Donna Cornish (02) 4720 1530 julia_gahan@agd.nsw.gov.au or donna_cornish@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 17 March 2013

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Attorney General
& Justice

Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk, Grade 1-2
Mt Druitt Local Court, Temporary Part-Time 2dpw

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. In Local Courts, position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

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- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is a Temporary Part-Time position working 2 days per week (Tues & Fri) up to 31 December 2013.

Inquiries: Fabienne Blancquart (02) 9881 9112 fabienne_blancquart@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 17 March 2013

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Burnett Mary
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Bunya mountain Murri Rangers

Murri Ranger

- Award winning team
- Location – Wondai and Bunya Mountains

The Burnett Mary Regional Group together with the Bunya Peoples Aboriginal Corporation are currently seeking a committed, passionate and highly motivated individual to join the award winning Bunya Mountains Murri Ranger Team.

This role will care for country in the Bunya Mountains by conserving natural and cultural resources. This role will undertake natural area development, maintenance and protection duties, general wildlife management, cultural site management and traditional owner engagement across Queensland government protected areas and natural areas managed by Western Downs Regional Council.

This is a declared Indigenous Identified role. Only Aboriginal applicants are able to apply.

A Position Description including Selection Criteria and project background is available via the web - www.bmr.org.au, email admin@bmr.org.au or phone (07) 4181 2999.

Please contact Shelly Hansen, Murri Ranger Coordinator, on (07) 4181 2999 for any questions relating to this position.

Closing Date – Friday 8th March 2013



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

REGISTERED NURSE – ABORIGINAL CHRONIC CARE PROGRAM OUTREACH SERVICE

PFT, Salary: \$54,234.44–\$76,159.88 pa, **Enquiries:** Francine Eades, (02) 9881 1670 or Francine.Eades@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Various Locations **Ad No: 100994** **Close: 11.03.13**

For further information and to apply visit:

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=100994>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Legal Aid
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Career Development Program
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We are looking for a bright, hard working newly admitted solicitor to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as a legal practitioner in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions.

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Closing Date: Sunday, 24 March 2013.

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Health
Southern NSW
Local Health District

Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

This is one of the opportunities within our Health Service:

GOULBURN

**Aboriginal Health Education Officer/
Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer**

Position No: 118076

Salary: \$45,819–\$67,484 pa

Enquiries: Richard Shipp, (02) 4827 3913

Close Date: 13 March 2013

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Indigenous Employment Opportunity
Beautiful south coast NSW

Eurobodalla Shire includes over 110km of pristine coastline and encompasses the townships of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. This rural/coastal community is a great place to live and work.

This position, supporting Council's strategic planning priorities, will deliver positive outcomes that support the Eurobodalla community. You will build networks with community groups and assist with the coordination of Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, promoting and delivering community development events and activities.

The role will require a great track record and background in community development work, and will include opportunities to support Aboriginal and general community programs. If you can demonstrate your ability to deliver results and work effectively in a wide range of community settings, you are invited to apply for this full time position.

For further information, please visit Council's website

www.esc.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries, please contact Amy Scarlett on (02) 4474 1016.

Applications close 4.30pm Friday, 15 March 2013.



ESC considers Aboriginality a genuine occupational requirement of this role as outlined under s.14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.



Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Land Council
Postal Address: PO Box 903
Address: 12 Pandora Street,
Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834
Phone: (02) 6829 0105 Fax: (02) 6829 0274.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - Readvertised

The Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council (LRLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the Lightning Ridge LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, 1983, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles.

A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

Experience working with Aboriginal peoples would be an advantage.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson, by email: lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or on (02) 6829 0105.

Applications can be forwarded to lightningridgelalc@bigpond.com or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 903, Lightning Ridge, NSW, 2834.

Applications Close: WEDNESDAY 13th March, 2013.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

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- Ballina Public School - 02 6686 2205
- Moree East Public School - 02 6752 1798
- Tamworth West Public School - 02 6765 8316
- Walhallow Public School - 02 6747 4717

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL

- Airds High School - 02 4625 5811
- Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus - 02 9625 9750
- Rosemeadow Public School - 02 4621 1733
- Ross Hill Public School - 02 6722 2475

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - PRE SCHOOL - ABORIGINAL

- Kingswood Park Public School - 02 4721 4414

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 15 March 2013.**

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Put Your Life Experience to Work in Your Community

Koori Prison Officer Recruitment Department of Justice

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The Metropolitan Remand Centre, located in Ravenhall, in the department's West Metropolitan Region, is recruiting ongoing and casual Prison Officer positions.

To find out more information about these vacancies, or to register your attendance at our upcoming information session on Wednesday 6 March, please call Arbut Peters in Recruitment Services on (03) 8684 0385 or the Department's Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1757. Alternatively, you can visit www.cvcareers.com.au for more information or to apply on-line.

Applications close Monday 11 March.



Koori staff currently working in the Department of Justice



Department of
Justice

employment opportunities

VACCA'S Early Intervention and Family Support Service

The **Early Intervention and Family Support Service** offers family services across a range of program areas designed to support and assist families.

Please contact **Narelle Slater** for more information:

Ph: (03) 8388 1855

Email: narelles@vacca.org

Website: www.vacca.org

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family services.

Benefits of working at VACCA:

- Flexible working arrangements
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- Commitment to Staff Well Being
- Generous Salary Packaging
- Professional training & development



VACCA
Connected by culture

Aboriginal Home and Community Care (HACC) Access and Development Officer

Honouring God, Serving People, Building Hope.

- Part Time (30 hours per week)
- Newcastle based
- LGA's of Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Region

Wesley Mission has a real mission to reach out to a community with real needs. Through witness, work and with the assistance of supporters we can turn lives around for good. The successful applicant will be required to develop initiatives to enable the Aboriginal community to acquire knowledge and access to the Commonwealth HACC Program and Community Care Support Programs.

Essential criteria:

- An understanding of Aboriginal communities and mainstream services
- Tertiary qualifications or relevant work experience
- Experience in the delivery of community services or similar
- Current NSW Driver's Licence
- Demonstrated knowledge of HACC programs, legislation, guidelines and current issues
- Demonstrated conflict resolution and negotiations skills
- Well developed communication (oral and written) and interpersonal skills
- Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Desirable criteria:

- Experience in HACC service management
- Research and analytical skills
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate local community development
- Experience working with community based management committees

The terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010 (SCHADS) Level 5 Pay Point 3 with salary packaging opportunities available. The position also comes with an assigned motor vehicle.

For an information package please contact Warren Ballard on (02) 8887 4888. Written applications, addressing the essential and desirable criteria, are to be emailed to: warren.ballard@wesleymission.org.au

Applications Close: Friday 15 March 2013

The suitable applicant will be subject to the relevant pre-employment checks for appointment to positions within Wesley Mission. Indigenous People are encouraged to apply.

Wesley Mission is a Christian organisation requiring all staff to affirm the Mission's values.



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Be Challenged: Change Lives



Special Constable (Security)

Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command
Special Constable (Security)
Permanent Full-Time
Sydney Metropolitan area
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001IS8

DO NOT apply via the "Apply Online" button on Jobs.NSW – only applications received via post with requested original documentation will be considered.

Salary Package: \$52,362. Package includes salary (\$45,766 - \$47,451), employer's contribution to superannuation. (Equates to \$887.10 - \$909.40 per week) Plus \$59.80 - shift allowance and \$169.20 weekend loading.

Job Description:

Special Constables provide a quality protective security service to selected NSW Police Force and State Government complexes, ensuring an overall safe and secure working environment for personnel, property and information.

- Provide safety and security services to NSW Police Force and External Agency sites and facilities on a daily basis as directed at various locations across Sydney.
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- Provide Customer Service and reception duties for various sites within the metropolitan area.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Shift Supervisor, Field Supervisor, Coordinator or local police.
- Perform security duties in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures.
- Prepare and submit reports relating to disturbances and other incidents.
- Carry a firearm and associated appointments and undertake the necessary training.
- Assist with evacuation procedures in cases of an emergency.
- Perform other security services in support of police events and incidents across NSW.

Job Notes:

- **Shift Work Allowance** – Paid to Full-time Special Constables (Security) who are required from time to time to work their ordinary hours of employment from 3.00pm to 7.00am Monday to Friday.
- **Saturday & Sunday Work During Ordinary Hours** – Paid to full-time Special Constables (Security) who are required from time to time to work their ordinary hours of employment on both Saturday and Sunday.
- **Annual Leave Loading** – Special Constables (Security) are NOT entitled to Annual Leave Loading.
- A "Ministerial Employee" application form **MUST** be obtained from the Police Recruitment Branch **prior to applying**.
- The completed "Ministerial Employee" application form must be returned via post with all requested original documentation. **Documents with photocopied signatures will NOT be accepted.**
- Applicants, post aptitude, may be called for interview and physical/medical assessment.
- Applicants should hold a current First Aid Certificate.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (Criminal History) prior to commencement.

Do not apply via the "Apply Online" button on Jobs.NSW - only applications received via post with requested original documentation will be considered.

Enquiries: Operations Supervisor on (02) 9265 4473

Information Package: Josie on (02) 8835 9868 or Bridget on (02) 8835 9881

Applications marked "Confidential" to: NSW Police Force, Recruitment Branch, Level 7A, Police Headquarters, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

Closing Date: Friday 15 March 2013

Z55320



Government of Western Australia
Department of Housing

Area Manager Remote North Service Delivery

Web Search No: 04003108

Level/Salary: L6 \$87,939 - \$97,378 pa + Super, PSGOGA

Job Description: Manages and oversees all housing activities within designed areas. Manages local resources and key designated stakeholder relationships to maximise organisational stakeholder outcomes in accordance with Regional Strategic outcomes Planning. Identifies and promotes business development opportunities and partnerships.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. 04003108 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: Derby.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2013 at 9.00pm.



Attorney General & Justice

Aboriginal Services Division Coordinator Aboriginal Community Justice Group

**Clerk Grade 3-4, Tamworth
Salary range: \$61,198 - \$67,010**

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. The position is responsible for clerical and administrative support, liaising and meeting with key agencies of the NSW criminal justice system and assisting with the development and implementation of policies and management of crime prevention programs.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture and NSW Aboriginal communities;
- Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system;
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds;
- Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities;
- Ability to manage projects.

This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 6 months with possible extension. Applications addressing the selection criteria must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Brian Dennison (02) 6771 5148

Email: brian_dennison@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 3 March 2013

Z5513002



Official Visitor Wellington Correctional Centre

People from all cultural backgrounds are invited to apply to become an Official Visitor for a NSW correctional facility. The successful applicant will be assigned to Wellington Correctional Centre up to 30 September 2013.

Official Visitors are appointed by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Hon Greg Smith SC MP, to facilitate the resolution of complaints and inquiries made by inmates and staff within correctional facilities throughout NSW.

Official Visitors are required to visit the facility to which they are assigned regularly, usually once a fortnight. Official Visitors are required to provide reports to the Minister responsible for corrective services and the Commissioner of Corrective Services.

Essential Requirements:

1. Understanding of issues relevant to the justice system and correctional facilities.
2. Understanding of and commitment to the needs of Aboriginal people, and cultural and linguistic diversity.
3. Superior communication, negotiation, complaint management and problem solving skills.

Any person who is to any extent responsible for the management of, or who is employed at or in connection with, a correctional facility is not eligible to become an Official Visitor.

All recommended applicants will be required to complete a NSW Police *National Criminal History Record Check: Full Disclosure* and undergo fingerprinting, along with declaring any criminal record and offender associations.

An eligibility list may be created for future appointments of Official Visitors within the appointment period.

Remuneration: Remuneration is paid according to the approved fee for Official Visitors, effective 16 August 2010. Rates are \$120 for a half day and \$239 for a full day. Incidental expenses and travel costs incurred will be met.

Application packages: Ms Shanon Bateman by email at Shanon.Bateman@minister.nsw.gov.au or on telephone (02) 9228 5246.

Closing Date: 18 March 2013

Z5509203

CEO (Aboriginal Corporation)

Yirrkalá, NT

- * **Attractive Salary \$140,000 - \$150,000!**
- * **Enjoy accommodation and a vehicle!**



Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (LHAC) has a stimulating opportunity for an adventurous and experienced **Chief Executive Officer**. You'll provide leadership and strategic guidance to one of the most important multifunctional indigenous organisations in the NT. In return, you'll receive a salary of \$140,000 - \$150,000 + a range of benefits including **salary sacrifice, 6 weeks annual leave, subsidised accommodation and a vehicle!** Apply Now!



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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

Parramatta

The leading City in the heart of Sydney

Parramatta is Sydney's second CBD with a vibrant economy, diverse workforce, and a rich mix of cultural and recreational facilities. Council is strongly focused on setting the city's strategic direction as a sustainability leader, while delivering the best possible services to our local community.

Community Safety Officer (Parking Patrol)

Ref No. 19/13

Temporary 12 months – Day Shift

In this position you are an Ambassador of Council and it is essential you have the ability to provide excellent customer service and operate in an honest, fair and equitable manner at all times. Your main responsibilities will be to inspect Council's free parking areas for compliance with the *Local Government Act 1993*; investigate traffic and transit offences and conduct on-street parking patrols within the LGA.

The position is available on a temporary basis for 12 months with a review at the end of this period.

The hours for the day shift are Tuesday to Saturday, 8am to 5pm.

You will be required to work 38 hours per week. Payment will be in accordance with the Local Government State Award.

Salary: \$48,142.13 pa plus super + 50% penalty in addition to the normal Hourly rate of pay for working the Saturday shift. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.*

Closing Date: 4pm, Friday 8 March 2013.

This position requires the successful candidate to undergo a Pre-Employment Medical and a Criminal History Records check.

HOW TO APPLY: Quoting the relevant Ref No., candidates MUST address the selection criteria outlined on our website at www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/council/employment OR call our Customer Contact Centre on **9806 5050**.



www.parracity.nsw.gov.au



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

- Casual role
- Lismore Location
- Hourly rate range: \$32.34 - \$35.84 ph (includes loading)

The Far North Coast Family Referral Service is a joint project between the Northern Rivers Social Development Council and Interrelate Family Centres. This position will be based in Lismore and will require travel to outreach locations in the Northern Rivers. The project works directly with families in need and local services, to support the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This vacancy is a Community Development role and will be employed under Interrelate working closely with all related positions of the project, including those employed by NRSDC.

This role will engage and empower Aboriginal communities utilising a range of community development activities.

Key Criteria:

- Aboriginality (essential)
- Quals in social science, social work or related field AND/OR significant experience in community development work; particularly with Aboriginal families and children
- Demonstrated ability to consult with the aboriginal community and relevant stakeholders to identify needs and priorities
- Understanding of, and sensitivity to, cross cultural issues impacting the Aboriginal community
- High interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to network, liaise and negotiate effectively

Interrelate offers:

- ✓ Salaries pitched at the top end of the market
- ✓ Training, Mentoring, Supervision and access to resources
- ✓ Opportunities for multi-skilling and up-skilling
- ✓ High level of diversity in role
- ✓ Excellent working environment

To apply view full details at www.interrelate.org.au and click on "Employment opportunities"

Applications close: COB (5pm) Fri 8th March 2013

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply
All positions require satisfactory completion of relevant Police and Working with Children checks.*

www.interrelate.org.au



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Located in Surry Hills (Sydney), the AH&MRC is currently seeking applications for one (1) position in the Secretariat.

Assistant Accountant

Permanent, full time CD: 18 March 2013

The position will assist and support the Finance Manager in managing the organisation's finances, administrative and payroll support activities.

** The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.*

For further information on this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit:

www.ahmrc.org.au



Charity gives, justice changes.

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.

ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB Indigenous Programs Coordinator



The Essendon Football Club has a reputation as a leader in the Australian sports industry, with a proud history and strong values. We have a close relationship with Indigenous Australia and strongly support the achievement of Reconciliation.

Driven to be recognised and respected as the most successful sporting club in Australia, both on and off the field, we are now seeking an Indigenous Programs Coordinator to join our committed and enthusiastic Community team.

Reporting directly to the Community Manager, you will be responsible for:

- Managing the overall delivery of the Bombers' Bright Futures start up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job seekers project;
- Working closely with key agencies, local industry and Indigenous jobseekers within Melbourne's North West ;
- Coordinating and growing Essendon's relationships with key Indigenous partners including the Tiwi Bombers and Wadeye Magic football clubs;
- Exploring opportunities to strengthen and expand upon the club's existing Indigenous community development activities;
- Supporting the club's community team with key program delivery;
- Undertaking high-level program administration and reporting.

