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Rising stars at WOMAD



THEY'VE been called rising stars and no wonder, if this photo of dancers from Yolngu band East Journey at WOMADelaide 2013 on Saturday night is anything to go by. The 10-member

outfit from Yirrkala in north-east Arnhem Land impressed with their blend of lush saltwater reggae, rock 'n' roll, and traditional music, complete with electric guitars, yidaki (didgeridoo) and bilma (clapping sticks).

And they, in turn, were chuffed to perform at the same event as reggae legend Jimmy Cliff, who was amongst the major drawcards at the four-day world music extravaganza in Adelaide's Botanic Park.

Also on the program were the likes of ska and jazz hipsters The Cat Empire and South African trumpet master Herb Masekela.

● See our next edition for more on WOMADelaide 2013.

Photo: Jack Grieve

Fears for our kids



AUSTRALIA will have another Stolen Generation on its hands unless it stems the tide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children being placed in out-of-home care, the country's lead Indigenous children's advocacy body says.

The bleak prediction by the Secretariat of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) follows new findings that Indigenous children are almost eight times as likely to be abused

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or neglected as non-Indigenous children and ten times as likely to be in out-of-home care.

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And the numbers of Indigenous children coming into contact with child protection systems Australia-wide continued to grow.

SNAICC chairperson Sharron

Williams said it was 'simply not acceptable' that a third of the nearly 40,000 children in out-of-home care were Indigenous.

"The financial cost of these continued policy failures is considerable," she said.

"But the human cost to the individual children, their families and communities is devastating – and it will impact

on generations to come."

Ms Williams said the current approach clearly hadn't worked and Indigenous families and communities had to be involved in finding long-term solutions.

Support for prevention and early intervention programs and recognising of the strengths of Indigenous families was vital, she said, along with ensuring that Indigenous children in care stayed connected to their families, communities and culture.

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My FAMILY MORA UIDULDAM— Cairns, Qld



● Above: Mora Uiduldam holding flowers in the middle with her mum, Mary Horope, to her left and groom Tony (Anthony) waving. They are with family members.

It was good to see so our many family members at our wedding in Cairns as they are very important to me.

More than 500 men, women and children were at my recent marriage to Tony Uiduldam of St Paul's Village on Moa Island in the Torres Strait.

My mum and dad Michael and Mary Horope were so proud, and relatives came from as far away as Western Australia, St Pauls, Murray Island, Islands, Brisbane, Townsville, Mackay and even Papua New Guinea.

My mother Mary (nee Tapim) is of Mer and Lifu Island heritage. She was a member of the first Indigenous Australian national women's basketball team (1975).

Dad is from PNG and has lived in Townsville with mum for many years.

We would like to publicly thank all the families and friends who travelled from near and far.

Tony, who works for Australian Customs and Border Protection Marine Unit, is the youngest son of Dora

Uiduldam of St Paul's community and the late Mr Peo Uiduldam, of Badu Island.

His best man was his good friend and relative Napau Namok, from Thursday Island.

Father Ned Wapau of St Paul's Anglican Church officiated the wedding ceremony in St Monica's Catholic Church, Cairns.

A large group of my dad's family travelled from PNG for the wedding. Many are from the Gulf Province but live in Port Moresby.

After the wedding, we posed for photographs outside St Monica's as well-wishers queued five-deep.

People were crying tears of joy and I was also overcome with emotion.

The reception was held at the PCYC in McNamara Street, Cairns.

Having so many family there made our wedding day special, and to those and others who were unable to make this special day, we love and cherish you all.

— As told to Alf Wilson

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OUR CHILDREN



ROBERT Beckett, Chris Bloomfield and Terry Sullivan (pictured) were amongst the talented Year 9 class of 2012 at Woorabinda's Wadja Wadja High School that recently took out second place in a national competition run by the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre. Their song *How High, How Low* gives voice to the kids' views around such issues as drugs and alcohol, fights, littering, pride, self-esteem and positive change. Photo courtesy Red Cross

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Kidney network set



They've got legs...



LOOKING for all the world like they stepped off an iconic movie poster, glamazons Foxy Empire, Miss Felonious and Josie Baker are seen here above at the start of Oxford Street for the 2013 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival Parade. They joined Bundjalung superheroine Destiny Haz Arrived to spearhead the First Australians float that led the popular event. And, below, members of the First Australians float really partied like it was 1967. See pages 38-40 for more. Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



A GROUP of non-government organisations have joined forces to lobby for improved renal services for Aboriginal and other patients in the Northern Territory. The Kidney Action Network (KAN) will be launched tomorrow in Alice Springs to coincide with World Kidney Day. The network includes organisations based in Central Australia and across the NT, South Australia and Western Australia.

Speakers at tomorrow's launch include Donna Ah Chee, the chief executive of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, Bobby West, the chair of the Western Desert Dialysis, Andrew Mason, coordinator of the NPY Women's Council, and network chair John Paterson.

There will also be renal patients who will share their stories, along with an open forum.

Mr Paterson told the *Koori Mail* that the members of KAN were particularly concerned about the hardship caused to many Aboriginal communities by the lack of action following the Central Australian Renal Study, commissioned by the Federal Government in 2010.

"We had this huge report from our members and stakeholders but there is very little being done to address the problem," he said. "Renal disease is on

the rise rather than the decline, which is putting strain on beds in Alice Springs and other places like Katherine, Darwin and Adelaide."

Mr Paterson described the epidemic of kidney disease in Central Australia as a human rights issue.

"Every human being should be entitled to some level of healthcare but it seems that governments just don't care," he said.

Mr Paterson said the network wanted the Federal Government to

lead the way on improving the situation. Specific aims include increasing community-based dialysis based on a hub-and-spoke model, giving patients the choice about their mode of dialysis, dialysis access based on need, not state borders, and greater social and housing support for patients and their families.

As well, KAN wants more support for improved primary health-care management of renal disease, and better planning for the future.

The network is open to 'anyone who is working for or connected to an organisation or church group who cares about the plight of people with end stage renal failure and their communities'.

The network is being launched on 14 March (World Kidney Day) at the Alice Springs Town Council from 10am-noon.



KAN chairperson and AMSANT CEO John Paterson



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Gold award for Congress



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has been recognised for its leadership in

advancing women in the workplace and community. On International Women's Day last week, the elected representative body received the Australian Centre for Leadership for Women Sustaining Women's Empowerment in Communities and Organisations Gold Award.

The Congress was the first Australian company to guarantee gender balance for its decision-making bodies in its constitution, including male and female co-chairs. Currently, more than half (58 per cent) of its membership is female and three-quarters of its staff, with half in senior management roles.

Having women at the forefront of Congress decisions was vital and fundamental to the way it did business, said co-chair Jody Broun. "We listened to our people when gender equity was established as a founding – and now an operating – principle of Congress, and we urge other Australian companies to do the same," she said.

Co-chair Les Malezer said the board expected in the upcoming Congress election to see more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women put themselves forward for the positions of delegates, directors or co-chair.



The National Congress Board ... gender equity in action.

"Congress is a leading example for mainstreaming women and girls in development and more attention is needed to provide girls with leadership ambitions in Aboriginal communities," he said.

Mr Malezer said the Congress was built on a platform of unity, reflecting that men and women had an equal stake in and responsibility for the organisation.

Timetable is released

THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has announced the timetable for applications, nominating and voting in

elections for its male and female co-chairs or as delegates at its annual national meeting. For more information,

see Page 31 of this edition of the *Koori Mail* or go to the Congress website at www.nationalcongress.com.au

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Women join UN meeting



NINE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are amongst a record number of participants in

New York for this year's annual session of the international Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations.

Organisers are putting the record number of participants in 'CSW57' down to interest in the priority theme of 'the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls'.

The Indigenous Women of CSW57 called on the commission to ensure that the rights of Indigenous women and references to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples were included in the session's agreed conclusions.

Australia's regional representative, Kulka Yulanji woman Michelle Deshong, said violence occurred in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities at an alarming rate, with Indigenous women 45 times more likely to experience family violence and 69 per cent of assaults committed by partners.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with other indigenous women at CSW57. Michelle Deshong is second from the left, back.

"My hope is that we can change the dialogue within our families to provide safer communities for our women and children," said Ms Deshong, the program manager of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA).

Violence

"Whilst the impact of this violence is complex, I see that there are a number of key strategies that can be

implemented including, but not limited to, engagement with women to provide practical and culturally appropriate prevention, inclusive community participatory action as a holistic response, working collaboratively with men to prevent violence and community awareness campaigns that promote respectful relationships and communities."

● CSW ends on Friday. See our next edition for more reports.

Looking towards their home



SENIOR dancers of the Kungkarangkalpa: Seven Sisters songline

temporarily swapped the red sand of their home in the Central Desert for the shores of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra earlier this month. The Anangu Dance Troupe from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands were in the national capital for a series of special performances as part of the Centenary of Canberra celebrations. In the National Museum of Australia's outdoor amphitheatre, the group sang up the living cultural routes of trade, story, dance art and music that crisscross our country. Here, the Seven Sisters are looking towards their homeland Atila (Mt Connor). The work using new technologies was created by Stradbroke Island man Wesley Enoch with APY Lands Anangu custodians and others.

Photo by Wayne Quilliam, courtesy of Songlines of the Western Desert ARC Project and presenting partner the Centenary of Canberra

Warning of another Stolen Generation



AUSTRALIA faces the very real prospect of another Stolen Generation unless it stems the tide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children being placed in out-of-home care, the country's lead Indigenous children's advocacy body says.

And the Secretariat of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) also says Indigenous children in care must be supported to remain connected with their families, communities and culture.

The bleak prediction follows new findings that Indigenous children are almost eight times as likely to be abused or neglected as other children, and ten times as likely to be in out-of-home care.

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There were nearly 40,000 children in out-of-home care and most – 90 per cent – were on care and protection orders.

Children aged just one year or under were most likely to be the subject of a substantiation.

In 2011-12, 13.2 per 1000

Kids' Commissioner welcomed

A HOST of children's, human rights and legal organisations has welcomed the appointment of Australia's first National Children's Commissioner.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard named former Australian Council of Social Service director Megan Mitchell as the inaugural commissioner on 25 February.

The appointment came under the Federal Government's National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 and drew praise from the Secretariat of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), the Australian Council of Social Service, Relationships Australia, the Law Council of Australia, and the Australian Human Rights Commission.

SNAICC chairperson Sharron Williams said it was a 'hugely positive step forward to protect and promote the rights of children and young people – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children – and to give them a voice in the development of government policies and programs that impact them'.

The role will have a clear focus on vulnerable or

at-risk groups of children including children with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, homeless children or those children witnessing or subjected to violence.

However, Ms Williams said SNAICC would still like to see a deputy commissioner's role created with a specific focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people because that was 'a full-time job in itself'.

Ms Williams said Indigenous children continued to experience systemic discrimination and disadvantage in health, education and housing and were alarmingly over-represented in child protection and juvenile justice systems across Australia.

She said it was critical for the commissioner's office to develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement strategy from the outset, be proactive in engaging Indigenous communities, and set an ambitious agenda to address issues. SNAICC looked forward to working with Ms Mitchell in that regard, she said.

children under one were found to be the subject of substantiated abuse, up from 12 per 1000 in 2010-11.

Older children, aged 15-17, were least likely to be the subject of a substantiation, with a rate of 3.2 per 1000 children.

But the Indigenous figures were the most concerning, confirming the suspicions of many in our communities – that our already serious situation is getting worse.

Chairperson of the Secretariat of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) Sharron Williams said it

was 'simply not acceptable' that one-third of all children in out-of-home care were Indigenous.

"The financial cost of these continued policy failures is considerable. But the human cost to the individual children, their families and communities is devastating – and it will impact on generations to come," she said.

"...Clearly current approaches have not worked, as the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children coming into contact with child protection systems in the states and territories continues to

grow at an alarming rate."

Indigenous families and communities had to be involved in finding new and long-term solutions and addressing the underlying causes of child abuse and neglect would be at their core, Ms Williams said.

"Our children and families continue to experience systemic discrimination and disadvantage in health, education and housing.

"Any long-term and sustainable solutions to our children's welfare must be based on ensuring the basic needs of our

children and families are met.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities must be empowered to participate in a meaningful way in the design and delivery of programs that affect their lives."

Ms Williams said there needed to be a greater focus on early intervention and prevention measures – improving access to Indigenous community-based early childhood, child care, family support and child welfare programs. "We need to recognise and build on the strengths of Indigenous families and communities to support and nurture their children," she said.

Once in care, many Indigenous children lost connection with family, community and culture. Their right to that connection needs to be met, SNAICC says, through better application of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle, especially in the Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania, where a high percentage of our children are being placed with non-Indigenous caregivers.

According to the report, the time a child has spent in out-of-home care varied. While 38 per cent of children in out-of-home care had been in a continuous placement for five or more years, 19 per cent had been in their current placement for less than 12 months.

Across Australia, the vast majority (93 per cent) of children in out-of-home care were placed in home-based care, such as with foster carers or relatives/kin.

Jessica hits big league



JESSICA Mauboy's star continues to rise, with her reworking of an Etta James classic becoming Rugby League's new anthem. The NRL's 2013 marketing campaign proclaiming that 'Rugby League's got a hold on me' was launched in Sydney on 27 February, with Cowboys and Queensland Maroons fan Mauboy performing her rendition of James' song *Something's got a hold on me*, pictured here. It is the first NRL anthem to feature a female performer since Tina Turner's *Simply the Best* efforts in the early 1990s and the first in a major Australian sport to star an Indigenous artist. Some commentators have ventured that the song forms part of the NRL's quest to promote rugby league to a bigger female audience and, therefore, as more family friendly. At the weekend, Mauboy's pop track stood at #47 on iTunes' list of top downloaded singles.

NewsPix image



Mercedes apologises for 'trashing' WA site

By KIRSTIE PARKER



MERCEDES Benz has apologised to the Noongar people of Western Australia over an online adventure sports video showing a BMX rider cycling and skidding over one of their heritage listed sacred sites.

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) sought the apology on behalf of the traditional owners of Wave Rock, near the Wheatbelt town of Hyden, about four hours' drive south-east of Perth.

Wave Rock is an ancient granite cliff naturally formed millions of years ago into the shape of a ocean wave. The 110-metre long, 15-metre multi-coloured wall attracts an estimated 100,000 visitors a year, but is sacred to its Noongar traditional owners.

The video by action sports website InfinityList and *MBI By Mercedes Benz* online magazine is set to uncredited didgeridoo music and shows BMX rider Danny Campbell 'conquering' Wave Rock. In the video, shot by Jesse Davison, fragments of the rock can be seen flying off Campbell's tyres.

When SWALSC took issue with the video at the beginning of the month, it had already been viewed on the Internet more than 250,000 times and was attracting at least 1000 views each day.

SWALSC CEO Glen Kelly said the footage was highly offensive and, if the filmmakers were found to have breached



Stills from the video taken at Wave Rock in Western Australia.

Aboriginal heritage protection laws, SWALSC would vigorously pursue prosecutions against them.

"The people who made this video have shown no respect for Aboriginal culture," he said.

"The video is effectively encouraging anyone with a bike or skateboard, from anywhere in Australia or from anywhere around the world, to trash a site that is sacred to the Noongar Aboriginal people.

"(It) is effectively advertising Wave Rock as Australia's natural half-pipe."

Mr Kelly said the land council would ask Mercedes Benz to clarify its role in commissioning the video and explain what efforts it made to consult with the local Aboriginal community and what permissions or approvals they sought or received.

"What kind of values are Mercedes Benz

promoting in this video? The film crew appear to have completely disregarded the signs placed around the Wave Rock site by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) at the request of the traditional owners who are attempting to preserve and protect Australia's historical, cultural and natural environment," he said.

Mercedes Benz says it didn't pay for or make the video but supplied a vehicle for InfinityList for the film shoot. At the time of printing, InfinityList had not responded to emails from the *Koori Mail*.

However, David McCarthy from Mercedes Benz Australia Pacific, told the *Koori Mail* that parent Daimler AG respected cultural and religious matters.

"We regret that the shooting and broadcasting of the images at Wave Rock have caused concern and apologise to the

Noongar people and all Indigenous Australians for the concern caused," he said on Sunday.

Mr McCarthy said that, while the video was shot after 'the required approvals' had been obtained from the Wave Rock Management, Mercedes Benz had removed the video from all websites it controlled.

It's understood the Tourism Council of WA has praised the video as a boon for tourism in the area, but government agency Tourism WA issued a statement saying, 'As spectacular as this film is, Tourism WA does not condone this type of activity without the appropriate approvals being obtained from all relevant local authorities'.

Heritage protection is a highly contentious issue in WA, with some Aboriginal traditional owners complaining that state heritage legislation is doing more to advance development than protect Aboriginal culture.

The *Koori Mail* contacted Wave Rock Management, which offers accommodation and camping in the area, but a spokesperson was not available on the weekend.

On Sunday, numerous sites that previously featured the video had locked it from public view, but photos from it were still accessible.

A spokesman for DIA told the *Koori Mail* the department would need to receive a formal complaint from SWALSC and inspect the site for damage before pursuing a prosecution over the apparent breach.

Gap funds warning

By DARREN COYNE



AUSTRALIAN governments need to renew their funding commitments to the Close the Gap (CTG) campaign if they're serious about achieving health equality between Indigenous people and other Australians by 2030.

And the most effective services to fund are those controlled by Aboriginal people, according to the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (NACCHO) chairman Justin Mohamed.

Mr Mohamed told the *Koori Mail* that funding underpinning the CTG strategy would expire in June, so it was imperative that governments recommitted to the campaign.



'We'd be urging the Government to make a significant announcement sooner rather than later' – NACCHO's Justin Mohamed

He said Close the Gap Day on 21 March would be a good time for governments to recommit, as tens of thousands of people across Australia take part in events in support of the campaign.

"We'd be urging the Government to make a significant announcement sooner rather than later," he said.

"We've got health services, patients and their families relying

on programs and they need certainty (of funding)."

Mr Mohamed said both the Government and Opposition had indicated they were taking a bipartisan approach, 'but we haven't seen that commitment formalised for the next stage of the strategy'.

Oxfam Indigenous rights policy advisor Andrew Meehan backed up Mr Mohamed's comments,

saying funding certainty was required 'so we can build on the important gains made so far'.

"It's totally unacceptable that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples die 10 to 17 years earlier than non-Indigenous Australians," he said.

"Long-term commitments to programs and services will provide certainty and results that are literally a matter of life and

death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"...The Federal, state and territory governments need to renew this funding to ensure we can build on the important gains made so far."

Mr Meehan said mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged under five were starting to fall, and a healthier child population meant a healthier adult population.

"Smoking and chronic disease initiatives are critical to closing the gap, with evidence showing they are starting to have an impact," he said.

"But there is no room for complacency. Funding for these initiatives must continue, otherwise momentum will be lost."

Close the Gap day events are listed on Oxfam's website at www.oxfam.org.au

Govt on defensive over student accommodation

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Federal Labor Government has defended itself against Opposition claims that its Aboriginal student accommodation programs are shambolic, behind schedule, wasteful and having cost blowouts.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion made the comments following the latest round of Senate Estimates hearings and is sticking by his criticisms.

Senator Scullion said the Indigenous Boarding Facilities (IBF) program was 'in tatters' with 'two out of three hostels three years overdue and cost overruns'.

"In 2008 the Rudd Government announced it would build school hostels with a total of 152 beds at the remote communities of Wadeye, Garrthallala and Yuendumu with \$28.9 million allocated for capital and running costs, to be operating by 2010," he said.

"Wadeye, opened last year at a cost of \$16 million, it is only half full. The two other locations appear to have been dropped with no indication of alternatives."

Federal Schools Education Minister Peter Garrett said Senator Scullion had missed the mark because the communities asked for the facilities and they will help remote students complete Year 12.

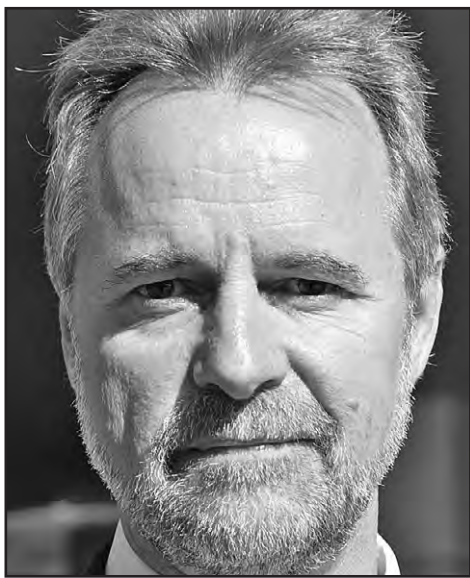
But the Minister also said community members had spoken about the challenges young students could face, particularly if living in a crowded environment, and that students who wanted to focus on their work saw a boarding facility as a viable option.

"If we have a look at the statistics across northern Australia, school attendance and continued school attendance is the most persistent issue that's frustrating families and schools and leading to many kids not being able to get an education under their belts," he said.

"I don't think it will surprise anyone that there are quite often delays and issues to be resolved when you are building in remote Australia, especially with the mining boom sucking tradespeople people out."

Mr Garrett said he was 'very pleased with Wadeye'.

"It's a first-class facility," he said. "One of the most important things to think about is



NIGEL SCULLION

that education is a passport out of poverty and, for any young Indigenous person, the more education, the better their life will be."

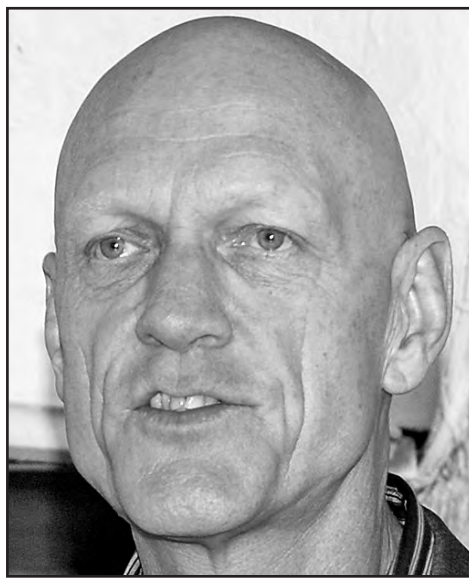
An October 2011 Australian National Audit Office audit of the IBF and Indigenous Boarding Hostels Program (IBHP), administered by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), said survey work had started at the Garrthallala site in East Arnhem.

"The Gillard Government has already spent \$650,000 on the proposed Garrthallala school hostel on survey fees and feasibility studies before a brick has even been laid," Senator Scullion said.

"There is no school at Garrthallala and no plans to build one. Obviously it won't go ahead."

"The Gillard Government has decided to can the boarding school planned for Yuendumu and possibly build at Tennant Creek, but it won't be 40 beds as originally proposed at Yuendumu. When and where the third hostel will be built is anyone's guess in this shambolic Labor program."

"The funding won't achieve the promised 152 beds. They failed to factor in staff housing costs in original calculations, which have led to further cost blow outs. I hate to see waste anywhere, but it distresses me to see it in remote Aboriginal



PETER GARRETT

communities where needs are so great."

Mr Garrett said construction had been delayed at Garrthallala due to an inability to come to an agreement with a dysfunctional NT Government that had seen 'three education ministers' in a matter of months.

He said the community of Yuendumu had been through a period of 'significant challenge' and, while the long delay was unfortunate, it was still important to take the time to do appropriate consultation, which he hoped might progress if he were able to visit the Warlpiri Triangle College next month.

Senator Scullion also took aim at Queensland's Western Cape Residential Campus, a 120-bed hostel for Indigenous students in Weipa, Queensland, built under IBHP.

He said he was told at Senate Estimates that 55 students were enrolled at the Weipa Hostel, but had later discovered that 'well into the school year there are 24 residents – just 20 per cent capacity'.

"True to Labor's form of reckless spending, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has played loose with the public purse," Senator Scullion said.

"The Weipa Hostel was originally a 40-bed hostel approved by the Howard Government, but by the time Minister Macklin's plane landed in Cape York it had been transformed into a 120-bed

mega-hostel to make a big splash announcement for the then Queensland Labor Government."

A spokesperson for Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the campus was opened with the girls' dormitories available from the start of the school year and the boys' dormitories from term two.

"Student numbers have gradually increased as part of the staged opening of the college. This has allowed staff to undertake a range of training," the spokesperson said.

"Current enrolments are in the early 50s, with recent rains and flooding in the communities having an impact on enrolments and attendance."

"The staged approach will continue, with the college expected to reach capacity by about the fourth year."

The 2011 audit raised questions about potential shortfalls in funding operation of both schemes, saying both departments would address them through subsidies and that FaHCSIA also intended to cover shortfalls by philanthropic donations.

Mr Garrett said operating costs for the IBF program would be funded through the Budget and that the Government was in the process of trying to bring forward a new funding model for education that would see a specific identified loading for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to be applied in their school setting through successive budgets.

"The important thing here is that, in the past, quite a lot of funding for education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has meant applying for resources from particular additional one-off programs, meaning it was dependent on the political cycle," the Minister said.

"In order to do the job properly you need certainty of funding for Indigenous students, and this new funding model would secure that."

Ms Macklin's spokesperson said there was no current shortfall in operational funding for the Weipa campus because the Federal and Queensland Governments had each invested \$2.5 million.

"This funding is in addition to funding through Abstudy, which is used to meet the campus operational costs."

"The facility was built on land gifted by Rio Tinto."

Site desecrated for profit, court told



A MINING company damaged and desecrated an Aboriginal sacred site in the Northern Territory for commercial reasons, a landmark court case has heard.

Prosecutor Andrew Collett told Darwin Magistrates Court on Friday that OM (Manganese) Ltd was trying to maximise profit at the expense of the site.

"It did the things because it was interested in keeping up with its target," he told magistrate Sue Oliver.

"An ordinary mining company in ordinary conditions would have not have continued with that conduct."

The case is believed to be the first prosecution of a company in Australia for

desecrating a sacred site. OM (Manganese) is alleged in July 2011 to have damaged and desecrated the Two Women Sitting Down sacred site at Bootu Creek, about 170km north of Tennant Creek.

The subsidiary of OM Holdings Ltd has admitted damaging the site, but it is contesting two separate charges of desecration.

The first count relates to the collapse of 20 March of a large piece of rock that protruded horizontally from the top of a section of rock at the site. When that rock, known locally as the Horse's Head, fell off, much of the sacred character of the area disappeared, the court heard.

To the Kunapa people, the site at Bootu Creek relates to a Dreaming story about a

marsupial rat and a bandicoot that had a fight over bush tucker. The blood from the creatures spilled out on to the rocks, turning them a dark red colour now associated with manganese.

Mr Collett said the manganese miner had insulted the sacred site and treated it with contempt.

Prosecutors alleged the second act of desecration occurred between 10 and 30 September when the miner failed to fix problems at the mine site, and so caused further damage.

Peter Quinlan, SC, acting for the miner, said that far from ignoring the problems, his client was awaiting instructions to go ahead with remediation works.

"Every time the defendant is given the

go-ahead to do the remedial works, it responds immediately," he told the hearing's final day on Friday.

Desecrating a site involved an attitude or disposition towards treating an area with contempt, and his client had not wanted to harm the site.

"The defendant's disposition was nothing other than respectful," Mr Quinlan told the court.

He said there was no evidence blasting had occurred immediately before the horizontal arm of rock collapsing in March 2012, or that the miner had undertaken more mining in September.

Magistrate Oliver reserved her decision and said she would publish her judgment at a later date. — **AAP**

Cape York mine plan under fire

By **DARREN COYNE**



CAPE York traditional owners (TOs) and environmentalists are fighting moves by a mining

company owned by Australia's richest woman to explore areas of Cape York containing ancient rock art.

Jacaranda Resources, owned by Gina Rinehart, had applied for two exploration permits for areas that included the Quinkan Rock Art Galleries, which have been listed by UNESCO as one of the top 10 rock art sites in the world.

After pressure from the environmentalists and TOs, the company has announced it will withdraw the Quinkan sites from its applications.

But opponents say that is not enough.

Despite the area being considered for World Heritage listing, they are fearful that the Queensland Government will allow the permits to be granted, despite rock art still being discovered.

Laura traditional owner Brian Ross told the *Koori Mail* that TOs were against the applications.

"I don't want them digging my country up," he said.

"It would be a good thing if she (Gina Rinehart) backed off.

"I work with the Laura rangers and our main job is protecting and recording rock art.

"To my knowledge, no-one (TOs) agrees with it at all."

The TOs' concerns are shared by the Australian Greens and The Wilderness Society, both of which have expressed outrage.

Greens mining spokesperson Larissa Waters said the area was full of 'incredible rock art dating back 34,000 years'.

"Rock art is still being discovered and traditional owners are in the process of GPS mapping the area to identify all of these sites of globally significant cultural heritage," she said.

"It would be an absolute tragedy to allow this ancient heritage to be ripped apart by

Cape York being destroyed by a mining industry allowed to run unchecked by the Newman Government."

Wilderness Society Northern Australian Campaign spokesperson Gavan McFadzean welcomed news that the Quinkan rock art area was to be withdrawn, but said the whole application should be shelved.

"Sorry Gina, you can't just put a fence around a few rock art sites and mine the rest," he said.

"There are literally hundreds of rock art sites and other cultural artefacts dispersed throughout the Laura escarpments.

"Many areas have not yet been comprehensively surveyed for their cultural values.

"This is a region where mining is simply inappropriate and the mining permit applications should be removed permanently and in their entirety."

Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and

Multicultural Affairs Glen Elmes said no decision had been made to grant the permits.

"I assure the communities of Cape York that any concerns they may have will be heard and addressed during the consideration of these applications," he said.

The mine permits will be assessed under the *Commonwealth Native Title Act*, the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act*, the *Mineral Resources Act* and the *Environmental Protection Act*. — **With AAP**



The Mushroom Rock art site on Cape York is among the best in the world.

Photo The Wilderness Society

mines before its full extent has even been discovered by traditional owners.

"(Qld Premier) Campbell Newman's Government has allowed a rush of mining applications, which threaten to smother the Cape's wild and rugged beauty and spoil its pristine waters with port developments.

"After missing the deadline for World Heritage nomination last month, Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke needs to act now to prevent the irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage of



Happier times ... Adam Giles and Alison Anderson in 2010.

Friends then, but not now



THEY say a picture tells a thousand words, but things move on — certainly in Northern Territory politics.

Adam Giles and Alison Anderson were

all smiles when snapped together at an art exhibition opening in Darwin in 2010.

But, back then, Mr Giles was a member of the NT's Country Liberal Opposition and Ms Anderson an independent MP (and former Labor Minister).

Fast-forward and the two are now Cabinet colleagues in Terry Mills' CLP Government, Mr Giles as the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Ms Anderson the Minister for Regional Development and Indigenous Advancement.

But that's not all that has changed with the formerly friendly pair having a major spat last week during a party leadership challenge prompted by the resignation of Deputy Chief Minister Robyn Lambley.

During a marathon seven-hour meeting on Wednesday, would-be challenger to a beleaguered Mr Mills Dave Tollner was dumped from his Health portfolio and Willem Westra van Holthe was appointed Deputy Chief Minister — but only after Mr Giles turned down that and the role of Treasurer, declaring he

wanted the top job instead.

Ms Anderson was having none of that and reportedly joined with first-time Aboriginal MLAs Larissa Lee, Bess Price and Xavier Francis in threatening to leave the party and become independents.

If they had done so and voted with NT Labor and sole current independent Gerry Wood, the Country Liberals would have lost the balance of power.

However, the matter didn't get to a vote. Mr Giles wasn't commenting after the meeting, but Ms Anderson had plenty to say the next day.

"We've got infighting with boys that think, you know, they want to be the Chief, they all want to be leaders... (Giles) was given the number two, the Deputy on a silver platter, unopposed, and then he threw it back in the faces of his colleagues and said 'I no longer want to be the Deputy Chief Minister, I want to be the Chief Minister'. And that's just not on," she told ABC Radio's Breakfast program.

Ms Anderson said the Country Liberals needed to bring confidence and stability to government, not infighting.

"I think (Giles) has got lots of opportunities in the future, but this is about stability. We've been in government for six months and we need to govern for the NT and give confidence to business."

Silence as same man detained

By LIZ MURRAY



WEST Australian health authorities are remaining tight-lipped over new psych-care reforms, after a second incident involving the detention of the same homeless

Perth man wrongly detained in December.

Last week, NSW Aboriginal Land Council magazine *Tracker* revealed that the 22-year-old Aboriginal man at the centre of controversy for wrongful detention and medication at Graylands Psychiatric Hospital was again seized from a Perth street just a fortnight later.

WA Police mistook him for another Aboriginal psychiatric patient who had absconded after being arrested and transferred to the psychiatric hospital, in December last year.

Graylands staff injected him with anti-psychotic drugs, to which he had a bad reaction, and he was rushed to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, where his mistaken identity was discovered and he was discharged after treatment.

WA Police said that their investigation into the man's first wrongful arrest and transfer to Graylands Psychiatric Hospital found no police wrongdoing.

Superintendent Paul Coombes, who headed the investigation, said officers had acted in good faith, and in accordance with the health and welfare interests of the people concerned.

"No further action will be undertaken by police and therefore no further comment will be made," a police spokesperson said.

The man's second arrest and psychiatric care transfer, just days after a two-page story about him appeared in a local newspaper, was not something WA Police would comment on, the spokesperson added.

The Health Department was unaware of the man's second arrest and his detention at Graylands

Hospital, allegedly prompted after a failure to obey a WA Police move-on order.

They said later that he was not 'wrongfully detained' a second time, but would not answer why he needed to be held at Graylands or if it related to the mis-medication two weeks earlier.

Last month, Noongar Elder Bella Bropho told the *Koori Mail* she felt that move-on notices were being issued arbitrarily by police against Aboriginal people and the homeless in the City of Perth area.

The *Tracker* report also stated the man was subject to a video link criminal hearing while in a locked ward at Graylands Hospital, and that he was transferred to residential care in a regional area to which he had no ties.

An internal Health Department review last month found procedures had not been adhered to when the man was first admitted.

Errors

Director General of Health Kim Snowball said a new two-person or photographic identification process would help to eliminate such errors.

He told the *Koori Mail* the staff involved would have to answer for why they had not taken the man through the full triage process, and had admitted him 'straight on to the ward'.

A Health Department spokesperson said last week that the root cause analysis assessment (RCA) was complete and under consideration by the Director General and would, in part, inform the independent inquiry of the Chief Psychiatrist.

The Chief Psychiatrist's inquiry would look for 'any residual gaps not picked up in the internal review or RCA', the spokesperson said.

The State Government was last week in caretaker mode, before Saturday's election. Mental Health Minister Helen Morton was unavailable to answer questions and her spokesperson referred inquiries to the Health Department.



Umpila Elder Lawrence Omeenyo at work. Photo courtesy of Lockhart River Arts Indigenous Corporation. Inset: An example of Lawrence Omeenyo's work.

Elder's sculptures make the short list



A FEW years ago, Umpila Elder Lawrence Omeenyo participated in a sculpture workshop at Lockhart River, in far north Queensland.

"A bloke came here to show us making in clay, so I do it my way," Mr Omeenyo told the *Koori Mail*. "What I do, it's my work, my thinking, my ideas... everything I do, what I think, I make it."

The 70-year-old culture man has just had a series of four sculptures shortlisted in the Western Australian Indigenous Art Award, which has a \$50,000 prize that will be announced in August.

In his artist's statement, Mr Omeenyo explained the story behind his sculptures.

"Croc men go out looking, looking in their boats for three

reasons; look for food, look for lost people, or look for love.

"This story – two boats go looking for the other three boats, but the other three have already gone north. When they find them, they all go hunting. They come back at sunset with minya (meat) for everyone back in camp, so they can all have a good feed."

Mr Omeenyo, a senior member of the Lockhart River Kawadji-Wimpa Dancers, travelled from Queensland to Melbourne last week to play drums and sing with the group. Born and raised on the Lockhart River Mission, he worked as a trochus diver, croc shooter and truck driver on Cape York, and mending tracks on the Hamersley Railway in Dampier, WA.

These days, Mr Omeenyo raises several young children who have been entrusted to his care, strives to pass on his

traditional knowledge to younger generations, and works on his art.

He came to visual arts late in life, starting in paint, linocut, and woodcarving, and now works primarily in ceramics. He is represented by the Lockhart River Arts Indigenous Corporation.

The WA Indigenous Art Awards is a biennial event that will be on display at the Art Gallery of WA from 23 August until 27 January next year.

With a \$50,000 prize, it is the richest Indigenous arts award in Australia.

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NAIDOC Week date for ACT election



THE date of the election for the Australian Capital Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body has been changed to NAIDOC Week and the campaign period for the poll increased from four to six weeks, following

legislation in the ACT Parliament.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Shane Rattenbury said the changes would strengthen the seven-member elected body.

"We can all agree this is the essence of what true community representation

is: allowing candidates the time to hear what matters to the community and share their message on why they should be elected to the representative body," he said. "Another key recommendation from the community was to hold elections during NAIDOC Week, a good and fitting opportunity for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to think about who would best represent them and promote the issues which affect them."

Members are elected for a three-year term. As the last election was held in April/May 2011, the next will be held in July 2014.

Premier visits Palm

Welfare is not the answer, says Newman

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



QUEENSLAND Premier Campbell Newman has visited Palm Island for the first time, armed with a swagful of promises, many of them related to giving locals greater control over the community's economic future and creating jobs for young people.