The successful candidate will have the following attributes:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in dealing with Indigenous communities;
- Established understanding of the employment industry;
- Knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures;
- Demonstrated high-level project management skills;
- Experience working effectively with multiple stakeholders;
- Highly developed verbal and written communication, interpersonal, presentation and negotiation skills;
- Australian driver's licence.

To apply in strict confidence or seek a position description, please send your application to recruitment@essendonfc.com.au quoting reference: **IPC001**

Please note that this role will be subject to background checks.

People who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander with employment or community engagement career experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 5pm 6th March 2013

Aboriginal Outreach Worker (Part Time) Eastern Suburbs, Sydney



- * **Attractive salary circa \$49,400 to \$53,340 (pro rata) + super!**
- * **Salary packaging options up to \$16,050 per annum!**
- * **Work within a friendly and supportive team!**

Eastern Sydney Medicare Local has an exciting opportunity for a part time **Aboriginal Outreach Worker** to join their dedicated team in Sydney's eastern suburbs. This position is 0.6FTE, working approximately 22.8 hours per week.

You will work as part of ESM's Closing The Gap Aboriginal Health Project, which contributes to closing the gap in life expectancy by improving access to culturally sensitive primary care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Due to the nature of this role, this is an **Aboriginal Identified position** (provided for by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW)).

Reporting to the Aboriginal Health Program Officer (Closing the Gap), you will work at a grassroots level to **directly influence the behaviour and choices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in terms of making better use of healthcare services.** The opportunity to develop one-on-one relationships with local people makes this a job perfect for those who wish to make a difference at the community level.

In return for your hard work and dedication, you will receive **attractive remuneration circa \$49,400 to \$53,340 (pro rata)** plus super and **salary packaging options** up to \$16,050 per annum!

In addition, you will enjoy working within a **flexible work environment** and with a **friendly and supportive team** right in the middle of Sydney!

Make a genuine contribution to Closing The Gap in Indigenous Health in the Sydney community - Apply Now!



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or call 1300 366 573



Aboriginal Outreach Worker

WentWest Ltd is a dynamic not for profit organisation operating in Western Sydney. Due to significant growth across the business we are currently seeking an enthusiastic **Aboriginal Outreach Worker** to join our vibrant team on the Close the Gap project.

WentWest has been focused on providing better health care in our community since 2002. We do this both as a Regional Training Provider and as a Medicare Local. We connect health services to meet local needs and strive for better health outcomes for Western Sydney. We do this in partnership with doctors, allied health professionals, the local health district and many others. Working for WentWest means you are working towards better health outcomes in Western Sydney.

This busy and diverse role will enable you to work directly with the community helping individual's access health care. No day is the same, sometimes you will be working in the office and other days you'll work in the community meeting and assisting clients.

The tasks within this busy and exciting role include;

- Establish links with Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander communities and individuals in the region to encourage and support the increased use of health services;
- Support health professionals and health services to implement culturally appropriate and safe policies and practices;
- Provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community with information about the services that are available for them and encourage them to make contact with primary health care and other health promoting services in their region;
- Prepare quality documents, including reports, and general correspondence and maintain detailed patient lists and status.

To be successful in this role we feel that you have;

- Knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultures;
- Ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Sound understanding about Aboriginal Health issues and enthusiasm to provide assistance and care to others in the community;
- Sound written and verbal communication skills.

Our people are passionate about providing better health outcomes to Western Sydney; they pride themselves on delivering results and value the contribution they make to the community.

If this sounds like you please send a covering letter along with your CV to recruitment@wentwest.com.au. For further information you can access the Position Description from the job vacancies page on our website www.wentwest.com.au or call Jamie Matthews on (02) 8811 7130.

In return for your commitment and skills we offer a competitive salary package including not for profit salary packaging meaning you take home more pay. Additionally we provide the opportunity for ongoing professional development through our highly supportive and flexible working environment. We are located in Blacktown close to public transport, shops and services.

Applications Close: 13 March 2013 at 5pm.



Exciting employment opportunities at Linfox

Indigenous jobs in Western Australia & South Australia

Linfox recognises that our people are our best assets. This is an Indigenous employment program dedicated to connecting Indigenous Australian job seekers to real jobs within Linfox. We are an employer with reach into metropolitan and regional communities across Australia.

If you have the vision or share our passion, then you are the people we want.

Immediate start opportunities available for:

- HC and MC drivers

Linfox operators are highly respected in the logistics and transport industry for their professionalism, customer service and commitment to safety.

Aboriginality is essential for this position under Section 50D of the Equal opportunity Act and should be indicated in the application.

Please email your resume to
AdminIEP@linfox.com
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Helping to
close the gap**



Attorney General & Justice

Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk, Grade 1-2
Tamworth Local Court, Permanent Full-Time

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management. Position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service 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 organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the Court environment.

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:

- (a) is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

Inquiries: Lloyd Stanimirovic (02) 6764 5777 lloyd_stanimirovic@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 17 March 2013

Z55334V2



The Lyndon Community

Murdi Paaki Drug and Alcohol Network Senior D&A Worker

FULL TIME PERMANENT

The Murdi Paaki Drug and Alcohol Network is a partnership between Lyndon Community, Maari Ma Aboriginal Health Service, Bourke Aboriginal Health Service, Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service.

The Network aims to improve the delivery of drug and alcohol services to Aboriginal Communities in the north and west of NSW with funding from the Commonwealth Department of Ageing under the Council of Australian Governments initiatives to reduce crime and violence in Aboriginal Communities.

The Senior D&A worker provides advanced clinical and training services to the MPDAN network. This position leads the work of the Clinical Hub based in Orange, in which staff of The Lyndon Community provide outreach and telehealth clinical services, specialist medical support, consultancy on complex cases, clinical supervision, and service development in support of partner Aboriginal health services in the Murdi Paaki region.

This position also assists partners to develop, implement, and evaluate local plans to improve service coordination, deliver drug and alcohol interventions, and develop workforce and community capacity. *Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*

The successful applicant will be an experienced drug and alcohol worker with the qualifications and skills to provide a culturally sensitive service to rural and remote Aboriginal Communities. Pay and conditions according to the appropriate award based on qualifications and experience.

Further information and a copy of the position description and selection criteria can be obtained by contacting Lisa Day on (02) 6361 2300 or email lday@lyndoncommunity.org.au or visit our website www.lyndoncommunity.org.au

Applications Close: 29th March 2013.



Aboriginal Business Support Officer

Aboriginal Business Advisors Program

- **Contribute and support Aboriginal businesses in Victoria**
- **Mobile business advisor, statewide role**
- **Contract until 30 June 2015**

The Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) is Victoria's largest most influential employer association, informing and servicing more than 15,000 members, customers and clients around the state. VECCI is committed to growing Aboriginal enterprise and delivers the Aboriginal Business Advisor's Program (ABAP). This program is focussed on providing comprehensive advice and support to Aboriginal businesses in Victoria.

We are looking for an Aboriginal Business Support Officer who is committed to seeing Aboriginal businesses thrive, by identifying their opportunities and addressing their challenges through the ABAP.

Responsibilities will include:

- Identifying and engaging Victorian Aboriginal businesses to participate in ABAP
- Conducting statewide business assessments and/or referring businesses onto appropriate services
- Coordinating business development activities and events for ABAP clients
- Increasing the engagement and awareness of the ABAP
- Preparing regular reports

Your success in obtaining an interview will be dependent on how well your cover letter and resume demonstrate the following key selection criteria:

- Excellent communication, presentation and networking skills
- Proven business development capabilities (face-to-face and telephone) and the capacity to work with a high client load
- A results orientated approach and the motivation to succeed
- Existing experience and/or networks within the Victorian Aboriginal (business) community is highly desirable
- Experience in applied research, preferably in a business context, is highly desirable
- Demonstrated experience in working in a small business or working with small businesses on achieving growth and expansion is highly desirable
- Demonstrated small business and systems analysis skills is highly desirable

A competitive salary commensurate with skills and experience, a job facility vehicle and range of employee benefits will be offered to the successful candidate. This is a fixed term position until 30 June 2015.

Applying for this position

All applications should include a cover letter addressing the key selection criteria listed above. The Position Description for this role can be accessed via our website www.vecci.org.au, under Careers, or by emailing recruit@vecci.org.au.

Applications, including the covering letter referred to above, can be submitted online, under Careers, or forwarded to Jane McKay at recruit@vecci.org.au by COB on Friday 8 March 2013. Please note the successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory police check as a pre-requirement for selection.



Indigenous Leadership Program



Indigenous Program Coordinator

NGA Level 5/6

Position No. 6021

\$66,766 - \$85,610pa

The Indigenous Program Coordinator works as part of a team in the production and delivery of educational and public programs in the visual arts for Gallery audiences, with primary responsibility for the coordination of the *National Gallery of Australia and Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship and Leadership* programs and other associated professional development opportunities in the arts for Indigenous people. The Wesfarmers programs have been established to increase Indigenous participation and employment within the visual arts and collecting institutions sector.

The successful candidate will coordinate the *NGA/Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship and Leadership* programs. This includes the development, administration, promotion and delivery of the *Indigenous Arts Fellowship and Leadership Programs* in consultation with the Advisory Committee, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art, Learning and Access and Sponsorship sections of the Gallery.

A demonstrated knowledge of Australian Indigenous visual arts and the operations of the museum and gallery sector are required and relevant qualifications in Visual Arts, Education or Museum Studies or equivalent professional experience is desirable. This is an identified position, therefore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

This is a full time non-ongoing employment opportunity for a period of 2 years with the possibility of an extension. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period of employment and a security check.

Applications should address the selection criteria, which can be obtained by accessing the website www.nga.gov.au/jobs or by contacting the Recruitment Officer on (02) 6240 6447. Further information is available by contacting Katie Russell on (02) 6240 6709.

Applications for this position must reach the Recruitment Officer no later than 17 March 2013 at recruitment@nga.gov.au.



NATIONAL GALLERY
OF AUSTRALIA

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Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd

Chief Executive Officer

The Kalkadoon people are an Aboriginal group who have had their native title recognised over nearly 40,000 square kilometres in the mineral rich Greater Mount Isa Region of North West Queensland.

The Kalkadoon People have a number of corporate entities and a unique governance structure with Australia's first registered Constitutional Indigenous Land Use Agreement ('ILUA').

Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd is calling for Expressions of Interest for the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

The CEO will report to the Board of Kalkadoon Community Pty Ltd and be responsible for the successful implementation of Kalkadoon's strategic plan, as approved by the Kalkadoon People.

This presents a unique and important opportunity for an experienced executive to work with a dynamic Aboriginal organisation to balance opportunities for community and economic development in the mineral rich Greater Mount Isa Region with the protection of cultural heritage.

For more information please contact Ms Nicole Courtman of Indigenous Corporate Partners on 0487 654 303 or nicole@indigenouspartners.com.au



General Practice Training
valley to coast

Project Officer for Aboriginal Health Training

General Practice Training – Valley to Coast is seeking to appoint a Project Officer to join its dynamic and expanding educational organisation based in Mayfield, NSW. The newly created position will implement and support a range of activities and initiatives relating to Aboriginal Health Training for doctors.

The position is part time 0.6 FTE (equivalent to 3 days per week or 22.8 hours per week) and offered on an initial 12 month term.

For a full Position Description please refer to our website www.gptvtc.com.au

Persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.



BUNJUM
ABORIGINAL COOPERATIVE LTD

Centre Manager for the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre are seeking staff for the following Positions:

- **Child Care Director**
- **Cultural Director (Aboriginal Identified Position)**
- **Service Manager**
- **Child Care Workers**
- **Teacher Early Childhood Learning**

For further information, Selection Criteria & Job Descriptions, please contact Reception on (02) 6686 5644 or email reception@bunjum.com

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date:
13 March 2013 at 5pm.



Multi Skilled Operators

RBY Projects Pty Ltd is an experienced Indigenous-owned and managed company providing contracting services to the resources, energy and civil construction industries.

We are currently seeking reliable and skilful multi-purpose operators for work in the Surat/Bowen Basin area. The Multi Skilled operators will be required to operate a grader, excavator and other equipment as required. The roster is 14 days on and 7 days off.

The positions require current OHS operator tickets and at least 2 years experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have multiple tickets.

We strongly encourage Indigenous people to apply.

If you are interest in applying please send your resume with current tickets to admin@rby.net.au

Applications close: Wednesday 27th March 2013.



NATIONAL CENTRE OF
INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

Indigenous Digital Inclusion Impresario (Events Manager)

4 - month contract

Salary - 80k + pro rata (negotiable on experience)

We are seeking an Indigenous Digital Inclusion Impresario (Event Manager) to join the NCIE team to organise and manage the upcoming Digital Inclusion Camp in May 2013. The Indigenous Digital Inclusion Impresario will need to be an independent and proactive worker who is confident they can organise and manage an event with over 40 guests from around the country involving many diverse vendors and stakeholders. They will need to have a high level of autonomy, motivation and attention to detail. They will need to be willing to go above and beyond to ensure a once in a lifetime experience for all involved.

Sustainability Coordinator (Relationships and Partnerships)

Fixed term contract.

Salary negotiable based on experience.

The primary focus of this role will be on excellent relationship management of our corporate, individual and foundation partners, including overseeing the schedule of negotiated benefits and creating an effective stewardship program.

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) exists to improve the well-being of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people while building a better nation for all Australians.

For full position descriptions, please visit our website at www.ncie.org.au/index.php/about/jobs.html

To apply please send your resume, a cover letter and statement against the selection criteria to mickey.kovari@ncie.org.au

Applications for these jobs are open until the positions are filled - first qualified applicant will be strongly considered.



NGUNYA JARJUM
ABORIGINAL CHILD AND
FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service on NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Experienced ATSI Caseworkers

Full time permanent position

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ an Aboriginal worker for our out-of-home care program with a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOH and Child Protection Field.

A satisfactory "Working with Children Check" applies for this position.

Salary: A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – General Manager, email lenore.marlowe@ngunya.jarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02)6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: 15th March 2013.



DENISON COLLEGE
BATHURST HIGH CAMPUS



Norta Norta in Class Tutor

Casual Position 34 hrs pw

This position involves tutoring Aboriginal students in Years 7-10.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants have priority for employment.

Please contact (02) 6331 3755 for further information and application package.

Closing date 8 March 2013



Attorney General
& Justice

Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk Grade 1-2

Gosford Local Court, Permanent Part-Time 5 days per fortnight

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence data entry and records management, position holders are primarily involved in assisting in the operation of court rooms.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Well developed clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation and follow procedures;
- Strong commitment to client service 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; and
- 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

Please Note: This is a permanent part time position working 5 days per fortnight. This position is a Court Circuit position based at Gosford Local Court, the successful applicant will be required to work, some days, on circuit, at other Local Courts within the Central Coast and Newcastle areas of the region. Currently the circuit sits 2 days per month at Belmont.

Inquiries: John Arms (02) 4304 6922 john_arms@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 17 March 2013



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APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5pm, Friday, 8 March 2013.

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RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL

GRAFFITI PROJECTS OFFICER

Council is seeking applications from enthusiastic applicants qualified in Social Sciences for this position.

Responsibilities: Funded by the Federal Government under the Safer Suburbs Project this position is primarily concerned with administering the Graffiti and Broken Glass projects. Specific information is available from the Coordinator Community Projects & Social Planning, Tracy Akerman (02) 6660 0225 or 0428 247 389.

Salary Range: Grade 10, \$27.25 - \$31.34 per hour, exclusive of superannuation.

The Position Specification including selection criteria and further information about the Richmond Valley are available on Council's website: www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au Applicants need to address the selection criteria listed in the Position Specification in their letter of application.

This is a temporary position, currently 7 hours per week. A pre-employment fitness and health evaluation will be conducted at Council's expense. *Indigenous persons are encouraged to apply.*

Applications will be received by email at council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au or by post to the General Manager, Richmond Valley Council, Locked Bag 10, CASINO, NSW 2470.

Closing Date: 4pm on Friday, 8 March 2013



Aboriginal Outreach Worker

Negotiable hours - Part time (30 hrs) or Full time (38 hrs) per week

Based in Queanbeyan

Base salary \$52,364 - \$58,687 per annum exclusive of salary packaging and superannuation (pro rata if part time)

Initial term of contract to 30 June 2013

The Southern New South Wales Medicare Local provides and supports locally responsive, integrated primary health services within southeast New South Wales communities and is a supportive and dynamic not for profit organisation. Our employees receive above award wages, great working conditions, and are entitled to salary packaging up to \$16,049 per year tax free.

We are looking for an engaged and motivated person who is committed to improving health care within the Aboriginal community. If you are this person you will work with health care providers and members of the community, as well as assist health care providers to find the right services for Aboriginal people. In addition you will contribute to the implementation of suitable projects and support case management of Aboriginal people with a chronic disease.

This position is Aboriginal Identified under Section 50 (d) of the Equal Opportunity Act.

Qualifications in ATSI Primary Health or an agreement to undertake training is essential. So is a comprehensive understanding of the local community and social determinants of health, and a current driver's licence.

Applications Close Wednesday 6 March 2013

All applications must address selection criteria

The information package can be found at www.snswnl.com.au under the careers link or by phoning 02 4475 0808.

Care Coordination & Supplementary Services (CCSS) Coordinator

North Coast NSW Medicare Local (NCML) has a vacancy for a CCSS Coordinator based at Murwillumbah in the Tweed Valley.

Full time (38 hours per week) until 30 June 2013; 16 hours per week thereafter.

The CCSS Coordinator works collaboratively with patients, general practitioners, practice staff and Aboriginal health services to provide appropriate multi-disciplinary care and services for Aboriginal people with a chronic condition.

NCML invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

To apply, please go to www.ncml.org.au to access the Position Description (PD) and Employment Application Form. Applications must address the selection criteria outlined in the PD.

For further information contact Wendy Pannach on 02 6672 5158

Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday 4 March 2013.



Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi



Chief Executive Officer

37.5 hrs/wk, commencing at \$90,000

Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation, based in Alice Springs NT, is inviting suitably qualified and experienced professionals to apply for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) role.

The CEO is responsible for the effective management and development of Waltja as an innovative and leading Indigenous organisation, representing members from the central desert region. The applicant must have experience in project management, staff management and community advocacy.

Above Award rates and salary sacrifice available. This position is female identified. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Selection criteria must be addressed for applications to be considered.

Applications close on Friday 8th of March 2013 and shortlisted applicants only will be contacted.

For further information, duty statement, selection criteria and application process, please visit www.waltja.org.au. Completed applications to be addressed to the Chairperson and sent to support@waltja.org.au

Clinicians x 2 (Psychologists / Social Workers)

Offending Behaviour Programs,
Department of Justice
Community Correctional Services –
North and West Metropolitan Region

- **1 x Full Time Ongoing Position (3777)**
- **1 x Full Time Fixed Term Position until January 2014 (maternity leave backfill) (3729)**
- **Allied Health 3 \$69,242 to \$78,563 (Social Worker, Registered Psychologist)**
- **Allied Health 2 \$55,931 to \$67,912 (Provisional Psychologist) + superannuation**

Offending Behaviour Programs provides offending behaviour interventions to prisoners and offenders across the public prisons and Community Correctional Services (CCS) system. All interventions aim to reduce an offender's risk of re-offending. Utilising a largely cognitive-behavioural approach, interventions range from intensive therapeutic group programs to shorter psycho-educational programs and individual treatment. Clinicians also provide comprehensive assessment, case consultancy and participate in various other activities.

For a copy of the Position Description and Application Form, please visit the www.careers.vic.gov.au website. For further information please contact Rebecca Warburton on 0407 018 825.

Applications close 10th March 2013.



Department of Justice



Clinician Aboriginal Team



Eaglemont location

Take Two, an integral part of Berry Street, is a statewide service established to provide high quality therapeutic services to children and young people who have suffered significant abuse or neglect and are clients of Child Protection.

We are seeking a qualified Clinician to join our Aboriginal Team. The successful applicant will provide clinical services of assessment and treatment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children referred to Take Two and will provide secondary consultation and training concerning the mental health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, their families and Communities.

To be successful in this role, you will have a relevant tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline, knowledge and experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, a demonstrated ability to form effective working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and a sound understanding of the complexities of the service system.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

More information can be found in the Position Description available on our website: www.berrystreet.org.au/employment.

Queries to Shaun Coade on 0408310484.

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should quote ref. Number0074TTCLA and be emailed to recruitment@berrystreet.org.au by 5pm, 28 February 2013.



QCOSS Queensland Council of Social Service Inc
Working for a Fair Queensland

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

PART TIME 20-25 H/PW - BRISBANE

Salary \$65,411—\$68,715 (pro rata) + 10% Super

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply
The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality. This position is responsible for providing journalism, writing, editing, events, media liaison and campaigning services to QCOSS, and contributing to advocating for and with Queenslanders experiencing poverty and inequality.

Position description or further info available at www.qcoss.org.au or contact Ana Barassi on 07 3004 6900.

Closing Date: C.O.B. Monday 11 March 2013



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Family and Child Health Worker (Sexual Assault)

Boggabilla, Moree, Toomelah Community Health
Enquiries: Cate Johnston 02 6757 0249

Reference ID: 122822

Closing Date: 17 March 2013

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

WATHAURONG ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE HEALTH SERVICE



Located in Geelong, Victoria, the Wathaurong Aboriginal Health Service is a dynamic and innovative health service that aims to provide the local community with culturally appropriate care. The following position is now available.

Primary Health Care Nurse RN Division 1 – Full time (neg)

The suitable applicant will be a Registered Nurse, Division 1 with a minimum of 2 years clinical experience and a demonstrated ability to work autonomously and within a team. A good knowledge of practice management and experience in the delivery of health services to Aboriginal people is desirable.

Aboriginal people who are interested in this position are strongly encouraged to apply.

For a full position Description please phone (03) 5277 2038 or email renee.owen@wathaurong.org.au Your written application must answer the Key Selection Criteria and when completed should be forwarded to Tony Meagher, preferably via email tony.meagher@wathaurong.org.au Or post to Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative, PO Box 402, North Geelong 3215.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Applications Close C.O.B. Friday 22 March 2013.

Wathaurong is a smoke free workplace.



VACCA
Connected by culture

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services. We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position:

Aboriginal Training & Development Officer

The position will undertake a range of duties including the co-ordination and delivery of VACCA's internal training to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff, support VACCA's supervision and mentoring programs for new staff, and where appropriate deliver external cultural awareness/competence training to Government and mainstream services involved in the child and family welfare sector and undertake project work as required.

For further information and a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Megan Cadd-Van Den Berg on (03) 9385 9000 or by email meganc@vacca.org

Applications close:

Wednesday 13th March 2013



Executive Manager Health Services

Full-time position Executive Leadership Role

This position is responsible for operational control of the Health Services at the Co-operative.

The successful applicant will have:

- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or extensive experience.
- Successful management of a health services organisation and demonstrated experience in the supervision of staff and management reporting.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an understanding of the Social Determinant factors that influence Aboriginal Health.
- Ability to provide leadership, support and encouragement to the organisation and community.

Salary Packaging is available.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a Victorian Police check.

For a Position Description please contact Scherie on (03) 58200 000 or email: scherie@raclimited.com.au

Applicants that fail to address the key selection criteria in the position description will not be considered.

Applications close 4.00pm Friday 8th March 2013 and are to be addressed to:

Human Resources Dept
Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative
PO Box 614
Mooroopna Vic 3629

*Members of the Aboriginal Community
are encouraged to apply*

Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative Ltd is a major provider of health, housing and social support services for the Aboriginal Community and is recognized today as a key stakeholder in Aboriginal Health.

Maintaining a high profile within the Public and Private Sectors in areas such as Research, Consultancy, Policy Development and Partnerships.

Rumbalara operates in a culturally appropriate and sensitive Community Controlled environment that maintains a Holistic approach to service provision and emphasizes the importance of Family and Community.

The Co-Operative is located two hours North of Melbourne and is accessible to wineries, the Murray and Goulburn Rivers

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 13 March 2013



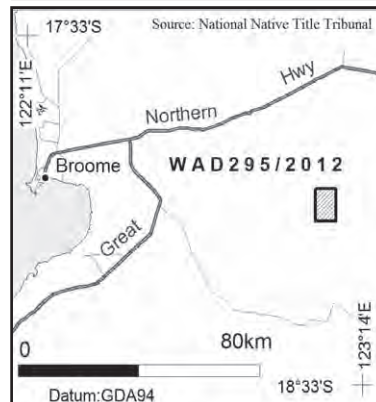
National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 12 June 2013**. After 12 June 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: Lenny Hopiga & Ors (Karajarri Yanja) v State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD295/2012

Date filed: 24 October 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application covers about 69 square kilometres and is located approximately 90 kilometres east of Broome.

Relevant LGA: Shire of Broome.

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.

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Indigenous Reception and Registry Officer Canberra

We are seeking Indigenous candidates* who are looking to start a career in an Administrative role.

Salary range \$44,640 - \$60,083
plus 15.4% superannuation

IBA requires an Indigenous person as their Reception and Registry Officer for National Office in Canberra. This fantastic role will require you to answer phones, greet visitors, assist with general enquiries and managing the Reception and Registry Office. Reporting to the Reception and Registry Supervisor, you will be responsible for providing efficient and effective administrative support, excellent customer service and be a point of contact for assistance. This is a busy and diverse role and will suit someone who is flexible and enjoys working in a team based environment.

Key responsibilities include:

- + reception duties
- + general administrative duties including mail and courier services
- + records management support.

Requirements of this position include:

- + basic Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel and Outlook) capabilities
- + personable, proactive, enthusiastic attitude, driven to improve processes and provide a high level of support
- + a high degree of individual initiative, self reliance, resourcefulness and motivation
- + verbal and written communication skills with a high attention to detail.

*The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under subsection 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

For further information including job description and selection documentation visit <http://www.iba.gov.au/about-us/working-at-iba/current-vacancies/>. If after reading the job documentation you have any questions please contact Cathryn Rodriguez on (02) 6121 2700 or email Cathryn.rodriguez@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 13 March 2013.

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IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 6 March 2013



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12012/134 Mandandanji People and Roma Clay Target Club Inc ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

Part of Lot 192 on Crown Plan 897183, being approximately 14.1 ha on the corner of Geoghegan and Roma Southern Roads in the town of Roma.

LGA: Maranoa Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Leslie Weribone, Alexandra Combarngo, David Combarngo, Phyllis Hopkins, Lorraine Tomlinson, Miranda Mailman, Sylvia McCarthy, Violet Costa, Sarah Trindall and Leigh Himstedt on their own behalf and on behalf of the Mandandanji People

C/- Just Us Lawyers
PO Box 120
Red Hill QLD 4059

Roma Clay Target Club Inc.
C/- Hede Byrne & Hall Lawyers
PO Box 1055
Toowoomba QLD 4350

The State of Queensland
Department of Environment and Resource
Management
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.1 The parties consent to the Surrender [of any native title in relation to the agreement area].

5.3 The parties agree that the Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Agreement Area.

5.4 Subdivision P, Part 2, Division 3 of the NTA is not intended to apply to the Surrender.

5.5... the parties agree to the validating of any Future Acts invalidly done by the State in the Agreement Area prior to Registration and that the acts are Valid and are taken to always have been Valid.

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 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 6 June 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 Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Amputee boxer Brad blazes trail

By GRAHAM HUNT



HE'S Hardman by name and hard man by nature – Aboriginal amputee Brad

Hardman is blazing a trail in amateur boxing. The 31-year-old Erskinville (Sydney) man is setting himself for his second amateur fight – as long as the sport's world governing body approves of it. Hardman knows of no other amputee boxers, putting him in a category of his own. It means that when he steps into the ring, he is up against able-bodied athletes. But he told the *Koori Mail* he was sure plenty of amputees would grab the opportunity

to fight if it became an accepted sport. He had his first amateur fight last December. That was under the auspices of the breakaway Amateur Boxing League. He hopes his next fight will be sanctioned by the official governing world amateur organisation. **Awaiting confirmation** Boxing Australian has given Hardman's next fight its blessing and is awaiting a ruling from the world body. If it is approved, it will be go ahead at the Windsor Leagues Club on Saturday 2 March. Hardman's opponent has not been named. If the fight goes ahead, Hardman won't be short on expert advice. In his corner will


be renowned boxing trainer Johnny Lewis. Hardman knows Lewis because the trainer lives just down the road from Hardman's home. Lewis invited Hardman to a training session at his gym and that was the beginning of a new journey for the former Eastern Suburbs PCYC youth worker. In his first fight, Hardman was up against an opponent 30kg heavier and 30cm taller. Hardman didn't win, but he came close, losing by just one point. He trained for three months before his first fight. *Men's Fitness* magazine said to increase his leg strength, Hardman did a lot of running on the treadmill and balance work, and squatting without weights.

"The idea was to get my bad leg (which is fitted with a titanium and fibreglass prosthesis) to keep up with my good one," he told the magazine. **Fortunate** He also said he was fortunate that as an orthodox fighter, he had lost his left 'peg'. "My right is my back leg and I get all my power from it when I rock back, then launch into a punch," he said. In his only fight so far, his plan was to 'burrow in' against his taller opponent, pummel his body, then attack his head and work him into a corner. "I hit him with a few combos, but he just wouldn't drop," Hardman told *Men's Fitness*.

Life hasn't been plain sailing for Hardman, who lost his leg in a car crash when he was 15 in 1996. He and a friend were in the back seat when the car struck a pole at high speed. His friend was killed. Before the crash, Hardman was a promising junior rugby league player. He is also a talented golfer and has travelled extensively. Despite the setback of losing his PCYC job, Mardman's life is back on track, thanks in part to boxing. Down the track, he wants boxing to be accepted as a Paralympic sport. He can't understand why it's not already accepted.



Brad Hartman in the gym as he prepares for his next amateur fight.



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	15/1808	MACPHERSONS REWARD PTY LTD	9.69HA	7km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 0' S Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE 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: 27 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 **27 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. 27 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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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/1211	DIORO EXPLORATION NL	415049	45.44HA	14km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 58' S Long: 121° 18' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
15/932	AVOCA MINING PTY LTD	415741	177.77HA	14km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
31/865	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	412033	1082.79HA	79km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 20' S Long: 121° 56' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/1011	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	415639	405.92HA	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
59/1327-I	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	409547	47.37HA	66km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 117° 0' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
77/1235-I	CAZALY RESOURCES LTD	415843	12.22HA	55km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 119° 33' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1235-I	CAZALY RESOURCES LTD	415582	60.45HA	55km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 40' S Long: 119° 33' E	YILGARN SHIRE
77/1320-I	SOUTHERN CROSS GOLDFIELDS LTD	415096	27.62HA	62km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 18' S Long: 119° 10' E	YILGARN SHIRE
40/320	KIN MINING NL	413007	129.23HA	20km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 121° 17' E	LEONORA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 27 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 **27 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. 27 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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Sport

Off to world 8-ball titles in England



A DUSTY old pool table on the Davenport Aboriginal reserve in South Australia was the starting point for a successful career as an 8-ball player for Susan Coulthard.

Now, the 54-year-old mother of two is heading to the world 8-ball championships in England in June and July, representing Australia.

This will be the first time she has represented Australia, but she has represented South Australia eight times since 1991.

The Adnyamathanha woman was born in Leigh Creek, in the Flinders Ranges.

Her family moved to Port Augusta and at the age of ten and she lived on Davenport Reserve, on the outskirts of Port Augusta.

“It was on the reserve where I starting playing pool on an old crusty broken down pool table,” she said.

She started playing in Port Augusta and then moved to Adelaide in 1981 and continued playing in the South Australian Women’s 8-Ball Association.

Highlights of her career have included:

1991: Represented South Australia in Surfers Paradise.

1991: Australian women’s singles runner-up.

1992: Australian women’s singles runner-up in Perth.

1993: Represented South Australia in singles and doubles in Darwin.

1994: Singles, doubles and team level in Mildura 1994.

1995: Represented South Australia in nine-ball championship in Sydney.

2010: Represented South Australia in Darwin.

2012: Represented South Australia on the Gold Coast 2012.

Met Eddie Charlton

A highlight for Coulthard was meeting the legendary Eddie Charlton in 1995.

She told the *Koori Mail* she wanted to share her journey with Aboriginal youth.

“Dreams do come true and I am a role model for the young and young at heart,” she said.

“Playing 8-ball has taken me to state, national, international and world title competitions.

“I want to inspire, teach and show all young people where the love of a sport can take you.”

Coulthard will be a member of the Australian women’s team at the world titles in Blackpool, from 23 June to 3 July.

The team will spend time in South Africa on the way to England.