Mr Newman made his three-hour visit to the North Queensland Aboriginal community on 26 February at the invitation of Palm Mayor Alf Lacey, but he'd been there only a short while when he was confronted by placard-waving protesters.

The Premier held a private meeting with Mayor Lacey and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire councillors Mislam Sam, Roy Prior, Eddie Walsh and Frank Conway at the council chambers.

Mr Newman then attended a community assembly in the nearby shopping and business district.

After a welcome to country from Elder Allan Palm Island, Mr Newman presented awards to student leaders from Bwgcolman State and St Michael's schools and had a tour of the Palm Island Retail Store.

"I wanted to check out the prices," the Premier said as he bought soft drink.

Mayor Lacey said he spoke to Mr Newman about the local community taking over the operation of the retail store, which is currently controlled by the State Government, with most profits being spent away from the island.

Mr Newman visited the island's child and family centre, checked out the erosion and damage to the beach caused by Cyclone Yasi, visited the Upper Lama Lama subdivision, spoke to the Palm Men's Group



Diane Foster and her mother Mavis Foster hold signs at the assembly in the Palm Island town square.

under a tree along the Esplanade, and went to the Coolgaree Bar and Grill restaurant for a meeting with locals and Elders.

"Palm Island has a lot of potential," the Premier said afterwards. "Welfare is not the answer here.

"Economic development is needed. We have provided the council with the tools but there is more we can do to help them on their journey to self-sustainability.

"People are talking here about adventure tourism, eco-tourism. There will be land and environment issues and we can help them, maybe through legislation. We will back council up. It is about you coming up with solutions and we will back you up."

Mayor Lacey said that overall the visit had been 'very positive' for Palm Islanders.

"Campbell mingled with people and spoke to them about a lot of issues, but the most important thing for us is making sure our young people have good futures and that means jobs," he said.

The mayor spoke about the island's widely unpopular Alcohol Management Plan (AMP). "For us, it is about economic development, which is a way ahead for our kids' future," he said. "I had a lot of discussion with the Premier about the AMP. We want the same opportunities as people living on the mainland."

Mr Newman flew out of Palm Island at 3.30pm and vowed to visit other Aboriginal communities such as Woorabinda.



Protestors, from left, Delena Foster, Elizabeth Clay and Deniece Geia meet Queensland Premier Campbell Newman at Palm Island airport.



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, Cr Mislam Sam and Premier Campbell Newman with local tradesmen at the Child and Family Centre.



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Bellotti Support Group member Lucy Heagney takes part in the vigil outside WA Parliament last Wednesday. Photos by MICHAELA PEARCE



Onlookers stop to find out about Rex Bellotti Jnr's injuries.



Holding out for justice ... Elizabeth and Rex Bellotti Sr.

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A DIGNIFIED vigil outside WA State Parliament has marked the collision, four years ago, which nearly took a young Noongar man's life.

On 6 March 2009, Albany junior footballer Rex Bellotti was struck by a police four-wheel-drive outside a party, causing life-threatening injuries.

Before his condition stabilised, Rex Junior had to be resuscitated 15 times and still faces the possibility of having his leg amputated.

His parents, Elizabeth and Rex Bellotti Sr, have campaigned solidly for the past four years for an apology and compensation.

Mrs Bellotti recently disclosed further trauma she suffered through childhood abuse in Katanning, where it is said that influential paedophiles were shielded for many years.

Outside the Parliament last Wednesday, she told the *Koori Mail* about her quest for justice and protection and how she and other young abuse survivors from the town south-east of Perth were silenced.

She said that the injustice her family was now enduring with her son's case mirrored government inaction over her childhood trauma, and cut deeply into her faith in the justice system.

"I'm feeling very let down... as a mum I am feeling so disappointed in a lot of people," she said.

"Our kids look at us for protection, do we just pretend that all this heartache and pain and suffering is for nothing?"

"I look into my children's eyes and I don't want to fail them and give up on them because people let us down."

The family would continue to campaign for

'as long as it takes', Mrs Bellotti said.

Her husband, Rex Bellotti Sr, said of his son's matter: "The most important thing is recognition for stress and trauma... my son was an innocent victim like TJ Hickey (a Sydney teen who died after being pursued on his bike by a police car).

"(They were) innocent victims in the wrong place at the wrong time, like our folk who were in the institutions. They all need to be compensated regardless of what level of trauma they've been through.

"It was seven weeks before (the police) Major Crash (Unit) investigated, the police 4WD was not impounded after the collision and police did not follow procedure," Mr Bellotti said of the incident that changed his son's life for far worse.

"Major Crash has their own police officers

who are qualified mechanics and auto-electricians, they should have got them engaged on the night."

Mr Bellotti Sr said the lack of forensic evidence gathered at the time of the collision has stymied compensation and government assistance for his son.

Rex Bellotti Sr's non-Indigenous friends

point to different treatment evident in delays that occurred in Rex Jnr getting adequate medical attention that night, leading to permanent damage to his leg and jeopardising his life. The police officer who was driving had 'jumped out of the vehicle and ordered the other police officers to take account of the scene', Mr Bellotti said.

"He should not have been involved... it's a conflict of interest," he said.

"Police investigating police... we need grassroots leaders who are prepared to stand up and say enough is enough.

"You can't tell me that every step of the way institutionalised racism and systemic racism hasn't played a key role in this."

'Police investigating police... we need grassroots leaders who are prepared to stand up and say enough is enough' – Rex Bellotti Sr

Man found dead in WA prison



AUTHORITIES are investigating the death of a 20-year-old Aboriginal man at Western Australia's Casuarina Prison. WA's Department of

Corrective Services confirmed the man had been found about 3.50pm (WST) last Wednesday afternoon. They said efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

A coronial inquiry has been launched into the death in custody, and WA police are conducting an investigation. The man's next of kin have been notified. – AAP

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Qld dingo review welcomed

By DARREN COYNE



BUTCHULLA Elder Aunty Marie Wilkinson has been fighting for the dingoes on Queensland's Fraser Island for many years.

She has always believed that it's the visitors to the island that need controlling – not the dingoes, which are sacred to her people.

She was happy therefore to hear that the Queensland Government has reviewed the way dingoes are managed on the island, and plans to place a greater focus on dingo welfare and conservation.

"I've been screaming out about the dingoes for years," Aunty Marie told the *Koori Mail* last week.

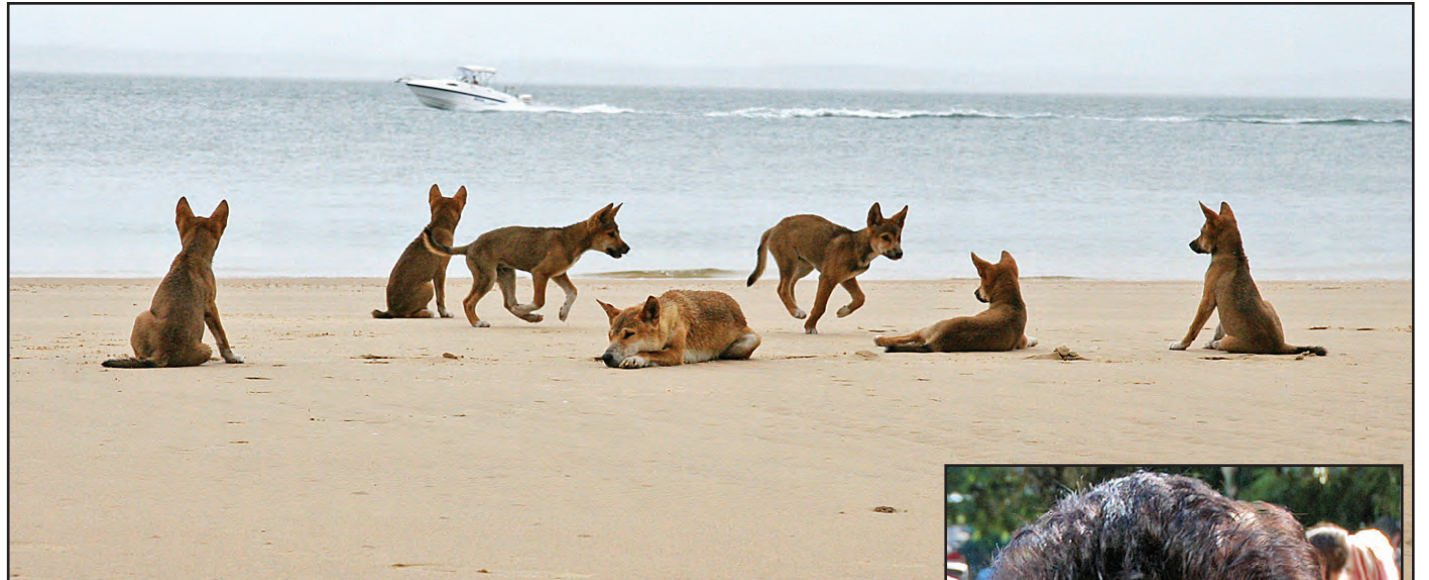
"I don't want to see any more dingoes killed or hurt."

Under the proposed changes to the Fraser Island Dingo Management Strategy (FIDMS), dingoes will no longer be subjected to hazing* by rangers, a practice that involves firing clay pellets at them to scare them away.

There will also be changes to dingo tagging practices, veterinary checks will be carried out, and the possibility of establishing a sanctuary will be explored.

Queensland Environment Minister Andrew Powell released his recommendations following a review of the FIDMS by an expert panel led by Professor Hugh Possingham.

"The report has delivered a number of recommendations that will form the basis of a new strategy for the management of



Dingoes on the beach at Fraser Island.

Fraser Island dingoes," Mr Powell said.

"Importantly, the report has recommended that objectives of the new strategy ensure dingo welfare and it outlines a number of ways this can be achieved.

"For example, it calls for immediate actions to protect dingoes such as putting a stop to all hazing of dingoes and an end to the practice of tagging dingoes that are less than 10kg, both of which have my full support.

"There are also longer-term measures that are canvassed to ensure the ongoing protection of dingoes such as potential

visits by vets to check animals on the island or the possibility of establishing a sanctuary, all of these are options I am very keen to investigate."

Mr Powell said a review of the policy was long overdue and the recommendations would form the basis of a new management strategy to be announced in May.

The Save the Fraser Island Dingo group said the 'report requires more comprehensive investigation but at this stage the recommendations are promising for the future of the Fraser Island dingo'.



Butchulla Elder Marie Wilkinson

Mayor plans to sue police



A FAR north Queensland mayor accused of using a spear to incite violence says he plans to sue police for wrongfully arresting him.

Greg McLean, the mayor of Hope Vale, 370kms north of Cairns, was arrested on Tuesday, 5 March, and charged with affray, assaulting police and obstructing police.

Cairns Acting District Superintendent Rhys Newton says Mr McLean has been accused of trying to pick a fight with residents while holding a spear.

He then allegedly resisted arrest.

However, Mr McLean says he was actually trying to break up a fight between his family and another clan.

He had just confiscated a spear from his cousin when police arrived, he says.

"(Because the police arrived when they did) they showed that they had come there especially for me," he told AAP.

The 46-year-old says he didn't try to resist police but was only trying to move out of the way of a man who was attacking him as he was being held by officers.

"This is purely retribution on the police's side," he said.

Mr McLean says he called police on the Monday to alert them to large street fights that had been breaking out



Hope Vale mayor Greg McLean ... "This is purely retribution on the police's side."

between two families. He says he had an argument with police over whether they were going to investigate his concerns.

"If they had investigated the issue on Monday when I asked them to, then local people would have been calm," he said.

"The Hope Vale Police have failed me."

Mr McLean says he has video

footage which proves his version of events and plans to sue Queensland Police.

There was also community tension elsewhere on Cape York. Elders met with police at Aurukun last Tuesday, following a disturbance the day before.

Police say tensions between several local groups erupted into a street disturbance involving about 200 people, most of them 'spectators'.

It is alleged that one man produced a firearm and discharged a number of shots into the air during the incident. However, there were no reports of any injuries, and no arrests and police inquiries were continuing.

Meanwhile, a man whose arrest for allegedly assaulting a police officer sparked tensions between police and Aboriginal residents at Doomadgee has been released on strict bail conditions.

The 52-year-old man pleaded not guilty on Thursday and will face court again on 2 May.

Unrest prompted police to dispatch extra officers to the Gulf community the weekend before last, a measure that one community spokesperson, Alec Doomadgee, says was designed to bully and intimidate the Aboriginal residents.

Mr Doomadgee says mediation talks between Elders and police didn't work. – AAP, with additional reporting by the *Koori Mail*

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Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, Federal Member for Herbert Ewen Jones and David Smallwood at the media conference following the boy's death.

Health action urged after child's death

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL activist Professor Gracelyn Smallwood and her brother David have

called on health authorities around the country to employ more culturally appropriate Indigenous people following the death of a nine-year-old boy in Townsville.

The Queensland Government has started an investigation into the death after doctors failed to diagnose the boy's illness. He died from viral pneumonia at the Townsville Hospital on 24 February, weeks after being diagnosed by a GP with 'flu-like symptoms' and given painkillers.

The boy had initially been taken to a suburban Townsville Medical Centre on 3 February.

Following that, he was taken to Palm Island's Joyce Palmer Health Clinic three times before he was given antibiotics.

A doctor at the clinic ordered an X-ray of the boy's chest on 14 February, which revealed a spot on his lung, a sign of pneumonia.

He was given antibiotics and sent home. They didn't work and he was taken back to the island clinic on 20 February but his condition did not improve and he was airlifted to Townsville

Hospital on 25 February.

Twelve hours later he was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit, struggling to breathe. The boy died 12 hours later.

Prof Smallwood and David Smallwood called a press conference on 27 February, which was attended by Liberal Federal Member for Herbert Ewen Jones.

"I can't comment on this death which is under investigation, but this is terrible and this has been going on for 50 years," Prof Smallwood said.

Tears

Mr Smallwood was in tears as he spoke of the death of his own five-year-old son Terry 35 years ago.

"Terry had a high temperature and was taken to emergency at the Townsville Hospital three times and we were told he was a naughty boy and given Panadol," Mr Smallwood said. "He later died from meningitis. Nothing has changed."

Prof Smallwood said millions of dollars were being wasted by health authorities around the country.

"When our people go to hospital they consider it a place to die, and they need Indigenous health workers who know our culture," she said.

"The Palm Island hospital is a place where Queensland Health sends white interns. A

lot of nurses on Palm fly in and out and are inexperienced culturally."

A qualified midwife and registered nurse, Prof Smallwood has a Certificate in Indigenous Mental Health and a Master of Science in HIV/AIDS. She said she had worked in desert areas of Western Australia many years ago.

"The Indigenous health workers there were wonderful. When our people go to hospital, they need a culturally appropriate person," she said.

Prof Smallwood has worked for 45 years nationally and internationally in rural, remote and western areas and said 'closing the gap' would not happen until more money reached the 'grassroots' and culturally appropriate workers were given full-time jobs.

Mr Jones faced a barrage of questions from media about the issue.

"The Federal Government is spending \$25 billion a year and the money is not closing the gap," he said.

"It is not just on Palm Island but around Australia. We need a major overhaul of where the money is going. Obviously if 25 people are living in a house, that is not good for health outcomes."

Prof Smallwood said that no black or white child in a developing country in the 21st century should die of pneumonia.

TSRA launches new website



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has launched a new website at www.tsra.gov.au.

TSRA chair Joseph Elu said he hoped people would visit the new site and let the TSRA know about

important events in their communities so they could be added to the site's new community calendar.

Details about community events can be sent to info@tsra.gov.au, to be included in the calendar.



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Home Care Service Advisory Board Opportunity for Appointment

Applications are invited for membership of the Home Care Service Advisory Board.

The Home Care Service of NSW is a statutory authority within Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC), Department of Family and Community Services NSW. Home Care is the largest provider of personal care and domestic assistance services to frail older people, younger people with a disability and their carers in NSW.

The Board is constituted in accordance with the *Home Care Service Act 1988*. The Board advises the Director General of the Department on issues relating to the strategic management of Home Care.

Home Care is seeking to appoint members with a broad range of knowledge, skills and experience who have a keen interest in issues affecting older people and people with a disability.

Clients of Home Care, people with a disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island backgrounds and people from rural and remote communities that have a combination of the following attributes are particularly encouraged to apply.

- The ability to contribute to complex, high level discussions and provide advice on contemporary issues involving Home Care and the broader Aged and Disability sectors.
- The ability to apply a broad range of knowledge and skills to discussions on the strategic direction and future development of Home Care.
- A capacity to form independent judgements and a willingness to constructively challenge and question current practices and information.
- A professional, ethical approach to the exercise of their duties and the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities of a member of the Home Care Service Advisory Board.
- A background and expertise in one or more of the following areas: business and management, law, research, community development, service innovation and quality improvement.

The Board has seven members appointed by the Minister for Ageing and Disability Services. Meetings are held quarterly. Members are appointed as part-time members for a term of two or three years.

Interested applicants should visit www.adhc.nsw.gov.au or ring (02) 9716 2434 for supporting information and a copy of the application form.

For more information about the role contact Trevor Fairbairn on (02) 9716 2821.

The closing date for applications is 29 March.

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Department of Health and Ageing

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- maintenance or increased independence.

The successful applicants must be able to:

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- match community visitors with recipients of aged care services who are socially isolated.

Funding Available

The Australian Government will provide \$19 million from 2013-2016. Funding will be offered on a fixed allocation of \$1,424.50 per allocated visitor per annum. Successful applicants will be offered funding agreements for up to three years, from 1 July 2013.

Where to lodge applications

Tender Box
Department of Health and Ageing
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on **Friday, 5 April 2013**

How to Apply

Interested applicants will need to address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the Invitation to Apply DoHA/233/1213 and in accordance with the Grant Program Guidelines Community Visitors Scheme which are available by registering on the Department's Tenders and Grants internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

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Facebook help for Tiwi Islands



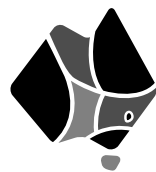
TIWI Islanders who have a complaint about dodgy products or services can now contact the Australian Competition and Consumer

Commission via Facebook. The Facebook page, ACCC – Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands, is a pilot initiative

aimed at Indigenous residents of remote communities.

The Facebook page will allow people to report issues directly to ACCC staff through a private message or wall post.

The 'ACCC – Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands' Facebook page can be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/ACCCTiwi>



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Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for membership of the RDA Northern Territory and the RDA Tasmania committees.

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You will use your experience, skills and local regional knowledge to build relationships between all levels of government and regional communities. RDA committees are representative of the diversity of each particular region. Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse cultural backgrounds, people living with disabilities and people from across every age group are encouraged to submit an EOI.

Interested community members in the Northern Territory and Tasmania should submit an EOI. Previous applicants for RDA Northern Territory and RDA Tasmania should submit a new EOI. All EOIs will be considered against the skills and expertise which are specified in the application information.

EOIs are encouraged by Friday, 22 March 2013.

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Department of Sustainability and Environment

Appointments to Victoria's Catchment Management Authority Boards from October 2013

Contribute your skills and help to protect and enhance Victoria's natural resources

Mr Ryan Smith MP, Minister for Environment and Climate Change and Mr Peter Walsh MLA, Minister for Water are seeking expressions of interest for appointment as members on Catchment Management Authority (CMA) boards. There will be a single appointment as chairperson of the Goulburn Broken CMA board. There are 10 CMAs in Victoria and each is responsible for a region and its land, biodiversity and water resources.

Do you have experience and knowledge in **land management, water resources management and the water industry, waterway management, environment or natural resources management, primary industry, strategic or business planning, or financial management?** Experience and knowledge in public administration and governance or in community engagement is also desirable.

Each CMA board has nine members, including a chairperson, appointed for a term of up to four years. More than one half of the members of each CMA board (except Port Phillip and Westernport CMA) must be persons whose principal occupation is primary production (agriculture, apiculture, aquaculture, forestry or horticulture).

CMA boards are responsible for strategic planning, deciding the policies and overseeing the affairs of a CMA including the performance of their functions and carrying out of their duties. CMAs prepare and coordinate and monitor the implementation of regional catchment strategies (RCSs); promote the cooperation of the public in the preparing and implementation of an RCS; provide advice to Ministers on priorities for resource allocation, and on the condition of land and water resources; and promote community awareness and understanding of the importance of land and water resources, their sustainable use, conservation and rehabilitation. Each CMA (except Port Phillip and Westernport CMA) also has regional waterway, floodplain, drainage and environmental water reserve management responsibilities.

Board chairpersons and members may be entitled to remuneration for their services at rates according to the Victorian Government's Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines. Travelling and other allowances may also be reimbursed at applicable government rates.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

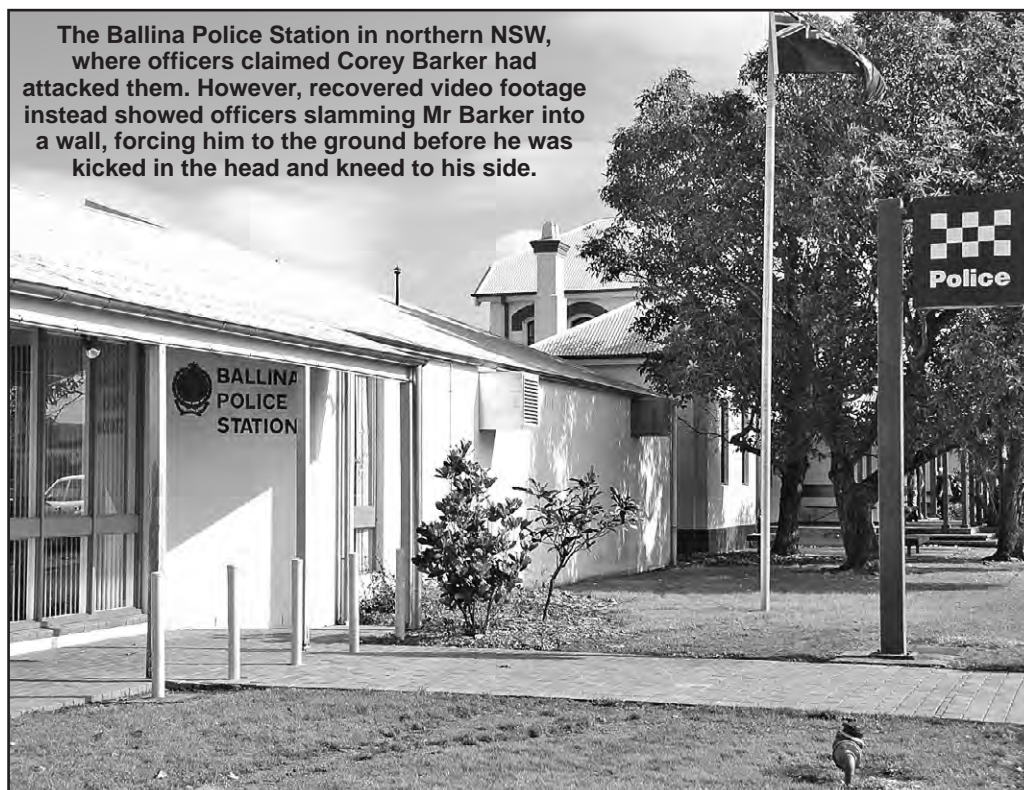
Application forms and further information are available at www.dse.vic.gov.au (under 'Latest News').

Expressions of interest close 5.00pm Tuesday, 19 March 2013.

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The Ballina Police Station in northern NSW, where officers claimed Corey Barker had attacked them. However, recovered video footage instead showed officers slamming Mr Barker into a wall, forcing him to the ground before he was kicked in the head and kned to his side.

Watchdog is considering officers' fate

By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP



THE New South Wales Police Integrity Commission

(PIC) has wound up its hearings into police treatment of young Aboriginal man Corey Barker.

It's not known how long the police watchdog will take to determine the fate of officers involved in the incident at Ballina on the NSW north coast in January 2011.

However, the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) says it's likely to want the matter off its books as soon as possible.

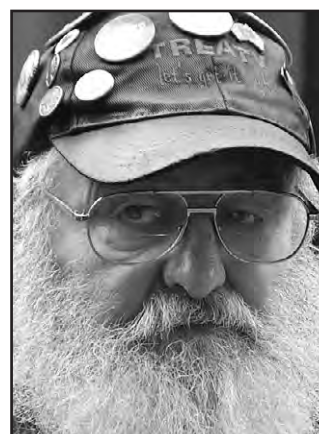
"(The PIC) also have to be fair to Corey and I can't see how they can possibly exonerate the coppers in this case," said ISJA President Ray Jackson.

While he predicted that the PIC would probably call for the officers to 'have their wrists slapped', Mr Jackson said it was good that the matter had made been made public.

That nearly didn't happen because CCTV footage of Mr Barker's interaction with officers at Ballina Police Station was originally said to have been damaged.

Mr Barker was arrested after attempting to help two friends who were in a violent street confrontation with police.

Officers said Mr Barker was violent and abusive at the police station and Sen



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Const David Hill claimed the 23-year-old punched him in the head. However, recovered video footage instead showed officers slamming Mr Barker into a wall, forcing him to the ground before he was kicked in the head and kned to his side.

He was then handcuffed and dragged along the floor to a cell, where he was left in handcuffs for more than an hour and a half.

Charges

Northern Rivers magistrate David Heilpern last year ordered that the charges against Mr Barker of assault police be dropped and referred the officers' conduct to the PIC.

At the end of the final week of the PIC hearing, Sen Const Hill insisted that his original version of events was true, even though other officers conceded the attack never happened. "I still remember being hit by him," the officer told the inquiry.

Counsel assisting the inquiry Stephen Rushton, SC, repeatedly accused Sen Const Hill of giving false evidence in court during Mr Barker's prosecution.

"I suggest to you that evidence is false," Mr Rushton said.

"I disagree," Sen Const Hill replied.

"I suggest at the time you gave that evidence you knew it was false," Mr Rushton said.

"No, it wasn't," the officer replied.

Sen Const Hill could not explain why written statements from him and his fellow officers were nearly identical in regards to the abusive language Mr Barker allegedly used just before the incident.

ISJA president Ray Jackson told the *Koori Mail* last week that more and more magistrates and judges were starting to question police evidence.

"The magistrates know that police sometimes lie on oath but, for far too long, they were allowed to get away with it," he said.

"There was this attitude with the magistrates and judges that 'Okay, the police might be lying but obviously this person is not a good person so it doesn't really matter'.

"That is slowly dying out so hopefully some good will come out of this for Corey; some compensation at least; that seems to be the only language that governments and the courts understand."

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The gathering is scheduled to be held at Rawnsley Park Resort, Wilpena Pound, Flinders Rangers, SA, beginning next Tuesday, 19 March.

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New Native Title Tribunal head named



A NATIVE title barrister from Darwin has been announced as the new President of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT).

Raelene Webb, QC, will take over from outgoing president Graeme Neate, whose term expires at the end of the month.

Ms Webb was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2004 and has appeared in significant native title matters as counsel for governments and for native title applicants. She was associate to Justice Kearney, a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, and Crown Counsel for the NT before joining the private bar in 1999. She is vice-president of the Australian Bar Association for 2013, and the immediate past president of the NT Bar Association.

Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus, QC, congratulated Ms Webb on her appointment and said he looked forward to her further contribution to the native title system.

He also paid tribute to Mr Neate, a member of the tribunal since 1995 and president since 1999.

"I thank Mr Neate for almost two decades of excellent service to the Australian people in this role, and for his commitment to achieving native title outcomes," Mr Dreyfus said.

Governed by the *Native Title Act 1993*, the NNTT's functions include assisting parties to negotiate agreements, making arbitral decisions and registering native title claims.

The Federal Government has committed to streamlining, strengthening and revitalising key



RAELENE WEBB, QC

institutions in the native title system.

"The NNTT is now performing more arbitration and mediation of future acts. Future acts are activities or developments that may affect native title, such as the granting of mining leases," Mr Dreyfus said.

With 97 per cent of future act activity occurring in WA, Ms Webb will be based in Perth.

Aboriginal woman Valerie Cooms was appointed a full-time member of the NNTT last month. From the Nunukul people of North Stradbroke Island, Dr Cooms has extensive experience leading Indigenous affairs organisations. She is a former CEO of the Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation, which became the Queensland South Native Title Services, and a former visiting research fellow in the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS.

Corporation says miner is mistaken

By **KIRSTIE PARKER**



THE Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) says the Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) is wrong to claim that a recent

Federal Court decision won't impact on the company's operations in WA's Pilbara region. YAC lawyer George Irving says FMG has obtained some of the tenure it needs for its Solomon Project but most of it is still pending in the relevant areas where native title is both proven and pending.

And he says the iron ore miner will be liable for substantial compensation if it doesn't reach agreement with the Yindjibarndi people before the claim known as Yindjibarndi #1 – 'one of the strongest' he has seen in 20 years – is determined.

Justice Neil McKerracher's decision on 13 February validated a native title applicant group that backs YAC as the legally representative institution for the Yindjibarndi people.

In another decision in July last year, the same judge said determination of native title in favour of those ultimately

decided as the valid native title applicant group could entitle the Yindjibarndi People to compensation from FMG.

Nevertheless, FMG CEO Nev Power insists that none of its operations in the region – current or future – will be affected, because the company has acquired all of the necessary tenure.

Relationship

While saying it would strive towards an agreement with 'all Yindjibarndi people', the company appeared to shrug off YAC's newly stamped authority by declaring that it would continue to support the Wirlu-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (WMYAC), a breakaway group whose more conciliatory relationship with FMG has placed it at odds with YAC.

YAC maintains that WMYAC is effectively controlled by FMG and operates 'outside any mechanisms of consent, accountability, or responsibility to current and future generations of the Yindjibarndi People'. It says FMG paid WMYAC and related private companies \$5.6 million during 2011-12.

Just a week after the Federal

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

The five-year joint venture would deliver long-term benefits in the form of education, training, jobs and business experience, the groups said.

But Mr Irving says FMG's continuing support for and engagement with WMYAC goes against its court mandated obligation to negotiate 'in good faith' with YAC and signals its intention to 'continue to pay WMYAC members and directors to say that they and all other Yindjibarndi people have no knowledge of any heritage values in any parts of Yindjibarndi country required for FMG's Solomon operations'.

He says such pronouncements by WMYAC would expedite State approvals for the destruction of hundreds of sacred sites known to YAC and its members, including rock shelters and rock art that demonstrate occupation by the Yindjibarndi People for in excess of 40,000 years.



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LIBBY COLLINS

Libby, 26, works in communications and media at the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Sydney

Favourite bush tucker?
Piranga (aka long bums, cone-shaped snails found in mangroves).

Favourite other food?
Chicken.

Favourite drink?
Mango smoothie.

Favourite music?
R 'n' B and rock.

Favourite sport/leisure/hobby?
I draw.

Favourite holiday destination?
Back home in Darwin and Nguiu.

What are you reading?
The draft NC12 report... epic!

What are you watching?
Anything with Will Ferrell in it, or by Quentin Tarantino.

What has been the greatest highlight in your life so far?
The birth of my niece Rachel Elizabeth on Christmas Eve.

What do you like in life?
Having a laugh with my brothers.

What do you dislike?
Pickles, they make me sick.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Singer Josh Pyke for tunes, (comedian) Dave Chappelle for laughs and Hugh Jackman (because he's Wolverine)... and everyone else

If you could, what would you do for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I would host a massive cultural festival of Woodstock proportions, with every nation represented.

Quote



'No-one should be discriminated against. Being black, white, straight, gay, lesbian etc... We're all human and deserve to have freedom of choice in who we love and want to marry'

Tamworth's Hannah Briggs speaking at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

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Our families deserve better

THE Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's latest report on substantiated child abuse makes for depressing reading but probably won't surprise many *Koori Mail* readers.

The stark figures confirmed something many have known for a long time – that our communities are in the midst of a child abuse crisis, and our families are being split apart at increasingly alarming rates.

How terrible is it that one-third of all children in out-of-home care are Indigenous, given that we make up just one-fortieth of the overall population?

Virtually every week, this newspaper receives calls from distressed Aboriginal families dealing with the threat or actual removal of their children or grandchildren.

It is very difficult for media to report on individual cases of removal and we accept that this has to be so; confidentiality must be protected. But flawed systems need to be exposed and changed if the trauma caused to our families through past removal policies is not to become a recurring nightmare.

We know child welfare and protection is a complex area.

We know the flipside of abuse is protection, and that this can require hard – but not kneejerk – decisions to be made.

We know that, while many of our families are strong, functional and proud, others are damaged and struggling.

We know that in Aboriginal families,



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abuse is more likely to be through neglect than sexual, fuelled by the disease of poverty rather than by deviance but, of course, none of it is acceptable.

And we know that it takes guts and commitment to work in child protection, whether for a government agency or as a foster carer; to stay the course in the face of burnout, fatigue and depression.

The underlying principles must be supporting, valuing and strengthening Indigenous families; the placement of our kids with Indigenous foster carers wherever possible and continuing connection to their culture (removal from extended families should be the last resort); and real efforts to heal and reunify as soon as possible.

The appointment of Australia's first National Children's Commissioner is welcome news indeed. But we agree that the vulnerability of our children and families warrants our own full-time commissioner.

The solution to the challenges we face will not be simple or quick, but the rewards would be great: Suffer the little children no more, and no need for apologies – now or in the future.

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Bright future beckons for hip-hop artist



PERTH based hip-hop artist Bryte has come a long way since running amok on the streets of Brisbane as a graffiti artist. He

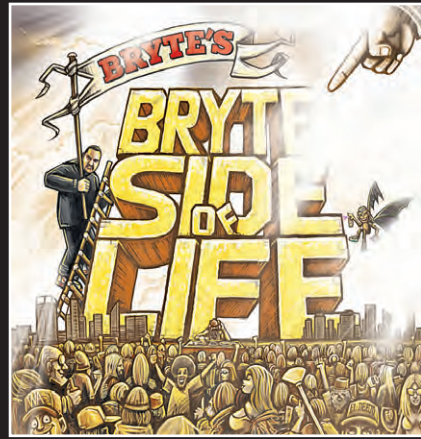
freely admits that, up until age 18, he was on the wrong path in life, getting involved with drugs and alcohol, and petty crime.

But what kept him on the right track was a love of hip-hop music, break dancing, and the whole subculture of rap. That love of music prompted him to cross the country to Western Australia to study music at the Abmusic College.

With his debut album *Full Stop* winning the 2009 Too Solid Music award for Urban Album of the Year, Bryte has been busily working on his latest offering, *Bryte Side of Life*, set to be



Perth-based hip-hop artist Bryte, and the album cover for *Bryte Side of Life*.



released next month.

Since moving to Perth he has also been actively involved in directing and facilitating hip-hop workshops with organisations such as Role Models WA, Desert Feet Tour, VIBE Australia,

Clontarf Foundation and various state and private schools.

He described the new album to the *Koori Mail* as full of humour and observation, political and social comment.

And if releasing the album

isn't enough to keep him busy, last Saturday he was getting married to his partner Candice, another musician whose stage name is Ula Shay.

But instead of taking a long honeymoon, Bryte was set to

travel to Sydney tomorrow, Brisbane on Friday, and Melbourne on Tuesday to promote the album, the first single of which has already gained airtime on Triple J.

The album will be released on 5 April through MGM.

Produced by Dazastah, one of Australia's most talented hip-hop makers, Bryte said album was 'about stepping out of the box and taking a look at the bigger picture to see other views and approaches that could be taken into consideration when life deals you a less desirable hand'.

"It's about never letting the trials of life get the best of you and serves as a reminder against self-pity – that no matter how bad you think your life is, there is always someone worse off," he said. "Stick to your guns and never give up."

Creed hoping for Archibald



A FACEBOOK friendship inspired artist Cheryl Creed to enter Australia's most prestigious portrait prize, the Archibald,

with a painting of Murri screen artist Jenny Fraser. "Over the past 10 years I have carried a wish to be recognised as a portrait artist," Ms Creed, a descendant of the Gungarri, Pitta-Pitta, Qandamooka and Bindal people, said.

"It became important to me to learn how to visually document my people and capture their individual characters as a form of documenting Aboriginal history from a visual perspective."

Hundreds of entries were received for the Archibald Prize, which closed on Friday and is exhibited from March until June at the Art Gallery of NSW, with the award given to the best portrait 'preferentially of some man or woman distinguished in art, letters, science or politics'.

Being hung as a finalist in the \$75,000 prize is considered an achievement.

Aboriginal people have featured on both ends of the paintbrush in this year's entries, with Indigenous artists like Creed entering works, and as subjects, including opera singer Deborah Cheetham and boxer Anthony Mundine.

Ms Creed's subject, Jenny Fraser, founded cyberTribe online gallery, which exhibits internationally, and was recognised as a prolific Indigenous Keeping Place in the Regional Museums Awards in 2009. She was awarded an honourable mention at the 2007 imagineNATIVE Film Festival, Toronto, Canada and is set to challenge audiences again with her upcoming Australia Council fellowship project *Midden*.

"Initially we were Facebook friends, and I had asked Jenny if she would like to sit for me and feature in my planned portrait," Ms



Cheryl Creed's portrait of Murri screen artist Jenny Fraser

Creed said. "We are both based in Cairns, and Jenny also invited me to present my artworks in an exhibition she curated in Cairns titled 'Love Local Murri' last August.

"My portrait of Jenny Fraser reflects a lot of the background history appearing in my work, this approach is deliberate, a quality of techniques which reflect of Aboriginal history, illustrative of Australian history, conveying the hidden picture of the unseen truths of fragmented accounts of the past not fully documented or shared about Aboriginal people.