The cost for players will be about \$4500.

Coulthard now is busy raising money to cover her expenses.

Stars of yesteryear come out to play



FORMER Australian Football League (AFL) players Michael O’Loughlin, Daniel Motlop, Ronnie Burns, Darrell White, Cory McGrath and Kevin Caton are amongst those

joining the Victorian All Stars for a charity match against Tasmania next month.

Organisers say a few more Aboriginal stars may be coming out of retirement for the clash, but are yet to confirm.

Dubbed Relive the Rivalry, referring to the much anticipated Tasmania versus Victoria matches of the the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, it is the second game of its kind in recent years.

The main game is scheduled to kick off at 2.30pm on Saturday 16 March at North Hobart Oval.



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Exploration Licence	08/2406	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	10BL	156km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 37' S Long: 115° 12' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2423	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	97BL	74km NE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 22° 38' S Long: 114° 15' E	EXMOUTH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2424	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	152BL	59km NE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 22° 50' S Long: 114° 14' E	CARNARVON SHIRE, EXMOUTH SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2426	KALAMAZOO RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	98km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 21' S Long: 115° 46' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1346	RAVEN RESOURCES PTY LTD	18BL	11km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2266	DISTANT ISLAND PTY LTD	134BL	100km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 124° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	31/1035	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	15BL	65km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 39' S Long: 121° 42' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/805	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	34km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 121° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/806	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	30km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 120° 58' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2742	TAHLEM PTY LTD	200BL	78km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 17' S Long: 122° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2792-I	AUSNICO LIMITED	18BL	130km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 122° 8' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2794	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	10BL	66km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 53' S Long: 123° 33' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2796	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	45BL	107km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 28° 6' S Long: 123° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2808	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	2BL	62km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 47' S Long: 122° 18' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2809	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	59km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 122° 19' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2810	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1BL	57km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 48' S Long: 122° 21' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1701	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	27BL	56km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 121° 50' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1722	DESERT FOX RESOURCES PTY LTD	12BL	101km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 123° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3557	FERRO METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	3BL	24km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 30' S Long: 118° 29' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3754	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	32BL	86km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 36' S Long: 120° 57' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4079	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	25BL	50km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 57' S Long: 119° 19' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4118	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	4BL	47km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 120° 13' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4123	PILBARA MINING RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	39km NE'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 7' S Long: 119° 48' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4125	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	193BL	102km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 21' S Long: 121° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4135	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	21BL	57km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 48' S Long: 118° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/1584	BHP BILLITON MINERALS PTY LTD	70BL	117km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 21' S Long: 118° 52' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2735	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	1BL	26km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 8' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1538	PANORAMIC GOLD PTY LTD	51BL	91km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 119° 18' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1648	TORO ENERGY LIMITED	1BL	49km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 0' S Long: 120° 41' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/904	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	30BL	54km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 20' S Long: 118° 55' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/924	DOURADO RESOURCES LTD	2BL	85km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 27° 13' S Long: 118° 59' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/442	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	19BL	58km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 118° 22' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/446	AUSQUEST LIMITED	65BL	67km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 118° 37' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/447	AUSQUEST LIMITED	64BL	73km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 118° 34' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	58/449-I	FLINDERS MINES LIMITED	39BL	81km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 118° 30' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1845-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	37BL	22km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 31' S Long: 116° 46' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1847-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	70BL	63km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 116° 50' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1848-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	70BL	15km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 28' S Long: 116° 37' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1849-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	70BL	30km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 116° 41' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1850-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	43BL	75km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 29° 0' S Long: 116° 49' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1851-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	23BL	50km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 116° 39' E	PERENJORI SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1878	ACCENT RESOURCES NL	7BL	51km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 117° 14' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1923	AUSQUEST LIMITED	34BL	70km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 7' S Long: 118° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1924	AUSQUEST LIMITED	70BL	33km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 21' S Long: 117° 55' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1925	AUSQUEST LIMITED	70BL	28km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 117° 57' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1926	AUSQUEST LIMITED	59BL	50km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 117° 57' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1927	AUSQUEST LIMITED	70BL	57km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 34' S Long: 117° 56' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1928	AUSQUEST LIMITED	70BL	62km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 33' S Long: 118° 8' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1934	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	25BL	62km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 28° 0' S Long: 115° 44' E	GERALDTON CITY
Exploration Licence	59/1936	DOWDING, Laurie	1BL	32km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 6' S Long: 117° 24' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1941	GARDINER, Colin David LEEDS, Tony Alvin SEYMOUR, David Michael	4BL	41km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 28° 22' S Long: 117° 37' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2542	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	155km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 13' S Long: 120° 30' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/2766	CAZALY IRON PTY LTD	3BL	137km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 22' S Long: 121° 9' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3087	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	111BL	163km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 36' S Long: 120° 35' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3088	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	168BL	144km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 34' S Long: 120° 15' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3089	HAMELIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	176BL	154km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 40' S Long: 120° 15' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3093	NEWSEARCH PTY LTD	76BL	220km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 58' S Long: 122° 56' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3095	SIPA COPPER PTY LTD	200BL	176km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 0' S Long: 120° 36' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3614	DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD	54BL	16km SW'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 34° 2' S Long: 115° 59' E	BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES SHIRE, MANJIMUP SHIRE, NANNUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/3826	DARLING RANGE NORTH PTY LTD	141BL	35km NW'ly of Goomalling	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 116° 31' E	GOOMALLING SHIRE, TOODYAY SHIRE, VICTORIA PLAINS SHIRE, WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4092	BAUXITE RESOURCES LIMITED	54BL	25km NE'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 45' S Long: 116° 16' E	BOYUP BROOK SHIRE, DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4428	WESTERN AREAS NL SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD	33BL	47km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 119° 46' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4429	WESTERN AREAS NL SWANOAK HOLDINGS PTY LTD	8BL	54km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat: 33° 11' S Long: 119° 43' E	LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4440	SIMBA MINERALS LIMITED	143BL	17km SW'ly of Lake Grace	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 118° 21' E	DUMBLEYUNG SHIRE, KENT SHIRE, LAKE GRACE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4444-I	DOUGLAS ERIC KENNEDY LEONARD GEOFFERY HAWORTH	20BL	121km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat: 27° 27' S Long: 115° 26' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1983	CENTRAL WEST RESOURCES PTY LTD	3BL	2km S'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 119° 31' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2080	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2096	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	25BL	18km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 119° 3' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2097	MONTAGUE RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 10' S Long: 119° 46' E	YILGARN SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	15/5761	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	189.99HA	14km SE'ly of Widgeemooltha	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 121° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5768-S	FRASER, Lance Blincoe TARABINI, Graeme Victor	9.75HA	11km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	26/3839	NEX METALS EXPLORATIONS LTD	159.31HA	12km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 51' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3925	SCOTT, Brett Anthony	9.92HA	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2303-5	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	465.56HA	89km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 120° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1101 & 30/1104	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	329.13HA	59km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 3' S Long: 120° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	30/1105	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	194.84HA	60km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 2' S Long: 120° 33' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	31/2035	TERRANOVA, Guiseppi	139.77HA	83km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 30' S Long: 121° 52' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1782	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	198.19HA	34km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 56' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1785	STEIN, Murray James	120.78HA	49km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 13' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8293-6	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	784.75HA	37km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 36' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8301-4	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	776.19HA	33km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 121° 39' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8309	BAKER, Gail Isobel	17.64HA	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 52' S Long: 121° 19' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8335	ALOUISUS PTY LTD	183.48HA	7km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 56' S Long: 121° 18' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8336-7	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	329.44HA	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 121° 30' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8339-40	GS AND MG PTY LTD	358.61HA	24km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 121° 32' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8341-8	MARTIN, Paul Richard	1265.87HA	41 km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 36' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8352	LOWE, Leslie Edward	179.12HA	33km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 43' S Long: 121° 37' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4067	SOUTH BOULDER MINES LTD	60.83HA	85km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 40' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5230	MARTIN, Paul Richard	181.26HA	48km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 121° 49' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5401	MONEY, John Robert Venn	47.29HA	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 57' S Long: 121° 52' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5402	THE LAGOON SUPERFUND	127.44HA	21km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 30' S Long: 122° 13' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5403	THE LAGOON SUPERFUND	10.88HA	23km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 29' S Long: 122° 13' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1317	DIXON, Trevor John	176.44HA	36km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 11' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1319	DIXON, Trevor John	66.50HA	53km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 21' S Long: 121° 25' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1688-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	23.40HA	92km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 117° 1' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1689	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	23.40HA	93km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 117° 0' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1698	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	72.33HA	95km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 29' S Long: 116° 19' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2807-24	DORAY MINERALS LIMITED	3004.61HA	13km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S Long: 118° 31' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1622-3	NAVIGATOR (BRONZEWING) PTY LTD	307.46HA	55km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 27° 4' S Long: 120° 57' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4056	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	98.84HA	95km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 32° 0' S Long: 119° 43' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4057	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	42.24HA	90km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 56' S Long: 119° 45' E	YILGARN SHIRE</

Oztag set for Gosford



AN all-schools Close the Gap oztag tournament will be held at Adcock Park, Gosford, on Friday 8 March for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

The Boomerang Shield aims to encourage Aboriginal and other youth to participate in sport and promote healthy lifestyles.

Koori Connect Aboriginal sports co-ordinator Mitch Markham said it was

important for schools to participate in physical activity to promote and support healthy lifestyles.

"This event is a great opportunity for Central Coast students to get together, be active and make healthy lifestyle choices," he said

"We've had a great response from schools and are hoping to get as many students involved as possible."

There will also be health, education and employment workshops and a free

sausage sizzle with St John Ambulance in attendance.

The event will be co-ordinated by the Youthconnections.com.au Koori Connect Unit and is a partnership between Narara Valley High School, Gosford City Council and Central Coast Junior Oztag.

Central Coast schools will be forming 16 teams with eight teams in two categories.

Teams must register by 1 March. Contact Mitch Markham on (02) 4346 1111.

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 4 March 2013



National Native Title Tribunal

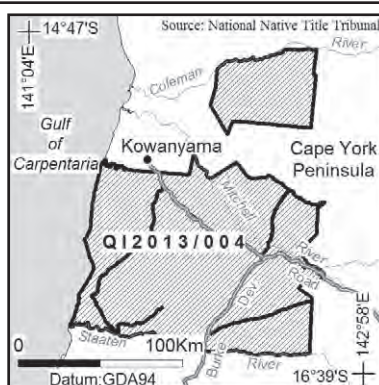


QI2013/003 Carpentaria Shire Council Kowanyama Area ILUA (Part B)

Description of the agreement area:

The Agreement covers about 13,640 sq km, located south of Kowanyama to the Staaten River and from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the Shire boundary.

Relevant LGA: Carpentaria Shire Council.

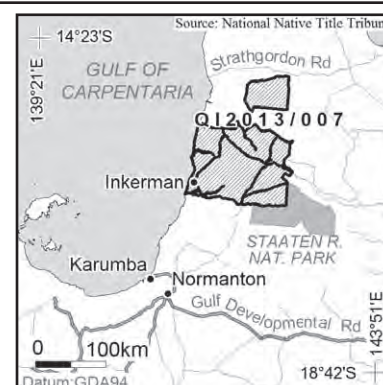


QI2013/004 Kowanyama People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The Agreement covers about 16,540 sq km, located south and northeast of Kowanyama extending south to the Staaten River. Relevant LGAs: Carpentaria Shire, Cook Shire and Tablelands Regional Councils.

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Qld.



QI2013/007 Kowanyama Pastoral Area ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The Agreement covers about 16,488 sq km approx. 150 km northeast of Normanton.

Relevant LGAs: Carpentaria Shire, Cook Shire and Tablelands 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 agreements and their contact addresses:

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The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal ('Tribunal')]

QI2013/003 Carpentaria Shire Council Kowanyama Area ILUA (Part B)

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

10.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts.

8.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of: (a) the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure; (b) the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and (c) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

9.2 [The Native Title Parties consent to]: (a) the operation and maintenance of off alignment roads by or on behalf of the Council; (b) the use by the public of off alignment roads.

11.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 3.

[Full details of the following defined terms can be obtained from the Tribunal on request: 'Approved Future Act', 'Minor Work or Activities' and 'Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure'.]

QI2013/004 Kowanyama People and Ergon Energy ILUA

5.1 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular Future Act and any class of Future Acts specified in this Agreement.

5.2 The Parties consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following Future Acts: (a) Minor Works;

(b) access to the Agreement Area for the purposes of the activities in clause 5.2(a); (c) use of all land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the Execution Date ('relevant Electricity Infrastructure') and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure; (d) access to all land referred to in clause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the Execution Date ('relevant access tracks'); (e) any Future Acts on Aboriginal Land subject to the prior written consent of the entity holding the Aboriginal Land having been obtained; and (f) the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure.

5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any Future Act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.

6.1 Where the Native Title Party can do so at law, the Native Title Party grants Ergon Energy a non-exclusive licence to use all land on which any [relevant Electricity Infrastructure] is located and all land adjacent to the relevant Electricity Infrastructure which is necessary for [its operation].

6.7 Where Ergon Energy uses [relevant access tracks] for the purpose of accessing the relevant Electricity Infrastructure, the Parties consent and authorise Ergon Energy, its Contractors to: (a) use the relevant access tracks for access purposes; (b) maintain and repair the relevant access tracks; and (c) be granted an interest in the nature of an easement, permit or licence over the area covered by those access tracks.

7.1 If, before the Execution Date, Ergon Energy had or acquired a right or interest in the Agreement Area under a way-leave agreement, easement, licence, permit, statutory or contractual access agreement, Act or Regulation, the Parties: [consent to the exercise of those rights and interests; agree they are valid and prevail over native title to the extent of any inconsistency].

[Full details of the defined term 'Minor Works' can be obtained from the Tribunal on request.]

QI2013/007 Kowanyama Pastoral Area ILUA

5.1 The parties Consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

5.5 Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA is not intended to apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

[Agreed Acts' is defined to mean all acts done to give effect to the agreement, including all acts done in accordance with clause 6 which relates to regulation of the exercise of the right to live in the agreement area].

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Bodies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, 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 covered by the agreements. **The application must be made by 4 June 2013.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Volleyball players hit the courts on Moa

By ALF WILSON



TEN women's teams and eight men's sides took part in the Torres Strait volleyball carnival at St Pauls, on Moa Island.

Hosted by the Wug Sporting and Recreation Association, the carnival attracted players and supporters from across the Torres Strait.

The women's teams were Saints, Matriarch A, Matriarch B, Tivaces, Mawan, Thaiwa, Last Minut, NPA, Poruma and Masig.

The men's teams were Tudi Warriors, SPM boys, Patriarch, Badu Boyzal, Warel Kuzi, TIVA Spartans, Masig Zagulite and NPA Gunners.

The top teams at the completion of qualifying rounds advanced through to the finals.

Saints proved too strong for Mawan in

the women's decider, winning in straight sets 3-0. They were supported strongly by a home crowd.

Tudi Warriors defeated Warel Kuzi 3-1 in the men's final.

Overall placings were:

Women: Saints 1, Mawan 2, Matriarch A 3, Masig 4, Poruma 5, Tivaces 6, NPA 7, Thaiwa 8, Last Minut and Ten 9, Matriarch B 10.

Men: Tudi Warriors 1, Warel Kuzi 2, Masig Zagulite 3, NPA Gunners 4,

Patriarch 5, Tiva Spartans 6, Badu Boyzal 7, Spm Boys 8.

St Pauls community members have worked hard to provide improved facilities to cater to the growing number of teams.

Wug Sporting and Recreation Association also hosted a darts competition for men and women. It attracted teams from Masig, NPA, Badu, TI, Warraber and Moa Island communities.



● LEFT: Tudi Warriors and Warel Kuzi, winners and runners-up after men's final.

● BELOW LEFT: Saints, the winners of the women's division.

● BELOW: Mawan were the runners-up in the women's competition.



Regional association in formative days

PLANS are under way to establish a regional volleyball sporting body covering the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

On 1 and 2 February, the Thursday Island Volleyball Association members hosted a workshop, with the support of Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association.

"The purpose of the workshop was to attract interested volleyball players of the Torres Strait and NPA communities. Representatives from various island and mainland communities came together in support of establishing a regional volleyball sporting body," said Matilda Loban, president of the Thursday Island Volleyball Association.