"Capturing Jenny's likeness through the use of this manner of style and technique, is a significant reflection of the history of Aboriginal past that can never be covered up, or removed, the scaffolding of time, hardship, struggle, progression, achievements and continuity."

Ms Fraser said she was honoured to have her portrait painted by Ms Creed and she hoped she made it as a finalist.

The Art Gallery of NSW will name the finalists, and the Packing Room Prize Winner, tomorrow, 14 March, with the winner named on 22 March.



Jandamarra Cadd with his Archibald portrait.

Lead singer is the subject for Cadd

SUNSHINE Coast Aboriginal artist Jandamarra Cadd has once again entered the Archibald Prize, this time with a portrait of the lead singer of the Australian band Blue King Brown.

"I've always admired Natalie Pa'apa'a for her commitment to her craft, but also for her drive to see human rights respected for all people," the Yorta Yorta artist said.

"She tirelessly campaigns for people of all races to be treated as they deserve and has done a lot for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of our nation."

Mr Cadd said the messages that Natalie Pa'apa'a and Blue King Brown conveyed with their music and concerts was in complete alignment with what

he strived for with his paintings and exhibitions.

"The arts, whether being music, visual art, movies or poetry, can transform perspectives and reach an audience where other mediums of communication can't," he said.

"My desire is to direct people through my artwork to remember that we are all human beings and that supporting each other and acting from compassion rather than competition is the way forward for a sustainable existence for all."

This is the third time that Mr Cadd has entered the Archibald Prize.

The Art Gallery of NSW will announce the Archibald Prize finalists tomorrow, 14 March, and the winner on 22 March. The People's Choice will be announced on 16 May.

Hungary for love, but going cold on the idea

SO there I was the other night leaving some dingy pub when I walked past these two beautiful Koori women sitting down having a rest.

I heard them whisper to each other 'Is that Ms Koori Love?' 'Nah true, I think it is her!'

I had a little smile to myself and turned right back around and said 'Yes, it is me! How you doing tonight?'

We had a bit of the usual yarn... how much they love my columns, how they read them every fortnight in the deadly *Koori Mail*, and it wasn't long until we were yarning

about love, relationships and men.

When a couple of single ladies get together they always yarn about how hard it is to find a good man.

A few years ago all the single ladies would yarn about cute, good looking men in their community, but these days they be lusting after all them good looking footy players... Michael O'Loughlin being the main man all the ladies want!

I think there's a future column in that there issue: The Unattainable Famous Black Man. But I'm getting off track now, so back to my yarn.

So there I was sitting in the gutter having a yarn about how hard it is to

find love, and how one of the ladies did in fact have a man she loved once, but she had to let him go.

"Yeah, I used to love this fulla once. Still do actually, but he came from overseas. He really liked me too and he wanted to take me back home with him to Hungary."

This story sounded good to me and I was thinking why it didn't work out. I was thinking maybe she didn't love him enough and that is why she didn't want to go.

Nope, that wasn't the reason. She really did like him and wanted to be with him.

I was thinking maybe she didn't

want to leave her mob and travel half way around the world.

Nope, that wasn't the reason also. She would have left the mob cos it's only a plane ride back home.

"Nah Ms Koori Love, I didn't want to go over to Hungary... too bloody cold over there!"

True as God I nearly wet myself laughing.

Of all the reasons not to be with someone you like, hey!

So there ya go. Even I learn something new every day. Sometimes love isn't enough to be with someone; it's all about the weather!



Ms KOORI LOVE

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Answers to our Edition 545 Crossword. How did you go?

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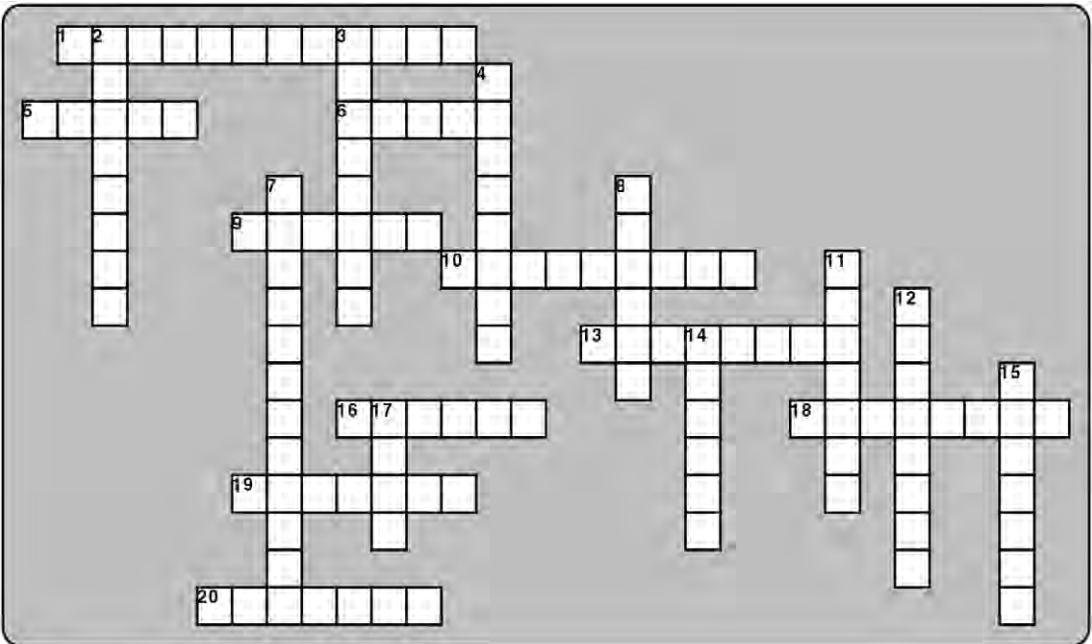
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- ACROSS:**
1. Money given as 'make good' (12)
 5. Torres Strait Islander headdress (5)
 6. Power from the sun (5)
 9. Bush bread, often cooked in coals, ... cakes (6)
 10. Western NSW town famous for opals, ... Ridge (9)
 13. Victorian regional city (8)
 16. This city hosts the Telstra Art Award (6)
 18. Large South Australian island (8)
 19. NRL club North Qld (7)
 20. Doctor who performs operations (7)



- DOWN:**
2. NSW Premier Barry (8)
 3. Palawa people come from this state (8)
 4. University based in Brisbane (8)
 7. Highest rank in police force (12)
 8. Australia's national airline (6)
 11. Sport popular with women (7)
 12. National Indigenous dance theatre (8)
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State of the NSW League Knockout

RECENTLY in my home town of Armidale, northern New South Wales, we held a very successful reunion of the Narwan Eels' 1980 rugby league team.

Seeing these guys and what they created in Armidale turned my thoughts to the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout and the state it is in at the moment as far as developing young men in our communities.

I strongly feel teams are going to the Knockout with a 'win at all costs' mentality and trying to shortcut things by signing the best players from all over the country to strengthen their side, instead of putting time into developing young kids and changing the culture in their community.

Too many players are quick to turn their back on their mob and go play with a stronger side because that means a better chance to win the money.

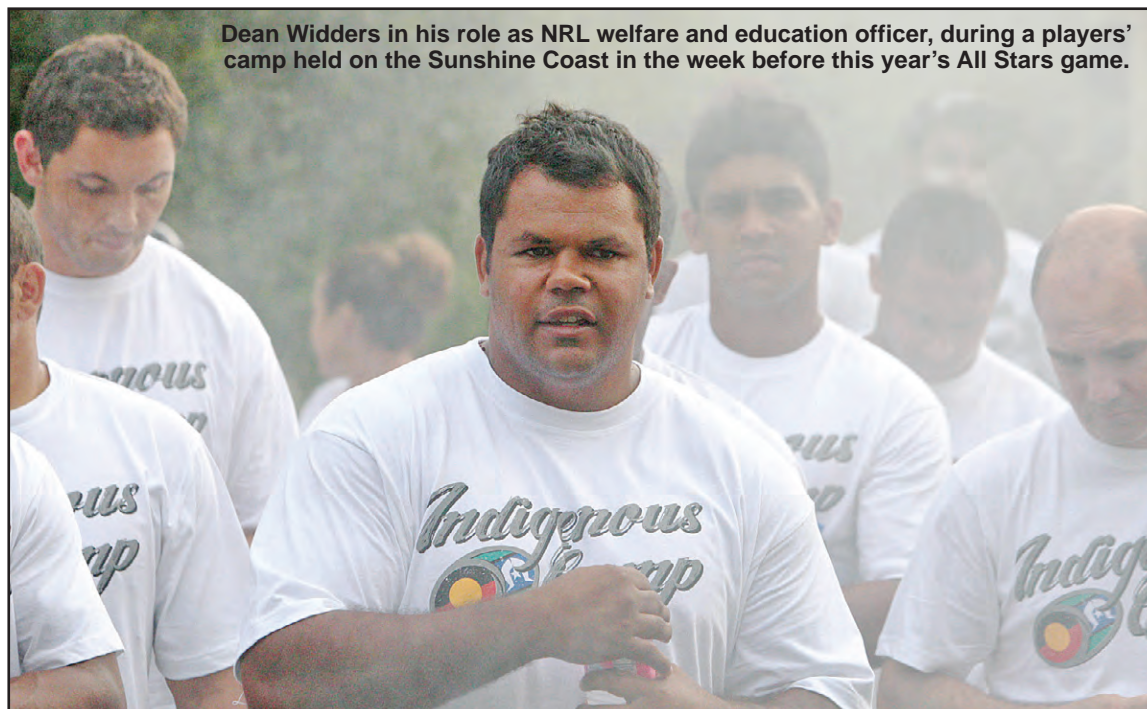
What would your thoughts be if I said, instead of giving the money to the winning team, why not give it to the under-16s NSW team and a NSW women's team to do a rugby league development program or a tour somewhere?

Is that a good idea or a bad idea?

And do you think winning the Knockout is about winning the ridiculous amount of money the winning team gets?

My thoughts around the Knockout have always been you should play for your mob or where you are from and that it should be used as a positive thing to bring the best out of your community and teach strong values to our young people.

I think now is the time to make these rules compulsory and put a ban on players jumping from team to team every year.



Dean Widders in his role as NRL welfare and education officer, during a players' camp held on the Sunshine Coast in the week before this year's All Stars game.

And if you are talented enough to play at NRL level or representative level in the bush, you should be made to stick with one side and play with them every year.

Our top players are leaders and the message they send to kids is loyalty means nothing.

If you only had to play with local players or players who are from that town in your team, I guarantee the Knockout would become far better. We would find leading players who have moved out of town and made it in the big leagues making more of an effort to get back home and help train the local boys and teach them finer skills on how to play the game.

In my career as an NRL player, I only played with one team in the

Knockout and that team was lucky enough to win it three times.

But when I think of my commitment to football in my town, I see it wasn't all luck. It was my job as one of the senior players for Narwan to go back and lead training for the Knockout as soon as my season ended.

It was my job to get back and run clinics so that the juniors coming through learnt the great things about being dedicated and disciplined to make a success in life.

It was my job to get the old players involved in coaching the team to build community spirit. It was my job to help local coaches back home develop their coaching skills to improve the quality of young footballers in town.

It was my job not to bring in

better players from other towns but instead present an opportunity for these young guys, these local boys, to play with us in the Knockout and be inspired to do better in their lives. By playing beside them I could lead by example and help them on their journey.

I look at the annual All Stars game and feel it is the best week in rugby league.

But two stats have me worried. One is that the NRL currently has 12 per cent Indigenous players, the other is the direct feed into the NRL, the National Youth Competition, is only nine per cent Indigenous players, which tells me that every year we are going to have fewer and fewer boys playing in the NRL to choose from.

Our NRL numbers, far less now

than what they were in the 1990s, are outstripped by Polynesian players. This is not good when we're playing the best players in the competition every year in the All Stars match, and will put the game's future in doubt.

But if the rules I've suggested are brought in, I think we'll see these trends change for the better. We'll see local Knockout teams know that they can no longer rely on getting a few NRL players to play for them, and instead put their time and money into young local players, which improves the quality of football in the bush.

I have no doubt that some good young players in the bush hardly train because they know that at the end of the year their Knockout team will get six or seven NRL players added to it so they'll be right and they'll just play off the back of them.

But this attitude will have to change if new rules are put in place. Men in our towns will start to help each other train and this will encourage a healthier lifestyle as they know they will need it if they're to be a force in the Knockout.

Our kids see our local footballers every week and are influenced by their actions so, if we can get these guys better, the flow-on effect is our kids will have positive role models living and training more often.

Sure, kids look up to NRL stars, but it is local footballers who have an influence on how the community raises each child.

I know teams will complain and say we won't have a team if we don't get outsiders to play, but I don't buy it. If you get in and unite your boys, help each other off the field and work as one community to train and be healthier, you can start building a competitive team again.

Work hard with your youth and you could have a great side in a short time.

Teams will become about the community again, bringing people back together and this sense of community will help us address one of our biggest problems today among our young ones – a lack of cultural identity.

Our kids simply do not know who they are, who their mob is, what tribe they are. This could be our modern-day way of teaching the importance of these things; making our kids feel proud to know what they represent everyday in their life.

Let's use the Knockout for what it was meant to be – an opportunity to represent your mob.

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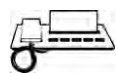
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Forgotten champions of Indigenous rights

By Dr ROBERT KAPLAN*

DURING the First World War and its aftermath, Australians were among many who provided relief to victims of the genocide committed by the Ottoman Turkish state against its Indigenous Christian Armenian population.

Among them were Ernest and Mary Bryce, a childless upper-middle class couple who became active members of the Armenian Relief Fund of NSW from 1922 until the early 1930s and also agitated to improve the lot of Aboriginal people.

Ernest was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. The Bryces travelled to the Middle East several times in the 1920s, visiting refugee camps and providing relief to the survivors of the genocide.

Mary Bryce assisted the work in Syria of Karen Jeppe, a Danish missionary appointed by the League of Nations to reclaim the thousands of Armenian women and children who had been abducted and forced to abandon their identity during the genocide – an appalling event similar to the forceful removal of Indigenous children in

Australia. Mary was active in feminist causes, being the press secretary of the National Council of Women of NSW and a member of the Women's League of NSW.

An outspoken advocate for the cause of Armenian relief in Australia, Mary gave many lectures organised by women's groups around the state.

The Bryces, like others, saw the wretched condition and often

into the mistreatment of Aborigines.

In 1933, they were part of a deputation sent by the association to meet John Perkins, the Minister of Aboriginal affairs, in the hope he would end 'the conditions of slavery' that existed among the Indigenous peoples.

Ernest Bryce passed away in November 1957. The Age newspaper (4 June 1959) reported that he left a large part of his estate

death, the other half of the residuary estate (a large land holding in Killara, NSW) would go to the mission in Arnhem Land.

In 1935, the well-known Indigenous rights campaigner, Mary Bennett, described Mary Bryce as one of the 'very few noble women fighters' for Aboriginal justice in Australia. Mrs Bryce died on 29 December 1977. There is now a significant body of national literature that has placed the history of Indigenous rights on the agenda.

The story of the Bryces illustrates that advocates of Indigenous rights were also linked with other human rights causes – namely the Armenian genocide.

As Australia continues its righteous path of coming to terms with its past, it is time that we remember the Bryces and others who were at the forefront of the Indigenous rights movement in Australia.

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institutionalised depredation of the Australian Aborigines as being the moral equivalent of the victimisation of Armenians.

The Bryces were members of the Association for the Protection of Native Races, an organisation that strongly advocated the cause of indigenous rights.

As members of the organisation, in 1927 they urged the government to establish a royal commission to inquire

to the benefit of the Arnhem Land Aborigines. He had given the sum to the Methodist Mission in Millingimbi for the welfare of the Aborigines in the surrounding areas.

The article states that throughout his life, Ernest visited many government and mission stations conducted for Aborigines and had gathered much literature.

His will also stated that on his wife's

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● Above: Lamboo Station manager Robin Yeeda.

● Right: A Brahman cross bull, surrounded by English Shorthorn cattle at Lamboo station, in the Kimberley.



Stakeholders worried about cattle exports

Story and photos by GEOFF VIVIAN



AS the northern wet season draws to a close, Aboriginal station managers in the Kimberley are worried about their future. Indonesia, the region's largest market, is yet to issue any import permits for Australian cattle this year.

For the past two years, Indonesia has bought only live cattle weighing 350kg or less.

Indonesia has cut its import quota for Australian cattle by more than half – from 520,000 in 2011 to 230,000 this year.

Many cattlemen believe the Indonesians felt hurt and insulted after Australia imposed a live export ban during 2011.

Robin Yeeda, who manages Lamboo Station near Halls Creek, said he had stayed ahead of the game so far by introducing Brahman bloodlines

to the herd, which had mostly consisted of the English Shorthorn breed, introduced by white settlers in the 19th century.

Brahman cattle are known for their rich fatty meat, popular in Indonesia.

"Because of our genetics and our breeding, our price went up a bit," Mr Yeeda said. "We just came out of the Shorthorn stuff, trying to get our genetics right. If they are going to have a ban... it will probably affect us a bit."

Less profitable

He said he had managed to sell heavier cattle, which Indonesia would not buy, to abattoirs down south, but this was less profitable.

Jerome Frewen, who is the business manager for the larger Noonkanbah Station, near Derby, says they may well be in for a grim year.

"There's huge uncertainty in the industry in the north," he said. "From what we understand, the permits are not being issued.

The Indonesians have cut back and there are no obvious new markets coming to the fore."

Mr Frewen said many stations were not certain when they could start mustering.

"Obviously they're producing cattle as per normal and so there's pressure on rangeland and there's pressure on costs, so they are caught in a downward pressure on prices already that we're seeing," he said.

"We try and lock in contracts for the year... there's some uncertainty about contracts. It's going to put pressure on us to try and find markets for our cattle."

Mr Yeeda said stations would lose control of their businesses if they were unable to muster and sell cattle as usual.

"When you start selling, you just get less price all of a sudden," he said.

One-third of the Kimberley's 99 pastoral stations are in Aboriginal hands.



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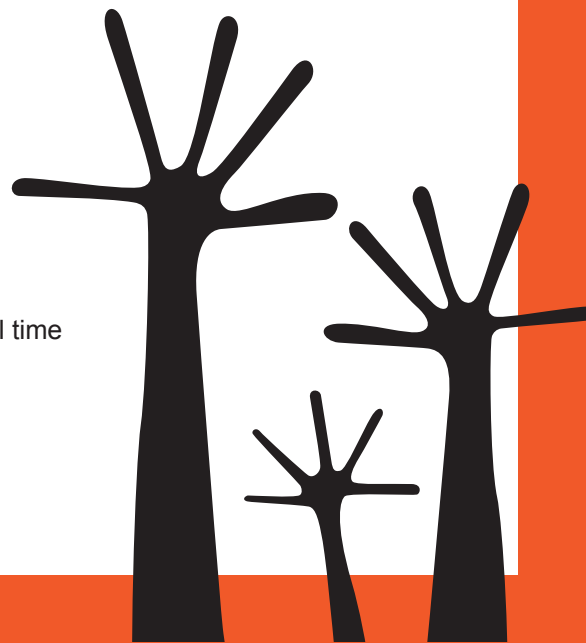
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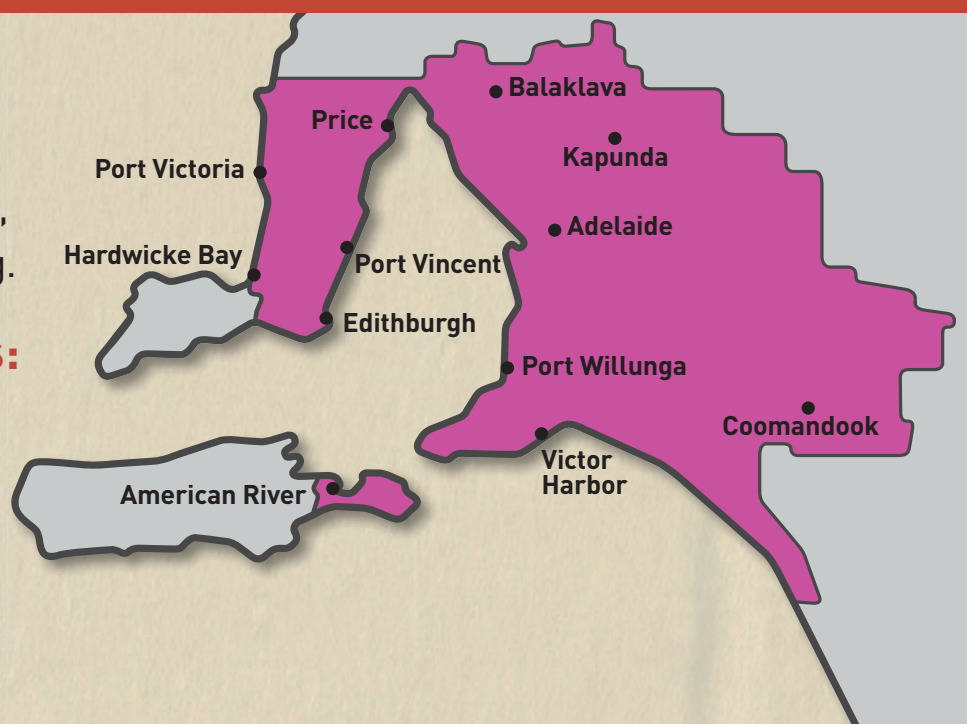
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SA votes to change founding document



SOUTH Australia has formally recognised Aboriginal people in its Constitution, with legislation to amend the state's founding document passing through the Lower House last week.

Recognise deputy director Tanya Hosch said the move should speed the pace for a referendum on Federal recognition.

"I am so proud to see the state I've made my home take this important step to fix the silence of our state Constitution about the first chapter of South Australia's story," she said.

"Now it's time for Australia to do the same – and write the long and impressive first chapter of our national story into Australia's founding document."

Three Australian States have now recognised the First Australians in their constitutions – Victoria in 2004, Queensland in 2009, and New South Wales in 2010.

Ms Hosch said it was hoped SA would join them later this



Recognise deputy director Tanya Hosch hopes South Australia's movement on constitutional recognition of First Nations peoples will speed the pace of a national referendum.

month, when the bill goes to the Legislative Council.

"The bill's passing in SA's Legislative Assembly came after a Nielsen poll last month found support to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our federal Constitution had risen significantly over the past year," she said.

"The research found 77 per

cent of Australians back the idea of constitutional recognition, up from 62 per cent a year ago.

"In February, Federal Parliament hosted a rare display of bipartisanship and unity, as the Act of Recognition passed the House of Representatives.

"In the seven days following that moment, 7000 extra Australians joined the movement

to recognise the first chapter of Australia's story in our Constitution."

Ms Hosch said more than 133,000 Australians were now part of the Recognise movement, which can be found at recognise.org.au

Meanwhile, Brisbane-based sovereignty campaigner, Wayne 'Coco' Wharton, of the Kooma

nation, said sovereign people and free First Nations people should capitalise on passage of the Federal Act of Recognition.

"The campaign to have the proper question put to the Australian people about Indigenous ownership of this country is the last stepping stone to Australia's maturity as a nation," he said in a statement.

"It is the question of sovereignty that Australia has to answer once and for all and the only way it can be answered is through a referendum by people that call Australia home.

"They come from many nations and many social backgrounds.

"The question should be 'Do we, as Australian citizens, recognise First Nations sovereignty?'

"Once this question is answered then the process of co-existence begins."

Mr Wharton said the Brisbane Aboriginal Sovereign Embassy would hold a corroboree on 24 March at noon 'to reaffirm our commitment to the struggle for a just society for all that recognises First Nations sovereignty'.

Warning on WA imprisonment



ABORIGINAL imprisonment rates in Western Australia will continue to soar if proposed extensions to mandatory sentencing laws are adopted, according to the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA).

ALSWA director of legal services Peter Collins said the newly re-elected Government had a responsibility to explore alternative options of dealing with offenders, rather than continuing to adopt a 'tough on crime' approach.

Mr Collins made his comment before the state election, held on Saturday, after the major parties had promised to extend mandatory sentencing laws.

"This sort of approach does not work and never will," he said. "This is nothing more than an exercise in the politics of fear. By proposing to extend mandatory sentencing, both major parties have shown that they are more interested in looking tough on crime than in actually tackling it."

Mr Collins pointed out that WA already imprisons more Aboriginal people than any other state or Territory, at 20 times the rate of non-Aboriginal people. He said Aboriginal children were more than 40 times more likely to be in custody than non-Aboriginal children.

"The underlying drivers of high Aboriginal imprisonment rates are many and complex, and include all the obvious social, economic and educational disadvantages that plague

our Aboriginal communities," he said.

"But systemic discrimination has always been a powerful factor as well, and these imprisonment rates ultimately reflect that WA and the NT are the only two jurisdictions in the nation with mandatory sentencing."

He said the risk of injustice in the cases of juveniles, the mentally ill and intellectually impaired was particularly acute, particularly if proposed two-year sentences for repeat home burglaries by juveniles over 16 were applied.

He said that ALSWA acted for many young people who may commit a cluster of home burglaries over a short period of time, but get their lives back on track and never reoffend.

"Imagine a 16-year-old Aboriginal boy who suffers from foetal alcohol syndrome, is illiterate and lives in abject poverty who commits three burglaries by entering houses through unlocked doors to steal food because he is desperately hungry," he said.

"Under the proposed changes, this boy, who could be any one of our clients, is a victim of the circumstances of his birth, but under proposed laws, would be imprisoned for two years.

"Tough on crime' measures like mandatory sentencing might placate a frightened community, but they do nothing to solve underlying problems.

"If our major political parties were really serious about tackling crime, they would show some real leadership and start acting on the evidence in front of them and mandatory sentencing laws would be the first thing to go."



Queensland Indigenous Affairs Minister Glen Elmes has been lent an artwork by Chern'ee Sutton.

Young artist lends Elmes *Battle Mountain* painting



A SIXTEEN-year-old Aboriginal artist has loaned one of her works to Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs Minister Glen Elmes.

The artwork, called *Battle Mountain*, was painted two years ago by Chern'ee Sutton, who has family links to the Kalkadoon people from the Mount Isa region.

"We are privileged to have one of Ms Sutton's works on

loan. It's a brilliant painting from a very talented artist, especially for somebody so young," Mr Elmes said.

Ms Sutton said she created the artwork to honour her ancestors who fought in one of Australia's historic battles of resistance in September 1884.

"The painting tells the story of my people, the Kalkadoons, and the largest battle that has taken place in Australia," she said.

"This artwork is one of the first paintings I ever did.

"It has never been for sale as it is very special and significant

to me. It has been displayed at reconciliation events around Queensland, but never before been loaned to an organisation."

Mr Elmes said everybody visiting his department would have the opportunity to view the artwork and learn something about Aboriginal history in Queensland.

"Young people like Chern'ee are in a unique position to unite cultures," he said.

Ms Sutton was awarded NAIDOC Youth of the Year 2011 for her ongoing support and community involvement.

Workshop targets grief



Selena Eggington speaking at the workshop, left, and Graham Merritt and Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation CEO Robert Eggington during a fire ceremony.

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The BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA people are those persons descended from the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

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3. Polly (wife of Robert Noble) and Laura (wife of Duke/George Barker, Neddy/Teddy Sauney and Adam Bowen (insert here)
4. Lizzie (wife of Paddy Flynn),
5. Polly (late in life wife of Thomas Mitchell),
6. Arthur Miles,
7. Kitty (aka Kitty Eaglehawk),
8. Yatton Boney,
9. Maggie (mother of Jack Mack and Gypsy Tyson), and
10. Topsy Barron/Barren, Percy Smith and Stanley Smith.

This Notice invites all members of the **BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: 13 April 2013

Venue of Meeting: Rockhampton Showgrounds - James Lawrence Pavilion 2, Corner of Exhibition and New Exhibition Roads, Wandal, Qld 4700

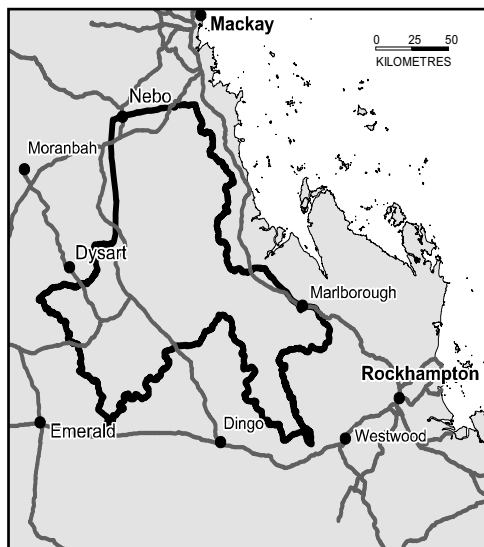
Time of Meeting: 9.30AM – 5:00PM

The Purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to authorise the making of a new native title determination application ("the Application") seeking the recognition of native title rights and interests over **BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA lands and waters**.

The following matters are proposed for discussion and authorisation:

1. The selection of a representative or representatives to comprise the Applicant for the proposed Application.
2. The role of the Applicant and the extent of their authority.
3. A claim group description that is consistent with expert evidence.
4. A boundary description for the Application (as depicted in the map below).
5. A description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to **BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA lands and waters**.
6. The lodging of a native title claim consistent with items 1-5.

The proposed claim area:



Information Sessions

A number of information sessions are being held to discuss the authorisation of this claim:

TOWNSVILLE:

Date: 23 March 2013
Venue: Holiday Inn, 334 Flinders St, Townsville 4810
Time: 10 am

MACKAY:

Date: 24 March 2013
Venue: Clarion Marina Hotel, Mulherin Dr, Mackay Harbour QLD 4740
Time: 10 am

ROCKHAMPTON:

Date: 25 March 2013
Venue: Dreamtime Centre, Bruce Highway, Rockhampton QLD 4700
Time: 10 am

All BARADA KABALBARA YETIMARALA People are invited to contact Richard Sporne, Community Relations Officer from Queensland South Native Title Services on (07) 4926 9891 to register their intention to be present at the authorisation meeting or any of the information sessions being held.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or information sessions. However, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.

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Queensland South Native Title Services

By LIZ MURRAY



A GRIEF and healing workshop at Perth's Dumbartung Aboriginal Corporation has highlighted the escalating problem of youth depression.

Advocates, community stakeholders and bereaved families attended the workshop which addressed grief, loss and trauma.

Convenor Selina Eggington said it also focused on youth suicide, with a view to developing recommendations for agencies and funding bodies regarding improving community awareness of youth suicide and how to help families cope with the aftermath.

"We've been given funding by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation to run four workshops, one last year, two this year and one the following year," she said.

However, uncertainty over Dumbartung's operational funding was creating some doubt over future workshops.

"We're hoping that at the next workshop, we can further develop and agree upon those recommendations and forward them to the Healing Foundation," Ms Eggington said.

She said a culturally specific retreat, farm or meeting place was needed for Aboriginal youth to turn to for 'time out' when they were feeling depressed and considering self-harm.

Re-immersion of traditional values and culture for young people had proven successful in suicide prevention research previously, Ms Eggington said, emphasising that a solid identity was a key defence to the rigours of life.

Dumbartung CEO Robert Eggington said the 'ceremonies and the spiritual essence with which we opened the two-day workshop, the tributes and the cultural emphasis on healing and the epidemic spates of suicide that obviously is challenging the Aboriginal

community – it's obviously been a really incredible experience for a lot of people'.

Dumbartung board member John Pell said one concern discussed by the 30 people who attended was the impact of youth incarceration, 'particularly here in WA'.

He said mandatory sentencing restricted the ability of the judiciary to discern appropriate sentences for repeated minor offences, and badly affected young people.

Statistics showed extended imprisonment caused youth to miss out on things that were vital for a happy, healthy adulthood, and poor education and employment outcomes resulted, he said.

Dumbartung's Kyana gallery was an important Aboriginal educational tool that should be used more in schooling, and the centre also

provided a respite for quiet contemplation, said Canberra Tent Embassy member Graeme Merritt, who expressed alarm at Dumbartung's funding dilemma.

Noongar Language Centre chairperson Joe Collard attended the workshop as a community stakeholder and he, too, stressed the worth of youth reconnecting with local culture, to strengthen their identity and belonging.

He said that the cultural relevance of

the workshops was 'innovative, breakthrough stuff'.

Robert Eggington said the workshop explored issues like substance abuse and drug-related depression that could lead to mental health issues, self-injuring and, potentially, suicide.

Domestic violence was raised in the context of women lost and also how the community could help support grieving parents and families.

"The process of healing will be a lifetime journey which does not get less painful, but does get slightly easier to bear over time," Mr Eggington said.

● Readers who are in crisis or suffering depression can call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

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Guide to help bosses



A NEW handbook has been developed to help managers hire and retain Indigenous staff.

Reconciliation Australia, GenerationOne and Social Ventures Australia joined forces to release *Everybody's Business: A Handbook for Indigenous Employment*, which was developed in consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations.

GenerationOne CEO Warren Mundine said the guide reflected shared knowledge and experiences of helping people break the cycle of disadvantage through sustainable employment.

"When we share our knowledge and expertise the whole community benefits," he said.

"The Prime Minister's 2013 Closing the Gap report identified 77 per cent of Indigenous job-seekers were in ... the most disadvantaged streams in Job Services Australia. This is compared to 43 per cent for all to other job-seekers.

Barriers

"We know the majority of Indigenous jobseekers face multiple barriers to employment, which locks them out of the workforce but many of these barriers are surmountable if employers know how to navigate these issues.

"When you are dealing with people there can never be one single solution. This handbook helps employers to make their recruitment processes more accessible to Indigenous candidates, and to tweak their



Henry Woods from project services organisation Programmed. He features as a case study in the new handbook.

practices to try and screen candidates in instead of out."

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said more Indigenous Australians were going into work from school and university.

"But for those who are

long-term unemployed or have multiple and severe barriers to work, we need to think differently about how we make our workplaces more accessible and respectful," she said.

Social Ventures Australia chief executive Michael Traill said

businesses needed to support transitional paths to employment.

"This handbook gives employers a practical guide that will help Indigenous Australians step out of welfare and into work, which is good for the community and the economy," he said.

The content was developed following a series of case studies examining best practice, published by GenerationOne with consulting support from Social Ventures Australia.

To read the handbook, go to www.generationone.org.au

Report focus on NT youth



THE Federal Government's Northern Territory Aboriginal youth diversionary program Youth in Communities (YIC) is generally

making good progress, according to an evaluation of it.

However, some communities have seen an increase anti-social and destructive behaviour by young people.

YIC supports local diversionary activities in remote communities for Aboriginal youth aged 10-20, particularly those at risk of substance abuse, suicide or self-harm, or entering the justice system.

Courage Partners was engaged by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to evaluate the program, which is funded as part of the Stronger Futures package, which extends key aspects of the NT Intervention.

The Courage report, which was finalised in June last year but not released until late last month, said the young people who engaged with YIC activities were becoming more

active members of their communities and had 'increased self-care and self-esteem', and were 'attending or re-engaging with school, contributing to community wellbeing, influencing the resilience of peers and engaging in cultural activities'.

However, the report said differences to the broader community were less apparent.

"The dominant issues for the broader youth population in communities identified by services include substance misuse, safety and stability of accommodation, school attendance, mental and physical health, self-harm and family support," the report said, adding that, while some service providers had made progress to address further education, training and employment pathways for YIC participants, that was still an area that needed 'considerable and ongoing attention'.

Following the recommendations of the report, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon announced \$100 million over ten years for 19 YIC organisations as part of the Stronger Futures package.



Concept: Reko Rennie

Eora Journey – the Peoples' Journey ...be there at the start!

A free community event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Mark the launch of two new artworks with live entertainment and food by Yaama Dihyaan.

Redfern Community Centre
Saturday 23 March 2013. 2-5PM

CITY OF SYDNEY

Inmates help promote organ, tissue donation



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander prisoners from Lotus Glen Correctional Centre near Mareeba in far north Queensland are helping to promote organ and tissue donation to Indigenous communities.

Their rugby league 'friendly' against the Northern Pride on 27 February, which they won 5-0, was part of DonateLife Week (24 February-3 March) and organised by Regional Development Australia FNQ&TS (RDA FNQ&TS).

"We are thrilled with the success of the visit and proud to be part of an event that is a first for Lotus Glen," said RDA FNQ&TS chief executive Sonja Johnson. "From the players to the prisoners, everyone embraced the opportunity to spread the word about organ donation."

Further footy matches were staged against the Yarrabah Sea Hawks, Innisfail's Leprechauns, Mareeba's Gladiators, and a 'shooting hoops' workshop by the Skytrans Cairns Taipans was held at Cairns State High School, followed by an under-the-stars screening of organ donation



● Above: Northern Pride business and development manager Brock Schaefer dispels the myths of organ donation.



● Left: Star player Ty Williams put on a good show of skill and technique for the prisoners at Lotus Glen.

theme movie *Seven Pounds*.

Each event was preceded by a presentation on organ and tissue donation, which is a

medical process involving the removal of organs and tissue from a donor and transplanting them into someone who is very

sick or dying from organ failure.

The rates of organ and tissue donation in Australia are increasing, with Australia

reaching its highest record of donors in 2011. A total of 337 Australians, who tragically lost their lives, saved or improved the lives of 1001 people in need of an organ or tissue transplant.

However, according to a booklet produced last year by DonateLife NSW, donation rates amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community remain low and this has a significant impact on the community, particularly Indigenous people who need a kidney transplant.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are more likely to have kidney problems than other communities. They are ten times more likely to die from kidney disease than others," the booklet reads.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the (kidney) transplant waiting list get less transplants than others. One of the reasons is that not many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people donate their organs and other groups don't match up as well."