At the Torres Strait volleyball carnival, back row from left, Ellafaye Hosea, Stanley Dai, Frank Loban, Richard David, Laurance Hobson, Jensen Billy, Maleta Harry, Desmond Billy and Lorna David; front, Tilishia Akee, Giller Billy, Matilda Loban, Clara Tamu and Smithie Wilson.

KRL set to kick off

By ALF WILSON



THE 2013 Kaiwalagal rugby league season is set to kick off at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval on 9 March with at least four men's teams and a three-team women's competition.

KRL secretary L J Shibasaki said premiers Suburbs as well as Roosters, Badu and Knights had nominated for the men's

competition. "There's a possible fifth team with Mua (Moa Island) contemplating an entry. I'm waiting for Toshie Kris to get back to me on the Mua team," Shibasaki told the *Koori Mail*.

The three women's teams are Dedeyal Gummas, from St Pauls on Moa Island, TI Sundown Sirens, and a mixed community side.

There will be a KRL forum today (27 February) that will double as the KRL annual meeting.

"Tagai TAFE juniors have started and had their first hitout on 13

February to select a team for Peninsula trials on the 5-6 March," Shibasaki said.

"Everyone is looking forward to the new season. The KRL wants people to volunteer their time for the seniors and the juniors."

Rugby league is the major

sport in the Torres Strait and the coming season looks set to be even more successful than the previous one.

Suburbs made it back-to-back premierships in the 2012 men's decider last September with a hard-fought 24-20 win over arch-rivals Roosters.

Played before a large crowd at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval, Suburbs led 18-10 at half time.

The 2012 women's decider was an even closer match. Local TI side Sundown Sirens beat Dedeyal Gummas 25-24 with a field goal during extra time.

Still unknown

IN other news, the Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division has not yet decided on a format for the 2013 North Queensland Foley Shield competition.

Last year just four sides from the major centres contested the Foley Shield.

In 2009 Torres Cape entered the competition and performed strongly, reaching the final before being defeated by Innisfail Eacham.

Most football followers in the region would like to see a Torres Strait side in the Foley Shield.



Thursday Island's Sundown Sirens after their win last year.



Suburbs after last year's Torres Strait grand final win.

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Cats continue proud heritage

By CHRIS PIKE



THE Geelong Football Club has a long history with Indigenous footballers

dating back to the legendary Graham 'Polly' Farmer, and for the NAB Cup pre-season opener in Perth the Cats had six players of Aboriginal descent in their line-up.

Travis Varcoe, Matthew Stokes, Allen Christensen, Steven Motlop, Joel Hamling and Brad Hartman took part in Geelong's NAB Cup opener in Perth, where the Cats beat West Coast in the opening game and then lost to Fremantle in the second.

To have six players in the one squad not only shows the continued growth of Indigenous players taking part in Australian football at the highest level, but it also continues Geelong's tradition of supporting Aboriginal footballers.

Going back, Farmer is not only the standout Indigenous player to pull on a Geelong jumper but is perhaps the greatest Aboriginal footballer of all time and one of the best players generally in the game as well.

Changed the game

The West Australian ruckman ventured to the Victorian Football League (VFL) in 1962 to begin his six-year stint with the Cats that saw him change the way the game was played with his athleticism and attacking handballing.

In all, he played 101 games with Geelong after arriving as a 27-year-old and went on to play in the club's 1963 premiership side and won the Cats' best and fairest award in 1963 and 1964.

He was captain of Geelong from 1965-67, with his last game in blue-and-white hoops being the losing 1967 grand final to Richmond.

He later went on to coach Geelong from 1973-75 and that isn't even including his achievements in WA with West Perth and East Perth.

Farmer was also the man that made Geelong's No 5 jumper famous. It was later worn by another all-time great, Gary Ablett Snr, and is currently worn by another Indigenous star, Travis Varcoe.

Another past Geelong Indigenous star was the exciting



RONNIE BURNS

goal kicker Ronnie Burns. He arrived at Geelong in 1996 after coming south from Darwin and he made an immediate impact hot on the heels of the retirement of Ablett.

Burns became an immediate favourite with his team-mates and supporters not only because of his skills on the field, but also his larrikin nature which often included handstands and cartwheels after he kicked goals.

In all, the nephew of South Fremantle WAFL great Benny Vigona kicked 239 goals in his 134 games with Geelong before he played the last two years of



ALLEN CHRISTENSEN
Image: Slattery Media Group



JOEL HAMLING

his AFL career with the Adelaide Crows.

Now, there is the modern-day crop of Geelong's Indigenous players, and they are certainly making their mark.

New role

Varcoe struggled for just one AFL game due to a foot injury in 2012, but made an encouraging return in the NAB Cup opener in a new role running off half-back.

The 24-year-old has been afforded the honour of wearing the No 5 jumper and has been a tremendous player since finding his feet at AFL level. He is a premiership player from 2009 and 2011, and has now played 101 games for the Cats since making his debut in 2007.

Stokes might have had some ups and downs in his time at the Cats, but has been a tremendous servant as a clever, skilful and quick small-forward throughout his 131-game career with the Cats that started in 2006.

The 28-year-old is a two-time premiership player and celebrated the 2011 win more than anyone after missing the 2009 grand final win over St Kilda when he was left out of the team.

Christensen only made his debut with Geelong in 2011, but made an immediate impact to play a big part in that season's



STEVEN MOTLOP
AAP image



BRAD HARTMAN
Image: Peter Argent

premiership with the grand final win over Collingwood.

He has now played 36 AFL games, and the 21-year-old is one of the best small forwards, and occasional midfielders, in the AFL.

Motlop has a strong family



TRAVIS VARCOE
AAP image



MATTHEW STOKES
AAP image

history in the AFL as the younger brother of former North Melbourne premiership player Shannon, and Port Adelaide star Daniel, as well as the cousin of another Power player, Marlon.

However, he is now making his own mark in the game, with the 21-year-old from the Northern Territory already having played 27 games. With his pace and skill, he should be able to cement a permanent spot in the Cats line-up in 2013.

Hartman and Hamling are two young players new to the Geelong list as well, but have shown enough

good signs to suggest they will be able to make an impact at AFL level down the track.

Three line up for Tokyo Marathon



THREE Indigenous runners were to tackle the famous Tokyo Marathon last Sunday. Korey Summers, from Alice Springs, Nat Heath, from Newcastle, and Jurgean Tabuai, from Saibai Island, were to line up alongside 35,000 other competitors following the cancellation of the New York Marathon last November.

Korey Summers, who is hoping to be one of the first Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) athletes to run under three hours for the marathon, said he was nervous, but excited to finally have a chance at running a marathon.

"I am feeling really fit and ready to go. My training has been going extremely well and I think I am at a good level of fitness, so I am hoping to run well in Tokyo," he said on the eve of his departure.

"I am so happy to be given another chance to finally run a marathon after not running in New York, and not just any marathon, but another huge one

in another country is really exciting."

The athletes were selected as part of the 2012 IMP New York Marathon squad in March last year, and competed in a number of major national events throughout the year, including the Gold Coast half-marathon, and the Sydney Running Festival.

IMP founder and former world champion marathon runner Rob de Castella said the marathon would be the toughest challenge the men had faced, and would have been made harder with an expected low of -1 degree in Tokyo on Saturday night.

"The journey to the start line for these guys has not been an easy one," de Castella said.

"They have had many obstacles to overcome, but this is a huge achievement for each of them, and something that they should be very proud of."

The team arrived in Tokyo last Friday and were to attend a reception at the Australian Embassy to recognise their achievements.



Jurgean Tabuai, left, from Saibai Island, and Korey Summers, from Alice Springs.



Nat Heath in New York last year before the cancellation of the New York Marathon.

Search under way for next crop of runners

ROB de Castella's Indigenous Marathon Project team is about to embark on an Australia-wide search for potential runners to contest the 2013 New York Marathon.

The tour will start in Sydney on 13 March and end in Melbourne on 24 March.

Organisers are inviting anyone between the ages of 18 and 30 to come and try out.

They say runners do not need any formal experience.

"We are simply looking for outstanding young Indigenous men and women aged 18-30 who want to run the New York Marathon, sweat out nine months of training under the guidance of Rob de Castella, and inspire Indigenous people to be healthy," an IMP spokesman said.

The tryout itinerary is:
 Sydney, Wednesday 13 March, Moore Park Oval, 8am
 Newcastle, Thursday, 14 March, Park Run course, meet at 1 Arnold St, Carrington, 8am.
 Brisbane, Friday 15 March, QSAC State Athletics Track, Kessels Road, Nathan, 8am.
 Cairns, Saturday 16 March, The Esplanade, meet at the Pirate Ship, 8am.
 Mossman, Sunday 17 March, Mossman Hospital carpark, 8am.

Yirrkala, Monday 18 March, Yirrkala Community Oval, 9am.
 Darwin, Tuesday 19 March, East Point Reserve, Alec Fong Lim Drive, 8am.

Katherine, Tuesday 19 March, Katherine Sports Ground oval 1, 4pm.

Alice Springs, Wednesday 20 March, venue to be advised, 5pm.

Perth, Friday 22 March, venue to be advised, 8am.

Adelaide, Saturday 23 March, Adelaide Uni Sports Ground, McKinnon Parade, 8am

Melbourne, Sunday 24 March, Brens Pavilion, Parkville Cricket Club, 8am.

The tryouts will consist of a 3km timed run for women and a 5km timed run for men, as well as the beep test, and an interview with IMP staff.

Applicants should bring running gear and a drink bottle.

Applications to be part of IMP 2013 can be submitted online at www.imp.org.au or by calling (02) 6260 5750.

Interested applicants can also apply on the day at tryouts.

For more information, call Laura Oldfield on (02) 6260 5750 or 0438 523 543.

For directions on the day of each tryout, contact Tim on 0415 594 818.

Grover in, Davis out

'Neon Leon' turns off the light

By CHRIS PIKE



ONE former Australian Football League (AFL) star has decided to return full-time to the

WAFL for the 2013 season, while another has pulled the pin on his career despite still being under contract.

Leon Davis returned to Perth to play with his original WAFL club before his tremendous career with Collingwood. He had a good year in 2012, and was still contracted for 2013, but has decided that he does not want to play on with the Demons.

Meanwhile, former Fremantle hard-nosed defender Antoni Grover has decided to play on with his original WAFL club Subiaco after retiring from the Dockers at the end of 2012.

Davis returned to the WAFL last season and his original club Perth following a terrific dual All-Australian AFL career with Collingwood, and he played well for the Demons mostly across half-back where he averaged almost 23 possessions a game and kicked 16 goals.

Perth was then excited by the prospect of him teaming up in 2013 with retired Hawthorn



ANTONI GROVER

premiership star Chance Bateman, with the two to be back with the Demons after originally playing in the colts premiership together in 1999.

While Bateman is locked in for the 2013 season, Davis has been living in Northam and weighing up for some time whether he could commit to WAFL football again, and the end decision was simply that he did not want to.

The 31-year-old informed the club in mid-February that he did not want to return despite still being contracted for 2013, with his desire to spend more

time at home with his family.

Meanwhile, the news is much better for Subiaco, where Grover will continue on his WAFL career after his outstanding time in the AFL with Fremantle where he played 202 matches following his rookie-listing after impressive performances as a youngster with Subiaco.

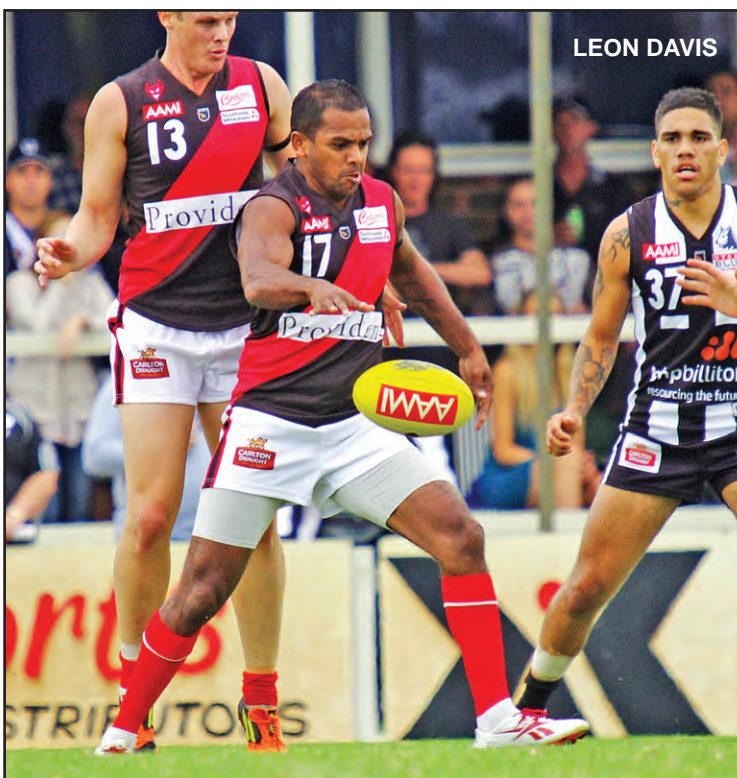
Always Subiaco

The 32-year-old felt that his competitive nature remained too strong to give the game away at a high level, and when deciding to play again it was never going to be with any other WAFL club than Subiaco.

Upon discussing why Subiaco means so much to him, Grover still credits the Lions for leading him into this AFL career and can remember the day he came to the club asking for a game in the colts as a 17-year-old. "I still remember the day I walked on to Leederville Oval and asked the colts coach if I could just have a run. It still feels like I've come to a new club because there's so many new faces in the group, but it's exciting to see all the young guys," Grover said.

"You can see that some of them are a bit nervous, but some sort of take the bull by the horns and I think that with my experience and leadership, I can help develop them.

"I'd probably say that last year didn't end well for me on a personal level either at Subiaco or Fremantle, so I didn't want to end on that note and that was a big reason why I want to play on again for at least another season here with Subiaco."



LEON DAVIS

Mum's wise words of advice

By PETER ARGENT



TYSON Demos, son of former North Sydney Rugby League Club player the late Kon Demos, said it was his mother Sandy who

steered him towards basketball.

Demos has his Aboriginal heritage from his mother, who comes from the Bindal mob in Townsville.

He started playing basketball as a seven-year-old and was an elite junior in basketball and rugby league, being an Illawarra 'Steeler' rugby league player until he endured the first of two knee reconstructions at 16, which forced him to make a choice.

"I was a Hawks basketball player from the age of 11, playing in the under 14, under 16 and under 18 programs, before making the New South Wales under 20s side for the nationals," Demos said.

"In 2005 I was offered a position in the Australian Institute of Sport.

"In that AIS side was fellow Aboriginal blokes Pat Mills and Nat Jawai.

"Patrick is in the NBA (United States National Basketball Association) and Nat is playing in Spain.

"We still keep in contact through Twitter and Facebook."

The trio were supposed to play together in the under 19 basketball World Cup, but

a second anterior cruciate ligament injury to his knee meant Demos didn't make the trip to France.

He was offered a contract with the Gold Coast Blaze and decided to start in the National Basketball League (NBL) instead of going into the American college system.

After three seasons, he was collected by the Wollongong Hawks and has been on their list for the past three seasons.

"It was something of a homecoming being picked up by the Hawks," Demos said.

"I grew up watching them.

"I guess you can call me a combo guard – as I am a naturally three-point shooting guard – and I can play the point guard role as well.

"A part of the game I really enjoy is aggressive physical defence, which adds to my game.

"At times it can be a little frustrating not getting the court time, but at 24 the opportunities are still in front of me.

"Having two knee reconstructions has helped me build a natural resilience and the second one was certainly a little easier to cope with."

Demos said it was a distinctly different environment being involved in the now defunct Blaze and the only foundation side in the NBL, the Hawks.

"When I was at the AIS, Marty Clark had a big role in my development," Demos said.

"Brendan Joyce on the Gold Coast continued this, while Gordie McLeod at the Hawks has elevated my confidence and made me look at my game.

"He has also made me more of a student of the game."

His first mentor was his late father Kon, who played a season of rugby league for the North Sydney Bears. Kon Demos, a builder, died last November aged 54.

While Demos is averaging 3.2 points a game and 1.3 rebounds over the current season, he is still seen as an important part of the team coming off the bench.

Away from the court, as a part of his personal development, Demos is doing good work through a program with the Lake Illawarra Police, being a leader and role model for repeat offenders.

"Tyson has stepped up his commitments in the Aboriginal community," said Hawks media manager Mili Simic.

"He is seen as a leader who has a real affinity with these guys.