To learn more about organ donation, go online at www.donatelife.gov.au

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NATIVE TITLE LAND SUMMIT

For all people who hold or may hold native title in North West Victoria

All people who hold or may hold native title rights and interests in the land and waters within the area of north west Victoria as shown in the map below, are invited to attend a Land Summit on:

Date: Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March 2013

Times: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Venue: DPI offices, corner of Koorlong Ave & Eleventh St, IRYMPLE

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided at the meeting

Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) assists native title holders in relation to native title matters across Victoria, including negotiating native title settlements. NTSV is organising this meeting to present the findings from recent assessment research, to provide legal advice on the potential strength of evidence to support a further native title claim or claims and/or *Traditional Owner Settlement Act* negotiations and to take instructions on whether to continue to investigate claim and negotiation options.



If you would like further information, including assistance to attend the meeting, please contact Rhonda Dye (Community Liaison Officer) or Jill Webb (Lawyer) at NTSV on 1800 791 779.



Northern Pride league star Rod Jensen puts the Lotus Glen inmates through their paces.



Game on behind the wire at Lotus Glen.



2013 CONGRESS T I M E T A B L E

“Congress is a national voice for unity”

Soon you will have the chance again to choose who leads and represents Congress members.

To have your say, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples can join as members.

Membership is always open and free.

Use the timetable below to plan for making applications, nominating and voting in elections for our male and female Co-Chairs or as one of our 120 delegates.

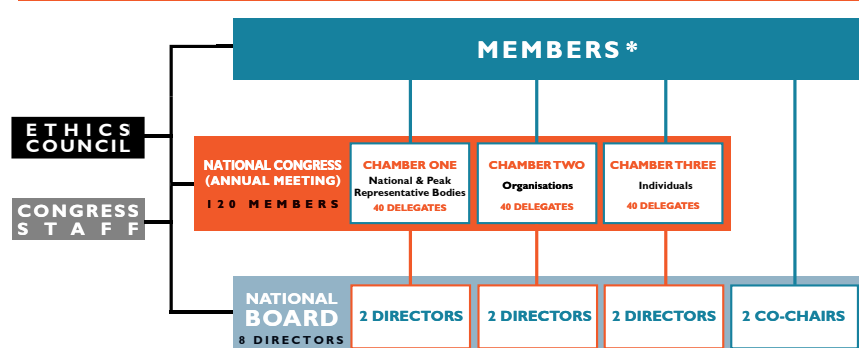
Delegates attend the annual National Congress meetings to set our priorities and the work ahead.

Congress is committed to gender equality with equal numbers of men and women as representatives.

All applicants and nominees must be available to attend the National Congress meeting 19th-21st July 2013 in Cairns. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by Congress.

Forms and information will be available soon. Go to our website to request a kit or download one yourself when applications open.

CONGRESS MAP



GET PREPARED

Checklist:

- ✦ Copy of valid photo ID
- ✦ Good quality photo
- ✦ Describe why you would be a good Congress rep
- ✦ What skills and experience do you bring
- * If you're not a member, simply fill out a form and submit it with your application

APPLY • NOMINATE • VOTE

	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	ORGANISATION MEMBERS	CO-CHAIRS - ALL MEMBERS
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JULY			5 TH JULY FRIDAY MEMBER ONLINE VOTING CLOSES*
19 th - 21 st JULY National Congress 2013 Cairns, QLD - National Board announced			

*All closing deadlines are 5pm Western Standard Time (WST).

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WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH

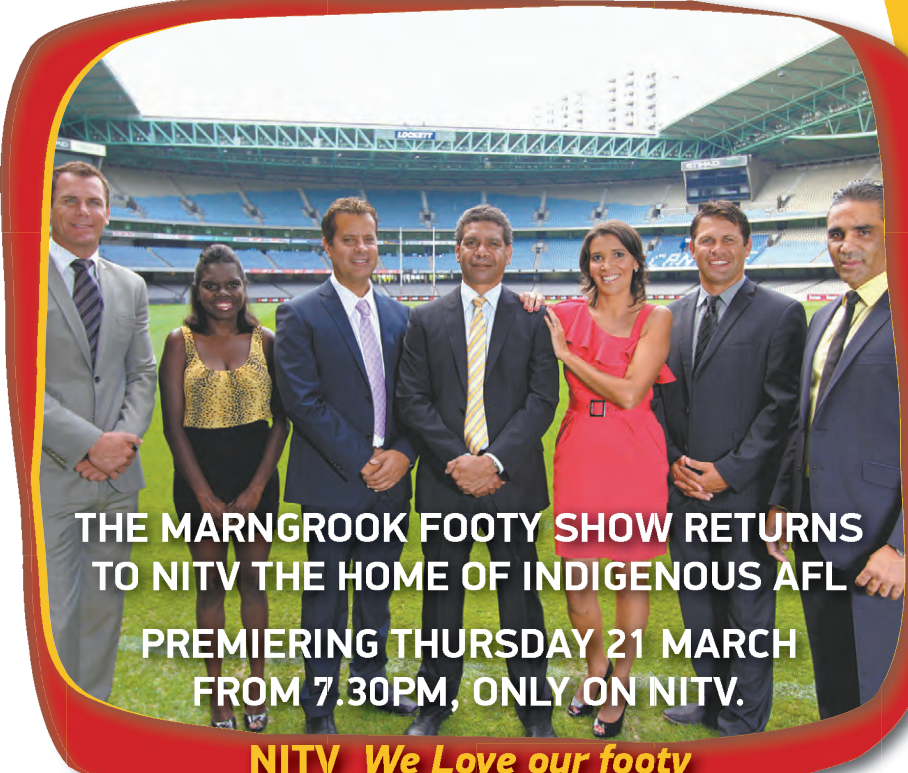
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7:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Series)
8:30 Black Chick's Talking M (Documentary)
9:30 Emily In Japan PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Global Voice PG (Series)

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
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7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
8:30 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Series)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:30 Dream It Do It Deadly! G (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
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8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Kids)
9:00 Black Chick's Talking M (Documentary)
10:00 Malcolm X M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)



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12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Blackfellas, Bulls And Bucking G (Doc)
11:00 Buffalo Legends PG (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Walking Through A Minefield PG (Doc)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
2:30 Indigenous Insight NC (Series)
3:00 Message Stick G (Series)
3:30 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
9:30 From Sand To Celluloid M (Documentary)
11:00 Larger Than Life PG (Series)
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
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)
10:00 Grounded G (Kids)
10:30 Bush Bands Bash G (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Whare Maori PG (Series)
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Burned Bridge PG (Drama)
9:30 Map Of The Human Heart MA (Doc)
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)

MONDAY 18TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
(Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
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11:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
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12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
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6:30 Tangaroa With Pio PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Malcolm X M (Series)
9:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)
10:00 Mataka M (Series)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pursuing The Flame PG (Series)

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
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6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Nin's Brother PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Series)
9:30 Land Of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
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8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Series)
9:30 Land Of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
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11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Series)
12:00 Surfing The Healing Wave PG (Documentary)
1:00 Land Of The Little Kings PG (Documentary)
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6:00 Outback Cafe G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show PG (Sport)
8:30 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Series)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:30 Dream It Do It Deadly! G (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show PG (Sport)
1:00 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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1:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Series)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Kids)
10:00 Malcolm X M (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)



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12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
(Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
10:00 Samoana PG (Documentary)
11:00 Norforce G (Documentary)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Muddy Waters G (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
3:00 Message Stick G (Series)
3:30 Grounded G (Kids)
4:30 The Marngrook Footy Show PG (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports PG (Sport)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe (Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 Masai: The Rain Warriors M (Documentary)
11:00 Ochre And Ink PG (Documentary)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG
(Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Kids)
10:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
7:00 Whare Maori: Shaping The Land PG (Series)
7:30 Jazz PG (Series)
8:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Documentary)
9:30 The Tracker M (Documentary)
11:00 Turn Back G (Documentary)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

MONDAY 25TH 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 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)
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10:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Whare Maori: Shaping The Land PG (Series)
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Series)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Kids)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Freedom Riders PG (Documentary)
10:30 Moccasin Flats M (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Queensland Murri Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 Koori Knockout NC (Series)
5:00 Yekertye G (Kids)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:00 Grounded G (Kids)
10:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Series)
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
12:00 The National Apology: 5 Years On PG (Documentary)
2:00 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Kids)
6:30 Tangaroa With Pio G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 The Making Of Muynambi PG (Documentary)
8:30 Moccasin Flats M (Documentary)
9:30 Among Us PG (Documentary)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Finding Our Talk G (Series)

Riot 'may have been set up by guards'



ABORIGINAL justice campaigners say a riot at Perth's Banksia Hill juvenile detention facility in January that led to the transfer of more than 80

juveniles to an adult prison may have been set up by prison guards angling for a pay rise.

Black Action Group spokesperson and Noongar woman Marianne Mackay has called for more people to add their voices to a campaign to have the youths released, possibly into cultural camps.

She said Aboriginal youths were being abused and assaulted while in Hakea adult prison, a suggestion disputed by Corrective Services authorities.

"Following a tip off from a very reliable source, we now believe that the riot which occurred in the Banksia juvenile detention facility on January 14 was set up by prison guards," Ms McKay said in a statement.

"At the time of the riot, the guards were pushing for a pay rise. Twelve of the older boys who had become increasingly agitated by their appalling conditions were deliberately let out to mix with others just before it happened."

WA prison officers held a 24-hour snap strike on 1 March in a bid to secure a pay rise of 14 per cent over three years. Only skeleton staff worked at 13 public prisons across the state, manning the perimeters of the facilities, but not transporting prisoners to court.

Ms Mackay said the incarceration and abuse of youths in an adult jail was an absolute disgrace.

"We are demanding their immediate release under ... the

Young Offenders Act which allows for the granting of community supervision orders," she said.

"Our community has a number of certified cultural camps that can be used for this purpose.

"We are calling out for all parents with children in custody to get in touch with us to discuss the juvenile incarceration crisis here in WA."

Ms Mackay said mainstream media was ignoring that crisis. It is estimated that an Aboriginal youth in Western Australia is 43 times more likely to be detained than other juveniles.

"(Last) Tuesday we stopped traffic in the city of Perth for almost an hour with some of the parents and nannas of these boys, but not a single mainstream media outlet covered the protest," she said.

"Australia needs to face up to the barbarity of how Indigenous children are being treated."

Meanwhile, the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA has rated the Barnett Liberal Government's handling of Aboriginal affairs a failure, despite its comfortable return in Saturday's state election.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington let rip on the Government's 'appalling' record on human rights, the ongoing removal of Aboriginal children from their families, cuts to compensation paid to Aboriginal people abused in state care, the 'pittance' paid to stolen wages claimants, and the compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land for development.

Mr Eggington said WA political leaders including Premier Colin Barnett had said nothing during the election campaign about how they would tackle Aboriginal social statistics.



Marianne Mackay ... "Following a tip off from a very reliable source, we now believe that the riot which occurred in the Banksia juvenile detention facility on January 14 was set up by prison guards."

Minimum standards released for grog management plans



THE Federal Government has released minimum standards for Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) for

Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, as debate continues to rage over how to tackle alcohol abuse.

The standards will require AMPs to have broad community agreement, strategies to reduce alcohol-related harm and mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of those strategies.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the standards were part of the Government's \$3.4 billion Stronger Futures in the NT package, designed to tackle Indigenous disadvantage and improve safety.

"Alcohol continues to devastate the lives of too many Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory," she said.

"It can lead to violence, make it hard to hold down a job and get the kids to school, and can destroy the health of families and communities.

"Alcohol Management Plans are not about reducing or lifting alcohol restrictions in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, but about assisting Aboriginal communities to reduce the harm caused by alcohol."

Ms Macklin said the five minimum standards would ensure that everyone in a community had their say on the development of an AMP, and that the plan was aimed at reducing



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin ... "Alcohol continues to devastate the lives of too many Aboriginal people in the NT."

alcohol supply, demand and harm and was tailored to each community's needs.

"Communities can choose to develop an Alcohol Management Plan with the assistance of local organisations and government staff," she said.

"Alcohol Management Plans must meet the new minimum standards in order to be approved by the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs."

But campaigners say the Federal Government has not gone far enough because the new regime does not include a minimum price on alcohol.

Ms Macklin's announcement of the new standards follows Prime Minister Julia Gillard's warning last month that the

Federal Government would not allow 'the rivers of grog' to start flowing back into Aboriginal communities.

Ms Gillard used the fifth Closing the Gap report to take a swipe at the NT Government's approach to alcohol management, while Ms Macklin said she would speak to Territory Chief Minister Terry Mills about reintroducing the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR).

Mr Mills' Government has been under fire for dumping the register, which it claimed was ineffective, with the Alice Springs-based People's Alcohol Action Coalition (PAAC) describing the decision as premature.

PAAC spokesperson Dr John Boffa called for a proper assessment of the register, as well as the introduction of a floor price on alcohol to stop the sales of cheap grog at outlets in Alice Springs.

"It is also time for the NT Government to allow a thorough and independent evaluation of the impact of the BDR both before and after its sudden demise," he said.

"A proper assessment would take into account objective data sets such as hospital admissions, serious harm and alcohol sales, which is what should be done before any more self-serving claims that the BDR achieved nothing.

"We need government action to reduce alcohol consumption based on evidence, not on slogans that suit a political agenda and which have no basis in science."



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Public Awareness Program Funding Submissions

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is calling for funding submissions from organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to deliver outcomes under the Indigenous Capability and Development Program, Public Awareness Program.

Public Awareness Activities – 2013-2014 financial year

The Public Awareness Program provides funding for initiatives that have significant value in raising awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culture, society and issues within the wider Australian population.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply. Visit fahcsia.gov.au/grants-funding/current-funding where you will find links to the application form, program guidelines and contact information.

Applications for Public Awareness activities may be submitted from **Saturday 9 March 2013** and must be lodged by **2pm on Friday 19 April 2013**.

NAIDOC Activities – 2012-13 financial year

Through the Public Awareness Program, the Australian Government provides funding for local NAIDOC Week activities each year.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply. Visit fahcsia.gov.au/grants-funding/current-funding where you will find links to the application form, program guidelines and contact information.

Applications for NAIDOC activities may be submitted from **Saturday 9 March 2013** and must be lodged by **2pm on Friday 12 April 2013**.

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BIG ceremony for Barnardos



BARNARDOS
Australia's Penrith
Centre hosted a
ceremony with
Barnardos
Indigenous Group
(BIG) last month to commemorate
the agency's Statement of
Reconciliation.

Following a reading of the
statement, there was a tree planting
ceremony to signify Barnardos'
commitment to upholding the rights
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander children to be cared for in
their own communities and remain
connected to their families,
communities and culture.

BIG member and senior
manager of Barnardos Sydney
Metro Vivianne Freeman, a
Wiradjuri woman, said a large
proportion of children and young
people in care came from
Indigenous backgrounds.

"Reconciliation is an ongoing
process of learning, growing and
strengthening partnerships. This is
our first step in the right direction,"
she said.

The Barnardos Statement of
Reconciliation reiterates the
operating principles of Barnardos
Australia to keep central the child
and young person, strengthen
families, relate respectfully, value
people's knowledge, pursue social
justice and be persistent for change.

Barnardos staff members Sandie
Hayek and Emma French painted
five poles for the centre's front
garden bed to mark the event.

At the Barnardos reconciliation celebration in Sydney, from left, Sandie Hayek, Emma French, Vivianne Freeman, Raylene Popovich and Breda Collins.



ADAM GILES

NT call for ferry service



THE
Northern
Territory
Government is
calling for

expressions of interest
(EOIs) for commercial
operators for a
passenger ferry service
to run as an extended
trial between Darwin
and the Tiwi islands.

NT Transport
Minister Adam Giles
said EOIs were due
before 3 April.

"Under the EOI
proposal a ferry service
would travel between
Cullen Bay and
Wurrumiyanga at least
three days a week,"
he said.

Mr Giles said
demand for a daily
service would also
be assessed.

Arafura MP Francis
Xavier Kurrupuwu
said an extended trial
over the dry season
would allow the
Government time to
consider the viability
of a new service.

The Tiwi Islands
were left without a
permanent ferry service
last year after the
previous Labor
Government negotiated
a new contract for the
Mandorah Ferry without
including the islands.

Mr Giles said the
former government
later funded a ferry trial
from late August to
early November, with a
total of 431 passengers
using the service
during the period.
Passenger numbers did
not exceed 25 for a
single trip and the
average was five
passengers each trip.

Key criteria the NT
Government will assess
in the EOI process
include commercial
sustainability,
stakeholder
engagement and
marketing plans, vessel
specifications and the
ability to provide
regular financial
reporting and
passenger data to the
Department of
Transport.

People interested in
submitting an EOI
should email
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Park management move welcomed



THE
reappointment of the
Budj Bim
Council to

help manage Victoria's
Mount Eccles National Park
(Budj Bim) has been met
with approval by the Gunditj
Mirring Traditional Owners
Aboriginal Corporation
(GMOAC).

Council members
represent the Gunditjmarra,
Parks Victoria, the
State Department of
Sustainability and
Environment and the
Glenelg Hopkins
Catchment Management
Authority.

GMOAC CEO Thomas
Day said the past three
years had seen a number
of joint initiatives including a
dedicated ranger
overseeing park
management including
visitor safety, koala
management, fire
protection, maintenance
of camping and picnic
facilities and a host of
walking, driving and cycling
tracks.

"The Budj Bim Council
allows the Gunditjmarra



Budj Bim Council members for 2012-15, back from left, Graham Parkes, Gary Bellisini, Don Tumney and Levi Lovett. Front from left, Gunditjmarra people Eileen Alberts, Laura Bell, Shane Bell, Denise Lovett, Kellie Nilsson and Andrew Govanstone. Absent: Damien Bell, Ken Saunders, Jeremy Moloney and Michael Rees.

traditional owners to
continue their connection to
country, care for country
and to advise on Aboriginal
traditional management

techniques," he said.
"It has a breadth of
knowledge from both
Gunditjmarra Elders and
younger Gunditjmarra

members' perspective, and
allows the younger
generation to begin
understanding the
importance of engagement

while providing them with
training, skills and
opportunities that will assist
them in management of
Aboriginal owned lands."

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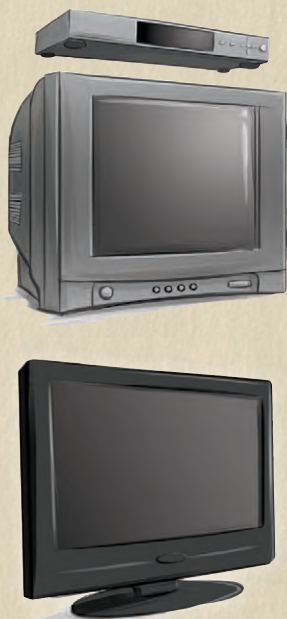
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Kidding around at Leeton



MORE than 250 young people converged on the Leeton

Indoor Stadium, in the NSW Riverina, last week for the Vibe 3on3 national Indigenous basketball and hip hop challenge. More than 60 teams from local schools played in the basketball tournament, and took part in rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, dancing and a health expo.

Community engagement manager Medika Thorpe said that with teams coming from as far away as Narrandera, it was a successful day and the kids had a great time encouraged by MC Luke Carroll, comedian Kevin Kropinyeri, dancers Darren Compton and Nikki Ashby, rapper Nooky and DJ Jimblah.

The health expo was attended by a range of health, youth and family support organisations, some of whom held stalls.



MC Luke Carroll with boys from Murrumbidgee Public School, from left, Oswald Herrmann, Cooper Newman, Puggy Hunter winner Dylan Stewart, Ryan Newman. In front is Stanley Herrmann.

Muckan is 'shadow minister'



FORMER Fraser Coast councillor and Queensland Liberal National Party (LNP) member Les Muckan has been announced as the Katter's Australian Party's (KAP) Queensland 'shadow minister' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs.

While not a sitting member of parliament, Mr Muckan joins a long list of people who have volunteered to be spokespeople in different portfolios in the KAP's bid to increase its representation and relevance as a political force in Queensland.

"Growing up on the Burdekin River (Ayr) and Bowen region, I am a proud Australian Aboriginal South Sea Islander man with strong connections to the Kabi Kabi people of the Sunshine Coast, not forgetting the Torres Strait Islanders people group in far north Queensland," Mr Muckan said in a statement.

"When the Katter's Australian Party made the announcement on 6 March we were mocked and looked down upon as doing a stunt before Parliament House and before the people of Queensland.

"But let me reassure the people of Queensland that this is not a stunt or a show... we are here to bring back the meaning in the word of accountability into the House of Reps, that they will stand accountable before the people of Queensland.

"As I hit the road running my main aim at this point in time is to keep watch over the shoulders of the minister, to make sure that he and his office are doing the right thing by the people of Queensland."

The KAP won three seats in the 2012 Queensland election, and convention says government portfolios would be split between the three sitting members to act as spokespeople (as the Greens do federally and in NSW).

However, the KAP is anything but conventional and has named more than 20 'shadow ministers', including the three elected parliamentarians, Rob Hopper, Rob Katter and Shane Knuth.

Mr Muckan resigned from the LNP while he was a Fraser Coast councillor, before an unsuccessful bid for re-election at the 2012 Queensland local government elections.

The KAP is led federally by Bob Katter, who represents the north Qld electorate of Kennedy.



LES MUCKAN

Control scheme protects turtles



THE Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has conducted an animal control program on Mer Island to protect nesting green turtles from feral dogs and cats.

The program has been so successful that TSRA chair Joseph Elu believes it could be rolled out to other islands.

"Apart from their cultural significance, the turtles are an important food source and a lot of effort has been put into conservation over the years," he said.

"Feral animals have been killing adult turtles, digging up their nests and destroying eggs, and possibly killing

turtle hatchlings. Attacks have increased in recent years due to a rise in local feral dog numbers, particularly during the turtle nesting and hatchling season peak from mid-November through to mid-March."

Program

Mr Elu said concerns had been raised about turtles with the TSRA Land and Sea Management Unit last year and that unit staff had explained to the community how the program would run by house-to-house door knocking, public notices and the circulation of brochures and maps showing areas to be targeted with baiting and traps.

Mr Elu said community involvement

and support was the key to the campaign, with increased public awareness ensuring domestic dogs and cats were not placed at risk during the program, which had eradicated 70 feral dogs and 18 cats.

"The project started with a dog health program that offered people the chance to have pets de-sexed and unwanted animals euthanised by a contract veterinarian," he said.

"The key now to keeping numbers down will be to keep the community engaged in closely monitoring the feral dog population and working closely with our partner agencies to maintain the twice a year dog health program visits by a vet."

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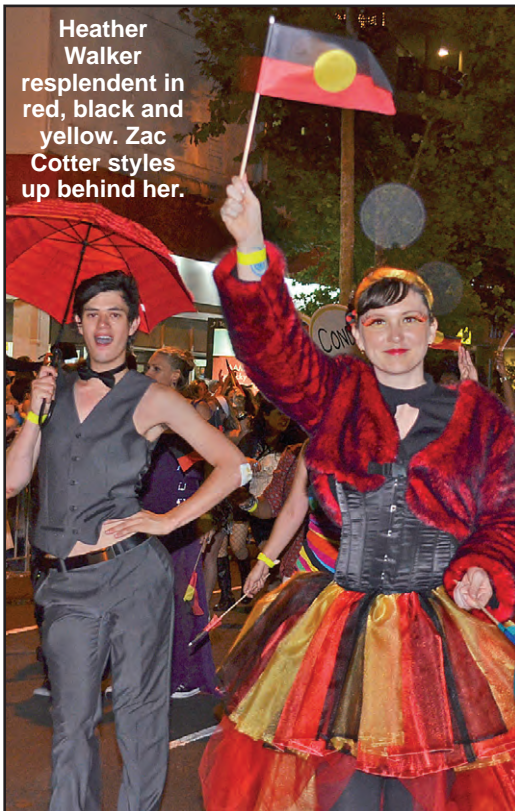
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- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entertainment from far north Qld.

'Generations of Love'



Heather Walker resplendent in red, black and yellow. Zac Cotter styles up behind her.



The First Australians float ready for take off.



Michelle O'Keeffe and Hannah Briggs were the epitomy of 1960s fashion.



On the now famous rainbow crossing at Taylor Square were, from left, Matt Morgan, Josie Baker, Foxy Empire, Miss Ellaneous and Destiny Haz Arrived. A petition has been launched to keep the crossing in place all year round. Photos by Kirstie Parker



Sisters Kate Barsby and Laura Barsby, from Kempsey in northern NSW.



Barbara Greenup-Davis, from Bowraville, and Vita Warrell-Lawrence, from Perth.



Bundjalung superhero Destiny Haz Arrived, seen with some firefighter fans, was ready to rescue (and party).



Greg Phillips wore an outfit fresh from his trip to Rio Carnivale.



Coordinator of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project at ACON Matt Morgan, originally from Walgett, flew the flag.

at Sydney Mardi Gras

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE theme was 'Generations of Love', and plenty of love was felt by participants in the 2013 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival Parade on 2 March.

Tens of thousands of spectators and wellwishers lined the streets to watch the colourful spectacle, led once again by the First Australians float supported by the Aids Council of NSW (ACON).

Drag queens Destiny Haz Arrived, Foxy Empire, Miss Ellaneous and Josie Baker were glamorous torchbearers for 130-or-so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous supporters and friends on the Indigenous float who dressed to reflect three sub-themes of traditional, 60s and modern.

Coordinator of ACON's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project Matt Morgan told the *Koori Mail* that Indigenous gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex (GLBTI) people were fighting for respect on a number of fronts – within mainstream, gay and Indigenous communities.

"I'm a young gay Aboriginal man from Walgett and coming out for me was a very, very difficult experience," he said candidly.

"There's a big Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GLBTI community and we want the gay community to be more inclusive of us. We're looking towards the future... we just want to be loved and accepted."

Mr Morgan said having the First Australians lead the parade sent a powerful message of inclusion.

Gumbayngirr woman April Long said she was grateful to those who blazed a trail in earlier decades.



Foxy Empire plays up to the crowd in the Bobby Goldsmith Glamstand.

"Mardi Gras is about coming together and seeing my two communities celebrate. It's a celebration of who we are; we're diverse but we have a commonality," she said.

'Proud, young, gay'

"I'm a proud, young, gay Aboriginal woman, but 25 years ago I wouldn't have been empowered to march here. I'm here thanks to the work of those before us."

Hannah Briggs, from Tamworth, said

she loved the cultural diversity, support and atmosphere of Mardi Gras, and believed that equality would come one day.

"It's time for Australia/Government to take a step into the here and now," she said on the issue of marriage equality.

"No-one should be discriminated against. Being black, white, straight, gay, lesbian etc... We're all human and deserve to have freedom of choice in who we love and want to marry.

"It hurts me to know that if I want to

marry my partner, due to another person's actions/beliefs it is not legal.

"This has been happening for far too long... Do we want our children growing up discriminating against one another?"

Earlier, Meggan Grose, Kooncha and James Saunders were recognised for their work through ACON to support the GLBTI community.

The rain held off until the First Australians float reached the Bobby Smith Glamstand, just shy of the finishing line.



● Above: Rusty Nannup, Ally Doolah, Davina Captain, Laura Sabatino, PJ Weir and Darren Mogg were feeling festive before the parade.

● Right: Pezz Hoffy, from Monterey, Brigitte Ambroisine, from Redfern, and Deb Barry, from Brisbane, were in good spirits.



Phyllis McGinness made the trip from Darwin to join the First Australians float.

More photos from this year's Sydney Mardi Gras on the next page

2013 Sydney Mardi Gras



Rea Stephenson and Suzanne Dredge from Koori Radio were in the lead vehicle for the First Australians float.



Baby, you can drive my car ... Meggan Grose, Davina Captain, an unidentified supporter, and Rusty Nannup in the open-top Cadillac that featured in ACON's First Australians float.

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Join Our Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Lane Cove Council has a proud history of being committed to the preservation of Aboriginal culture, art, heritage and language. As part of this commitment, Council recently resolved to establish an Aboriginal Advisory Committee that will advise Council on a wide range of local issues affecting members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

If you wish to nominate for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, please visit www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au (News and Events) to complete an online nomination and review the Draft Charter for the Committee.

Nomination forms are also available from the Lane Cove Civic Centre (48 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove) and Lane Cove Library (Library Walk, Lane Cove).

For further information please contact:

Council's Governance Officer on (02) 9911 3511 or by email kfleming@lanecove.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close: Friday 29 March 2013.



Supporters and friends of the First Australians float embraced the 60s sub theme too.



Marie Andrew from Sydney, Darren Braun, Zac Cotter and his proud mum Tania Waitokia.



"This is my first time at Mardi Gras; it's my debut," Rob Moocher from Meekatharra told the *Koori Mail*. "I've been here in Sydney for two weeks and climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge on my second day. I always promised my mum that I would bring her here and that we would march together for my first Mardi Gras but she was too ill to travel so I'm marching for her, my two sons and my six grandchildren."



Todd Fernando got his message across as part of the First Australians float at the Sydney Mardi Gras parade.



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

PERSONAL HELPERS AND MENTORS REMOTE SERVICES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) invites eligible organisations to apply for funding to establish Personal Helpers and Mentors Remote services under the Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) Program.

Non-government organisations can apply for funding to establish new PHaMs remote services in one or more of the following sites: Cunnamulla and Palm Island (Queensland), Halls Creek and Pilbara (Western Australia) and Ceduna in South Australia.

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Key objectives of the PHaMs remote services include:

- Using a community development approach – support the individual as well as their support network
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- Training local people to undertake PHaMs team roles and encourage the development of activities to strengthen family and community relationships for participants.

Further information on how to apply is available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding

Applications close at 5.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time)
Thursday 18 April 2013.

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Lindt photos celebrated



EIGHT years ago, Bundjalung musician Troy

Cassar-Daley and his mum, artist Irene Daley, were shown some photos taken of their mob more than 100 years previously.

Known as the Lindt photos, businessman Sam Cullen and his art historian wife Janet bought them at a British auction for more than \$100,000 after seeing a newspaper report that members of the Clarence Valley Aboriginal Land Council were upset they could not afford the expensive price tag.

The photos and the Cullens' commitment to finding ancestors of the subjects were the focus of a recent episode of ABC TV's *Australian Story*, titled *The Light of Day*, with Cassar-Daley presenting.

Thirty-seven photographs taken in the Clarence Valley between 1873 and 1874 were donated to the gallery by the Cullens in 2004.

The search for the identity of the Indigenous people in the images has been an ongoing project for the gallery, leading



South Grafton High school Gurra Murra dancers perform at the celebration.

historians and the valley's Indigenous community ever since.

To commemorate the screening, Grafton Regional Art Gallery last week hosted dozens of members of the Bundjalung, Yaegl and Gumbaingirr nations along with the Cullens and Aboriginal historians and genealogists.

The Gurra Murra Dancers from South

Grafton High School opened the event.

Bundjalung Elder Robyne Bancroft, who has been involved in the search, welcomed all to country, then *The Light of Day* was screened.

Throughout the event, gallery staff gathered the contact details of people who have information and photographs that will help with the continued search

to identify the portrait subjects. More than 30 Aboriginal people are portrayed in the album photographs taken by Lindt in 1874 at his studio in Prince Street, Grafton.

The gallery staff welcome contact from anyone who has information that can help the search. Phone (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au



Jennifer Feller with Janet and Sam Cullen during the celebration at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Engineering goal for scholarship



A NEW engineering scholarship has been launched to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait

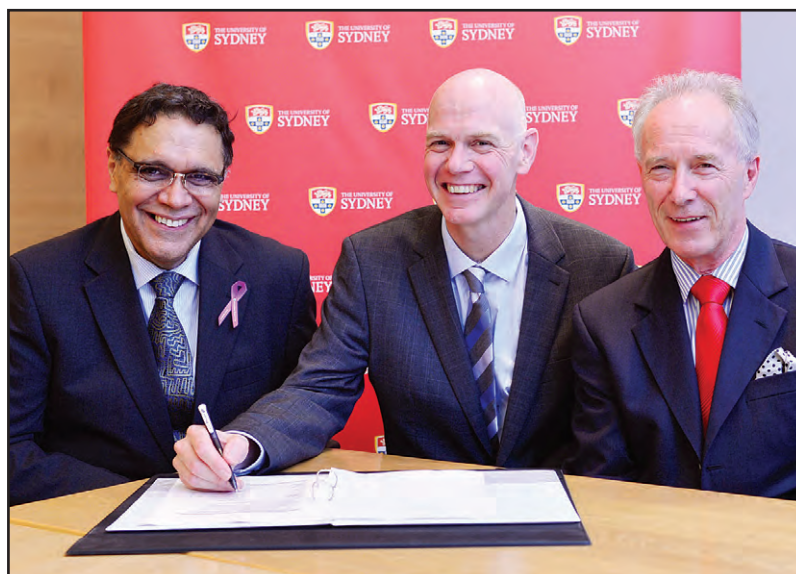
Islander students hoping to break into the industry.

The University of Sydney and Leighton Contractors have joined forces to offer the scholarship to an Indigenous person with a solid academic record, but who is from a disadvantaged background.

The scholarship is being offered to students studying an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

The Leighton Contractors' Undergraduate Scholarship will enable the student to pursue their studies in either of the disciplines of civil, electrical or mechanical engineering.

The scholarship consists of an annual \$10,000 payment based on full-time enrolment. It'll assist with costs associated with studying and will also include the opportunity for work experience relevant to the degree, as part of Leighton Contractors' Cadetship Program, and access to Leighton



The University of Sydney's deputy vice-chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) Prof Shane Houston, Leighton's director of strategic development John Hesketh, and dean of engineering Prof Archie Johnston sign the scholarship agreement.

Contractors' mentoring and leadership development programs.

Leighton Contractors executive general manager of services Michael Bushby said the company believed it had both a responsibility and an opportunity to contribute to

the growth and advancement of Indigenous people and communities.

"We do this by improving the representation, participation and retention of Indigenous people in our own workforce, developing

inspiring Indigenous leaders within our workforce and building the capacity of Indigenous business through partnerships," he said.

"Our partnership with the University of Sydney will not only provide financial support but importantly mentoring and leadership development, valuable work experience, and the training needed to further develop the students' skills."

Dean of engineering Prof Archie Johnston said the new scholarship would help support the university's objectives of finding additional methods of engaging Indigenous communities and mentoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

"We are committed to supporting talented young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"We know that higher education, and education in general, can be a transformational experience.

"Education gives young students the opportunity to maximise their capabilities. We are extremely pleased to be able to assist Leighton Contractors with this great initiative."

Minister visits centre



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny

Macklin recently joined Lindsay MP David Bradbury at the Koolyangarra Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in western Sydney to see how local families were benefitting from early education and family support services.

The Federal Government has allocated \$650,000 over four years under the Indigenous Parenting Service program so Koolyangarra can run educational playgroups.

"With our support, Koolyangarra is able to work with Indigenous families in Penrith to help them develop their parenting skills and prepare their children for school," Mr Bradbury said.

"Koolyangarra is helping to ensure Indigenous children in our community have a solid foundation to start their education, and I'm proud to support their great work."

Narwan Eels gather

Celebration of more than just a football club

Story and photos by NAOMI MORAN



MORE than just a football club, the Narwan Eels have long been a positive force within their community of Armidale in northern New South Wales. The club and its community recently held a reunion to remember their humble beginnings and recognise players past and present who have worn the mighty blue and yellow.

Narwan Eels player Dean Widders said it was time to carry on the legacy of the club and its players, and recognise the valuable contributions of those who had passed on.

The Narwan Eels Old Boys Club was formed and planned the long-awaited reunion to recognise the contributions of former players.

"Narwan wanted to organise a reunion to recognise our older players while they are still with us," Widders told the *Koori Mail*.

"That's why we formed the old boys club – to get these old fullas together and get back that community spirit and give them a positive night where they can all catch up. It's a chance for them to sit down and talk about the old days, the footy days or they can talk about things that they are going through – the tough times, their health, their families. Sadly, we've lost too many of our players as the years have gone by."

The year 1980 was a key focus of the night just as it was when the Eels brought their home town to a standstill – both on and off the field.

Pride drove the Eels to not only be the best in the competition but also a positive influence for the community.

Throughout the club's history, they have had 22 father-and-sons combinations and 46 sets of brothers have represented the Eels at the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnivals – proving that the team has always been about family and community.

Widders said that's what separated them from the other teams. "We still stick with the same players from home, from the same families," he said. "A lot of the players that run with Narwan now are either sons of former players or grandsons of former players of the 1980 team."

"We want that to inspire the younger generation in Armidale to come together more in the spirit of rugby league, culture and community."

Longing for a night where they could come together, dress up and celebrate, it was a packed house at the local bowling club full of laughs, tears and fond memories.

One of the many highlights of the reunion was when 1980 player-coach Eric Kelly was presented with the Quelch Cup trophy, which he thought was lost years ago. The cup was found by Eels player Tony Cutmore at the local dump and then restored (almost) to its former glory.

The Eels won the trophy and the title in 1980 as well as a handful of other titles in the same year including the Caltex Cup for best team in northern NSW, the Biralee Knockout Carnival, the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival and the Claytons Cup for best team in Country Rugby League.

Following the success of that year, the Narwan Eels went on to win six consecutive local premierships.