"During the program he has brought these lads to games and took them into the (change) rooms to meet his team-mates."

The Wollongong Hawks No 2 said he loved the involvement in the local community and was keen to be involved in this field after his playing days.

Before heading in that direction, Demos is keen to at least double the 159 games he has played in the NBL.



Tyson Demos of the Wollongong Hawks looks to drive past Shawn Redhage of the Perth Wildcats at Challenge Stadium, Perth in October 2010. Getty image

The class of 2013

By PETER ARGENT



FOUR exciting Aboriginal teenage footballers – Malcolm Karpany, Josh Pitson, Zac Bates and Robert Young – were among those who

took part in the season-opening South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Academy match on Saturday 16 February.

They are some of the best talent South Australia has to offer for the 2013 draft.

Forty-two players went through their paces in front of recruiting staff from all 18 clubs as well as AFL talent manager Kevin Sheehan at Max Basheer Oval in what is seen as the traditional start to one of the most important years in their careers.

In a tightly contested game in oppressive humidity, the Red combination, which included Bates and Young, won by eight points.

"While we had 13 players on the sidelines, including the likes of (James) Aish, (Luke) Dunstan and (Dwayne) Wilson, the game showcased the breath of talent to work with this year," SANFL under 18 coach Brenton Phillips said.

"Malcolm Karpany was classy and showed he has some real tricks, along with good skill execution.

"He was high among my best players.

"Zac Bates was prepared to run and carry the ball, and likes to take them on.

"Robbie (Young) played in Port Adelaide's league trial with the Power a week previous and was good in this match.

"He is a clever footballer with plenty of game 'smarts'.

"Josh Pitson was a late call-up and he took six marks as a lead-up forward in this game.

"There were plenty of positives to come out of the day.

"It's pleasing the long injury list is in February and hopefully it's not like that in June and July."

Karpany, from the Yorke Peninsula, was part of the Woodville West Torrens under-18 premiership line-up last year.

Bates, a Barmera-Monash footballer from the Riverland, is now playing with West Adelaide, while Young is a Magpie and Pitson plays at the Norwood Redlegs.

AFL under-age guru Sheehan was excited about what South Australia had to offer in 2013.

"It was terrific to see the taller younger players in the South Australian squad," he said.

"We already knew that this group of 18-year-olds would be pretty strong.

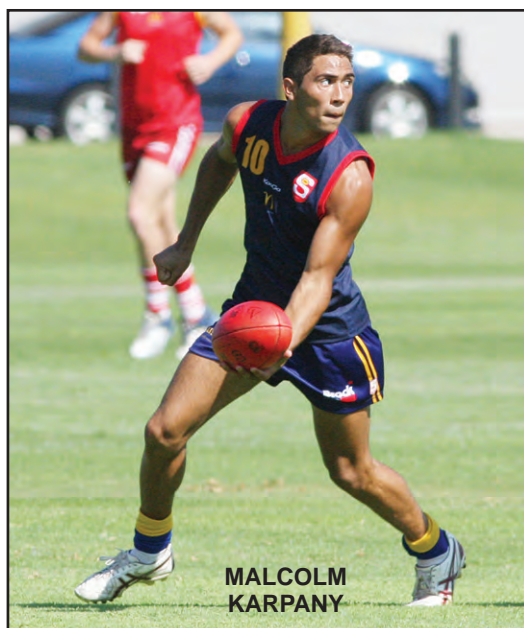
"It is about (winning) a championship, and also about developing players for the AFL and to be stars in the local competitions.

"I expect that South Australia will be around the mark at the nationals again this year."

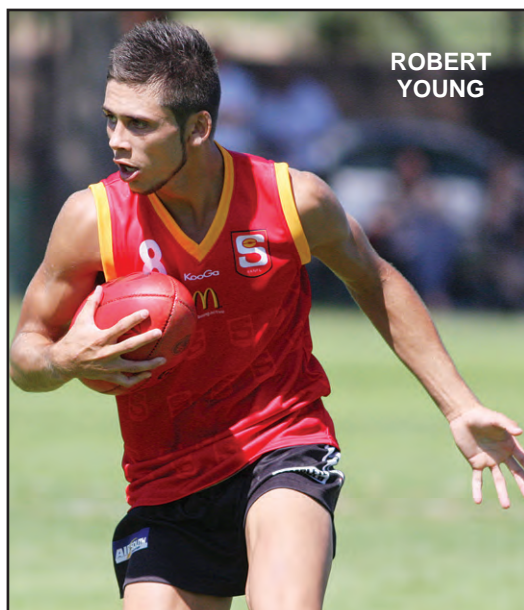
Sheehan has already travelled to Western Australia and Darwin, and he will see the young Victorians in a couple of weeks, and will attend a three-day camp in Tasmania following that.

Wilson, who was expected to come into contention to play SANFL football with the Double Blues before his knee injury, is still in contention to take part in this year's national championships.

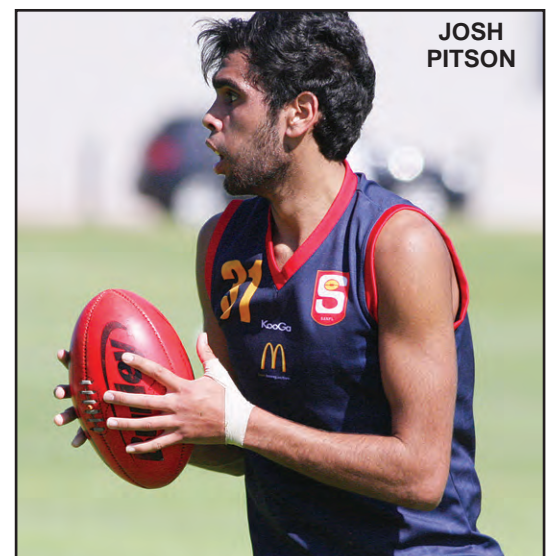
His strengths include pace and ability to use the ball constructively at speed.



MALCOLM KARPANY



ROBERT YOUNG



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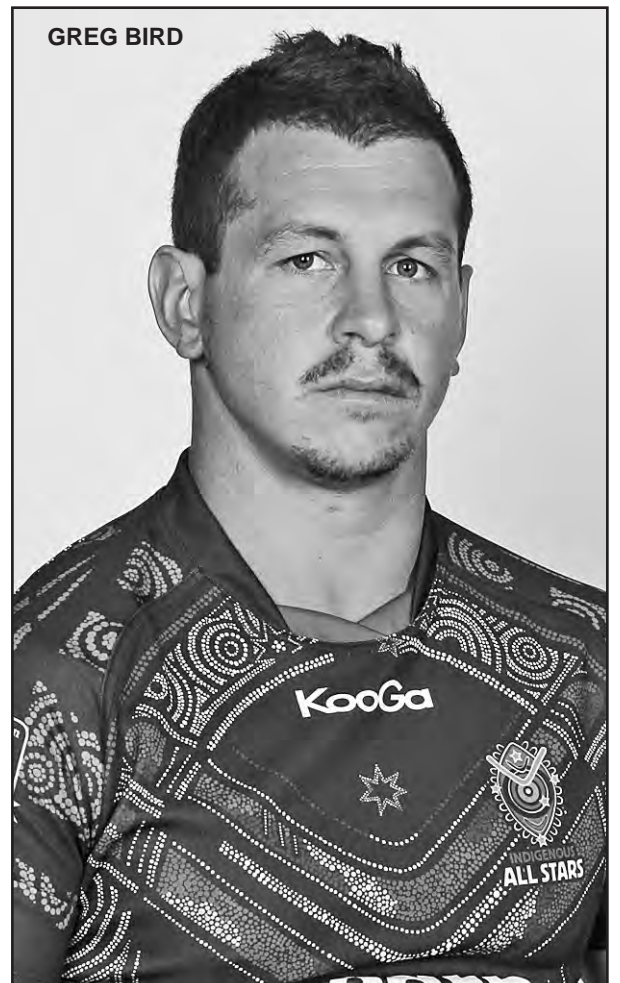
Leading by example



Sam Thaiday with the late great Arthur Beetson.



JOHNATHAN THURSTON



GREG BIRD

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

It was a legacy established by the great Arthur Beetson.

Arthur was the first Aboriginal person to captain an Australian sporting team, and now we see many rugby league players being given leadership roles in the game.

Once again, all three Queensland NRL sides will have Aboriginal leaders, with Greg Bird being elevated as co-captain of the Titans side with Nate Myles following the departure of my good mate Scott Prince to the Broncos.

No matter how strong a person a leader is, the position will always come with additional pressure and responsibility.

In the NRL, every leader also has to deal with the scrutiny and expectation of the media and the fans.

And in the demanding game of rugby league, you are expected to lead by

example on and off the field.

I wrote in my previous column of the off-field leadership of Greg Inglis and Johnathan Thurston in bringing the dream of the NRL Indigenous Cultural Camp to reality.

Today, I will look at how Birdy, 'JT' and Sam Thaiday approach their leadership roles at their clubs.

There is no doubt that Sam Thaiday was under enormous pressure last year as he replaced one of the true greats in Darren Lockyer as captain.

Knowing how Sam operates in the All Stars Camp, he is great in bringing a group of people together.

On the field, he is fearless and leads by example.

But even he opened up about the pressures of captaining the Broncos, admitting he felt like he was 'drowning' at times last season as Darren Lockyer's successor.

More ownership

Thaiday has pledged to take more ownership on and off the field this season.

The leadership transition was among the key changes at Red Hill last season, with Broncos coach Anthony Griffin opting for Thaiday over Corey Parker to lead the club in the post-Lockyer era.

But Thaiday admits putting his stamp on the Broncos has been an onerous assignment and says it will take another 12 months to feel completely at ease with his leadership responsibilities.

"I think I was treading water there for a long time... I was drowning a little bit," said Thaiday.

"It's a tough role to take on; it was pretty foreign to me.

"I have always been considered to be in those leadership groups around the club and I took a big step last season with the captaincy.

"I've learned a lot from last year. I reckon it will take me a good year this year to become the captain I want to be, but I will get there, I will work just as hard as any captain.

"I will continue on my journey as captain, I am excited about this year coming up.

"I have to take it (the leadership) on my own now.

"I learned more about myself last year, I know now I have to be close to my best every week.

"If I get my own game right, the rest will fall into place and that is a big lesson I learned. I was trying to think about the team instead of my performance as a captain and player.

"As a player, I need to make sure I am performing first, that is the big lesson I learned."

"JT' is under another form of pressure as he is being chased by a number of clubs as he comes off contract at the end of the season.

"JT' was under fire a few seasons ago, with many questioning his suitability for the captaincy. He has blossomed since then and is one of the true leaders across the game.

I firmly believe that his role in the All Stars and the Indigenous Players Group has played a key role in this.

Personally, I would like to see him stay at the Cowboys and I think Neil Henry is on the right track when he talks about 'JT' having the opportunity to leave a true legacy at the club.

"We have a very strong roster going forward and the mix is right to leave a legacy with the group we have got," Henry said.

"We have been able to retain some key players so far and hopefully we will sign Johnathan as well.

"Naturally, this is something we'd like to finalise sooner rather than later, but we are not putting a deadline on it.

"JT' doesn't allow it to affect him. You saw how he performed in the All Stars.

"He is the type of player who keeps looking for improvements in his game and I do think he is still improving as a player.

"He has wonderful skills and his leadership is developing. He looks to improve all the time.

"And I think as far as this being his

last contract, you wouldn't know.

"I mean, Darren Lockyer was playing wonderful football at 34 in his last year. I think if 'JT' does decide to stay here, there is a real chance for us to leave a legacy and that is what we are working towards."

I think this will appeal to 'JT' as he has been an integral part of the club's development.

This brings me to my good mate Greg Bird.

Birdy was maligned by the press when he came to the Titans.

To his credit, he let his football do the talking and last year he was a key player in keeping the team together in difficult times.

Already a leader

Birdy doesn't need a letter beside his name to make him a leader.

He is a leader in any team he features – the Titans, New South Wales or Australia.

At 28, the enforcer is adamant he is ready to fulfil a lifelong dream in his role as co-captain.

Bird said he had grown up a lot during his three years on the Gold Coast after an at-times controversial career that started with his debut for Cronulla in 2002.

"I have (grown up)," he said.

"I guess debuting at a young age I have been in the game for a while now. This is my 12th year in first grade.

"I will play the same style of football and I will do the same things that I do now.

"I think it is more about what I can add to the team.

"I am up for the challenge.

"It has been one of my goals to captain an NRL team and this is the perfect opportunity for me."

A motivated Greg Bird is good for the Titans and good for the game.

It is great for our community that these three Indigenous leaders have been recognised by their clubs.

They are our leaders as well.

Harley a true star

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THERE are certain experiences in life that one treasures.

Being coach of the AFL Indigenous All Stars team is one of those opportunities that make me feel proud and privileged of what the game has given me and continues to offer for the next generation of our kids.

But the game is not the most important part of the week.

It is the bringing together of community and the development of the sense of brotherhood among the players.

As important and enjoyable as the win for us, it was the connection to community and culture that made the week so special.

I remember being interviewed after the game and being asked what made the game special.

All I had to do was to point to milling crowd of fans mixing with their players to underline the importance of the match and the week.



Harley Bennell, flanked by older brother John and mother Kayleen at the AFL draft.

A sample of the impact of the week was captured when four players travelled to the remote central Australian Aboriginal community of Yuendumu.

The players discussed healthy living with community members and visited the local football academy.

Personal impact

Geelong forward Allen Christensen spoke for all the team when he told of the personal impact the visit had on him.

"It's an amazing, amazing experience. We don't get to do it much. Being an AFL footballer is a very busy job," he said.

"So I guess coming here is a different experience for us, but

we love it, and seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes it all worthwhile.

"To everyone in the community, footy's a great thing to keep healthy along with healthy eating and drinking plenty of water.

"Hopefully, us coming here sends a message about that and they look at us as role models."

West Coast forward Brad Dick added to this when he revealed that he had never been to the community.

"A few of the boys got the pleasure to come out here to Yuendumu," he said.

"I heard a lot about the place because I'm good mates with Liam Juraah and he's from out this way so it's good to be out here."

The interaction was just as important for the players as it was for the community members.

Motivation

These experiences were what the boys carried with them on to the field, and as a coach I knew I did not have to motivate them.

The passion was in their eyes.

Although not a big stage, games like this give young players the opportunity to stand up and be counted.

So it was for Gold Coast youngster Harley Bennell, who starred and was awarded the Polly Farmer Medal for his best-afield performance in the 14-6 (90) to 6-4 (40) win.

Even without our original captain Lance Franklin, we never looked in trouble.

Essendon pair Paddy Ryder and Alwyn Davey gave their club some cheer with strong games

and Davey's brother Aaron also was also among the All Stars' best.

Adelaide's Graham Johncock kicked three goals, with Eddie Betts (Carlton) and Liam Jones (Western Bulldogs) pitching in with two apiece.

Jones was impressive early with some big marks and two of the All Stars' first three goals.

While the game is seen by many as only an exhibition, it will benefit several members of the team heading into the AFL season proper.

They'll start the year with a lot of confidence.

A lot of them were injured last year, so it's going to be great for their approach to the season.

But it was Bennell who showed that he is close to realising his potential as he goes into his third season.

I've known Harley since he was in the AIS Academy.

I was his mentor there and to see him come on, I am confident he could be one of the real top-liners.

He's starting to realise the work rate and professionalism and dedication you need to succeed at this level and he's building a career not for one, two or three years, but to get ten-plus years out of it.

The Polly Farmer Medal was a just reward for his performance in the game.

But it is not just me singing Harley's praises, with one of the modern-day greats backing up my assessment

Gary Ablett says Suns team-mate Bennell is a player without weakness.

Last year Bennell was second to Ablett in the Suns' best and fairest, with daylight third.

His achievements all came before he turned 20.

The fact that he played in elite company in the All Stars game and dominated has not gone unnoticed.

The expectations do not faze him.

He has always walked around a football field as if the ball belonged to him.

The strut is still there but now he is consistently adding the acts coaches love to his dazzling bag of tricks.

"Expectation doesn't weigh me down. If I have the ball in my hands, I will try to look after my team-mates," Bennell said.

"Juniors was all about see ball, chase ball, get it and kick goals. I pride myself now on my defensive game."

Bases covered

Ablett believes Bennell has all the bases covered.

He said times had changed from when he started out just over a decade ago when players, provided they were prepared to work hard enough, could become great if they were either an elite athlete or had a good football brain.

"I think these days you need to be both, and Harley is exceptional at both," Ablett said.

All Harley has to do is keep an even head.

We all want our players to have an ego on the field, but be modest when mixing with the general population.

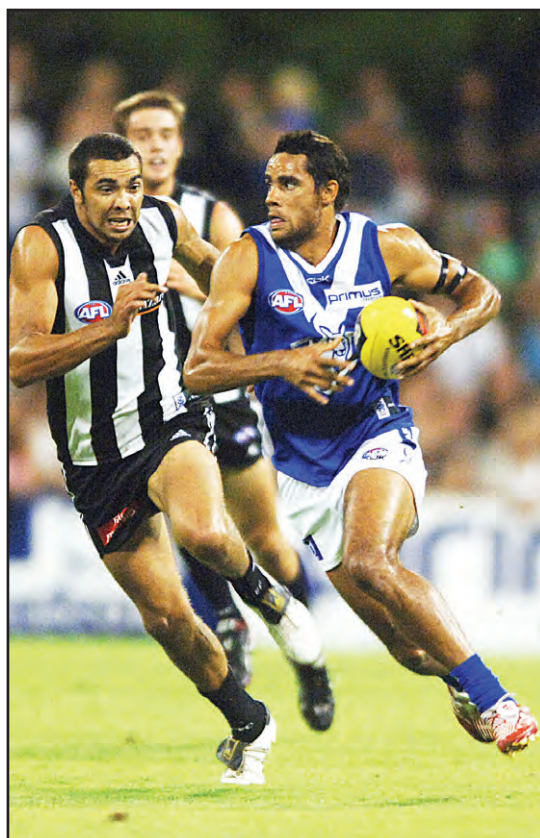
Harley has the world at his feet.

This could well be the year he emerges as our next big star.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Allen Christensen with mother Helen and sister Elle after the Cats' 2011 grand final win. Image: Peter Argent



North Melbourne's Daniel Wells evades Collingwood's Brad Dick during an NAB Cup game on the Gold Coast in 2007. AAP image

Wells to stay a Kangaroo



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) star midfielder Daniel Wells has re-committed to North Melbourne to the end of 2016 despite being set to become a free agent at the end of this season.

Wells, 28, has played 190 games since North took him with the No 2 pick in the 2002 national draft. He shared the Roos' 2011 best and fairest with Andrew Swallow.

Wells told NMFC.com.au last Thursday that he wanted to retire a one-club player.

"I said a little while back that I wanted to be a Kangaroo for my entire career and this means I'm another step closer to that," he said.

"I've spent my entire footy life at North Melbourne and couldn't be happier with where we are headed."

North's return to finals action last year was extremely disappointing, with the Roos capitulating to West Coast by 96 points in an elimination final at Patersons Stadium, Perth.

Clarkson understands Franklin's position



HE might be Hawthorn's most dynamic weapon, but coach Alastair Clarkson says he has no issue with Lance Franklin's decision to delay his contract talks.

The champion forward has put off negotiations with the Hawks about his immediate future until the end of this season.

Clarkson was philosophical about the spearhead's decision, saying that in an era of free agency, it would become more common and clubs needed to respect it.

He said that with his Hawthorn hat on, he would naturally like his star player wrapped up with a new deal, but the club had to look at Franklin's right to explore other options.

"Whether it's Hawthorn, other clubs or the football community, I think we've just got to have to get our heads around free agency and how it's going to impact on clubs," Clarkson told SEN.

"He's got a contract at our football club for season 2013 and we're going to do everything we can to ensure that that's good for both of us and we'll see what happens at the end of the year."

"But we're hopeful he'll obviously stay and continue to contribute for the Hawks." — AAP

'Just beautiful'

Imparja Cup co-founder proud of achievements

IMPARJA Cup founder Shane Franey cannot describe the pride in his heart when it comes to the annual Indigenous cricket event in the Red Centre.

Franey, who started the tournament with a match between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek in 1994, said every year was better than the last.

"What can I say mate. This is just beautiful," he said.

"It's amazing isn't it. What a great feeling to see all these people enjoying the week."

"The week has got a lot bigger than what I had ever thought we would get to all those years ago."

Franey said there was a five-year plan put in place between himself and Les Knox to build the tournament.

"This is very close to what we had in mind," he said.

The Darwin Major Centres two-time title winner said there was only one last frontier for the Imparja Cup to be deemed a success.

"We just need one of our brothers in a baggy green," he said.

Franey was an integral part of the Darwin victory on Saturday, taking two wickets in two balls as his side defeated the Maranoa Murries by 93 runs in the decider.

On a hat-trick

But he didn't know he was on a hat-trick when he took over as wicketkeeper the next over.

"Are you serious? Those guys ripped me off then and I'll have to talk to the captain about that," he said.

"I had no idea about that. But it was great to win again."

Franey was full of praise for his team-mates — a real family affair.

"My son captains the side and there are uncles and nephews in the team and a few younger boys, which is great to see," he said.

The victory was extra special for Franey, some two decades since this



SHANE FRANNEY

tournament began.

"It's a long time ago and it's great I'm still able to play and contribute," he said.

"We will come back and go for the three-peat next year."

Franey was all praise for everyone involved with the week-long event, but made special mention to team-mate, Tasmanian Colin Lamont.

"He (Lamont) was due for a few runs today and he was two short of what would have been a special century," he said.

"It's those type of stories which makes Imparja Cup so special. He is awesome."



COLIN LAMONT

They were in All Sorts of trouble, but they still won

ALL SORTS finally tasted the ultimate success with a six-run triumph over Kalano Crocs in the Community Men's Imparja Cup final at Traeger Park on Saturday morning.

It was the first time players from the All Sorts have tasted triumph, and Greg Drew said the team was thrilled with the win. "It got really close there in the end, but the boys held their nerve well," he said.

Drew was particularly impressed with Ben and Aaron Kopp, who turned the match on its head with two late wickets each.

"Those boys really did bowl well at the death and it got us home," Drew said.

"Some of them have been in finals before and haven't won, so to get this one is great."

Defending a run-a-ball 85 to win the title, the All Sorts struggled to keep the Kalano Crocs from scoring freely in the opening overs of the run chase.

The Crocs were cruising to victory and were 0-46 in the

seventh over before the All Sorts came storming back.

All Sorts, with the Koppes firing, took five quick wickets as the Crocs slumped to 5-65 in the 13th over.

Needing 16 from the final over after being in front of the run rate for most of the chase, the Crocs had one last chance to snatch victory, needing a super eight off the final ball of the game, but it wasn't to be.

Kenny Maxwell top scored for the

Crocs with 18, while Sandeep Buttar added 16 in the opening partnership.

"We will celebrate this win well, it has been a long time coming," Drew said.

When posting their 7-85 from their 14 overs batting first, the All Sorts had no player scoring in double figures, with a real team effort led by Damien Kopp with nine and Reuben Mack with eight.

Drew said thoughts of defending their title had not even come into

consideration.

"I think we all might retire on this," he said.

"It was good to have a few of the younger fellas in the team this year, that really helped, especially with the running between wickets."

The All Sorts peaked at the right time of the week, after losing their first match against Tiwi Islands Japarrika on Tuesday.

"We didn't start all that well, but we ended the week pretty good," Drew said.

— DALE FLETCHER



All Sorts celebrate their Men's Community Imparja Cup final win.

Impressive young talent – selector

THE brightest talent of the 2013 Imparja Cup was named for the National Indigenous Development Squad at a gala dinner in Alice Springs last Friday night.

In the past, National Indigenous Development squads have toured India, England and Papua New Guinea, and the side will again embark on a tour later this year.

Imparja Cup selector Ray Bright, who had the task of choosing the team alongside Mark Hanton, said selection would help development of the players.

"There has been some impressive young Indigenous talent on show throughout the week," Bright said.

"Selection in the development squad is recognition of the performances of the week and the underlying talent of the players.

"We've seen how past development squad members have grown as cricketers through involvement in international tours and further exposure to the high-performance system. There's no doubt those selected this year will reap the benefits."

Michael Bailey and Bradley Stout are the 2013 recipients of Cricket Australia's Indigenous scholarships. They will travel to India's Global Cricket School and spend time

at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane.

In a final round of representative honours, the 2013 Black Caps side was also named, recognising the best performers from this year's Imparja Cup.

The Imparja Cup 2013 proved to be one of the best for seasoned Queensland campaigner Bradley Stout, of Townsville.

Stout has captained Queensland in previous campaigns and is one of the team's most experienced players.

Scholarship

At the gala dinner on Friday night, Stout was named in the Indigenous Development Squad, the Black Caps team and won a Cricket Australia Indigenous scholarship.

Young South Australian Ayden McGregor-Baptista was another to shine at the awards night. He was named in the Indigenous Development Squad and the Black Caps team and was one of two rising stars to attend a Cricket Australia under 18 talent camp.

Ryan Lees (Tasmania) was the other recipient.

Young Ashleigh Gardner (NSW) had another outstanding Imparja Cup for the NSW women's team

and will join Northern Territorian Tabitha Saville at a Cricket Australia under 18 talent camp.

The National Indigenous Development Squad:

Michael Bailey (WA), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (SA), Harrison Kelly (NSW), Adam McDermott (Vic), Nathan Gardiner (Vic), Ryan Lees (Tas), Adam Muir (NSW), Alister Divens (WA), Dylan Fuller (NT), Ben Abbatangelo (Vic), Bradley Stout (Qld), Josh Eaton (Vic), Jake Turner (NSW), Hayden Collard (WA), Mark Thompson (Qld).

Coach, Barry Weare; manager, Peter Cooley

Black Caps: Glen Martin (Qld), Cameron Trask (Qld), Harrison Kelly (NSW), Bradley Stout (Qld), Jeff Cook (NSW), Michael Bailey (WA), Ayden McGregor-Baptista (SA), Hayden Collard (WA), Steve Schumann (Tas), Willy Nona (WA), Nathan Gardiner (Vic), Mark Thompson (Qld)

Cricket Australia Indigenous Scholars: Michael Bailey (WA), Bradley Stout (Qld).

Under-18 Talent Camp – Female: Ashleigh Gardner (NSW), Tabitha Saville (NT).

Under-18 Talent Camp – Male: Ayden McGregor-Baptista (SA), Ryan Lees (Tas).



BRADLEY STOUT



AYDEN MCGREGOR-BAPTISTA



Queensland captain Worrin Williams celebrating the win over NSW in the men's final.



Veronica Gordon sets off for a run for NSW in a Super 8s Women's Division match against the Northern Territory.



Kalano's Wesley Hector bowling. Image: Casey Bishop



Roxsanne Van Veen hits long during her player of the match innings in the final against the Invitational XI.



Kenny Maxwell plays over square leg in the Community Division. Image: Casey Bishop



Playing for Timber Creek Kalano Crocs is Lewis Lampton. Image: Casey Bishop

Results

Day 1, 18 February:

WA 5-180 d ACT 42 at Larapinta.
SA 6-107 d NT 76 at Albrecht.
NSW 7-116 d Tas 103 at Larapinta.
Vic 5-134 d Qld 4-131 at Albrecht.
SA 2-145 d ACT 6-133 at Albrecht.
WA 8-125 d NT 72 at Larapinta.
Vic 8-94 d Tas 9-82 at Traeger.

Day 2, 19 February:

Vic 7-101 d NT 7-100 at Albrecht.
WA 6-82 d Tas 81 at Larapinta.
NSW 6-131 d SA 6/85 at Traeger.
Qld 1-53 d ACT 51 at Albrecht.
NSW 9-135 d Vic 7-117 at Larapinta.
Qld 5-127 d Tas 7-99 at Albrecht.
NT 7-109 d ACT 105 at Traeger.

Day 3, 20 February:

Tas 4-120 d NT 105 at Traeger.

Day 4, 21 February:

NSW 7-119 d ACT 73 at Albrecht.
WA 5-95 d Vic 8-94 at Larapinta.
Qld 6-187 d SA 91 at Traeger.
NSW 0-37 d NT 36 at Larapinta.
Tas 8-119 d SA 74 at Albrecht.
Qld 2-70 d WA 67 at Traeger.
Vic 1-52 d ACT 9-51 at Traeger.

Day 5, 22 February:

NSW 3-154 d WA 85 at Albrecht.
Qld 6-94 d NT 6-93 at Larapinta.
Vic 8-192 d SA 7-133 at Larapinta.
Tas 7-140 d ACT 8-97 at Traeger.

Day 6, 23 February:

Final: Qld 5-150 d NSW 7-111 at Traeger.

Women's competition:

Day 1, 20 February:

NT 6-65 d Invitational XI 64 at Albrecht.
NSW 0-26 d WA 22 at Larapinta.
NSW 5-140 d NT 5-118 at Larapinta.
Invitational XI 1-179 d WA 32 at Albrecht.

Day 2, 21 February:

NT 6-130 d WA 34 at Traeger.
NSW 9-75 d Invitational XI 7-74 at Albrecht.

Day 3, 22 February:

Semi-finals: Invitational XI 3-102 d NT 5-92 at Traeger.
NSW 0-11 d WA 10 at Albrecht.

Day 4, 23 February:

Final: NSW 3-134 d Invitational XI 6-88 at Traeger.

To celebrate the origin of the Imparja Cup, another heritage match was held last Wednesday between the two original sides of the competition, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, in the Major Centres division: Alice Springs 5-131 d Tennant Creek 9-116 at Traeger.



Rheanna Lotter batting for NSW in a women's match against the Northern Territory.



David Kerrin bowls for Tennant Creek during the heritage match against Alice Springs.



ACT bowler Jesse Hampton bowls to NT's Darrell Lowe.



Sally Moylan looks to make her ground for the Invitational XI in the women's final against NSW.

Lamont shines for Darwin in decider

DARWIN made it back-to-back Imparja Cup Major Centre victories with a 93-run win against Maranoa Murrus at Traeger Park on Saturday.

In a battle of the 2011 champion against the reigning title holder, Darwin took control right from the first over.

Captain Jarred Franey was ecstatic with the win and how his side played all week.

"We have a great side and we showed today what we are made of," he said.

Darwin smashed 2/179 off their 20 overs, with former Tasmanian Imparja Cup star Colin Lamont the star with the bat, clubbing an unbeaten 98 off just 69 deliveries.

"Colin was due for a 100 today, and it was great to see him bat well," Franey said.

Lamont was well-supported by Aaron Hill, who made 58 from 51 balls and was part of a 154-run opening stand.

Nick Mailman was the only Maranoa bowler to claim a wicket, taking 2/32.

Hill then set the tone with the ball for Darwin, removing Tulsa Mailman

with the second delivery of the run chase.

His speed and accuracy was far too good for the Queensland-based side, who returned after missing last year's event due to Cyclone Yasi.

Kenny Waters took two of the most outstanding catches seen in Imparja Cup history, and Darwin were well on the way to victory.

"We held our catches which was one of the main differences in the match," Franey said.

Quick early wickets haunted the Murries' run chase, crashing to 8-40 at one stage before a final wicket stand saw Maranoa reach 86 before Waters took the final wicket with his first ball in the 16th over.

Peter Franey finished with 3-11, while Hill added 2-12 and Shane Franey 2-10 before taking over behind the stumps.

Tristan Cedric top scored for Maranoa with an unbeaten 20, while Ash Anderson also made 20 in the middle order and Shane Mailman 14.

"It's just an amazing feeling and I hope we are in the same position this time next year," Jarred Franey said. – **Dale Fletcher**

Black Caps beat ACA Masters

THE 20th Imparja Cup started in Alice Springs with an opening exhibition match between the Australian Cricket Association (ACA) Masters and the Black Caps.

The Black Caps – the best performed players from the 2012 Imparja Cup – won the toss and got off to a flyer, easily dismissing the Masters for 79 in 19 overs.

Queensland's Jake Kubinek

and Victoria's Fletcher Stewart each took 3-12 with the ball, while Andrew Gordon (NSW) contributed with a handy 2-14.

The Masters fought back when they took to the field, with Craig McDermott showing he's still got it, taking the scalp of opener Michael Bailey for a duck. But the Black Caps soon found their groove, easily reaching the target, making 3-81 in 11.5 overs.

Six titles in a row

NEW South Wales made it six straight Women's State and Territory Imparja Cup wins with a 46-run win over an Invitational XI at Traeger Park on Saturday.

Roxsanne Van Veen was a unanimous choice for player of the match after she smashed 64 from just 45 deliveries as NSW set the competition newcomers 135 for victory.