The Narwan Old Boys plan to hold annual reunions and focus on the community by continuing their work within the local schools to encourage good behaviour by students, promoting healthy lifestyles with families, addressing gambling awareness and providing counselling sessions and men's yarning circles.



Steve Smith, Charlie Trindall Jnr and Stu Cohen.



Rhonda Widders, Patsy Cohen and Shahnee Widders-Tolmie.



Father and son Narwan Eels players Jake and Dean Widders.



Cyril Green and Bobby Kelly.



Brian Dennison senior and junior at the Armidale reunion.



Alf Scott with his father Vincent Sonny Scott.



Eric Kelly and the Quelch Cup.

for reunion



Partners of deceased former players Glyniss Strong (Alistair Moran's partner), Coleen Kelly (Dempsey Kelly), Tracey Smith (Pritchard Moran), Cathy Smith (Richard Smith) and Charmaine Smith (Lance Moran). All photos by Naomi Moran



Members of the Cook family, from left, Sylvester, Jayden, Lisa and Russell.



Looking deadly ... Merindah Donnelly, Gabbi Briggs and Olivia Patten.



Player-Coach Eric Kelly and teammate Sylvester Cook.



Billy and Leslie Vale in Armidale.



Best dressed couple on the night were Jill and Malcolm Ahoy.

Uluru national park takes out tourism award



THE Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has been named the country's best major tourist attraction at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards.

Uluru traditional owner (TO) and board member Sammy Wilson collected the award and spoke passionately in his traditional language of Pitjantjatjara and in English.

"This is everybody's award," he said. "It says 'we're here' to Australia, we're from the centre of Australia, and we thank everybody from Australia for this award."

"We're working together, the Australian Government, the park, the board, the people, we're all working together to welcome visitors to come and see us, see what we're doing, sharing our place with people from around the world."

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke said Uluru had been recognised as one of the most precious places on the planet with its listing on the World Heritage List.

He congratulated the park's traditional owners, the board and staff on their win.

"Uluru is, in so many ways, the spiritual red heart of Australia – everyone should visit it at least once," Mr Burke said.

Spirituality

"You can't help but be awed by the sheer visual power and spirituality of Uluru and Kata-Tjuta."

"As the judges found, the world-class tourism experiences on offer at this outstanding World Heritage attraction are testament to the active management by generations of

Aboriginal traditional owners."

Mr Burke said those experiences included everything from cultural tours and dot painting workshops in the cultural centre, to maintaining rock art and sacred sites, keeping visitors safe and looking after the stunning landscapes, plants and animals of the park.

"Just one of these animals is the mala or the rufous-hare wallaby," he said. "This little creature is sacred to Uluru's traditional owners – the mala or rufous-hare wallaby people are their creation ancestors."

Tremendous effort

"Today mala are extinct in the wild, but the park is helping keep the species alive, successfully breeding them in a feral-proof paddock – a tremendous effort to save a threatened species and to keep alive traditional cultural ties."

"I know I'm not alone in my passion for Uluru."

"More than 250,000 people visit the park each year, many of them from overseas, delivering economic benefits back to the communities of central Australia."

"From the many and varied jobs at Ayers Rock Resort, to tourists spending on hotel rooms, local artworks, souvenirs, groceries and petrol, Uluru is a place that gives back a lot to Australia."

Mr Burke also congratulated Gagudju Dreaming, which took out the prize for best major tour or transport operator for its Yellow Water Cruises.

"The award is recognition of the quality product being delivered by Aboriginal tourism businesses and Kakadu's role as a major visitor destination," he said.

Act limiting custody, crime bureau finds



THE New South Wales Young Offenders Act (YOA) is helping to reduce the number of young

Indigenous offenders ending up in custody, according to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

The bureau examined the fate of 9392 Indigenous young offenders and 19,703 other young offenders before and after the introduction of the YOA in 1998.

Bureau director Dr Don Weatherburn said the YOA introduced the current system of warnings, cautions and youth justice conferences.

"Prior to the introduction of this legislation all juvenile offenders went to court," he said.

Dr Weatherburn said the aim of the research was to find out whether the introduction of the YOA had any impact on the probability that a young offender would receive a custodial order and the time taken to receive a first custodial order.

"The bureau found that the risk of receiving a custodial order fell 17.5

per cent for Indigenous young offenders and 16.3 per cent for non-Indigenous young offenders," he said.

"The YOA also delayed the imposition of a custodial penalty for those who eventually received one."

"Prior to the YOA, 10 per cent of young Indigenous offenders received a custodial order within 17 months of first proven court appearance."

Custodial penalty

"After the YOA, it took 21 months for 10 per cent of the Indigenous cohort to receive a custodial penalty."

"Prior to the YOA, 10 per cent of non-Indigenous young people received a custodial order within 36 months."

"After the YOA it took 57 months for the non-Indigenous cohort to receive a custodial penalty."

Dr Weatherburn said the results held up after controlling for pre- and post-YOA differences in sex, plea, offence type, age, number of concurrent offences, number of prior conferences, number of prior court appearances and number of prior custodial orders.

Brisbane hosts inaugural

Crowd enjoys great shows

By EMILY MURPHY



Ava Hannam, 4, Breanna Debono, 5, Lilah Hannam, 6, and Grace Debono, 7, thought nothing of the inclement weather, donning their rain outfits to dance in front of the main stage. All photos by Emily Murphy



Boigu Island man Semei 'Fred' Matthew dances for the Malu Kiai Mura Buai dance group, sharing Torres Strait Island dance with the audiences at Clancestry.



Community members Alex Davidson (Gubbi Gubbi) and Duncan Johnson (Wiri), both from Zillmere, caught up with Joan Tranter (Gomerioi), from Sydney, and Carl Simpson (Gomerioi/Wulli Wulli), from Brisbane.



The Yarning Table during Clancestry was a great place for mob to gather and share stories. Pictured are South Sea Islander Chief Kalu Colin Terare, Aunty Flo Watson (Ghunghanghi), Russell Lingwood (Kubi Kubi), Aunty Jenny Thompson (Wakka/Kabi/Gungarri) and deadly MC Mark Sheppard, all based in Brisbane.



Miss Gertrude, from Ipswich, and her guitarist Paul Ainsworth take a break before getting back up on stage to entertain the audience.



Catching the Saturday night hip-hop and contemporary music concert at Clancestry were Meriam man Daniel Dow with Aleem Ali, Levi Tamou (Kuku Yalanji) and Jeremy Mansfield.



EVERY time The Chooky Dancers took to the stage to perform their version of *Singing in the Rain*, the deluge seemed to get a little harder. But the rainy weather didn't stop thousands of people visiting and taking part in the inaugural Clancestry – A Celebration of

Country event at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre in Brisbane at the beginning of the month.

With representation from Elcho Island in the Northern Territory, the Torres Strait, Bundjalung and Gadigal country and everywhere in between, the event was packed with activities and performances.

Four-time 2013 Golden Guitar winner Troy Cassar-Daley delivered a fun and flawless concert on the Friday night to adoring fans and helped kick off a weekend of celebrating Australia's First Nations Peoples and sharing of stories.

A sold-out Black Arm Band show featuring the trio of Emma Donovan, Lou Bennett and Deline Briscoe and the presence of Archie Roach received a standing ovation.

They were joined on stage by Shane Howard, Will Barton, Paul Dempsey from Something for Kate and Nat Pa'apa'a from Blue King Brown, percussionist Greg Sheehan, Radical Son and Jimmy Barnes for the acclaimed production, *dirtsong*.

Guest curator Rhoda Roberts delivered her signature style of top performers in a beautifully thought-out program.

The weekend highlighted the continuation, revitalisation and evolution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in Australia through a melded presentation of traditional and contemporary artforms across a number of genres.

Many Elders gathered over the course of the weekend to catch up at the Yarning Table.

Local performers Sue Ray, Impossible Odds, Tjupurru and a group to watch out for, Slip-on Stereo, kept crowds enthralled on the banks of the Maiwar (Brisbane River).

The closing ceremony was curated by Fred Leone who brought together Nunukul/Yuggera, Gubbi Gubbi, Badjitala, Gomerioi, Ku Ku Yalanji, Boigu Island, Moa Island, Nunukul and Elcho Island dance groups.

"Clancestry is destined to become a signature event on the Queensland cultural calendar," said acting Queensland Arts Minister David Crisafulli.



Three generations together ... Allane Sullivan from Coominya (Kooma/Waka Waka) with her daughter, 18-month-old Euylara Eyre, and gran Angela Buchanan (Kooma).

Clancestry celebration

The Clancestry opening ceremony saw hundreds of young people performing traditional dances as well as those with contemporary elements. All photos by Emily Murphy



Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts students Haylee Rivers, from Halls Creek WA, and Keishaiah Schrieber, from Cairns, were among dozens of performers throughout the weekend.



Jagalingu Aboriginal Creations owner Joe Malone with some of his pieces during the artisan markets at Clancestry.



Chooky Dancer Wakara Gondarra strikes a pose during one of the crowd-pleasing performances by the Elcho Island group, which shot to fame after posting a parody of *Zorba the Greek* on YouTube.



Archie Roach performed at the opening ceremony with four-time Golden Guitar 2013 winner Troy Cassar-Daley.



Six-year-old Isaiah Mairu cuddles up to mum Katherine Mairu, from Badu Island, and living in Brisbane.



At the Troy Cassar-Daley concert were Tina Gibson, who lives in Inala and hails from the Mulanjali clan, and Ruth Gorringe from the Palm Island, Yidinji/Nywaigi peoples.



Gladstone-based Richard Johnson (Gooreng Gooreng) is flanked by Auntie Bessie Parsons, who is part of the Great Keppel Island trustees and a Kalkadoon and Wambaya woman and Auntie Valda Coolwell, a Gooreng Gooreng woman and South Sea Islander. Both now live in Brisbane.



Tom Dick from Wantok Musik Foundation with musician Ari Ingram (Gabagaba, PNG) after the sold-out Black Arm Band performance on Saturday night.



Louise Hamby and Lucy Wanapuyngu at the curators' talk for Gapuwiyak Miyalkurrwurr Gong Djambtjimala: Women with Clever Hands, at Craft ACT. Photos by Leise Knowles

Selling Yarns in national capital



INDIGENOUS textile artists from remote and urban communities throughout

Australia and overseas visited Canberra early this month for a four-day national forum called Selling Yarns 3: Weaving the Nation's Story.

ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister

Shane Rattenbury said the forum included a conference, workshops, film and exhibition program, and a market.

"Selling Yarns 3 is bringing together communities, artists, academics and industry leaders to explore the place for contemporary Indigenous textiles in nation-building in Australia," Mr Rattenbury said.

"It is great to see Native

American and Maori speakers on the program, bringing a global view of Indigenous culture to the event.

"Australian participants come from places far and wide, including Erub Erwer Meta in the Torres Strait, the Tjanpi Desert in the Northern Territory and the Gurringun Aboriginal Corporation in far north Queensland, to name just a few."



● Above: Market stalls and demonstrations were held in the Garden of Australian Dreams at the National Museum of Australia. Gapuwiyak women are demonstrating their techniques in front of the stall.

● Right: Products from the Tjanpi Desert Weavers.



Artists in a strong situation



FIFTEEN experimental artists from across Australia are being given the opportunity to present their work at a range of major music and arts festivals.

Supported by the Australia Council, the \$250,000 SITUATE Art in Festivals initiative is calling for nominations.

Hobart's Salamanca Arts Centre will manage the project in

partnership with festivals, including Ten Days On the Island, the Darwin Festival, WOMADelaide, Boomerang, Big Day Out, Harvest, Mona/MonaFoma/Dark Mofo, Peats Ridge, Fringe World/Artrage and Vry Fees in South Africa. More partner festivals will be added throughout the initiative.

Participating artists will have opportunities to test new ideas, collaborate with artists and technicians from different disciplines, work small and/or large scale in a site-specific context and receive wide exposure and access to significant networks in the industry.

Acting CEO of the Australia Council for the Arts Libby Christie said SITUATE would provide a

chance for festival audiences to experience the best of Australian emerging and experimental artists.

"For the artists, it's an extraordinary opportunity to create new work, explore new ideas, discover different way of working and create challenging experimental art works for festival audiences," she said.

The 15 artists, who must be in the first five years of professional practice, will be selected through a

national call by a curatorium comprising of practising artists, industry professionals and curators.

The successful applicants will attend a 16-day residential artist laboratory in Tasmania, which includes time at the closing weekend of the new winter Dark MOFO festival.

They will be mentored by established artists and producers as

they develop their ideas and concepts and will then go through a commissioning process by partner festivals leading to the production and presentation of their work in 2014 and 2015.

Applications open on Monday, 25 March, and close Monday, 8 April, via www.situate.org.au

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Display opportunity at Byron Bluesfest



YOUNG Bundjalung artists are being encouraged to submit artworks for an exhibition in the VIP room of the Byron Bay Bluesfest at Easter.

Exhibition organiser John Pene Fonmosa, from Indijarts Australia, said artworks were hung on the outside walls of artists' dressing rooms and in the restaurant inside the VIP room, so they were seen by all the International and Australian performers at the festival in northern NSW.

"The main goal of the exhibition is to help artists from the Bundjalung (nation) and south-east Queensland get exposure, particularly younger artists who are serious about

their work," he said. "We encourage them to come and help set up the exhibition so they learn what is involved."

"We also encourage one artist to come and paint onsite, if they feel comfortable with that."

There is a 25 per cent commission on all artworks sold that goes toward Indigenous youth programs run by Indijarts Australia, which include art, music, an Indigenous surf school, outrigger canoe club, cultural education programs in schools and employment and training programs.

Artworks must be submitted by Friday, 22 March.

Interested artists can contact John Pene Fonmosa on 0437 833 773 or email indij-n-arts@bigpond.com



Mervyn Rubuntja and Julie Simmons immersed in their painting (Julie is the Combined Art Societies of Sydney's artist of the year).



Rubuntja gives city kids painting class

By MARGARET SMITH



SYDNEY'S Tali Gallery has played host to renowned Aboriginal artist Mervyn Rubuntja, one of 15 Central Australian artists painting in the tradition of their late, esteemed countryman Albert Namatjira.

Rubuntja's mother Cynthia was a western Arrernte woman, and his father Winton Rubuntja

Pengarte – a lawman and land rights campaigner – was encouraged to paint by Albert Namatjira, his father's cousin.

Mervyn Rubuntja now lives with his family in the Larapinta Camp at Alice Springs, and paints at the Ngurratjuta Many Hands Arts Centre.

In 2007, one of his paintings was selected to hang in the Telstra National Art Awards in Darwin.

At Tali Gallery early this month, he demonstrated how he creates

his brightly coloured work, telling the *Koori Mail* that he loves the colours of central Australia, 'where all gum trees are different, though they look similar'.

"The small trees in the foreground of this painting are iron wood, and they are used to make boomerangs and spears," he said, pointing to one of his paintings.

He created the mountains by painting many intricate lines to convey the shadows and the way the light falls on the rocks. He

never knows how long a painting will take to complete, but its sometimes three days or more.

In Sydney, Rubuntja ran workshops for preschool and primary school children, and gave the children arts lessons.

In Alice Springs he organised the kids in his community to paint cards and artworks for the children who came to the workshops in Sydney.

Patricia Adjei, head of Indigenous communications at the

Copyright Agency, said it was a great learning experience for desert artists to interact with people in big cities.

"Artists can see who is buying their artwork and the buyers can listen to the artists' stories, and understand where their money is going," she said.

Ms Adjei said art resale royalties had generated \$1 million in two years, and 60 per cent of that had gone to Aboriginal artists and their families.

Bush bands and business



A KEY bush event and a development program will be combined in one project to celebrate and support Indigenous musicians in Central Australia. The Bush Bands Bash (BBB) has developed over the past nine years to become the peak Central Australian Indigenous music showcase event, playing to an audience of up to 4000 people. Dates and venues will be announced soon.

MusicNT says this year's concert will run alongside Bush Bands Business, a skills and industry development camp for the eight featured bands from the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia.

The Bush Bands Project will bring more than 50 leading Indigenous musicians and songwriters from Central Australia together with top music industry mentors and



The 2012 Bush Bands Bash. Photo by Michelle Goodwin, Alice Desert Festival 2012.

professionals for workshops, rehearsals and discussions.

MusicNT Manager Mark Smith said his team was looking forward to coordinating the Bush Bands Project on the 10th

anniversary of the BBB.

"It's fitting that we take coordination of the event this year as 10 years ago MusicNT started the project and now it's grown to be the biggest

Indigenous music event in Central Australia," he said.

MusicNT is looking for a coordinator for the Bush Bands Project. For more information, go to www.musicnt.com.au

Good Heart entries open



INDIGENOUS artists in the Geraldton region of Western Australia are being encouraged to submit works for the Good Heart exhibition. In its sixth year, the Oakajee Port and Rail's (OPR) Good

Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Project showcases traditional and contemporary works by local artists to a metropolitan audience, which OPR Crosslands CEO John Langoulant said meant exposure and sales for regional artists.

The main exhibition will be staged in Perth's city centre from 10-14 June.

A preview will be hosted by Geraldton Newspapers in conjunction with the City of Greater Geraldton Regional Library from 13-27 May. Works including canvas, ceramics, woodwork, artefacts and textiles must be submitted for consideration by 1 May.

Interested artists can contact Nan Rickards nan.rickards@bigpond.com or by phone on 0417 184 290.

Grant to attract staff



FEDERAL Arts Minister Simon Crean has announced a \$625,000 grant to the Waringarri Arts Aboriginal Corporation to help it attract and retain art staff.

Mr Crean said the East Kimberley Development Package money was on top of \$1.6 million already allocated to expand and refurbish the arts centres in Kununurra and Kalumburu.

"I saw first-hand the talent of the Waringarri artists when I opened the Ochre

Health Centre in Kununurra late last year," he said.

"A unique artwork, the mural wall feature in the new centre is not only a fantastic manifestation of Indigenous culture, art and expression but a great example of partnership and collaboration between Waringarri Arts, the community and the centre.

"Many Indigenous art centres operate in extremely basic conditions and there are widespread infrastructure needs in the sector, including art centre staff housing.

"The lack of staff accommodation continues to be an issue for many arts centres. It impacts on the capacity of art centres to recruit and retain high-quality staff and this in turn impacts on the capacity of art centres to host Indigenous art workers.

"Without this new housing the ability to showcase the talents of the region's Indigenous artists would be limited."

Special Minister for State Gary Gray led the joint assessment process to develop the East Kimberley Development Package and

said the grant would build a duplex unit for Waringarri Arts and improve the artist facilities in Kalumburu.

"Our investment will continue to provide meaningful and sustainable jobs for local Indigenous people in the East Kimberley region," he said.

"The Federal Government currently supports eight part-time Indigenous art worker positions and provides operational support for the organisation."

The new Waringarri Arts housing is due to be completed by the middle of the year.

Demand Dignity buys artworks



AMNESTY International's Demand Dignity group has supported

Sydney's Eora College for a couple of years now, most recently by celebrating the work of the education centre's graduates. The group, which has promoted the United

Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, bought four paintings that conveyed messages around respect for the land, justice and peace – 'Lady of Justice' by Leah Brown, 'Walking in Peace' by Greg Smith, 'Ultimate Fate' by Cecil Bowden, and 'Billabongs' by Graham Toomey. The works were unveiled

at a function at Amnesty International's Chippendale premises on 25 February, with a welcome to country by Michael West and speeches by the human rights group's national director, Claire Mallinson, some of the artists and Chico Monks from Eora College, Di Stevens from Tali Gallery, and Ken Welsh talking about Demand Dignity.



Michael West, who gave the welcome to country, speaks with Di Stevens from Tali Gallery.



Artists Leah Brown, Eora College's Chico Monks (with Greg Smith's painting), and artists Cecil Bowden and Graham Toomey show the purchased works, as Amnesty International national director Claire Mallinson looks on. Photos by Sabine Kutcha



Artist Ross Morgan in front of his painting with Dr Liz Lavender, left, and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell.

Turtle painting was SheppARTon image



YORTA Yorta artist Ross Morgan's image of Bayaderra, the long-neck turtle, was chosen as the official image of the SheppARTon Festival in northern Victoria, which finished last week.

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell opened Morgan's exhibition of paintings.

"A creature of perseverance, the turtle also represents a welcoming spirit to those who have travelled hard journeys to emerge from their burden with a free voice," she said.

"The turtles in his painting 'Turtles Walking on Land' represent Ross' ancestors in the Dreamtime."

Morgan was born in Melbourne in 1977, grew up in Shepparton and has settled in Mooroopna.

He was inspired and taught during his early years by his father, and also greatly influenced by his nan, Elizabeth Hoffman.

"We have a very proud Indigenous community here in Victoria that produces passionate art that reflects the depth and diversity of Indigenous culture," Mrs Powell said.

"I announced the Victorian Government's 2012 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards, and was delighted that another local artist, Eva Ponting, was shortlisted for her work 'Turtle Spirit Dreaming'."

Xavier looks to the future

By ALF WILSON



SIXTEEN-year-old Indigenous youth Xavier Passi looks set for a bright future after attending national science and mathematics conferences in Adelaide and Brisbane over the past two months.

The Townsville-based Kirwan High School student is the son of Darnley Island man Genus Passi Snr and South-Sea Islander woman Trudi Passi (née Quakawoot).

In January, Xavier applied for and was accepted into the Rio Tinto InspireU Engineering Camp at the University of Queensland in Brisbane over school holidays.

He was one of 20 students chosen from across Queensland and NSW to attend the week-long camp, and had an opportunity to gain a scholarship in engineering of up to \$3000

on completion of Year 12.

In December, Xavier applied to the School of Excellence for Science and Engineering Camp held at the Flinders University, Adelaide. He was the only student from Townsville and one of just 26 selected nationally to attend the camp, representing his family and Kirwan High.

Ambassador

Two months earlier, Xavier was selected to represent Kirwan High as an Indigenous student ambassador at the Stronger Smarter Futures Conference hosted by educator Dr Chris Sara in Brisbane.

"I want to study mechanical engineering at university on completion of Year 12, and have begun this journey after being accepted for those programs," Xavier said.

The high-achieving teen also loves rugby league and has played for United Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club, Townsville, for the past several

years. His goal is to play for Saam Karem Beizam, representing Darnley Island, just as his older brother Genus Jnr did as a 17-year-old, playing five-eighth at the 2009 Island of Origin, when his dad coached this team.

"We are very proud of Xavier's academic achievements and also of his drive and willingness to follow his dreams," said his father Genus Snr.

"We know his older brother takes pride in what he has achieved and plays a huge part in keeping Xavier grounded and on track to reach these goals.

"We definitely see Xavier as a leader amongst his peers and in our community and a great role model for up-and-coming young non-Indigenous and Indigenous leaders."

Kirwan High principal Meredith Wenta said it was terrific to see Xavier taking advantage of the opportunities available to students.



Townsville student Xavier Passi ... "I want to study mechanical engineering at university on completion of Year 12, and have begun this journey..."



Ben McKeown (Wirangu Man) graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Master of Visual Art and a Master of Fine Art. A prolific award-winning contemporary artist, Ben works with the City of Port Phillip as an Indigenous Arts Officer.

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Culture in classroom



A NEW artist-in-residence program at Rosary Park Catholic School in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales is teaching students about

Aboriginal art and culture.

'Respect and Knowledge' was launched recently with Wanaruah Elder and artist Les Elvin running art classes at the school. A dance teacher is set to start in second term.

Rosary Park Indigenous support teacher Caroline Kennedy said it was a privilege for the school to work with Mr Elvin.

"Les has won countless regional, national and international awards for his work. He has been a strong supporter of our school for the last three years using his art expertise in various fundraisers and art judging panels and we're very excited to have him back," she said.

Ms Kennedy said she had approached the Coal & Allied (a subsidiary of Rio Tinto that manages three open-cut coal mines in the Hunter Valley) Aboriginal Community Development Fund with a proposal for cultural lessons, and the company agreed.

"We have more than 200 children in our school and over seven per cent of these identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander," she said.

"Where we can, we've always tried to integrate cultural activities and education in our curriculum such as NAIDOC Week and Sorry Day activities and incorporating Aboriginal culture and history into the students' lessons.

"However, we haven't had the resources to keep increasing their exposure to



Aboriginal culture within the school.

"We'll also be encouraging parents to be involved in the program by inviting different groups to come along each week and develop their own understanding of Aboriginal culture."

Mr Elvin said that over the term he would work with students from Years 3 to 6 in a

range of areas. "Firstly they will learn the basics on how to maintain their work space and this includes explaining each of their art tools, how to mix paint, how to keep their area tidy and properly store their work," he said.

"Then they will move on to learning about Aboriginal symbols and how they can be

used to tell a story. Finally, they will learn about Dreamtime astrology and how our culture has a different animal that represents each month.

"They will learn to sketch and paint different animals before completing a couple of their own paintings, which will go into an exhibition for the school at the end."



At left, Rosary Park Year 3 student Drew Wiseman with Wanaruah Elder and artist Les Elvin. Above: Back from left, Coal & Allied Aboriginal relations specialist Cate Sims, artist Les Elvin, Rosary Park Indigenous support teacher Caroline Kennedy and principal Will Callinan. Front, from left, Rosary Park Year 4 students Ashleigh Bettison, Faith Thorpe and Brianna Smith.



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Connection made with university



THE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) recently hosted hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander high school students for their Indigenous Connections event. The students listened to motivational presentations from successful Indigenous Australians, including comedian Sean Choolburra, Blue Care Indigenous coordinator Donna Corrie, community advocate Sam Rueben, construction supervisor for Arrow Energy Tom Draper and Indigenous Lawyers Association of Queensland president Josh Creamer.

Year 12 St Saviour's College Toowoomba student Miranda Fisher said she loved listening to the inspirational speakers.

"I'm planning to take a gap year after school but I wouldn't mind starting a university course," she said.

"I'm interested in getting into



Tom Draper from Arrow Energy address students.

Photo by David Martinelli, USQ Photography

social work so I can help my community any way I can."

The students also played traditional Indigenous games, did drills with AFL Queensland and the Gold Coast Titans, and enjoyed didgeridoo lessons, song writing classes, traditional art and dance.

They also had a chance to talk with USQ academic staff

and attend university activity sessions presented by lecturers from a range of disciplines.

Students from Cunnamulla, Charleville and St George went to the Toowoomba event on 20-21 February and students from the greater Brisbane area attended the USQ Springfield campus event on 22 February.



Sharna Phillips, St Saviour's College Toowoomba, participates in a workshop at the USQ Indigenous Connections event.

Photo by David Martinelli, USQ Photography

Lucy looks to the future for her children



THE world today is a very different place to when Lucy Jerome was growing up, and she believes it'll be very different again when her own young

children mature. The young mum sees a future full of texting, tweeting, emailing and Facebooking and one where talking will be deemed an old form of communication, most people's shopping will be done online and many of the jobs people do haven't been invented yet.

While she can't know everything about the future, Ms Jerome does know that education will help her brood of Myrtelle, 9, Jakira, 6, Isaac, 5 and Jonah, 4, live a happier life in a technological age.

"The world's changing rapidly," she said. "You have to know how to use a computer these days."

Named Cherbourg State School's Parent of the Month for February, Ms Jerome said she wanted to see all of her children go on to complete Year 12.

"I'm determined for that to happen," she said.

"I sit with them every day and tell them they need to go to school and listen, don't be stubborn and backchat.

"They need to go through school and go on with their education because everything will be different when they're older. I want them to have a great life."

However, Ms Jerome is not alone in experiencing trouble keeping up with the technology to help her children with their homework.

She has decided to improve her own education, too, and is looking to enrol in a Nurunderi TAFE course to improve her skills.



Cherbourg Mum Lucy Jerome waves to her children Myrtelle, 9, Jakira, 6, Isaac, 5, and Jonah, 4, as they head off to school. Lucy is holding Barbara, 3, who she hopes to enrol into Gundoo Day Care while she undertakes a TAFE numeracy and literacy course to improve her own education.

Indigenous scholarships available for exchanges



STUDENT Exchange Australia New Zealand is offering two Indigenous scholarships, worth more than \$10,000

each, for young people who would like to become overseas exchange students. Three digital video scholarships are also available to students who demonstrate their personal story and goals for an exchange through a creative video.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand facilitates exchanges in countries all over the world and says participating offers young people the opportunity to experience new cultures, improve language skills, enhance independence and maturity, and gain an important edge when it comes to future career and study opportunities.

Free information sessions about the program are held regularly throughout Australia.

More information on session dates and locations is available at www.studentexchange.org.au

A portrait of success

By ALF WILSON



IT was an emotional experience for Auntie Diana Ross to see a portrait of herself unveiled at James Cook University's School of Nursing, Midwifery and Nutrition.

The portrait of the Elder and nursing graduate, titled '*I Wear My Life on My Face*', has been loaned to the university and was unveiled at a ceremony late last month watched by many family and friends and colleagues.

In 1991, the school began a dedicated program to attract Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the Bachelor of Nursing Science degree.

While there was a bridging program for prospective nursing students at the time, Ms Ross applied straight through QTAC in 1994. She completed the three-year degree and obtained excellent results. By then, she was an Elder and very supportive to other Indigenous students.

Now aged 73, the Juru and Kaanju descendent is still nursing.

She said she was honoured to have her portrait at JCU.

"This is very emotional and I feel very privileged and honoured



Pictured at the portrait unveiling in Townsville are, from left, artist Donna Ives' sister Karen Maza, portrait subject Auntie Diana Ross, and the artist's mother Geraldine Ives.

and I had to work hard to get there," she said at the unveiling.

"My great love has always been caring for people, and it

doesn't matter if they are black or white. I am nearly 74 and still working and love it. I do clinical and outreach work and just want

to continue helping people."

The Indigenous artist who painted the portrait, Donna Ives, was unable to attend the

ceremony. But her sister Karen Maza, who works in JCU's Indigenous Health Unit in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences, was present, as was their mother Geraldine Ives, a Yorta Yorta Elder who also lives in Townsville.

The painting is part of the Xstrata Percival Portraits Collection, and is on loan for at least five years courtesy of its owner Dr Rowena Hallows, who was also at the JCU ceremony.

The school has a strong Indigenous connection, educating the first two Indigenous PhD graduates in nursing in Australia – Dr Lynore Geia (a Bwngcolman woman from Palm Island) and Associate Professor Roianne West (a Kalkadoon woman from Mount Isa). Assoc Prof West is the nursing director for Indigenous health at Townsville Hospital.

Professor Gracelyn Smallwood welcomed guests to country and was glowing in her praise of Ms Ross. "When we were growing up, Diana helped all families and not just her own. She is a wonderful person," she said.

Others to speak at the ceremony included Associate Professor Lee Stewart, Emeritus Professor Barbara Hayes and Dr Hallows.



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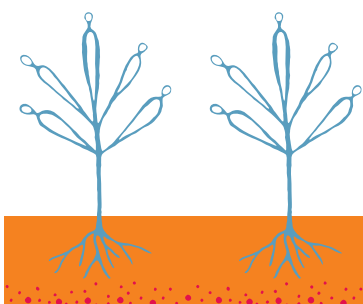


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Health





Lecturer in Indigenous Rural Health Peter Ferguson, with masters course students, from left, Karyn Ferguson, Tui Crumpen and Raelene Nixon.

Women are on course



A GROUP of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from Shepparton in country Victoria are on the cusp of completing their post-graduate Masters in Health Social Science.

Melbourne University's School of Population Health (SPH) and the Rural Health Academic Centre (RHAC) have combined to deliver a research program designed to allow students to maintain a family/work life balance while completing a post-graduate degree.

Health-related fields

Lecturer in Indigenous rural health studies and strategic development and research at the Rural Health Academic Centre Peter Ferguson said students were mostly women with long histories in Aboriginal health-related fields.

"This will prove to be a landmark year for the university and the Shepparton Aboriginal community, with the students designing, researching and presenting their minor research

dissertations on locally-developed issues," he said. "Anticipated research topics currently being discussed include Yorta Yorta language, ante- and post-natal birthing programs and Aboriginal youth issues.

"This is going to be an exciting year and it is hoped that future research in the local area will now have an even greater degree of Aboriginal involvement. This will place Aboriginal people in the driver's seat in regards to research and how the world imagines us."

The RHAC and SPH allowed the students to join the Parkville-based classes using audio visual technology, which saved them a 400km return trip to Melbourne for each class.

"Feedback to date has been that the entire Masters cohort is gaining a lot from the exercise with the Melbourne-based students getting an insight into current Aboriginal health issues from people who have many years of community development practice under their collective belts," Dr Ferguson said.

"I SMOKED FOR 38 YEARS. I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP IN HOSPITAL AGAIN"

Meet Ray

Ray started smoking at 15, and decided 38 years later that enough was enough. "I tried to quit lots of times," he says. "Not only have I felt better and had more energy, but it's also saved me money." But the benefits extend well beyond saving a few thousand dollars a year.

Support and advice

For Ray, the realisation that his life could well be cut short – taking him away from family and loved-ones – meant the difference between trying to quit and staying smoke-free for good. You can do it too, by talking to a doctor, calling the Quitline or visiting the iCanQuit website.

What will it take?

Ask yourself what you would quit for. "The reality is it's allowed me to spend more time with my kids and grandkids," says Ray. "After 38 years of smoking, I didn't want to end up in hospital again."

What will YOU quit for?



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Music, dance feature in campaign



A CAMPAIGN using music and dance to help young Aboriginal people make informed choices about sexual health, drugs and alcohol is visiting communities in NSW.

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) has joined with Indigenous Hip-Hop Projects for the 'It's Your Choice, Have a Voice: Rights, Respect and Responsibility' campaign, which features a mix of hip-hop and salsa

dance workshops, song writing and recording workshops, and community Deadly Styles dance performances.

The roadshow will run for five days in each community, with the last day set aside for a Deadly Styles event that allows young people to demonstrate what they have learned about making healthy choices in a performance for their community.

AH&MRC CEO Sandra Bailey said the campaign was being driven by the Aboriginal community for the Aboriginal

community, and drew on the expertise of local Aboriginal sexual and reproductive health workers and other Aboriginal health workers.

"At its core, the 'It's Your Choice, Have a Voice' campaign is all about respect, with key messages being respect for yourself, respect for your culture, your family and your partners, including you can be whatever you want to be, and you have the power to make choices that are right for you," she said.

The health campaign will visit Armajun service (Inverell) from 11-15 March, Peak Hill (6-11 May), Condobolin (13-17 May) and Murrin Bridge (Lake Cargelligo) from 20-24 May.

It is funded by the NSW Ministry of Health, with events hosted in partnership with local Aboriginal community controlled health services and local health districts, along with the cooperation of local Aboriginal sexual and reproductive health workers.

Infant health better



A NEW report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has found the birth-weight of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies is improving and the message to expectant mothers about stopping drinking alcohol and smoking during pregnancy is slowly filtering through.

The AIHW Healthy for Life report also found improvements in the management of chronic disease for Indigenous Australians.

AIHW spokesperson Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said the proportion of babies with normal birth-weight rose from 80 per cent to 84.2 per cent between 2008 and 2011 and average birth-weight rose from 3.015kg to 3.131kg.

Alcohol was consumed by 17.9 per cent of women in the third trimester of pregnancy in 2011, a drop from 21.4 per cent since 2008.

In the same timeframe, the percentage of mothers who smoked during the third trimester of pregnancy decreased slightly from 53.4 to 52.4 per cent.

"There have also been improvements in accessing medical care and adoption of good health management practices," Dr Al-Yaman said.

"For example, in 2011 two in three women attended their first antenatal visit before 20 weeks of pregnancy."

Management plan

Increases were seen in the proportions of Indigenous people with chronic diseases, such as diabetes and coronary heart disease, who had a GP management plan as part of their treatment.

And the number of Indigenous people with Type 2 diabetes who had a blood pressure test in the past six months increased by nearly 10 percentage points from 52.7 to 62.3 per cent between 2007 and 2011.

"This is an indication that more people with chronic disease are being well managed through primary health-care services," Dr Al-Yaman said.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the results were positive.

"The report provides further evidence that we are on track to close the gap in infant mortality by 2018," he said.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed said he was pleased the majority of the 100 health services funded were Aboriginal controlled.

"For the first time, this report provides information on both quantitative and qualitative indicators over the lifetime of the Healthy for Life program, collated at the national level," he said.

"Overall, as reported by AIHW there have been several improvements in health and healthy behaviours.

"We also agree with a key finding that more people with chronic disease are being well managed through our primary health care services."



Bob Davis returns to the job of CEO of Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation.

Davis returns as Maari Ma chief



BOB Davis has been reappointed as chief executive officer of Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation in Broken Hill, western New South Wales.

Mr Davis has been working as chief of staff at the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service in Sydney since his departure from Maari Ma last year.

Maari Ma chair Maureen O'Donnell said the board welcomed Mr Davis' return.

"Bob felt, after he left, that he had unfinished business here and expressed a desire to return to continue the progress with services and capital works that he had overseen and worked with staff on in the three years he was CEO," she said.

"Since his departure he has

continued representing Maari Ma corporation at government meetings and continued to sit on the Far West Medicare Local Transition Board."

Founding Maari Ma CEO William 'Smiley' Johnstone has been the acting CEO of Maari Ma for the past three months and will continue to have a role at Maari Ma and is a board member of the Far West Local Health District.

Psychologists back push for recognition



LEGAL recognition would be good for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' mental health and wellbeing, according to psychologists. The Australian Psychological Society (APS) welcomed the passage last month of the *Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Act 2012*, as a pre-cursor to a promised referendum on the subject.