NSW captain Julie Muir said her side just knew how to win the big games.

"This is just like Christmas, it comes around every year," she said.

"We got off to a good start with the bat and that really put us in a good position."

The Invitational XI was expected to give NSW a run for their money after they came close to upsetting the competition pacesetters earlier in the week.

The NSW girls started their campaign with two crushing wins on the opening day, but had no wickets up their sleeve when they scraped home against the Invitational XI on the second day.

But in the final, Van Veen and Nicole Honeysett (27 from 36 balls) guided the NSW innings, combining for a 78-run third wicket partnership.

"I thought a good target would be around 125 but we ended up with a fairly good target," Muir said.

"Roxsanne was seeing them like a beach ball, she has great hand-eye coordination and she has a lot of toe in that bat of hers."

With runs on the board, the Invitational XI were always going to find the chase tough against the defending champions, but run-outs cost the side dearly.

Kareena Jacobson-Logan fell in the first over after a brilliant piece of fielding from Samantha Hinton.

When Anita Silva (8) was trapped leg before by Ashley Gardner in the sixth over, the Invitational side was struggling at just 2-19.

More run-outs followed – three in total – including the prized scalp of captain Sally Moylan (23) to make the score 5-41, and the Invitational XI never recovered.

Some cameo late hitting from Amanda Silva (23 from 35 balls) and Jacinta Goodger-Chandler (20 runs from 15 balls) saw the Invitational side finish on 6-88 after their 20 overs.

"We really pride ourselves in the field and we showed that today," Muir said.

Gardner (1-20 off four overs), Veronica Gordon (1-10 from four overs) and Jemma Astley (1-12 from three

overs) shared the rest of the dismissals.

Muir said the side would continue to get stronger.

"There are a lot of younger girls ready and waiting to come and take the spots from us older girls," she said.

"That will only make the side that much tougher to beat."

Bush Potatoes undefeated

BUSH Potatoes ran away with a 21-run win to take out the Women's Community Imparja Cup against Congress 1 at Flynn Drive, Alice Springs, on Saturday.

The local side went through the tournament undefeated and captain Christine Ponter was thrilled with the level of sportsmanship throughout the week-long event.

"Everyone had a ball and we won every game, but it was the enthusiasm which was the highlight," she said.

"We weren't strict on the fundamentals of the game, we just wanted as many Indigenous girls to have a go as possible."

Nadia Cox and Carmen Butcher each made 30 for the Bush Potatoes as the defending champions restricted Congress to 7-97 from their 14 overs.

Tess Garoni top-scored for Congress 1 with 29, while Sheralee Fitz added 14.

Ponter also was in charge of the Alice Grubs team and she hopes there will be more teams in next year's event.

"This level is all about getting new players and if we can get a few of these girls into club cricket, then I'm sure there will be a flow-on effect from there," she said.

Ponter believes there is a lot of untapped talent in the female cricket ranks locally.

"These girls who play once a year need to come out and play week in, week out, and they will see just how good they are," she said.

– **Dale Fletcher**



Bush Potatoes celebrate their Community Women's victory.

Otis on crest of a wave

Otis Carey performing one of his radical manoeuvres.



GUMBAINGGIRR-Bundjalung professional free-surfer Otis Carey, 24, is about to set off for the United States to promote a new surfing movie about him.

Kill the Matador took about 18 months to make and follows Carey around the world. It was shot up and down the Australian east coast, and in Indonesia, the island of Sumatra, California, Mexico and Chile.

Carey is one of a handful of free-surfers who make a living chasing waves around the world.

They are sponsored by the likes of Billabong and Quiksilver. Carey is sponsored by Insight Clothing.

Kill the Matador premiered in Sydney on 15 February and then in Coffs Harbour (NSW) on 23 February.

It will be screened at Byron Bay on 1 March and in Melbourne on 8 March.

Carey then will head to the United States to promote the film.

He now lives at Narrabeen, on Sydney's northern beaches, but grew up in Coffs Harbour.

He is married to Renee and has a son, Beige, 2.

Between location shoots for the film, Carey travelled to other parts of the world surfing for his sponsors.

The beauty of being a professional

free-surfer is that there is no professional competition and no rules governing surfing.

From a sponsor's perspective, the more radical the surfer, the better.

The Coffs Harbour launching of *Kill the Matador* coincided with a learn-to-surf day for Koori kids, who were treated to a private screening of the movie and a question and answer session with Carey. — GRAHAM HUNT

Christian remains on the outer



FIERY cricket all-rounder Dan Christian was again shunned by South Australia as his hot temper landed him in more trouble.

Christian was overlooked for South Australia's Sheffield Shield side that played NSW last week.

His non-selection came within hours of his being sanctioned for an obscene on-field outburst.

Cricket Australia (CA) issued Christian with an official reprimand for breaching its code of behaviour during SA's one-day loss to NSW at Adelaide Oval on Sunday 17 February.

He pleaded guilty to a charge of using language that was 'obscene, offensive or insulting and/or making an obscene gesture' when SA were bowling against the Blues.

Christian last November was banned by SA hierarchy for damaging dressing rooms when dismissed on three separate occasions.

South Australia suspended the all-rounder for one Shield game

and Christian has been overlooked since then.

Christian remained on the selection outer for the Shield game against the Blues starting last Tuesday even though the Redbacks were without their most-talented core of Phil Hughes, Callum Ferguson, Nathan Lyon and Kane Richardson — all on national duties with the Test team or Australia A.

Instead of Christian, SA plumped for all-rounder Jake Brown, who last played for the State four years ago when he failed to take a wicket and made 37 runs from four innings in two matches.

At the time of damaging the dressing rooms late last year, SA cricket director Jamie Cox described Christian as 'an emotional guy' and offered him anger management counselling.

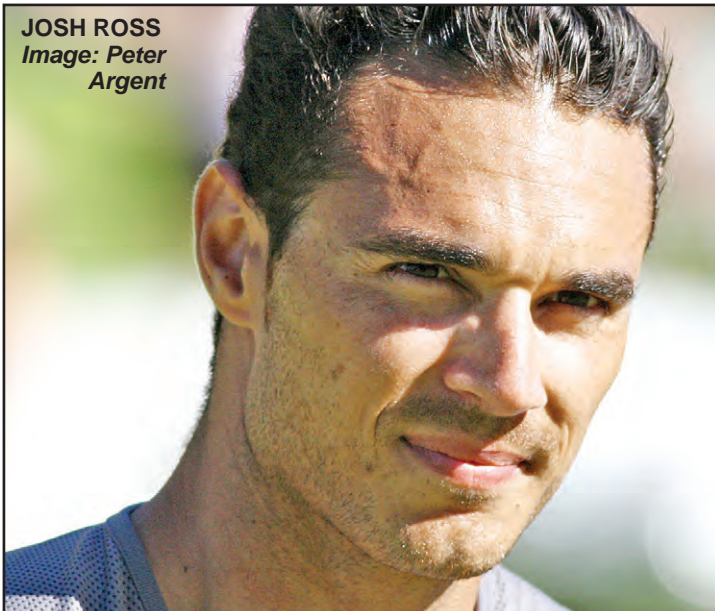
"When blokes get out, it really is tough but it doesn't give anybody the right to actually smash up equipment and smash up dressing rooms," Cox said in November. — AAP



Happier days for Dan Christian when it was announced on 5 December, 2011 that he had been named in the Australian squad for the First Test against New Zealand in Hobart starting on 9 December. Christian was 12th man for that match and has been overlooked as a Test cricketer since then. Image: Peter Argent

'I want to be Australia's greatest sprinter'

Ross aims high



JOSH ROSS
Image: Peter Argent



SPRINTER Josh Ross wants to be Australia's greatest athlete. And the 32-year-old says he's being driven by fear to achieve his goal.

"The fear of not succeeding, the fear of not having a great life, a great career, that is what drives me," Ross said after winning the 100 metres at the Adelaide Track Classic on Saturday 16 February.

"I want to be the best athlete Australia has ever seen, the best sprinter Australia has ever seen."

"I want success away from the track as well, in business and everything."

Ross, who clocked 10.45 seconds to easily win in Adelaide, said he was in best-ever shape.

The speedster quit athletics in

2009, but returned last year to claim his sixth 100m national title and a berth in Australia's 4x100m relay team at the London Olympics.

"I feel I'm in the peak condition – physically, mentally – of my whole career," he said.

"I'm a way better athlete than I ever was."

Ross, who boasts a 100m personal best of 10.08 seconds, said breaking the 10-second barrier was so close 'I can taste it'.

His victory in Adelaide came running into a strong head wind which upset Australia's women's 100m champion Mel Breen.

The 23-year-old Breen won in 11.59 seconds, but complained that organisers reneged on a promise to run the 100m along the back straight with a tail wind.

"To promise something and not

deliver is just a little disappointing," Breen said.

In contrast, Ross said he hadn't even thought about running the sprints along the back straight.

"I didn't even think about that, I just came out here and ran fast, no matter what the conditions, I'm not leaving conditions as the main factor as to why I'm going to run fast."

Organisers did change the direction of the 200m events, with Breen winning her race in 23.52s and Ross finishing second to Nick Hough (20.71s).

Ross took out the Stawell Gift sprint in 2003, and off scratch in 2005.

He was just the second winner off scratch since the first race in 1878. The other scratch winner was in 1975. – AAP

Bound for Boston



A GUTSY run by Emma Cameron in the 30km event at the Stromlo Running Festival in Canberra on 17 February

has earned her a start in the world-famous Boston Marathon in eight weeks.

The Darwin athlete, who conquered the gruelling course complete with challenging hills and rugged terrain, said she was happy just to finish the race.

"The run was one of the most challenging things I have done, especially with all the hills, and the steep terrain made it really hard to get into a rhythm," she said.

"I am feeling really good about Boston now, and I am confident that I can get through the 42km. I am looking forward to getting home and getting stuck into some solid training."

Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) director Rob de Castella, who has been mentoring Cameron as part of the IMP squad since she was selected in March last year, said he was overwhelmed by what she had achieved.

"Twelve months ago, Emma didn't know much about marathon running, and never believed that she could have conquered 30km and be on track to run her first marathon," he said.

"The self-belief and determination that Emma carried with her throughout the run, even when it got hard and she wanted to stop, was amazing, and to see that in our athletes is what IMP is all about."

While in Canberra, Cameron was also the first 2012 squad member to receive her Certificate IV in Health and Leisure.

She will now return to Darwin, where she will continue training before flying out for the marathon on 15 April.

The 30-year-old was selected as

part of the IMP 2012 New York Marathon squad in April last year, but sustained a knee injury that prevented her from running the 30km test event in Alice Springs in September.

Instead, Cameron will tackle the Boston Marathon in April.

Cameron, who plays netball for the Northern Territory, said she had never thought about training for and running a marathon before trying out for IMP.

"I tried out for IMP because I wanted to represent my people, my family and my friends, and rather than telling them what they should be doing I wanted to lead by example and show them that anything is possible," she said.

I have been very fortunate to be a part of the IMP family and training with such an amazing bunch of people has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I know Boston is going to be one of the biggest challenges I have faced, but I am excited to get there and give it a go."



Emma Cameron, third from left, receiving her IMP Boston Marathon singlet following the 30km Stromlow run in Canberra. She is pictured with IMP officials, from left, Nadine Hunt, Rob de Castella and Tim Rowe.

Tjimarri is ready to take next step

PPROMISING South Australian sprinter Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera feels he's much better equipped to progress after spending nearly three weeks in Jamaica.

Sanderson-Milera attended a training camp at the GC Foster College, where he was hosted by Maurice Wilson, Jamaica's national Olympic athletics coach.

The college sits on a large site at St Catherine, about 30km from Kingston.

Sanderson-Milera and nine other Australian athletes went with Competitive Edge Athletic All-Stars, based in Sydney.

He did two training sessions each day with athletes from the college. The team also did sessions in the gym.

Sanderson-Milera says he learned a lot from the Jamaicans, especially training techniques. He took notes and videos of the sessions so he can continue with them back in Australia.

Sanderson-Milera also said he learned from the other Australian athletes in the squad, which included Olympian Andrew McCabe. He met some famous sprinters, including Don Quarrie, who was the first sprinter to break 20 seconds in the 200m (in the 1970s).

Sanderson-Milera also performed Aboriginal dancing at a press conference and in local primary schools. He told the *Koori Mail* the kids hadn't seen anything like it and 'loved it'.

His next mission is to tackle the South Australian athletics championships this weekend, where he will run in the 100m and 200m and he will 'have a crack at

the 400m'. "I've never done a 400 and I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Sanderson-Milera is hoping his performances there will lead to the national titles later this year in Sydney.

After the SA titles, he will focus on the famous 120m Stawell Gift during Easter. The Gift is Australia's most famous and richest professional sprint.

Last year Sanderson-Milera stepped into the open division at the Bay Sheffield 120m professional race in Adelaide, where he reached the semi-finals before being eliminated while running into a strong head-wind.

The year before he won the under 20 Bay Sheffield.

He also is a lifesaver in South Australia and competes in beach events at state and national levels.

He told the *Koori Mail* he had a strong desire to be a role model for Aboriginal children.

Sanderson-Milera works for Qantas at Adelaide airport.



Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera performs an Aboriginal dance for Jamaican primary school children.



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Sweet revenge

Imparja Cup returns to Queensland

By DALE FLETCHER



QUEENSLAND stormed home to win cricket's Imparja Cup, defeating New South Wales by

39 runs at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on Saturday night.

The Maroons fought back from a horror start to the week, losing their first two matches, to defeat the two-time defending champions in a major upset.

Maroons captain Worrin Williams said he was so proud to lead his side to victory.

"How good was that? Nothing can beat that," he said.

"We didn't even think we were going to be in the final after that first day."

A five-wicket loss to Victoria, coupled with a three-wicket defeat against New South Wales, had the Maroons on the back foot.

"The results just went our way and we just kept on building our form and thanks to the West Australian boys for beating Victoria, so we made the final."

Runfest

After getting sent into bat, Queensland scorched in the first ten overs, racing to 79 before Williams was run out by Damien Duroux for 26.

"That was the plan we set out to do and Bradley (Stout) and myself got it right on the night," Williams said.

"Stouty just did his thing and I was just out there for support."

Duroux was in the action again just three balls later, removing Stout for a swashbuckling 46 from 32 deliveries, including four sixes and two boundaries.

"We finally got off to the start we were looking for and it was in the final, which was nice," Williams said.

With Queensland on top, NSW captain Jeff Cook was forced to change his attack regularly, using eight bowlers throughout the 20 overs.

The defending champions were looking at a run chase of over 175, but reined in the run



The pain of last year's crushing loss to NSW in the final and another defeat at the hands of the Blues on the opening day of this year's Imparja Cup cricket tournament quickly evaporated when the Maroons regained Indigenous cricket's most valued trophy at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on Saturday night. The Queenslanders are pictured celebrating after beating NSW in the final.

flow during the late overs, led by skipper Cook (1-20 off four overs).

Queensland finished with 5-150, with 2012 man of the match Pat Rosser targeted by the Queensland batting line-up, with 46 runs taken off his four overs.

Rosser's horror night continued when he was clean bowled in the very first over by Queensland's man of the match hero Ashley Renouf (3-19 from four overs).

Williams said the late hitting from John Hay (31 from 19 balls) and the early spell from Renouf regained the momentum in the match.

Bogged down

"We were starting to get bogged down and Johnny came out and started clearing buildings with his bat," he said.

"And for Alex to snare Rosser in the first over was a huge wicket."

Williams was happy to bat first and knew chasing under lights would have been tough.

"I'm just glad Jeff (Cook) won the toss because I didn't know what to do," he said.

New South Wales were always behind the run rate and lost wickets consistently throughout the run chase.

Duroux played a lone hand with the bat, scoring an unbeaten 43 from the top of the order.

Glenn Martin chipped in with two wickets (2-17 from four overs) and Williams was proud of the effort in the field.

"The boys were great out there and we just didn't want to give the New South Wales guys anything and it has paid off," he said.

Stout said his side didn't perform early in the week, but clicked during the latter part of the tournament.

"New South Wales have been dominant so it's a special feeling for the boys," he said.

"I've been around for a few years and had some hard losses to NSW, so it's good to get one back."



Bradley Stout hits out for Queensland in the Imparja Cup final. Stout, who scored 46, tore into the NSW bowling attack and set the pattern for the rest of the final.

More on Imparja Cup cricket – see pages 71, 72, 73