"As it currently stands, the Australian Constitution does not acknowledge the presence of Indigenous people at the time of colonisation; nor does it recognise their continuing cultures, languages, heritage and relationship with traditional lands and waters," the APS

said in a statement last week.

"Psychologists have long been aware of the significant link between racism and poor mental health and wellbeing, as well as the importance of language and culture to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's sense of belonging and overall wellbeing."

However, the professional body's submission to consultations undertaken in drafting the Act emphasised that constitutional reform was 'only one of a number of actions needed to close the gap in Indigenous and non-Indigenous health and wellbeing'.

The APS recommended that the Government work in close partnership with Indigenous people in all areas of policy, practice and standards.

More funds for mental health



MENTAL health support providers will be able to apply for more than \$2.6 million in additional Federal funds to deliver services in five remote communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Personal Helpers and Mentors Service funding would allow for new community mental health services to be expanded into Cunnamulla and Palm Island in Queensland, along with Halls Creek and Pilbara in Western Australia, and Ceduna in South Australia.

Successful providers will each receive around \$500,000 a year to provide one-on-one practical support to people with severe mental illness.

"Personal helpers and mentors can help people set and achieve goals, such as finding stable housing, improving their relationships with family and friends, and, for those on income support, finding and keeping a job," Ms Macklin said.

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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.

21 March: National Close the Gap Day. A day for Australians to join together and remind political leaders to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians within a generation.

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Every Sunday: Family barbecue at the National Aboriginal Embassy, opposite Old Parliament House, 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 13 March: Strong Spirit, Strong Culture, Strong People exhibition. An exhibition of works by local Aboriginal artists. Held at The Flannery Centre, Panorama Ave, Bathurst. Free entry. Details: (02) 6338 4657 or (0418) 618 688 or visit www.artsoutwest.org.au/whats_on/

Until 30 March: The Classic Period – Arnhem Land Barks from the 1960s-2000. A special exhibition of bark paintings to coincide with the events of Art Month Sydney, featuring artists Wally Mandarrk, Bininyuwui, David Milaybuma, Crusoe Kuningbal and more. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo from Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until 8 April: Wishing Well Exhibition. 27 women participants have come together in three towns across the region to voice their personal experiences of mental illness and weight gain. The interactive travelling exhibition will be held in three centres: Casino Community and Cultural Centre, until 15 March; Serpentine Gallery - Lismore, 22-28 March; and Kentwell Community Centre, Ballina, from 5-8 April

Details: Sandra Handley on (0422) 346 727 or email manager@lismorewomen.org.au

Until 3 November: 'Warakurna – All the Stories Got Into Our Minds and Eyes'. An exhibition of works documenting a new art movement emerging from the Western Desert community of Warakurna. Held at the National Museum Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT.

He will welcome you to his world



KEVIN KROPINYERI

HE's a funny bugger whose world plenty of people would love to spend time in.

And Aboriginal comedian Kevin Kropinyeri plans to let audiences do just that this and next month, as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Kropinyeri's show 'Welcome to my world' will tackle a bunch of questions – including 'What's it like to be a proud Black man in Australia?' – but in a way that promoters promise will 'tickle the funny bone and touch the heartstrings'.

"Kevin Kropinyeri is a one-man willie-willie who will have you holding your sides laughing as he mixes keen observational stand-up with joyfully ridiculous physical comedy," says publicity material for the show.

"His rich background as a state grade footballer and basketball, visual artist and youth worker have all provided the foundations that have led him to become the exciting new face of Black Australian comedy."

Kevin Kropinyeri 'Welcome to my world' will play at the Lunch Room, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St, Melbourne, from 28 March to 21st April (excluding Mondays).

Tickets range from \$15 for preview shows from 28-31 March and 'Tightarse Tuesdays' to \$22 full price. For information and bookings, contact Ticketmaster 1300 660 013 or go online at www.comedyfestival.com.au

9am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: 1800 026 967 or visit www.nma.gov.au

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, 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

14 March: Justice for the Bowraville Children protest march. Held outside Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney from 10.30am.

14 March: Finding Country night lecture. In the first Thursday night lecture, Professor Kevin O'Brien, will discuss Sep Yama/Finding

Country, a position originating from an Aboriginal perception of space. Held at The University of Sydney, Wilkinson Building, Lecture Theatre 1, 148 City Rd, Darlington from 6.30pm. Free event. Details: (02) 9351 2222 or go to www.findingcountry.com.au

14-16 March: Memory Van. Worried about your memory, ageing and dementia? Come and see the staff at the travelling Memory Van, who will answer questions. Free event. 14 March, Council Southern Car Park, Rouse St, Tenterfield, 9.30am-2pm; 15 March, Woolworths Car Park, Byron Bay, 10am-2pm; 15 March, Next to the transit centre, Molesworth St, Lismore, 2-4pm; 15 March, Sandilands St, Bonalbo, 9.30-11.30am; 16 March, Murwillumbah Services Club, 10.30-11.30pm.

16 March-5 April: Boomalli Annual Members Show 2013. Featuring artists Shirley Amos, Bronwyn Bancroft, Euphemia Bostock, Lewis Burns, Danny Eastwood, Euraba Paper Company artists and many more. Held at Boomalli, 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt from Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Official opening Saturday, 16 March from 2-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliartgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

19 March: Supply Nation Indigenous Business Growth Seminars. Supply Nation is recruiting for more Indigenous businesses. It will hold information sessions to help Indigenous businesses. Held at Parramatta Leagues Club, 13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta from 6-7pm Details: 1300 055 298 or email info@supplynation.org.au

or visit www.supplynation.org.au

19-24 March: Message Sticks Festival. This is an annual international multi-faceted 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.sydneysoperahouse.com/messagesticks

20-21 March: Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Support Unit Forum. The forum aims to provide workers with an opportunity to get to know one another and establish peer support networks; to showcase service delivery models and achievements as well as focusing on workers' well-being. Includes speakers and presentations by Professor Pat Dudgeon, Steve Ella, Ken Zulumovski and Greg Telford. Held in Wagga Wagga. Details: Sofia Lema on (02) 9212 4777 or email slema@ahmrc.org.au or visit www.ahmrc.org.au

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 Broadway, opposite Broadway shops from 12.30. 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 Boulevard, Tweed Heads South, from 10am-2pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Andrew Watson on 0439 660 148 or Linda Fitzpatrick on 0429 553 562.

24 March: 'Reclaiming our Foot Prints' book launch. Gather at the neighbourhood centre, 4 Sirius Rd, Bligh Park, Sydney from 10am-12pm. Follow the foot prints for morning tea. RSVP Sonya on (02) 4572 5898 by 17 March.

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-14 April: I Do Have a Belief – A Tribute to Kevin Gilbert. A powerful and profound tribute to the Aboriginal artist and grassroots activist Kevin Gilbert (1933-1993). This retrospective exhibition will include oil paintings, lino-prints, poetry manuscripts, political works and photographic murals. Held at the Belconnen Arts Centre, 118 Emu Bank, Belconnen, ACT from Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6173 3300 or visit www.belconnenartscentre.com.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 Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula, at 11am and 8pm. Cost: \$35 adult, \$30 conc, \$15 student, \$28 group booking (10-plus). 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, 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

11 May: Tribal Warrior Mother's Day cruise. A Mother's Day event which includes

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finger food, karaoke, dancing and raffles, from 3-7pm. Be at the Man of War Steps (next to opera House) at 2.45pm for a 3pm departure. Cost: \$40 a person. Details: (02) 9699 3491 or visit www.tribalwarrior.org

8-10 June: Talbott – Tighe Family Reunion. At Gunnedah, RSVP by 4 May. Details: 0413 131 983 or email talbott.tighereunion@hotmail.com

25-26 June: Building Partnerships & Pathways for Indigenous Employment Conference. Details on 1300 316 882 or visit www.indegemployment.com

29 June: Tjupi Band performance. Tjupi (honey ant) come from Papunya, 250km north-west of Alice Springs. The band plays desert reggae. Singing in Luritja, as well as English. Held at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula, from 6pm. Cost is \$15 a person. Details: (02) 9824 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

Queensland

Until 23 March: Beautiful Art (made in proper way) exhibition. Featuring Mwerre Anthurra 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

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.

22 March: National Close the Gap Day Film Night. Join ANTAR Qld for the 1986 *Babakiueria* (Barbeque Area) film. It is a look at first contact through a role reversal of black colonisers and white 'babakiuerians'. Also showing is *Alyawarr*, about the NT intervention. Held at QCU Building, 2nd floor, 16 Peel St, South Brisbane from 6-9pm. Cost is \$5 including refreshments. Details: (07) 3844 9800 or visit www.antarqld.org.au

23 March: Community United Cup in conjunction with National Closing the Gap day event. Includes kids' activities with PCYC, Indigenous performers, health checks, barbecue lunch, Qld Police stall as well as a combined Indigenous Squad v Qld Police touch football game. MC Sean Choolburra also perform on the day.

Held at St Marys College (Hill St entrance), Toowoomba, from 10am. Free and all welcome.

Details: Tony Saunders on (07) 4616 6000

21 June: Indigenous State of Origin Golf Challenge 2013. The call is out for Indigenous players to take part in the inaugural Indigenous State of Origin Golf Challenge. Forty players from NSW and 40 players from Qld will compete in a four-person ambrose competition over 18 holes. Held at the Nudgee Club, 1207 Nudgee Rd, Nudgee. Details: Lance Manton on (02) 6683 2510 or 0400 119 873 or email bogallalc@

Big program for Message Sticks



PULLING off one major Indigenous arts festival is a feat beyond most of us, let alone two in different states in the space of a month.

Yet Rhoda Roberts is on track to do that – having overseen the successful inaugural Clancestry festival in Brisbane at the beginning of the month and now preparing to deliver the 2013 Message Sticks Festival at the Sydney Opera House (SOH).

The latter, with events running from next Wednesday, 20 March through until Sunday, 24 March, features an eclectic free and paid program of ceremony, music and theatre performances, lively discussions and film screenings, as well as demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions and guided tours.

Roberts, the head of Indigenous programming at SOH, describes Message Sticks as 'a celebration of global first culture'.

The opening ceremony starts at 6.30pm on Friday, 22 March on the Western Broadwalk and is a free event.

It will feature Dancestry, a 'choreographic corroboree crossing time, place and space' including performances by Kiris An Taran and Yolngu dancers, Move it Mob Style, and dancers from NAISDA Dance College, which will be repeated on Saturday, 23 March and Sunday, 24 March

From 8.30pm until late on the Friday to Sunday, musicians and surprise guests will gather for Late Nights at Bar Badu for storytelling and song. Included in the line-up are Australian pop/folk duo Microwave Jenny, Aboriginal acoustic R&B artist Troy Brady, hip-hop outfit Street Warriors, and Maori act Hui-A.

Paid shows in the theatre will include *Wantok: SING SING* featuring 20 International singers,

drummers, musicians and dancers following songlines from the highlands of West Papua across the Micronesian Islands to the Polynesian Islands in the east and into the rainforests and deserts of Australia (from Fri-Sun, 22-24 March); Tammy Anderson's one-woman show *I don't wanna play house* (also from Fri-Sun, 22-24 March); and *Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui*, a new play suitable for ages six and up described as a lighthearted Tiwi story told in the Brothers Grimm fairytale style of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* (Wed, 20 March and Thurs 21 March).

Conversations will include veteran Aboriginal journalist Stan Grant delivering the Bennelong Memorial Address in the Playhouse at 2pm on Sat, 23 March followed at 5.30pm by 'Identity: Lancing the Boil' featuring visual artist Fiona Foley going 'head-to-head' with curator, art historian and provocateur Djon Mundine.

Plus there'll be a chance over two nights to catch some of the best flicks about Indigenous issues and Q&As. Featured on Sat, 23 March will be Australian films *Coniston* (2012), *Black Man's Houses* (1992), and *Croker Island Exodus* (2012) and on Sun, 24 March, there'll be the 2011 documentary *Emma Donovan & Kerrieanne Cox: Defining Moments*, Central Australian film *Apekathe* (1997), Maori film *Mauri* (1988), and Canadian film *Unnatural and Accidental* (2006).

Other festival events include weaving demonstrations and workshops, Indigenous guided tours of 'The Bennelong Walk', the free exhibition 'Woolllarawarre Bennelong of the Wangal' (from 19 March til 21 April), and more.

For information, contact the Sydney Opera House Box Office on (02) 9250 7777 or go online at www.messagesticks.sydneyoperahouse.com

bigpond.com or Gene Blow on 0422 268 277 or geneblow@live.com

Western Australia

Until 27 March: King Sisters exhibition. A new series of works from Sarrita and Tarris 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

15 March: One people, Forgive Me If I Cry show. 'One People' Band continues with the message of peace, love and unity. Held at the Fly by Night Musicians Club, 1 Holdsworth St, Fremantle from 7pm. Cost is \$50 pre-sale or \$55 at door (if available). Details: (08) 9430 5976

15-24 March: DISCOVER – A Collection of Fashion and Art. An exhibition of paintings by senior artists from the Warlukurangu Art Centre in the Tanami Desert. Includes an opening of a multi-media fashion event on 15 March from 7.15pm. Tickets \$35 from moshtix.com.au. Art exhibition continues until 24 March from 10am-5pm daily. Free gallery entry. Details: Anna Kanaris on (0418) 900 954 or email info@artija.com.au or visit www.artija.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 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

16-17 April: Bridging the Gap seminar. Held at the Darwin Crowne Plaza, Darwin. Cost is \$840 a person with group and early discounts. Details: Justine Speed on 1300 501 795 or email training@whywarriors.com.au or visit www.whywarriors.com.au

21 April: Indigenous Knowledges in a Changing World. Traditional Indigenous knowledge systems and how they are being used to create and develop business enterprises and employment opportunities will be the focus of the 2013 Charles Darwin Symposium. It includes discussions, displays, presentation and demonstrations. Held at Charles Darwin University's Casuarina campus, Ellengowan Dr, Casuarina. Free event. Details: (08) 8946 6082 or email cdss@cdu.edu.au or visit www.cdu.edu.au/cdss2013

26-31 May: World Indigenous Network Conference 2013. The three-day conference program includes ceremonies, plenaries, workshops and dedicated women's and youth side streams. Includes *Twilight* star Chaske Spencer as Master of Ceremonies and Professor James Anaya, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as the keynote

speaker. Held in Darwin. Details: To register visit www.worldindigenousnetwork.net or contact (02) 6274 1016

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 nayriniaarafestival@gmail.com

Victoria

Until 24 March: Reflect Exhibition. A survey exhibition that provides a sampling of 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

Until 12 May: Lajamanu – Early Paintings Exhibition. An exhibition of paintings by Warlpiri men and women from the Aboriginal community of Lagmanu, 500km north-west of Alice Springs. Held at the Burringa Gallery, cnr Glenern Rd and Matson Dr, Upwey from Tues-Sun, 10.30am-4pm. Free event. Details: (03) 9754 8723 or email events@burringa.org.au or visit www.burringa.org.au

16 March: Coranderk Festival 2013. It celebrates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Coranderk Aboriginal Station. Live performances, culture, history, healing market stalls and more are planned. Held at Coranderk, 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.

23 March: Indigenous Fashion Runway, featuring collections created by Indigenous designers and worn by Indigenous models. Hosted by Luke Carroll and Bianca Fallon. Held at The Famous Spiegeltent, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Rd, Southbank from 11am. Cost is \$25 a person. Details: Tina Waru (0430) 796 086 or Erica Lambert (0448) 628 400 or email indigenousfashionunearthed@gmail.com or Wayne Quilliam 0413 812 222, email waynequilliamphotography.com.au

24 March: Lajamanu Films. Three documentaries produced by Geoff Bardon in the 1970s in Papunya – *Mick and the Moon*, *A Calendar of Dreamings*, and *Mt Pattern*. Held at the Burringa Theatre, cnr Glenern Rd and Matson Drive, Upwey from Tues-Sun, 10.30am-4pm.

Free event. Details: (03) 9754 8723 or email events@burringa.org.au or visit www.burringa.org.au

28-31 March: Marxism 2013 conference. Featuring a range of speakers including activists Gary Foley, Diane Fieldes, Allyson Hose and Kim Bullimore, among others. Held at the University of Melbourne, Graton St, Parkville. Details: www.marxismconference.com

South Australia

Until 22 March: Manuwangu – 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.

5 April: 147th Justice and Peace Candle Walk. To call for a treaty and bill of rights and to support the Ngarrinjeri 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 St, Adelaide, from dusk. Free. Details: (08) 8227 0171 or visit antarsa.ausoics.org.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



GenerationOne CEO Warren Mundine with Heather Miles, Mark Saddler, Nigel Hart and Sarah Roche at the GrainCorp Indigenous employment award ceremony last week.

GrainCorp grows



AGRI-BUSINESS
GrainCorp has celebrated a total of

198 Indigenous jobs within its operations.

In August 2011, GrainCorp committed to 10 jobs through the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC). That early figure is now just a distant memory.

GrainCorp said its success was due to its focus on pre-employment, backed up by flexible

recruitment and retention practices.

The pre-employment program trains job-seekers in practical skills specific to positions, including safety, bunker operations, using the GrainCorp weigh bridge computer systems, confined spaces, working at heights, sampling and assessing grain and use of mobile plant and other equipment.

GrainCorp says opportunities are provided for workers to build skills through further training. Several of its Indigenous



GrainCorp worker Peter Adams, of Collarenebri, NSW, with Warren Mundine.

employees are completing a warehousing operations traineeship certificate.

In GrainCorp's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), signed last year,

CEO Alison Watkins said it was important to support reconciliation through employment.

"As a company and as individuals we believe that through collaboration we can make a practical contribution towards closing the gap in employment outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians over the next 10 years," she said.

GenerationOne CEO Warren Mundine said Indigenous employment

wasn't only about the individual but also about the family and community that people came from.

"GrainCorp employs Indigenous people from towns and communities where the unemployment rate is eight per cent," he said. "Celebrating the success of programs like GrainCorp's reinforces to the Indigenous community and employers that Indigenous employment programs are successful and have the potential to make a real difference in the lives of people."

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Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) (Funded by the Australian government Department of Health & Ageing)

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An additional Home Visiting Nurse has been funded and is required by Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. This position is necessary due to the growth of the program which now includes ANFPP services to both Narromine and Gilgandra, as well as Dubbo and Wellington.

The Home Visiting Nurse will be responsible for providing comprehensive community health nursing services to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and their families identified for the ANFPP in Wellington and Dubbo. The home visiting begins during the antenatal period and continues until the child is 2 years old. The Home Visiting Nurse is responsible for maintaining the highest standards in nursing practice and adherence to the ANFPP model, to WACHS operational policies and procedures, and guidelines and standards of ANFPP and of the Primary Health Care Service. The Home Visiting Nurse reports to the ANFPP Nurse Supervisor and will be part of the Home Visiting Team.

The successful applicant will need to be a Registered Nurse in the state of NSW and have at least two years recent nursing experience. Demonstrated understanding of issues pertaining to Aboriginal primary health care and an understanding of issues facing Aboriginal families in a rural environment will be required. The successful applicant will also need to hold a current NSW Drivers Licence and a compulsory working with children's and criminal records check will be undertaken.

Demonstrated experience in the provision of home visiting services would be an advantage.

Suitably qualified and skilled people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons will need to contact Judy Townsend, Nurse Supervisor at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 2565 for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application.

Applications close at 22nd March 2013

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKER - Readvertised (Ref. 000286)

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- 22.8 hours per week (3 days per week)

Hume City Council's Family Services require an Aboriginal Parent Engagement Worker to play a pivotal role within our team. The worker will engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children across the municipality.

This role will provide outreach support for families and facilitate their improved and sustained access to Early Years Services, including specialist children services.

To be successful in this role you will have the appropriate tertiary qualifications in social science, early childhood services or social work as well as experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children with respect and understanding and who has the ability to work in collaboration with a range of Early Years services.

Only applicants from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background need apply.

EEO Exemption No: A105/2011

For further information regarding this exciting position contact Lyndal Bankuti, Team Leader Parenting and Inclusion Support, on (03) 9205 2648.

To view the Position Description and to apply online please visit our website:
www.hume.vic.gov.au

Applications addressing the selection criteria and including the reference number should be sent by close of business on Friday 22 March 2013 and forwarded by email to careers@hume.vic.gov.au or addressed to: Manager Human Resources, Hume City Council, PO Box 119, Dallas 3047.



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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

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ETHICS COUNCILLOR



Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons who are interested in undertaking a role as a member of the Ethics Council for the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC).

Role of the Ethics Council:

The Ethics Council is an independent advisory panel that advises QAIHC, its directors and members in relation to ethical issues. The Ethics Council is responsible for, amongst other things, vetting appointments, mediating disputes between members, investing potential breaches of ethical standards and generally assisting QAIHC and its members to adhere to high ethical standards.

The Ethics Council is made up of three members, appointed for a two year term. The Ethics Council was established by the QAIHC Board in late 2012 and the organisation currently seeks candidates for the first intake of Councillors. QAIHC is conducting an Expression of Interest to fill the Council.

In order to be eligible for appointment as an Ethics Councillor, nominees must:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identify as and be accepted by the community as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- be independent of QAIHC, QAIHC's members and any organisations that provide funding to QAIHC or its members; and
- be recognised for and maintain a high standard of integrity.

Nominees for this position are encouraged to complete the application by outlining how you would achieve impartiality, objectiveness and personal accountability as a member of the QAIHC Ethics Council.

Ethics Councillors will not be remunerated for their services. Councillors will be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Councillors.

Please submit a written expression addressing the above selection criteria and a resume by **close of business on Friday 29th March 2013** to Amanda Boland-Curran, QAIHC Company Secretary at ABoland@qaihc.com.au.

For more information or further enquiries please contact Selwyn Button, QAIHC CEO on telephone (07) 3328 8500.

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.

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The Executive Director of Catholic Schools invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced personnel for the position of:

ADVISER: ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (K-12)

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Applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers to join a small team assisting schools in promoting a contemporary understanding of indigenous culture among all students and achieving improved educational outcomes for their indigenous students.

This position requires appropriate teaching qualifications and experience. Ideally, applicants will be practicing Catholics but applicants who can support fully the Catholic ethos of the schools will be considered. Communication and teamwork skills essential, skills in adult education will be an advantage.

SALARY AND CONDITIONS:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. A comprehensively insured car is required for this position and travel costs are reimbursed according to CEO Policy.

APPLICATION:

Please visit the Employment section of our website at www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au then complete the application form, send together with a scanned copy of your letter of application addressed to The Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White and any other relevant documents to hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au **Quote Ref 13-1006**

Closing Date:

18 March 2013



Aboriginal Early Start – Early Diagnosis Coordinator

• \$54,682 per annum + Super
+ Salary Packaging

• Work related vehicle option

• Working across the Blacktown
Local Government Area (LGA)

• Aboriginal Identified Position

We are seeking an Aboriginal Early Start – Early Diagnosis Coordinator to join Yenu Allowah Aboriginal Child and Family Centre based in Mt Druitt. This exciting new position will provide information, support and referral for Aboriginal families with a child with or awaiting a disability diagnosis. The position is auspiced by UnitingCare Children Young People & Families Jaanimili Unit and will form part of our Birrung Gurung Aboriginal Disability Services Team.

CLOSING DATE: 15 MARCH 2013

For further information contact Servena McIntyre, Manager of Jaanimili on 0427 404 001 or Christine Foreshe, Centre Manager, Yenu Allowah ACFC on 0418 291 388

Apply online at getacareerthatmatters.com.au

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Aboriginal Early Diagnosis Coordinator

• \$54,682 per annum + Super
+ Salary Packaging

• Work related vehicle option

• Gunnedah Location

• Aboriginal Identified Position

We are seeking an Aboriginal Early Diagnosis Coordinator to join the Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child & Family Centre based in Gunnedah. This exciting new position will provide information, support and referral for Aboriginal families with a child with or awaiting a disability diagnosis.

The position is auspiced by UnitingCare Children Young People & Families Jaanimili Unit and delivered in partnership with Winanga-Li partners and management.

CLOSING DATE: 18 MARCH 2013

For further information please contact Servena McIntyre, Manager of Jaanimili on 0427 404 001 or Allison West, Winanga-Li Early Learning Coordinator on 02 67430999.

Apply online at getacareerthatmatters.com.au

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



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VACCA'S Early Intervention and Family Support Service

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

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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



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Project Officer – Major Projects (ATSI Identified)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Governance Leadership and Community Engagement (GLCE) –
Major Projects
Dubbo
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 000001HCB

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Assisting the Manager, Major Projects facilitate and coordinate planning and delivery of identified projects in consultation with the Community Working Parties and Regional Directors.

Contribute through effective consultation and liaison with key stakeholders to the development and management of an allocated portfolio of issues and projects to meet the objectives and priorities of AANSW.

Working with other Government agencies and peak bodies to deliver on government priorities including service improvement planning across their region:

- Plan, manage and complete allocated projects and initiatives.
- To achieve project objectives, timelines and budget.
- Provide regular performance reporting on the progress of projects being implemented by the Major Projects team.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities including superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated ability to engage and work in partnership with Aboriginal communities and organisations, to deliver real outcomes in Aboriginal communities.
- Proven experience in a project officer role within a complex, diverse and changing environment.
- Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.
- Sound analytical and problem solving skills with an innovative solution focus.
- Sound oral communication skills including demonstrated negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Sound written communication skills with the ability to provide concise reports and produce ministerials and briefs.
- Driver's licence.

Job Notes: Please note the position is a **Temporary Full-Time** position for a period of 12 months and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Steve Butler (02) 5852 1065 or steve.butler@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 29th March 2013

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Indigenous Disability Support Worker

Ability Options is a rapidly growing Not-for-Profit organisation in the disability sector that creates life changing opportunities for people with disabilities in: Case Management, Employment and Accommodation services.

This role will require you to work predominately 1:1 with individuals who are seeking to gain further access to their local community. You will have the opportunity to work alongside our clients to help expand social networks and build upon their independence through skill development and community access.

Our roles require flexible individuals who are able to work approximately 8 - 20 hours per week over a range of morning and afternoon shifts to cater to the needs of the client.

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- Genuine opportunities for career development and growth.

All successful applicants will be required to undergo a Police and Working with Children Check.

To apply, please send your covering letter and resume to:
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Early Childhood Teacher Moree

We are seeking to employ an experienced Early Childhood Teacher who is committed to providing stimulating programming for children and forming meaningful partnerships with families and the community. As a key part of our team, you will be required to use your initiative, express your ideas and develop bonds with your children. You will be given scope to grow and be supported by a management team focused on your success.

Essential requirements:

- Bachelor qualification in Early Childhood Education or similar
- Familiar with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and National Quality Standards (NQS)
- Provide quality education and care that meets the needs, interest and abilities of each individual child at the appropriate level
- Demonstrated effective team leadership and the ability to guide and support your team.

Salary negotiable, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders encouraged to apply.

People are at the heart of Goodstart making the promise of early learning real. If you'd like to help our under fives thrive today and tomorrow, we'd like to hear from you.

**Please email your resume to
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ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (TARGETED ABORIGINAL)

Clerk General Scale
Moree, Permanent Full Time

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- 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.

Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications must be lodged electronically online via <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

Enquiries: Narelle Carter (02) 6752 1052
narelle_carter@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 24 March 2013

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Chief Financial Officer Taree, NSW

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Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre has an exciting opportunity for a **Chief Financial Officer** to join its team, based in Taree, NSW. You'll be responsible for the **management of the Medical Centre's finance sections as well as the supervision and training of staff within the finance team.** In return, you'll enjoy an attractive remuneration package circa **\$95k-\$115k** plus ongoing professional training opportunities, laptop, phone & internet coverage & **discounted dental & healthcare.**



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
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WITNESS ASSISTANCE OFFICER (INDIGENOUS IDENTIFIED), Prosecution Officer (Administrative) Level 4

Provide professional support and assistance to victims and witnesses in criminal matters prosecuted by the Office, with a focus on victims and witnesses from an Indigenous background.

This is a targeted position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The location can be either Sydney or Newcastle. The position will require extensive travel particularly outreaching to Dubbo and the Central and Far West areas. Willingness and ability to travel throughout the designated regional area is essential.

This position is available for a period up to 29 January 2014.

Salary of up to \$79,711 per annum plus annual leave loading and superannuation.

For further information and to apply visit

www.jobs.nsw.gov.au (Job Reference No: 00001JS4)

Closing Date: 27 March 2013

Z55645

Aboriginal Employment Project Officer

Are you keen to make a difference in the community and work with Victorian local government to assist them employ greater numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? If so, please consider this position at the MAV funded through the Victorian Department of Business and Innovation's Aboriginal Employment Broker program.

You will work with councils and Aboriginal organisations to facilitate recruitment pathways for ATSI people. Facilitating the sharing of knowledge, experience and information with relevant stakeholders you will assist in the development of a state-wide, local government, Aboriginal employment framework

This full or part-time position located in Melbourne is available for up to 12 months. An employment package (salary and superannuation) between \$70,000-\$90,000 per annum will be offered, depending on experience. Consultancies will also be considered.

The MAV is the peak body for Victoria's 79 councils in Victoria, and is committed to employing people who are passionate about the work they do and working with local government.

For full position description please visit our website at www.mav.asn.au

To apply please send your resume, a cover letter and statement against the selection criteria by **Monday 25 March 2013.**

For further information contact Rosemary Hancock at the MAV on rhancock@mav.asn.au or 03 9667 5520.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



Project Officer Analyst (Identified)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Department of Family & Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office
Located with the Registrar of Community Housing
Burwood
Temporary Full-Time
Requisition No: 000014L7

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

In this job you will be working to enable Aboriginal Community Housing Providers to become more financially viable and sustainable over the long term and to support Aboriginal organisations to improve living standards for Aboriginal people.

The Analyst undertakes registration assessments of Aboriginal Community Housing Providers and implements aspects of the Provider Assessment and Registration System (PARS) relating to registration assessment. The role may include site visits to Aboriginal communities across NSW.

You will be working in a supportive team that is Making it Our Business to build a workplace environment and service delivery that affirms and respects Aboriginal heritage and cultural values.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Experience in assessment of organisations against set requirements including assessment of quality outcomes, governance and financial performance or similar experience in overseeing or managing organisational performance.
- Experience in working with new policy or systems or similar experience in working in a new or changing environment.
- Effective interpersonal, oral and written communication skills; and proven ability to contribute to a team in a change environment.
- Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the Aboriginal community housing sector, operations and best practice.
- Knowledge of the historical, cultural, social and economic factors impacting on Aboriginal people; and experience or knowledge in building relationships with Aboriginal stakeholders.
- Strong analytical and judgement skills.
- A demonstrated commitment to the ethos of public service and accountability for the effective and efficient use of Government resources to deliver services to the community.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 2 years under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Stacey Broadbent on (02) 8741 2510

Information Packages and to apply online: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Requisition Number: 000014L7

Closing Date: Friday, 15 March 2013

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Australian Government Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services is about people and delivering the services they may need at different stages of their lives. It includes Child Support, Centrelink and Medicare as well as CRS Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with the Department of Human Services and each year we deliver more than \$90 billion in payments. The department is seeking highly talented and motivated people to join its team.

INDIGENOUS CUSTOMER SERVICE ADVISER

Indigenous, Regional and Intensive Services

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Remote Indigenous Services
Mount Isa, QLD
APS Level 3/4
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Effectively engage with Indigenous customers to ensure a quality customer experience; assist Indigenous individuals in their dealings with the Department of Human Services and impart knowledge to customers on their rights and obligations; undertake assessment of customer circumstances and provide the appropriate options; work as part of a small team; assist with out-servicing to Indigenous communities and agencies where appropriate including travel to remote and isolated communities.

Travel will be required at times as part of this position and will be undertaken by 4WD and small aircraft. The successful applicant must hold a drivers licence and be able to travel to remote communities.

Closing: Sunday 17 March 2013 (midnight)

Contacts: Sharon Ware (07) 4033 4920

Selection Documentation: www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/careers/

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Aboriginal Trainee Assistant in Nursing Employment Program

Closing date 10 April 2013

Temporary full-time positions are now available:

The agency is currently recruiting Aboriginal people for the Aboriginal Trainee Assistant in Nursing Employment Program to commence in May 2013.

The Program is a pathway for Aboriginal people to gain the necessary skills, accredited training and confidence to apply for ongoing work in the aged and disability sector. The positions are available within large residential centres and specialist supported living centres that provide supported accommodation and care for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

The program will offer:

- 12 months temporary full-time employment
- ADHC Nurses Award salary and public sector benefits
- On-the-job practical experience in the workplace
- Certificate III in Aged Care
- Support by an Aboriginal cultural mentor and attendance at a cultural camp
- Whole of life caring for people in need

Locations of positions

Kanangra Centre – Morisset, Stockton Centre – Stockton, Westmead Centre – Westmead, Casuarina Grove – Hamlyn Terrace, Tomaree Centre – Shoal Bay, Riverside Centre – Orange, Summer Hill Group Homes – Summer Hill. Information sessions will be conducted in the Hunter, Central Coast, Sydney and Orange local areas for further information please contact Sharmain Smith on 1800 192 728 or email aecf@facns.nsw.gov.au



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Job notes

The positions are temporary full-time for 12 months in terms of section 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Recruitment to these positions is targeted to the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services NSW EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

How to apply

You must read the job information pack, complete the application form and address the selection criteria.

Obtain a job information package from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or via email Jennifer.McFarlane@facns.nsw.gov.au or by phone – (02) 4928 0956.

1. Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or
2. Manual applications post to:
The Recruitment Officer,
Hunter Residences, Stockton Centre,
PO Box 169 Stockton, NSW, 2295.

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Career Opportunity at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency



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Facilities & Contracts Manager

We are looking for an enthusiastic and qualified person for our Facilities & Contracts Manager role. You will have senior organisational experience and be committed to a high quality of service delivery as well as Aboriginal self-determination, community advancement and capacity building.

You will lead and manage asset management programs including facilities, fleet, assets and associated infrastructure. You will have demonstrated experience and qualifications at management level.

This position is part of the Corporate Senior Management team contributing to the ongoing development and attainment of our strategic directions.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. This position is located in East Brunswick.

For more information or for a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Louise Jonas on 03 8388 1857 or by email: louisej@vacca.org

Applications close: Wednesday 27th March 2013



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Koori Community Corrections Officer Recruitment

Make a difference in your community

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria, including Koori Community Corrections Officers. This career will have you working with people and families from all backgrounds and your work will make a real difference.

The Department of Justice is recruiting ongoing and fixed term Community Corrections Officer positions in various locations across regional Victoria.

The role of a Community Corrections Officer is to supervise offenders who are subject to community-based orders, or those who are conditionally released from prison on parole. A significant part of the role involves compliance management; ensuring offenders comply with conditions of their orders.

To find out more information about these positions, please call Arup 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 25 March 2013

VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only (VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)



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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) North Coast Region – Ballina PS

Temporary Full-Time
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Inquiries Name and Phone number:
Wayne Anderson – 6586 6909

To apply for this position please visit
https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl
and refer to keyword 170985.

Z55602



Attorney General & Justice

Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk Grade 1-2
Raymond Terrace/Belmont Local Courts, Permanent Part-time 2dpw
Salary range: \$21,897 - \$23,805
Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$26,269

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.

Please Note: This is a permanent part time position working 2 days per week. This position is a Court Circuit position based at Raymond Terrace, on the current Raymond Terrace and Belmont court circuit. The position requires working at either location.

Inquiries: Jean Burns (02) 4987 2198 jean_burns@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 24 March 2013

Z55499



BULLINAH ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE (BAHS) BALLINA

BAHS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service that provides comprehensive primary healthcare services to the Aboriginal Communities in the Ballina and surrounding regions.

We are seeking suitably qualified persons to fill the following two positions:

Female Aboriginal Health Worker

Mums and Bubs Program (part-time)

For further information on the Health Worker position, please contact the Practice Manager, Emma Walke on (02) 6681 5644 or via email to: pm@bullinahahs.org.au

Tobacco Action Worker

Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle Program (full-time).

For further information on the Tobacco Action Worker position, please contact the Coordinator, Jody Irwin on 02 6686 3607 or via email to: jody@bullinahahs.org.au

Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer and the successful applicant will undergo the National Criminal History Check.

For the Selection Criteria please email
adminsupport@bullinahahs.org.au

Written applications containing your Résumé, Statement addressing the Selection Criteria and Referees should be sent to:

Senior Administration Officer (Marked Confidential)
Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
P.O. Box 148, BALLINA NSW 2478

Applications Close: 5pm, Friday, 27th March 2013.



Teacher (Aboriginal) Literacy

Dillwynia Correctional Centre (00001HZ4)

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for delivering Education and Vocational Training courses to offenders and providing administrative and case management support for these courses.

For inquiries contact:

Katrina.Curry@dcs.nsw.gov.au on (02) 8346 1451

For further information or to apply for the advertised vacancy go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 02/04/2013

Z55450



Teacher (Aboriginal) Literacy

North West Region (00001GZU)

Primary Purpose of the Position: Responsible for delivering Education and Vocational Training courses to offenders and providing administrative & case management support for these courses.

Current Locations including but not limited to: Tamworth, Kempsey and Wellington

For inquiries contact:

Katrina.Curry@dcs.nsw.gov.au on (02) 8346 1451

For further information or to apply for the advertised vacancy go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 02/04/2013

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Jobs available



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Lawyer/Analyst (2 positions available) Indigenous Outreach Program (IOP) Deposit Takers, Credit & Insurers

ASIC is Australia's corporate, markets and financial services regulator.

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If you have tertiary qualifications in law, commerce, economics and relevant work experience working with Indigenous communities, then this is your opportunity to influence the behaviour of DCI stakeholders (banks, credit unions, credit providers, insurers) from a consumer perspective.

A valid driver's licence is also an essential requirement.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for this position.

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➤ For more information and to apply, visit www.careers.asic.gov.au/koori and search by job reference numbers **1056257** or **1056261**.

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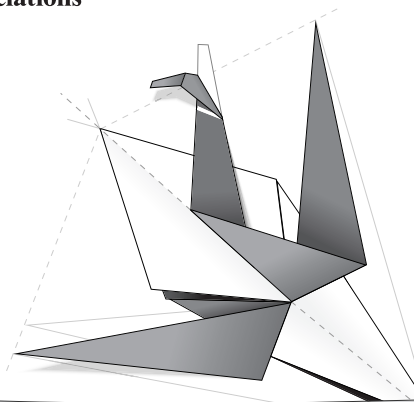


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ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE COORDINATOR

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Enquiries: Liz Bail, (02) 8838 2140 or liz.bail@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Cumberland Ad No: 125773 Close Date: 27.03.13

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

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Inquiries: Annalisa Rosadi on
annalisa.rosadi@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications/Packages: online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Sunday, 24 March 2013.

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Albury and District Local Aboriginal Lands Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council (A&DLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Office Manager.

The functions of the Chief Executive Officer can be found in the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), it provides an excellent employment 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 A&DLALC'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 demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, have the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and possess sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria. To be considered, please ensure the selection criteria is addressed in the application. For a recruitment package contact Troy McGrath on 02-60257075, by email: lalcalbury@bigpond.com Wage will be negotiated with successful applicant.

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson
Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 22
LAVINGTON NSW 2641

Applications close: 22/03/2013



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



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About the Program:

The Hunter Networks of Practice Project works with a comprehensive range of local child and family service providers to promote the development of co-ordinated, evidence based and accessible services to families and young children.

About the Role:

The coordinator is responsible for developing and delivering a range of initiatives to support child and family service providers to work collaboratively, build local capacity and develop sustainable networks and practices.

To obtain the information package email info@familyinsight.org.au or call (02) 4961 0700.

All applicants are required to provide a current resume and must address the selection criteria in order to be considered.

Applications should be directed to info@familyinsight.org.au or Family Insight, PO Box 194, Waratah, NSW, 2298.

Applications close: 5pm on:

Monday 25 March 2013

For more information about this position please contact
Bernie Coulter on (02) 4961 0700.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

This is a readvertised position, previous applicants should not re-apply. Thank you for your interest.

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To be successful in this role you will be a dynamic individual with the ability to think outside the square. You will have previous experience working with the local Aboriginal community in a clinical environment and a sound understanding of clinical software, chronic health disease, and diabetes management.

Qualifications as a List A registered nurse are essential.

Applications Close Sunday 17 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.



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Salary \$54,701 plus super, benefits and access to salary packaging.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for this position, you must have an appropriate Australian and New Zealand work visa.

Applications Close: Sunday 17th of March 2013

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Attorney General & Justice

Coordinator Aboriginal Community Justice Group (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 3-4

Newcastle, Temporary Full Time up to 12 months

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. The position also provides a vital link between the Local Court and the Aboriginal community.

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 12 months. Applications addressing the selection criteria must be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Nicole Smith 0429 062 547 nicole_smith@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 24 March 2013

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For more information please contact Carmen Taylor, Indigenous Employment Officer. Phone (08) 9374 2839.

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Garnet St, Broken Hill, NSW, 2880

Aboriginal Tutor position (Teacher)

Broken Hill High School is seeking a qualified teacher to fill the role of Aboriginal Tutor. This position is 30 hrs per week for the 2013 school year.

The teacher will be working with senior Aboriginal Students in all assessed/assigned areas.

They must possess good interpersonal skills and be able to initiate, develop and implement individual programs and work with staff and students.

Please forward a resume including referees to Paul Rosenbaum, Deputy Principal via email paul.rosenbaum@det.nsw.edu.au or via post PO Box 488, Broken Hill NSW 2880.

Closing date:

Friday 15th March 2013

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Attorney General
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Client Service Officer (Aboriginal Targeted)

Clerk Grade 1-2

Queanbeyan Magistrate's Circuit, 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 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.

Please Note: As this is a Court Circuit position the recommended officer will be required to travel on the Queanbeyan Magistrate's Circuit and over night stays may be required. An eligibility list may be created to fill similar future Permanent, Temporary, Full-time and Part-Time positions as they arise at Queanbeyan Local Court. Currently there is one Permanent Full-Time position.

Inquiries: Michael Wolters/Matthew Houston (02) 6298 0409

michael_wolters@agd.nsw.gov.au or matthew_houston@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 24 March 2013

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Have your say

Application for approval as 'infrastructure facility of significance'

The Coordinator-General has received an application from Waratah Coal Pty Ltd to have its proposed Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project approved as an 'infrastructure facility of significance' (IFS) under s.125(1)(f) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (the Act).

An IFS is a facility assessed by the Coordinator-General and approved by the Governor in Council as having significance, particularly economically or socially to Australia, Queensland or the region in which the facility is to be constructed.

As the application was received before recent amendments to the IFS powers under the Act, Waratah Coal's application must be assessed under the IFS provisions and guidelines that were in place when the application was lodged.

The Coordinator-General must consult with affected persons prior to making a recommendation to the Governor in Council about the significance of the facility.

Description of facility

The proposed Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty would be located within parts of the Abbot Point State Development Area and the Port of Abbot Point, approximately 25 km north of Bowen, on the Central Queensland coast.

The proposed infrastructure facility features:

- offshore jetty structure
- onshore rail spur and balloon loop
- train unloading facility
- coal stockpile area
- outloading conveyor
- associated supporting infrastructure.
- lay down area

Land acquisition

If an infrastructure facility is approved as an IFS, the proponent must negotiate with landowners and/or native title holders in accordance with the relevant guidelines made under the Act to:

- acquire the land needed for the facility by agreement on commercial terms
- enter into an indigenous land use agreement (where native title exists).

If these negotiations are unsuccessful, the proponent may, as a last resort, apply to the Coordinator-General to compulsorily acquire (or take) the land in question.

Land affected by proposed IFS

The map (right) shows the location of the proposed IFS.

To confirm whether or not the proposed IFS affects land in which you hold an interest, please contact the project manager on +61 7 3405 5448.

How to make a submission

Under the former sections 125(2) and 125(3) of the Act, when considering whether an infrastructure facility would be of economic or social significance, the potential for the facility to contribute to community wellbeing and economic growth or employment levels must be taken into account.

Accordingly, the Coordinator-General is seeking written submissions on the significance, particularly economically or socially, of the proposed infrastructure facility.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 5 April 2013.

To make a submission:

1. Read the IFS application

- Download the application at www.waratahcoal.com
- order a free copy on CD by telephoning +61 7 3405 5448

2. Complete and sign your submission

3. Send your completed submission to one of the following:

Email: waratahjettyifs@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au

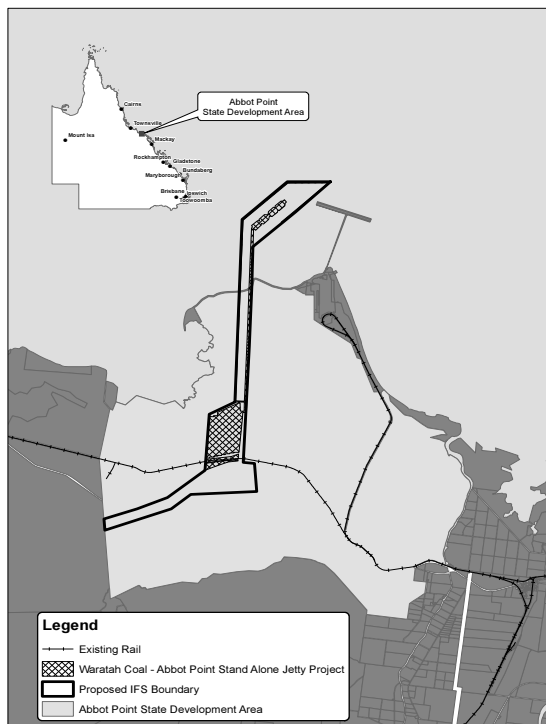
Post: The Coordinator-General
c/- project manager, Abbot Point Stand Alone Jetty Project
Land Acquisition and Delivery Division
Office of the Coordinator-General
PO Box 15517
City East QLD 4002

Fax: +61 7 3224 2978

More information

For more information about IFS, visit www.dsdp.qld.gov.au/ifs

Notes: Your submission (including your name and address) will be treated as a public document and a copy will be provided to the project proponent for comment. If you have special communication needs, telephone the project manager on +61 7 3405 5448 make alternative submission arrangements.



Program Facilitators x 2

- Targeted Programs Branch/Offending Behaviour Programs
- AH3, \$69,242 - \$78,563 + super
- Ongoing, Full time

If you have experience in delivering group programs and overseeing programs run by contracted services, then this position is for you... The Program Facilitator will deliver group programs to offenders in Community Corrections and will also oversee delivery of group programs by contracted services. In the case of the identified position, this will be focused on programs targetted toward the Indigenous offender population.

One of these 2 positions is an Identified Position, in accordance with the policy direction of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. A qualification in Psychology, Social Work, or a relevant Allied Health discipline is required.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: **24th March 2013**



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To be considered for this role, please forward your resumé in Word format quoting reference DB4146-WA to apply@windsor-recruitment.com or call Dyls Bertelsen on 07 3211 0001 for further information.

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Applications close Wednesday April 3rd 2013.

Indigenous, CALD and Lesbian women are encouraged to apply.

Being a women is a genuine occupational qualification within section 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Jobs that make a difference

Senior Aboriginal Program and Services Adviser

North and West Metropolitan Region
Health and Aged Care, Primary Care and Inner North West
\$79,894 - \$96,666 (+ Superannuation)
Full-time / Fixed Term until 01/01/2015

The Senior Aboriginal Program and Services Adviser position sits within the North and West Metropolitan Regional (NWMR) Primary Care portfolio area and reports to the Manager, Primary Care and Inner North West. This position requires a person with experience working with Aboriginal community controlled organisations and Aboriginal communities to guide activities in the region, acting as a key contact point for information, preparing briefs and reports for senior management and developing opportunities for consultation with service providers.

This position has been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. This is pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995*, granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Exemption reference number A067/A068/2010/0101

Contact info:

Shane Quinn

Phone no: (03) 9412 5315

Position Reference number: DH/N/388529

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Juvenile Justice
Attorney General & Justice

Juvenile Justice Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 5/6
Operations
Northern Region, Maitland
Permanent Full-time

Job Reference: 00001IGX

Total remuneration package valued up to \$87,961 per annum (Salary: \$72,242 pa - \$79,711 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position is responsible for the provision of effective, offending focused intervention through assessment, supervision and case management of juvenile offenders. The delivery of community based programs to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality with demonstrated experience working within Indigenous communities.
2. Understanding of the legislation and issues relevant to Juvenile offenders.
3. Demonstrated casework experience including demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning.
4. Demonstrated experience in working with adolescents and/or their families.
5. Ability to build and maintain relationships with stakeholders to resource services for clients.
6. Sound negotiation, oral and written communication skills, including well-developed computer and keyboard skills.
7. Ability to work independently and as part of a team and meet tight deadlines.
8. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Enquiries: Michael Barrett on (02) 4999 6200.

Information package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference No.: 00001IGX

Closing Date: Friday, 22 March 2013.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
39/876	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	417389	190.65HA	183km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 55' S Long: 123° 34' E	MENZIES SHIRE
39/877	NARNOO MINING PTY LTD	417390	132.89HA	185km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 29° 56' S Long: 123° 39' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 13 March 2013

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 June 2013**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 13 July 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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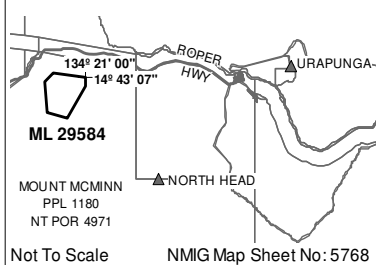
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act namely to grant the following mineral title application.

The application to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 29584 sought by SHERWIN IRON (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 124 739 546 over an area of 1646 Hectares depicted below for a term of 40 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5768

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral lease commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 13 March 2013

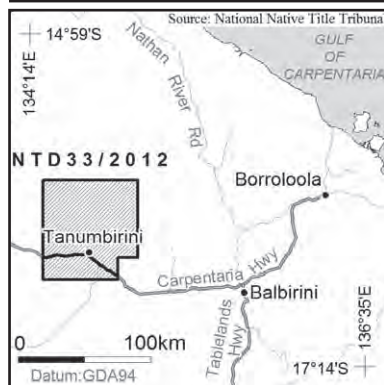
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 27 March 2013

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 3 Supreme Court Building, Darwin, NT, 0800 **on or before 26 June 2013**. After 26 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: Tanumbirini Pastoral Lease

Federal Court File No: NTD33/2012

Date filed: 15 October 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description of Application Area: Application covers about 5,020 sq km approx. 140 km west of Borrooloola over Tanumbirini Pastoral Lease (Perpetual Pastoral Lease No.1060) Relevant LGA: Roper Gulf Shire

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Department of Lands and Planning (NT).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Cris Kok on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Senior Clinician, Metropolitan Remand Centre

Offending Behaviour Programs (OBP) at the Metropolitan Remand Centre (MRC) is seeking a Senior Clinician (AH4) to join the team on an ongoing, full time basis.

The OBP team at the MRC provide assessment and interventions to prisoners. All interventions aim to increase community safety by reducing offenders' risk of re-offending. The Senior Clinician leads a small team and is also a member of the Executive Management team that provides the strategic leadership of the prison.

To be successful in this role, you will have a qualification as a psychologist or social worker, proven people management skills and experience in psychological assessment and individual and group intervention.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: **Sunday 24 March 2013**



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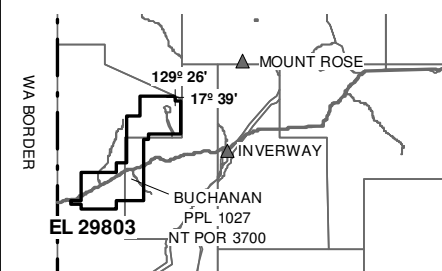
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

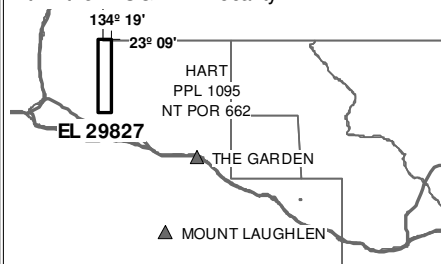
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 29803 sought by ANTHONY MARTIN, over an area of 222 Blocks (726 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.



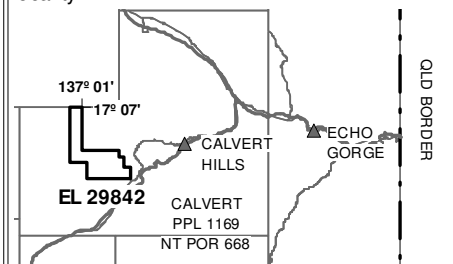
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Exploration Licence 29827 sought by DAVENPORT RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 153 414 852 over an area of 5 Blocks (16 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



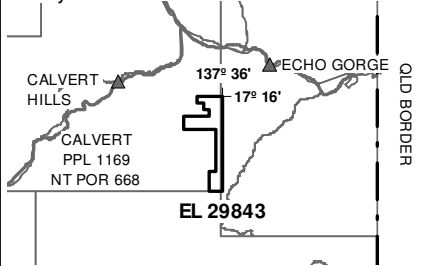
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Exploration Licence 29842 sought by DELGARE NT PTY LTD, ACN 155 773 890 over an area of 58 Blocks (189 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



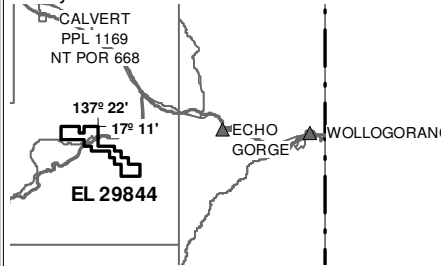
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Exploration Licence 29843 sought by DELGARE NT PTY LTD, ACN 155 773 890 over an area of 33 Blocks (109 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOLLOGORANG locality.



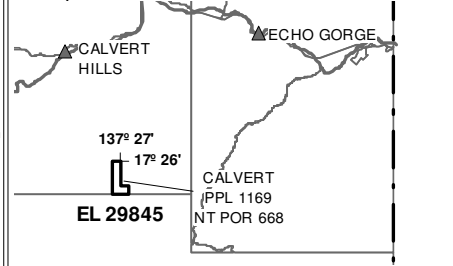
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Exploration Licence 29844 sought by DELGARE NT PTY LTD, ACN 155 773 890 over an area of 27 Blocks (89 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



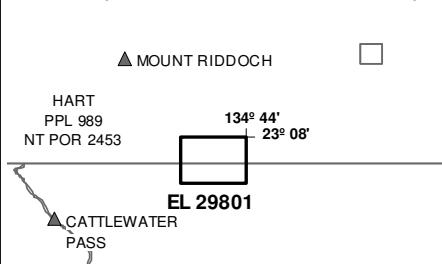
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Exploration Licence 29845 sought by DELGARE NT PTY LTD, ACN 155 773 890 over an area of 5 Blocks (17 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



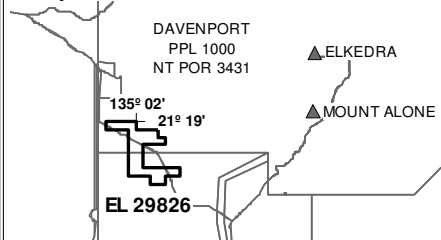
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Exploration Licence 29801 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 6 Blocks (19 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



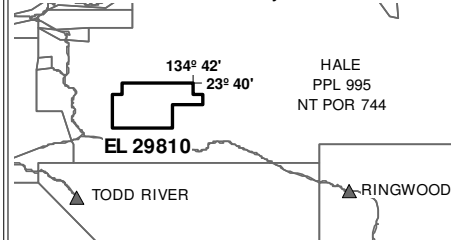
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Exploration Licence 29826 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 28 Blocks (90 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ELKEDRA locality.



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Exploration Licence 29810 sought by S.H. MINING EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 160 538 901 over an area of 28 Blocks (89 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FERGUSSON RANGE locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 13 March 2013



**Resources
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Mining Lease Application 448, Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease

An area of 1.5 hectares situated approximately 1.4 kilometres north of the town of Cullen Bullen, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Lithgow Coal Company Pty Limited (ACN 073 632 952) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 448, Act 1992, for an mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

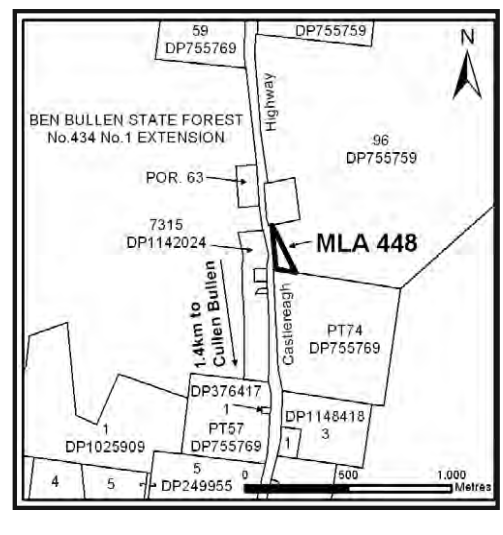
Chris Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jedda Hoffman; Titles Program, Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services on (02) 4931 6424.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **28 March 2013**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



**Resources
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Mining Lease Application No 445, Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease

An area of 18.97 hectares situated approximately 14 kilometres north north-east of Lithgow, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Centennial Springvale Pty Limited (ACN 052 096 812) and Springvale SK Kores Pty Limited (ACN 051 015 402) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application 445 (Act 1992), for a mining lease for purposes which would authorise the construction of a dewatering bore and ancillary services and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

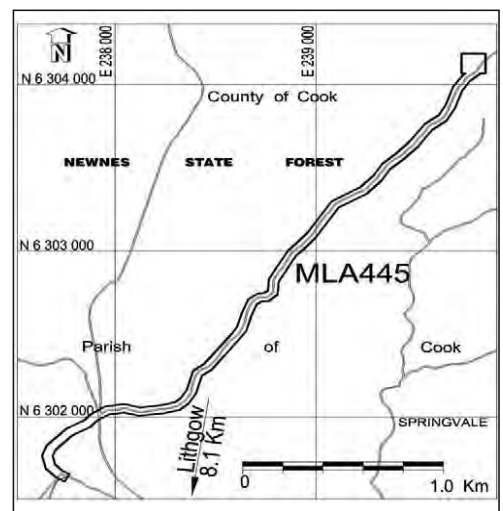
Chris Hartcher, Minister for Resources and Energy, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Jeff Inman; Titles Program, Department Trade & Investment, Resources and Energy on (02) 4931 6578.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 28 March 2013. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.





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This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti Discrimination Act*.

Enquiries: Christopher Hakanson 02 6738 4000

Reference ID: 126982

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(Identified positions)

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Essential Criteria:

- To be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine requirement of this position
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated organisation and time management skills
- Understand of Aboriginal community perspectives
- Understanding of Early Childhood Aboriginal Inclusion
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as an active team participant
- Demonstrated group facilitation skills e.g. leading meetings, facilitating discussions
- Record keeping skills
- Ability to maintain flexibility within the work environment
- Demonstrated knowledge of and experience with using standard computer software, such as Microsoft Office

Desirable Criteria:

- Awareness of community referral pathways
- Community involvement experience
- Knowledge of the local St George and Sutherland Shire regions
- Experience and or qualifications in the early childhood education and care sector
- Good understanding of the early childhood and care sector
- Current drivers licence

This position is identified as a child related employment and is subject to relevant criminal checks.

All further enquiries and applications (addressing all essential and desirable criteria) can be sent via email to: Kathy Jones / Manager / Sutherland Shire Family Services kjones@ssfs.org.au

Closing date: 4pm Monday 25 th March 2013

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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*:

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2420	REGIONAL RESOURCES NW PTY LTD	5BL	96km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 27' S Long: 115° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2435	RUMBLE ASHBURTON PTY LTD	138BL	130km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 115° 49' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2437	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	31BL	147km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 52' S Long: 115° 38' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2000	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	180BL	77km N'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 12' S Long: 113° 48' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2001	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	200BL	75km S'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 48' S Long: 113° 54' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2008	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	45BL	110km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 32' S Long: 116° 8' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2011	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD	73BL	60km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 46' S Long: 115° 43' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2022	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	101BL	113km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 35' S Long: 116° 9' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1353	HRM RESOURCES AUSTRALIA LTD	70BL	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 21' S Long: 122° 17' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1354	STRINDBERG, Maxwell Peter	4BL	7km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 13' S Long: 121° 35' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1355	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	3BL	17km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 34' S Long: 121° 44' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1356	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	1BL	27km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 38' S Long: 121° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1357	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	1BL	20km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 35' S Long: 121° 45' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1358	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	1BL	25km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 121° 47' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1359	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	1BL	22km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 46' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1365	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	1BL	9km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 27' S Long: 121° 39' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1366	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	1BL	9km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 28' S Long: 121° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	21/174	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED	52BL	42km SW'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 117° 32' E	CUE SHIRE, MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/145	MURCHISON GOLD MINES PTY LTD	5BL	45km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 20' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/498	JACKSON MINERALS PTY LTD	9BL	57km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/499	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	7BL	74km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 12' S Long: 121° 54' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/500	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	64km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 10' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/501	ST BARBARA LIMITED	17BL	63km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 122° 0' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2276	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	15BL	111km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S Long: 122° 49' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2277	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	5BL	117km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 122° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2278	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	113km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S Long: 122° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Exploration Licence	28/2284	ST BARBARA LIMITED	2BL	139km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 122° 48' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/877	AMEX RESOURCES LTD	40BL	23km E'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1036	GALLEON RESOURCES LIMITED	6BL	130km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 47' S Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2722	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	200BL	159km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 26° 34' S Long: 123° 10' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2774	3D RESOURCES LTD	28BL	7km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 57' S Long: 122° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	39/1728	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	16BL	181km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 123° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4126	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	200BL	124km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 37' S Long: 121° 31' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4136	RICHARDSON, Brian	3BL	41km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 120° 1' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4137	RICHARDSON, Brian	12BL	33km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 20° 56' S Long: 119° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	46/846	MESA MINERALS LIMITED	4BL	52km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 17' S Long: 120° 22' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/1990	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	70BL	17km W'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 40' S Long: 116° 33' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2695	HD MINING & INVESTMENT PTY LTD	35BL	40km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 29' S Long: 118° 16' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	47/2734	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	8BL	26km SW'ly of Dampier	Lat: 20° 27' S Long: 116° 30' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1547	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	70BL	67km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 22' S Long: 119° 7' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1548	LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert	45BL	87km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 21' S Long: 119° 20' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1554	GEOLOGICAL RESOURCE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	29BL	53km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 118° 50' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2830	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	147BL	115km SW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 0' S Long: 118° 51' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1661	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	30BL	75km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 120° 8' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1703	SKYDOVE HOLDINGS PTY LTD	70BL	82km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 45' S Long: 120° 2' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1731	COAL FIRST PTY LTD	61BL	80km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 121° 36' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1732	COAL FIRST PTY LTD	40BL	59km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 46' S Long: 121° 24' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1564	GLOBAL METALS EXPLORATION NL	87BL	63km SE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 33° 13' S Long: 122° 15' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1606	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	39BL	96km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 23' S Long: 120° 47' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1607	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	70BL	96km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 15' S Long: 120° 45' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	63/1609	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	10BL	134km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 14' S Long: 120° 21' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1611	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	11BL	106km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 8' S Long: 120° 39' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1612	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	13BL	88km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 120° 51' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1613	WHITE CLIFF MINERALS LIMITED	8BL	117km W'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 13' S Long: 120° 32' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	66/85	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	110BL	5km S'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 23' S Long: 114° 38' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	66/86	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	129BL	34km N'ly of Northampton	Lat: 28° 2' S Long: 114° 38' E	NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3104	SASAK RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	70BL	124km E'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 126° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	70/3656	DARLING RANGE SOUTH PTY LTD	100BL	30km S'ly of Manjimup	Lat: 34° 30' S Long: 116° 13' E	MANJIMUP SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/1968	WA SALT KOOLYANOBING PTY LTD	20BL	20km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 40' S Long: 119° 23' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2076	TUNGSTEN MINING NL	10BL	33km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 13' S Long: 119° 40' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2106	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	120km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 44' S Long: 119° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2107	JAYVEE RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	122km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 29° 43' S Long: 119° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2109	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	89km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 5' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2110	GREENWOOD RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	82km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 9' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	04/251-55 & 04/257-63	MERIDIAN (LENNARD SHELF PROJECT) PTY LTD	2066.52HA	57km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 18° 38' S Long: 125° 50' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4652	HERON RESOURCES LIMITED	7.31HA	66km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 16' S Long: 120° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2247	KALGOORLIE ORE TREATMENT COMPANY PTY LTD	124.51HA	19km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 43' S Long: 121° 40' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2160	MAHONEY, Lyndon Scott	29.04HA	23km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 33' S Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	29/2291	NEWTON, Craig Brian				
Prospecting Licence	29/2297	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	10.23HA	89km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 5' S Long: 120° 24' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	29/2297	VAN BLITTERSWYK, Wayne Craig	51.32HA	84km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	38/4062	ELLETT, Roger Charles	115.94HA	58km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat: 27° 49' S Long: 122° 20' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5367-72 & 39/5374-5	REGIS RESOURCES LIMITED	1577.23HA	42km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 3' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5378	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	185.22HA	38km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 122° 6' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5379-80, 39/5382-6, 39/5389-90, 39/5392 & 39/5394	DACIAN GOLD LIMITED	2095.74HA	32km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S Long: 122° 5' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	63/1922-32	ORE TRANSPORT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	2143.49HA	12km SE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 17' S Long: 121° 50' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	63/1942-7	ORE TRANSPORT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1006.49HA	35km N'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 121° 44' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1954	GOLDCRUSH CORPORATION PTY LTD	52.39HA	14km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 6' S Long: 121° 52' E	DUNDAS SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 13 March 2013

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **13 June 2013**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 13 July 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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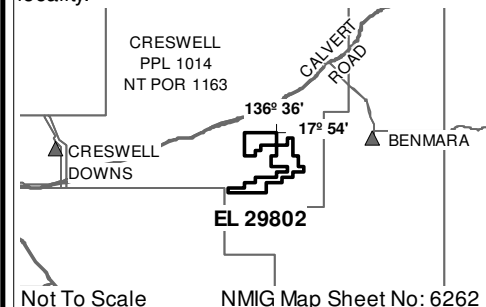
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

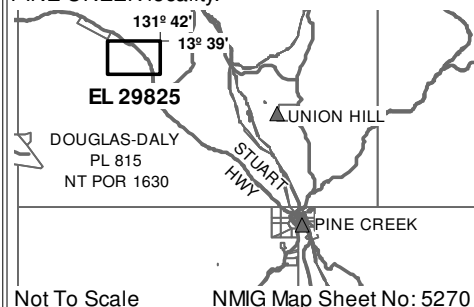
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

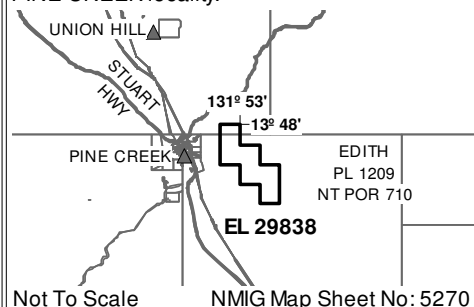
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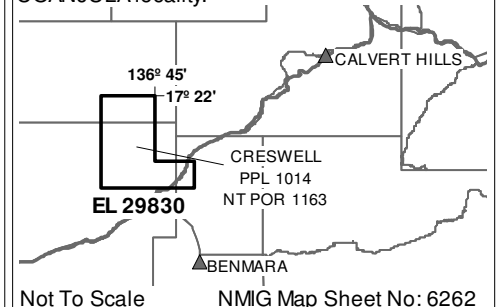
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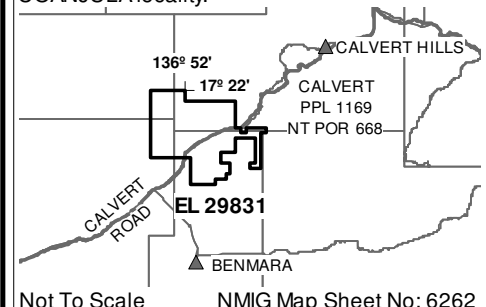
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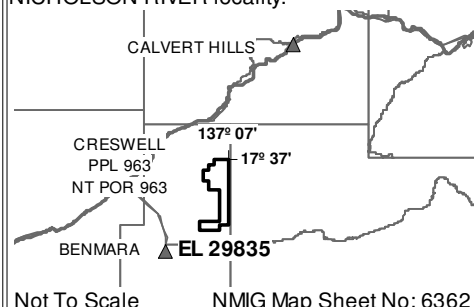
Exploration Licence 29830 sought by OZ URANIUM (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 161 904 847 over an area of 238 Blocks (780 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the COANJULA locality.



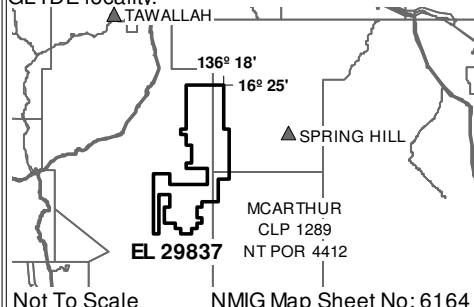
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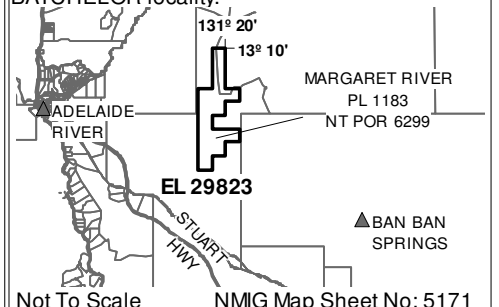
Exploration Licence 29835 sought by OZ URANIUM (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 161 904 847 over an area of 47 Blocks (154 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NICHOLSON RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 29837 sought by RIPPLE RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 127 022 068 over an area of 197 Blocks (649 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLYDE locality.



Exploration Licence 29823 sought by SPUNDAILY PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 617 109 over an area of 15 Blocks (51 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 13 March 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE - JURU PEOPLE #1 NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION QUD554/2010 – CLAIM GROUP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND AUTHORISATION MEETING

Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Ltd, Adani Abbot Point Terminal Holdings Pty Ltd, Mundra Port Holdings Pty Ltd and Mundra Port Pty Ltd (**Adani**) propose to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**Proposed ILUA**), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (**NTA**), with the Juru People native title claim group (**Juru Claim Group**) to the Juru People #1 Native Title Determination Application (NNTT No. QC2010/005; Federal Court

No. QUD554/2010) (**Juru #1 Claim**) and the State of Queensland. The purpose of the Proposed ILUA is for the development of facilities (as part of the Carmichael Coal Mine project) to increase the terminal capacity at Abbot Point Port within the ILUA Area (**ILUA Project**).

The Proposed ILUA provides for the consent of the parties to certain Agreed Acts set out in the Proposed ILUA, including the

grant of all approvals and land tenure for, and the undertaking of, the ILUA Project. While generally the non-extinguishment principle will apply to the proposed Agreed Acts, the Proposed ILUA will also provide for the possible surrender of native title to the State and/or taking of native title by the State in relation to a maximum of 24 hectares of land and waters within the ILUA Area, where these are required in order for ILUA Project approvals to be granted.

The ILUA Area is entirely within the Claim Area of the Juru #1 Claim. The Juru #1 Claim describes the Juru Claim Group as being the Juru People, being the descendants of the following Aboriginal people:

- Emily Pickard
- Con Limburner
- Nellie Steel/Stell
- Lena Taylor
- William Morrell and his wife Bessie Rook
- Jinnie Ross
- Eliza Lampton (mother of Arthur Lampton)

All those persons who are members of the Juru Claim Group and persons who claim to hold native title are invited to attend the following meetings:

Details of Information Sessions - information sessions about the Proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

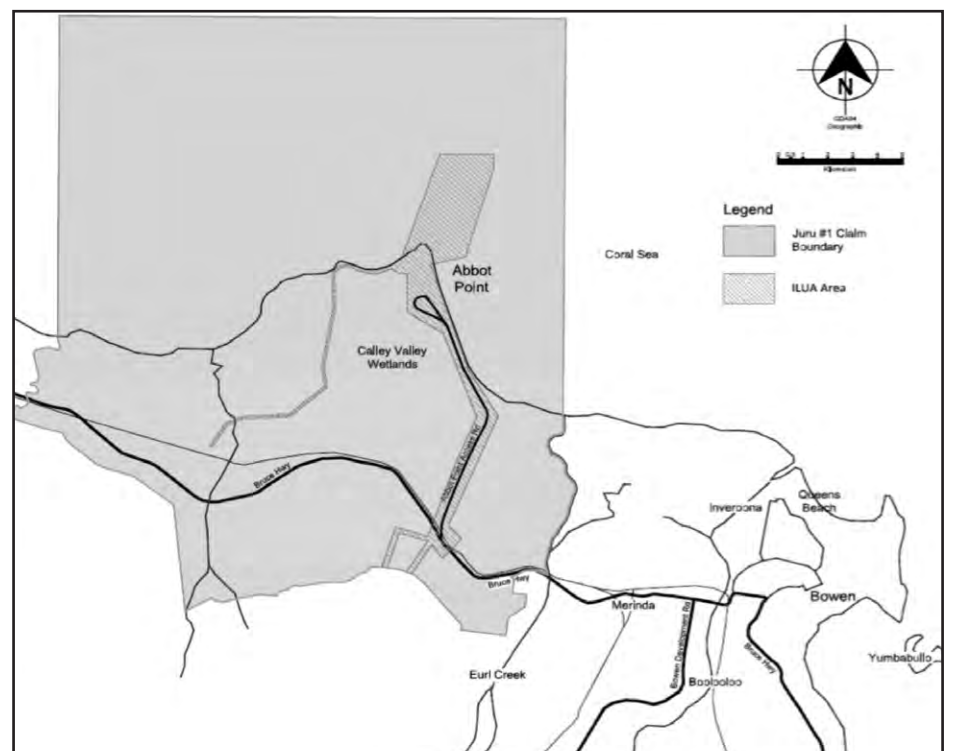
Bowen Approximate Start Time Place	Monday, 11 March 2013 6:00 pm PCYC Hall, Cnr Hay St & Queens Rd, Bowen, Qld
Cherbourg Approximate Start Time Place	Saturday, 16 March 2013 11:00 am Ration Shed Museum, 19 Barambah Av, Cherbourg, Qld
Townsville Approximate Start Time Place	Monday, 18 March 2013 6:00 pm Metropole Hotel, 81 Palmer St, Townsville, Qld
Palm Island Approximate Start Time Place	Tuesday, 19 March 2013 11:00 am PCYC Hall, Mango Av, Palm Island, Qld

Purpose: to provide information on the Proposed ILUA. Refreshments will be provided to attendees but no sitting fees or travel allowances will be paid.

Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting - an authorisation meeting for the Proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

Date Approximate Start Time Place	Saturday, 23 March 2013 9:00 am registration and a meeting start time of 10:00 am PCYC Hall, Cnr Hay St & Queens Rd, Bowen, Qld
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Purpose: to authorise the Proposed ILUA between Adani, the State of Queensland and the Juru Claim Group.



If you are a member of the Juru Claim Group and intend to come to the authorisation meeting, you **must** register your intention to do so by 12pm Friday, 15 March 2013. If you would like to register or make an enquiry regarding the authorisation meeting, please contact Lisa Raikaki or Sharon Changer (NQLC logistical officers) at NQLC's Townsville Office on 1800 814 779 or (07) 4775 3900 or fax (07) 4779 4641.

If you consider you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area and you would like to attend the ILUA Authorisation Meeting, but are **not** a member of the Juru Claim Group, please contact NQLC **as soon as possible**, giving your name and contact details and the basis upon which you assert that you hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Reasonable travel assistance will be made available for those who register for the authorisation meeting.



Former NRL stars David Peachey, Dean Widders and Ricky Walford and acting chair of the Indigenous Rugby League Council Linda Burney with the eight teams to take part in the inaugural Tackling Violence Knockout at Moree, northern NSW.

Boomerangs win Knockout



HOME side Moree Boomerangs took out this month's inaugural rugby league

Tackling Violence Knockout, downing Northern United 56-16 in the final. Other teams to take part were Moree Boars, Walgett Dragons, Bourke Warriors, Narrabri Blues (two sides) and Armidale Rams.

Organised by Todd Mitchell from the Moree Boars, the carnival attracted high-profile support from former league greats David Peachey, Dean Widders and Ricky Walford, as well as acting chair of the Indigenous Rugby League Council Linda Burney. All were on hand to help raise awareness of domestic violence in regional communities.

A total of 28 clubs across NSW have joined the Tackling



Moree Boomerangs players and supporters after their Tackling Violence Knockout victory.

Violence program this year.

David Peachey said the Moree carnival showed the strength of commitment the clubs had to

spreading the anti-violence message. "These clubs travelled a fair distance to be here, some of them having to come the long

way round because roads in to Moree were flooded," he said.

"The NRL provided \$3000 in prizemoney and all the clubs

agreed that the winner would keep \$2000 and \$1000 would go to a local women's service.

"There has been no program money put into this carnival, it has all been raised locally through sponsorship and by the clubs themselves.

"It's a real credit to the Boars, to the Moree community and to all our clubs who've made a big effort to be here".

Ms Burney, the Deputy Leader of the NSW Opposition, said the carnival delivered a positive message. "Aboriginal people are mad for the footy, we love it, and linking our love of footy to the anti-domestic cause is working really well in communities like Moree," she said.

"People are telling me they'd like to see more of these kinds of events and they'd like to see the NRL back them, like they've backed this carnival."

Our women dominate

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS players will be in the great majority for a stand-alone women's rugby league competition this year in Townsville.

Organisers say most players in the planned competition, to be held every second Monday night, will be either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Last season, six women's sides competed – premiers Brothers, Norths Dolphins, Western Lions, Centrals and out-of-towners Charters Towers and Burdekin. Most games were held on the same day as men's A grade, reserve grade and under-18 fixtures, usually played on weekends.

It was the biggest women's rugby league competition in North Queensland, and this year's will again be run by the Qld Rugby League in conjunction with the Townsville and District Rugby League (TDRL).

TDRL official Kerri Ritchie told the *Koori Mail* the games would be played at the Townsville Junior League grounds.

"The TDRL senior and juniors, along with the Townsville Referees' Association, are all supporting women's rugby league in Townsville," she said.

"Women's league will have a sign-on and



A Brothers forward tackles a Dolphins ball carrier in last season's Townsville women's rugby league final.

a social game of sevens on 18 March, the following Monday will be a group training session and then the competition will kick off on Monday 1 April."

Ritchie said the women would play every fortnight and be able to train on the following Monday night.

"It is planned the girls will have group

training sessions," she said. "We are hoping that the women who did their coaching courses in 2012 will step up and coach some of the teams and take part in the group training sessions.

"We are also looking at the NRL development officers coming along to assist at training sessions, and also forming a partnership with other bodies, such as the NRL Cowboys and Matt Ryan from the Townsville Queensland Cup bid, to provide a higher-level training session to develop those girls who wish to further their representative career and to develop the skills of players in general."

Ritchie said she was not sure if Burdekin and Charters Towers would be part of the new season given the change in format, but she said they would be most welcome.

The 2012 women's season proved a success, and hot favourites Brothers beat arch-rivals Norths Dolphins 26-18 in the grand final, played as a curtain-raiser to the men's deciders at the Townsville Sports Reserve.

About 90 per cent of the players in the 16 September women's final were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and a large crowd turned out.

For more information on the women's rugby league in 2013, contact Kerri Ritchie on 0401 012 153.

66 of our men ready

By PETER ARGENT

INDIGENOUS players are well represented in this year's AFL competition, which opens on 22 March. There are a total of 66 Indigenous players on the senior and rookie lists of the 18 AFL clubs. Last year's grand finalists Hawthorn lead the way with seven Indigenous men, while Fremantle, Geelong and expansion club the Gold Coast each have six. Here, AFL writer PETER ARGENT takes a club-by-club look at the Indigenous players.

ADELAIDE

Four Aboriginal players – Cam Ellis-Yolmen (drafted 2011, 0 games, 0 goals), Graham Johncock (2000, 225, 118), Jared Petrenko (2008, 59, 33), Richard Tambling (2004, 119, 61)

AFTER a development season in the SANFL with Woodville-West Torrens, Cameron Ellis-Yolmen has proved in the early NAB pre-season games he is ready to have a crack at the senior level. The strong utility turned 20 in January and is a good ball-user.

Now on the Crows' veterans list, Graham Johncock has been a stalwart of the club since he debuted in 2002. Johncock has earned a reputation as a rebounding defender, but can play a swing man role, going forward and kicking goals.

Jared Petrenko had a breakout season last winter as a small forward, getting the occasional run through the midfield. Playing a career-high 23 games in 2012, he will be looking to further cement his place in the Adelaide XXII.

With just one game in 2012, Richard Tambling must regain the confidence of the coaching staff at Adelaide this year. Coming to the Crows from Richmond at the end of 2011, this is a critical year for his career.

BRISBANE LIONS

Ashley McGrath (2000, 188, 146)

ONE of the three McGrath siblings who have played AFL (along with Toby and Cory), Ashley has been a regular fixture in Lions colours since 2003, when he was a part of the club's most recent flag.

Turning 30 in May, McGrath is a senior player in Michael Voss's rebuilding of a young Brisbane squad, being able to play in the front half and defence.

His 2012 was injury-riddled, and he missed the last nine games with hamstring damage.

Toby was on the West Coast's list for two years without getting a senior game, while Cory played 78 games with Essendon and Carlton.

CARLTON

Eddie Betts (2005, 166, 263), Jeff Garlett (2009, 76, 128), Andrew Walker (2003, 142, 109), Chris Yarran (2008, 63, 40)

LEADING goal-kicker at the Blues for a second time in three years, Eddie Betts is one of the most exhilarating small forwards in the club's history. He will be a key to



Ready for the start of the AFL season this month, Indigenous players Jared Petrenko, of the Adelaide Crows (left), and the Fremantle Dockers' Stephen Hill.



Carlton's success in its first year under Mick Malthouse.

A livewire small forward who complements Betts, Jeff Garlett is a game-breaker who exerts excellent defensive pressure.

Injury frustrated Andrew Walker and the smooth-moving Chris Yarran at times last year.

Walker, the leading goal-kicker at the club in 2011, missed two chunks at the start of the year and was out for a month from round 17.

Yarran missed rounds five to eight, but his skills were highlighted with a 2012 AFL goal-of-the-year effort against the Richmond Tigers in round one.

COLLINGWOOD

Andrew Krakouer (2000, 129, 142), Peter Yagmoor (Rookie 2011, 2, 0)

ONE of the stories of 2012, Andrew Krakouer returned to VFL football in round 19 after a knee reconstruction. By round 23 he was in the Magpies' senior team and seemed not to have lost any of his silky skills, proved by his four-goal effort in the qualifying final against Hawthorn. Now 30, Krakouer's career has been full of peaks and troughs.

Queensland lad Peter Yagmoor

was collected on the senior list by Collingwood at the end of 2011, but delisted at the end of his first season, after just two senior games. A neat and creative left-footer, he was given a second chance by the most supported club in the AFL through the rookie draft, and is expected to develop in the VFL competition.

ESSENDON

Alwyn Davey (2006, 86, 101), Courtenay Dempsey (2005, 74, 17), Leroy Jetta (2006, 83, 73), Nathan Lovett-Murray (2001, 142, 72), Patrick Ryder (2005, 132, 87)

ELECTRIFYING when at full throttle, Alwyn Davey is a valuable part of the Bombers' forward structure when in form. Now 28 and in sight of his 100-game milestone, he needs to find more consistency in his game.

After a knee reconstruction in 2011, West Australian Courtenay Dempsey returned to near career-best form last year and had his contract at Windy Hill extended to the end of 2015.

There were glimpses of Leroy Jetta's very best in the first half of the 2012 campaign, but he, like the team, faded in the second half. An elite junior, Jetta now needs to

deliver on his immense potential.

Having signed for another season, Nathan Lovett-Murray gained a reputation as a 'super sub' last winter. He was able to come on and have an impact in many games.

Still regarded as one of the best Indigenous big men in the code, Patrick Ryder is able to play in ruck or as a key position player up forward or, less frequently, down back.

FREMANTLE

Jonathon Griffin (2005, 61, 15), Stephen Hill (2008, 89, 53), Michael Johnson (2004, 149, 54), Danyle Pearce (2005, 154, 76), Josh Simpson (2012, 0, 0), Michael Walters (2008, 21, 36)

A FORMER Adelaide Crows player returning to the west, Jonathon Griffin is in the shadow of the competition's biggest player, 211cm tall Aaron Sandilands, but still played 13 games last year for the Dockers and is proving his capabilities at top level.

Still in the early stages of his career despite already playing 89 games, Stephen Hill is seen as one of the most exciting ball carriers at the Dockers, being a match-winner when given some space.

Tall defender Michael Johnson had a great season last year after 2011's disappointment. He finished third in the club's 2012 best and fairest, and was a formidable part of Fremantle's defence.

After a 154-game career with Port Adelaide, Danyle Pearce will always be known as the first person collected through the new AFL Trade rules. The 2006 AFL Rising Star, Pearce will add a new dynamic to the on-ball brigade at the Dockers.

Exciting young talent Josh Simpson is expected to spend most of the year with East Fremantle in the WAFL.

The dramatic change in Michael Walters' 2012 performance since he returned to AFL football in round 16 after being suspended by the club in the pre-season suggests he is a special talent who, with focus, can become an elite small forward.

GEELONG

Allen Christensen (2009, 36, 27), Joel Hamling (2011, 0, 0), Brad Hartman (2012, 0, 0), Steven Motlop (2008, 27, 28), Mathew Stokes (2005, 131, 180), Travis Varcoe (2005, 101, 113)

LARA lad Allen Christensen added another 17 games last year to the 19 he played in his first season, lending more credibility to his already high standing within the club. He already has a premiership medallion in his trophy cabinet and is expected to be a long-term player at the Cattery.

After spending his first season in the VFL competition, 194cm tall forward Joel Hamling is still in the development stages of his career.

From Murray Bridge to the bright lights of AFL football, it will be a dramatic change for Brad Hartman. Also a good basketballer, he is expected to spend most of his first year in the VFL.

Going through a long apprenticeship at Simonds Stadium, Steven Motlop had a breakout 2012, playing 22 games. He is expected to improve this year.

Travis Varcoe had a horror 2012, playing just one game due to a raft of injuries and complications when trying to return. Now a dual premiership player, the Cats will be keen to see the man wearing the famous Geelong No 5 jumper get significantly more game time.

Darwin lad Mathew Stokes is now a senior player, in his eighth season at 'sleepy hollow' after being collected as a more mature recruit. He has the ability to play through the middle, along with his crumbing ability in attack.

GOLD COAST

Harley Bennell (2010, 36, 39), Jarrod Harbrow (2007, 105, 26), Brandon Matera (2010, 29, 26), Steven May (2010, 17, 5), Liam Patrick (2010, 11, 6), Tim Sumner (2012, 0, 0)

SENSATIONAL last season, Harley Bennell played all 22 games and was runner-up to Gary Ablett as the Gold Coast Suns' best and fairest. Still in the early stages of his career, Bennell is seen as one of the most exciting young talents in

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the club, having poise, skill and pace. He has the ability to win a Brownlow Medal one day.

Known for his leadership qualities, Jarrod Harbrow is an attacking defender, who carries the ball across the lines. Now a 100-game AFL footballer, he is expected to continue to give his young team mates a benchmark to work to.

Diminutive in size but with a great heritage in the game, Brandon Matera has been wisely played in just 29 of the possible 44 in his first two years in the system, including 17 last year. He is a damaging prospect in his primary role up forward or occasionally though the middle.

Strongly built and a good mark, Steven May played eight games last season, mainly as a key defender. From his showings in 2012 he has a big future.

Another export from the Wanderers club in Darwin, Liam Patrick has displayed flashes of his largely untapped talent.

A little over a season ago Tim Sumner was playing amateur football, but after a season when he played SA state under-18 football and made a SANFL debut late in the year, he was collected by the Suns, very much as a project player by the 17th franchise. If he can knuckle down and commit to the large training loads, Sumner could quickly develop from a rough diamond to a shining young star.

GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

Shaun Edwards (2011, 10, 2), Curtly Hampton (2011, 17, 6), Gerald Ugle (2011, 1, 1), Zac Williams (Rookie) (2012, 0, 0), Nathan Wilson (2011, 9, 6)

ATHLETIC and eye-catching, Shaun Edwards displayed a number of positive characteristics in his first season for this fledgling club. With further body strength, he has the capacity to develop into a long-term prospect.

There were flashes of brilliance to suggest Curtly Hampton has the ability to become a star of the AFL. He has a good mix of courage, creativity and defensive intensity.

Collected as a 17-year-old access selection, Gerald Ugle spent most of last year in the NEAFL, having one senior game.

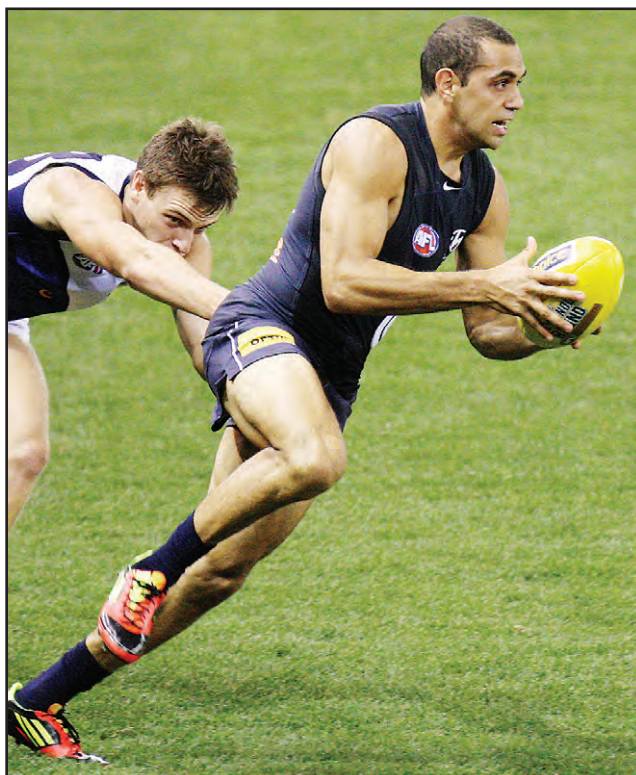
Seen as a goal-kicking talent, Nathan Wilson also has a good defensive side. Along with playing nine games, he was an emergency for another nine last year.

Rookie Zac Williams, from Narrandera, is a talented on-baller who played in the NSW/ACT Rams under-18 competition side last year.

HAWTHORN

Jed Anderson (2012, 0, 0), Shaun Burgoyne (2000, 221, 205), Amos Frank (Rookie) (2011, 0, 0), Lance Franklin (2004, 161, 520), Brad Hill (2011, 5, 3), Cyril Rioli (2007, 106, 140), Derick Wanganeen (Rookie) (2011, 0, 0)

TRADED to the Hawks by GWS, Jed Anderson is noted for his ability to win the hard ball and use it with purpose. The left-footer is the



Carlton's Chris Yarran, left, and Port Adelaide's Chad Wingard ready for this year's season.

younger sibling of former Carlton player Joe, who is now with North Adelaide in the SANFL.

Now one of the Aboriginal veterans of the competition, Shaun Burgoyne is seen as among the league's most unruffled players, executing his skills with grace and precision. He is a genuine play-maker who can be used in a number of positions.

Simply unstoppable on his day, Lance Franklin is a generational player who brings fans through the gates. He passed the 500-goal milestone last year, which is even more impressive than the pure figures suggest, as he has mainly played as a high forward.

The younger brother of the Dockers' Stephen, Brad Hill carries the ball across the lines and disposes well. He's a player to watch this season.

Football heritage oozes from Darwin boy and second generation AFL player Cyril Rioli. His balance, evasiveness and tackling skills make him exciting to watch. Rioli can produce freakish acts and make them look effortless.

From the APY lands in South Australia, Amos Frank displayed patches of brilliance last year in the VFL and has played in the pre-season cup this year.

Rookie Derick Wanganeen is a pint-sized forward who was emergency for a couple of AFL games last year. Before tearing a hamstring, he played strong football with Box Hill in the VFL.

MELBOURNE

Dom Barry (2012, 0, 0), Aaron Davey (2004, 158, 159), Neville Jetta (2008, 36, 19)

AMEMBER of the victorious NT Thunder under-18s last year, Alice Springs' Dom Barry was a tennis protégée before football took over. Going to Victoria on a scholarship, he emerged from the St Pat's football program in Ballarat having speed and football smarts, being traded by GWS to Melbourne for their number three and 14 draft selections.

Aaron Davey had a horror 2012.

After playing eight games and struggling for form he suffered season-ending stress fractures to a foot. He is too good a talent not to rebound quickly this year.

After having the early part of his 2012 campaign written off with injury, Neville Jetta returned to AFL in round 17, displaying some of his known ability. In the system since 2009, this year is expected to be pivotal for him.

NORTH MELBOURNE

Lindsay Thomas (2006, 110, 151), Daniel Wells (2002, 190, 116)

FROM the famous Aboriginal football nursery at Mallee Park in Port Lincoln, Lindsay Thomas is a true opportunist small forward. He got over his kicking yips in 2011, rebounding to slot through 38 goals and just 19 behinds last season. He is seen as a good foil for tall forwards like Drew Petrie.

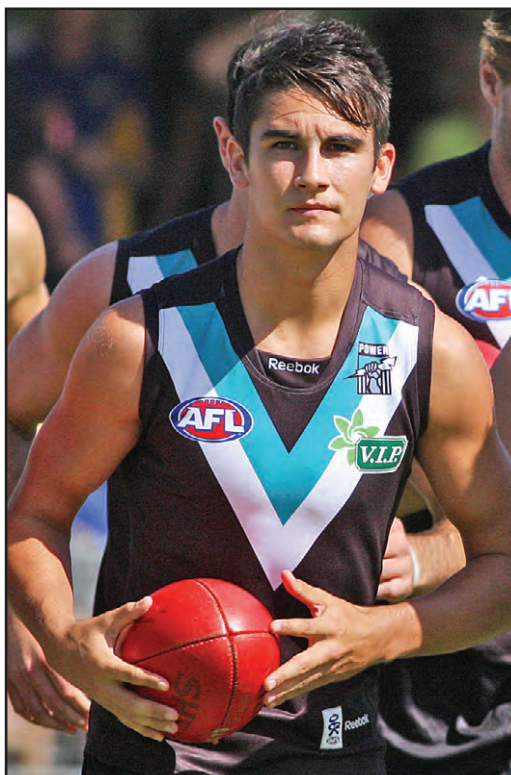
At the completion of the 2011 season Daniel Wells had shoulder surgery during which it was discovered that he a large blood clot in a lung. Recovering from this life-threatening problem, Wells played 20 games and averaged nearly 22 possessions during the 2012 season, still being the club's leading kick winner.

PORT ADELAIDE

Brendon Ah Chee (2011, 0, 0), Jake Neade (2012, 0, 0), Chad Wingard (2011, 19, 9)

JOCKEY-SIZED half-forward Jake Neade has been one of the excitement machines of the pre-season. From the remote town of Elliott in the Northern Territory, he has a great goal sense, a special skill set and, if he can keep his small frame out of trouble, he could become a cult figure for the Power faithful.

Having done plenty in his first season to prove his talent, Chad Wingard is expected to develop more in his second year of AFL, although he'll come under more



scrutiny from opposition coaches. A Murray Bridge export, Wingard has a great mix of skills.

WA lad Brendon Ah Chee spent an initial season at Alberton with the Port Adelaide Magpies and is expected to have a further season of development in 2013. He must continue to learn quickly.

RICHMOND

Shane Edwards (2006, 109, 68)

NOW the only Indigenous player on the Tigers' list, Shane 'Tich' Edwards has a rich football history. He has developed his delivery skills with hand and especially foot and become a regular player the past three years. Playing off a wing and up forward, Edwards kicked a career-high 29 goals in 2012.

ST KILDA

Terry Milera (2011, 15, 19)

FROM the far west coast of SA, Terry Milera had to work harder that most to get his opportunity at the top level. In his first season last year, as a 24-year-old, off the back of a moderate pre-season Milera exceeded expectations, playing 15 games and highlighting his large skill-set. He has had a big pre-season this year and should continue to grow as a player.

SYDNEY

Tony Armstrong (2007, 22, 2), Adam Goodes (1997, 319, 389), Lewis Jetta (2009, 65, 61)

ORIGINALLY from Burrumbuttock, NSW, Tony Armstrong is seen as among the new generation of Sydney Swans players, despite being first drafted to Adelaide back in 2007. After a frustrating tenure at Adelaide he transferred back to his home state, and is now expected to become a big part of the Swans defence as a running half-back.

The longest serving current Indigenous footballer in the code, Adam Goodes further added to his legend with a heroic performance in

the 2012 grand final, playing on one leg for most of the contest. Having achieved everything in the game, Goodes is the quintessential footballer of this age, able to play any position on the field and having a telling impact on the game.

Having initially missed out on being drafted back in 2007 and returning home to Bunbury (WA), Lewis Jetta re-ignited his dream by returning to the WAFL in 2009. Over the past three seasons he has set the AFL landscape alight with his blinding speed and impressive ball carrying. He is developing into one of the AFL's most exciting players.

WEST COAST

Jamie Bennell (Rookie) (2008, 57, 23), Brad Dick (2006, 27, 32), Josh Hill (2006, 88, 111), Murray Newman (2011, 4, 3), Sharrod Wellingham (2007, 92, 55)

WEST Coast has two new, experienced Aboriginal players in Jamie Bennell, who came from the Demons, and Sharrod Wellingham (Collingwood). Wellingham, a WA junior, is a ready-made addition to the midfield, being known for his ball-winning ability. Bennell has been given what many believe is his last chance at the elite level as a rookie selection.

Brad Dick came home the summer before and recovered from a knee reconstruction. He played 11 games and kicked 27 goals for East Fremantle, and should get AFL opportunities this year.

In what proved to be an inspired pick-up, Josh Hill kicked 36 goals in 2012, his first season with the West Coast. This effort has rejuvenated his career and he is now seen as a key medium forward at the Eagles.

Expected to develop into an inside midfielder, Murray Newman must ensure off-field issues don't interfere with his football.

WESTERN BULLDOGS

Brett Goodes (Rookie) (2012, 0, 0), Liam Jones (2008, 37, 34), Koby Stevens (2009, 11, 2)

WHAT a journey it has been for Western Bulldogs rookie Brett Goodes. Now 29, the former North Ballarat premiership player established a reputation in the VFL for being an uncompromising, running defender with more than 100 games' experience in the state league. He spent 2012 with Bulldogs affiliate Williamstown in the VFL. A 2012 VFL 'team of the year' selection, Goodes – the younger brother of Adam – may finally get his chance.

Still a developing player, Liam Jones is one of the exciting young tall forward prospects in the AFL, having turned 22 last month. The son of former St Kilda footballer Bob, he has his best years to come and could follow Buddy Franklin as an exciting big forward.

Originally from Gippsland Power in the TAC Cup, Koby Stevens has three years on the West Coast Eagles list, playing just 11 games and spending most of his time with East Fremantle. He has moved back to Victoria and is looking to make the most of his chances at the rebuilding Bulldogs.

Ella Sevens in Coffs

Dinner is a fundraiser



NORTHERN
United and Redfern Gumbalmiigay were the

winners at this month's sixth annual Coffs Harbour Ella Sevens rugby tournament.

Gumbalmiigay took home the prizemoney in the Women's Cup final with a convincing 24-5 win over the Queensland-based Highlanders.

And Lismore-based Northern United downed Knightriders 31-28 in a Men's Cup thriller. Underdogs United played well to defeat a talent-packed Knightriders line-up which included former Wallaby Andrew Walker, former Australian Sevens player Kacey Mitchell and former ACT Brumbies player Tom Cornforth.

This year's Coffs Harbour tournament, part of the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) program, attracted 24 men's and eight women's teams.

The women's competition featured two pools of four teams, while there were six men's pools.

The La Pa Lovelies,



Members of the winning Bundjalung United team, back from left, David McGrady, Cameron Dolar, Eli Hedges, Luke Simpson, David Keen, Rick McGrady, Gordon Roberts and Leslie Samoa and, front from left, Adam Brunton, Adrian Hoskins, Kayan Davis, Brett Kelly and David Briggs Jr. Absent: Rick Randall, Ryan Walker and Steven Roberts.

coached by former Wallaby Glen Ella – one of the famous Ella brothers – took home the Women's Plate after defeating the Coffs Coast Girls 12-10.

In the Men's Plate section, Redfern All Blacks downed the Ella Brothers' Nephews,

while Newcastle All Blacks defeated Skindogs in their division.

Ella Sevens tournaments are now held in three centres – Coffs Harbour, Brisbane and Cairns – giving Indigenous youth the chance to play Rugby

Sevens at elite levels or even at the next Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) during 2016.

Ella Sevens tournaments will be held in Cairns this October and Ballymore (Brisbane) in November.

THIS year's Lloyd McDermott Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held in Sydney on 27 March.

The Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT), in association with International Sports Tours, will host the dinner at Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, in Darling Harbour.

Special guest speaker this year will be HSBC Waratahs head coach Michael Cheika.

LMRDT CEO Tom Evans said the dinner would again be a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rugby.

"The Lloyd McDermott team uses rugby to help create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

"All profits raised from the annual dinner support this initiative."

LMRDT has established and runs several Indigenous rugby competitions and teams including the Eora Warriors Under-10s, the Under-16 Santos National Indigenous Championships, the National Indigenous Under-18s Rugby tournament and the Ella Sevens Rugby tournament.

For details and bookings for the dinner, contact Fiona Regan at fiona@sportstours.com.au

BMX champ riding high

By JILLIAN MUNDY



PINT-SIZED
Max Jackson is looking forward to this time next year, when he will be old

enough to compete in the national BMX racing championships.

The Palawa boy from Hobart, who turned seven yesterday, has clocked up 11 wins out of his last 12 state level races, in most of which he was the youngest racer.

Max now has his heart set on getting to Melbourne for the Victorian State Open titles in November.

Named for champion sprint car driver Max Dumesny, young Max Jackson learnt to ride a bike when he was two and began racing after a national come-and-try day at the bike track around the corner from his home last year. These events are held across Australia each February.

Inspired after he met Olympic BMX rider Luke Madill at a riding clinic last year, a bashful Max revealed to the *Koori Mail* he dreams of BMX racing in the Olympics one day, something he has only told his



Young Tasmanian BMX racer Max Jackson has his dreams set on riding at the Olympic Games.

school friends before.

BMX racing made its Olympic debut at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Max's father Jason said he couldn't be prouder of his son, and supports him all the way.

"We are very lucky to have him. He survived a serious dog bite to the skull at 23 months

old, the night before his sister's funeral," Jason said.

"He had plastic surgery at 8.30 in the morning and missed the funeral because he was in recovery."

Max honours his late sister Krisinda with his racing number – the date of her birthday.



Max Jackson enjoys winning, and 'pushing and pumping' – the arm actions required for BMX racing. He is pictured on the racing track around the corner from his Berridale home, near Hobart.

Nations of Origin Sevens planned



A RUGBY league Nations of Origin Sevens tournament is being planned by PCYC NSW to promote reconciliation and to engage Indigenous and other people in PCYC activities.

The tournament, sanctioned by NSW Rugby League, Country Rugby League and the National

Rugby League Indigenous Council, is planned for Dubbo, NSW, on 10-11 July during NAIDOC celebrations.

Participating groups will be required to field a male and a female side in what this year will be only an under-16s competition.

Organisers say the concept came after consultation with Aboriginal communities across

NSW and young people on ways to achieve reconciliation and provide an avenue for Indigenous youth to start a discussion on cultural identities.

Tournament

The tournament is planned to have teams of 12 consisting of eight Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander players and four

others. All teams will represent their communities under their traditional local Aboriginal nation names from their area, with uniforms featuring totems of the Aboriginal nation involved.

PCYC says a goal is for Indigenous youth to identify with their culture and foster pride in their communities, and to give non-Aboriginal people the

opportunity to learn about their local Aboriginal culture.

Jerseys, shorts and socks will be supplied for all players. Team nominations are open for nations wanting to participate, but numbers are limited.

For more details about the tournament, contact Paula Skinner on 0402 206 068 or pskinner@pcycnsw.org.au

Three complete marathon run



Korey Summers and Nat Heat at the 19km mark of the Tokyo Marathon.



THREE Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) athletes performed well

at last month's Tokyo Marathon in Japan.

Korey Summers, Nat Heat and Jurgan Tabuai were among about 35,000 long-distance runners to brave cold conditions in the

Japanese capital for the marathon over 42.195km.

Summers, from Alice Springs, was the first of the trio to finish, setting an IMP record of 3 hours 8 minutes and 51 seconds, Newcastle's Heat crossed in 3.14.51, also setting an IMP record, with Tabuai, from Saibai Island in the Torres Strait, crossing the line in a time of 3.27.50.

All three have returned to Australia for a break before receiving their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure as part of the IMP.

The Indigenous Marathon Project is now seeking runners to take on the New York Marathon – one of the world's largest distance events – in November. For details, go to the website www.imp.org.au

NT a top producer of talent



THE Northern Territory was in the top three of Australian rules football talent producers between 1997-2011, new figures show.

AFL international and national talent manager Kevin Sheehan said the Territory was a 'steady contributor' of player talent, coming in behind Victoria Metro and South Australia.

The study, conducted by Griffith University, showed the NT producing on average 12.08 players per 1000 participants aged between 13 and 18, compared with Vic Metro (14.13) and South Australia (12.35).

"When you break it down on comparison and based on population, the NT are clearly doing the right things to foster and develop talent, and with a little more refinement I think we can get that number higher," Sheehan said.

"If you look at 2012, the NT had three players drafted which is above the 2.5 average they have had between 1997-2011."

Sheehan was in Darwin to conduct the AFL Talent ID course, the first of its kind and accredited with the AFL and Australian Sports Commission.

Course

"The aim of the course is to provide people at all levels the tools to be able to identify talent and how they foster and develop that talent moving forward," he said.

The Australian rules football future was bright for the NT, Sheehan said.

"The processes being put in place and the infrastructure and development that is going to come from the new Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre will just add a little edge to the way the NT can unearth that next star," he said.

He's a tennis ace



HIS goal is to Australia's next Indigenous tennis champion. And while that's still a way off for Lawson Humphries

(pictured), the youngster from Wickham in the Pilbara region of Western Australia is on his way after performing well at a recent tournament. Lawson took out the 10-years-and-under singles title at the annual Busselton Junior Tennis Tournament in WA's south.

His achievement was hailed as remarkable because, unlike the other competitors, he did not have access to coaching or regular competition.

Instead, each Monday night Lawson's father drive him about 50km into Karratha where the youngster plays in adult social tennis to improve his game.



Ashleigh's a cricket star



ASHLEIGH Gardner, from Picnic Point in Sydney, is a rising star on the cricket oval.

Last month the 15-year-old played in her third Imparja Cup competition with the NSW Indigenous women in Alice Springs.

She plays in divisions above her age because she is good enough to match it with the older players.

She first played in under 12 girls' cricket for Bankstown (western Sydney) as an eight-year-old, saying she understood and enjoyed the game.

Ashleigh started on her journey up the cricket ladder the next season when she was nominated for the Emerging Breakers program. As a nine-year-old, she was chosen in a squad of 22 for promising under-13 players.

The following summer her commitment to cricket was starting to show.

After an outstanding trial Ashleigh was chosen in the Bankstown Foster Shield side, a competition that usually produces male players.

Changed to off-spin

After starting that competition as a medium-pacer, she changed to right-arm off-spin. This came about after she felt a little tired during a training session. She reverted to spin and so impressed her coaches that they recommended she stick with it.

The idea seemed to work. After having a standout performance for Sydney South-West in the NSW PSSA girls' State cricket competition, she was chosen to play for NSW in the national titles at the Murray River towns of Cobram-Barooga.

Ashleigh had developed into a true all-rounder.

The Australian championships were held in Darwin during June 2007.

Ashleigh had another solid performance, but NSW narrowly lost to Victoria in the final.

Back in Sydney the next summer, she combined with some of her NSW teammates, scoring her first century, against Sydney Rivers, and, combined with other solid performances, was named the Molly Dive Under-13 Cricketer of the Year.

The following summer, she captained a very young Bankstown side in the under-13s.

Reverting to medium pace, she took 6-10 off 18

overs and made scores of 46, 44 and 58 not out, with Bankstown narrowly missing the play-offs.

Her strength and commitment to her young side was rewarded by another Under-13 Cricketer of the Year title.

Ashleigh also was honoured with two Sydney South West Schools Sports Association 'Blues' awards for her cricketing achievements.

She was also recognised by her Aboriginal peers, receiving an award for Outstanding Achievement in Sport at the 2008 Nanga Mai ceremonies.



Ashleigh Gardner receives her Lords Taverner's High School Girl Cricketer of the Year Award from cricket great Richie Benaud.

In 2009, Ashleigh made the Sydney South West high school girls' cricket team – quite an effort considering she had just started Year 7.

By 2011 her batting prowess was on show. She scored a career and tournament-high 152 runs against South Coast.

Chosen

She then was chosen in the Combined High Schools No 1 side for the All Schools tournament.

In 2011 Ashleigh made her way back to the NSW fold in the under-15 side. One of her coaches during that tournament, realising Ashleigh's Indigenous background, suggested she try out for the NSW women's Imparja Cup cricket side.

Not only did she make the side, but she played a huge part in NSW's win, taking a hat-trick against the

Northern Territory and batting well in the final against the Australian Capital Territory.

In last year's All Schools championship Ashleigh was once again in the CHS No 1 side. After a slow start, she ended up third ranked batter and No 1 ranked bowler and she was named 2012 High School Girl Cricketer of the Year.

This was followed by another win in the women's Imparja Cup, where Ashleigh was named in the All Stars team, putting her at the top rankings of

Australian Indigenous female cricketers. Ashleigh's continued efforts saw her recognised by the Combined High Schools Sports Association, receiving its highest accolade during a ceremony at ANZ Stadium.

She also received an award from the Lords Taverner's cricket foundation as High School Girl Cricketer of the Year. It was presented by Australian great Richie Benaud.

By the end of last year not only was Ashleigh a regular member of the strong Bankstown first grade women's side, but she was chosen in the under-18 NSW female team – an outstanding achievement for a 15-year-old.

At the recent under-18 national tournament in Ballarat, Victoria, Ashleigh took 14 wickets at 8.07 runs, and scored 123 runs, averaging just under 25.

She was named in the Australian Under 18 Honour Team, and NSW won their ninth consecutive under-18 Australian title.

At the recently-completed Imparja Cup in Alice Springs Ashleigh starred for NSW, who won the final from an Invitational XI.

She also was one of two female cricketers to be accepted into a Cricket Australia under-18 talent camp.

With all these results Ashleigh says she has never forgotten her cricketing origins – playing eight seasons with Revesby Workers, Bankstown representative under-10 to under-14, Bankstown girls' reps, Sydney South West, CHS No 1s, City and three Imparja Cup sides.

She says she also enjoys the opportunity of being an ambassador for Indigenous youngsters.

Ashleigh's maternal grandparents (Kathleen King and Claude Goodwin) were Muruwari and Kamilaroi people from Weilmoringle and Goodooga, in the State's far north-west.



Ashleigh Gardner bowling for NSW Combined High Schools.



Adelaide Crows great Andrew McLeod at the AFL club's Aboriginal Program launch.

Aboriginal Program under way



THE Adelaide Football Club has officially launched its Aboriginal Program scheme.

The program aims to help young graduates develop skills that will allow them to take on leadership roles in their communities and offer

employment opportunities after their schooling.

The current Beach Energy Aboriginal Youth Leadership and Governance Program has been running for the past six months, with two camps already held at AAMI Stadium.

Managed by Crows dual premiership player Andrew McLeod and his wife Rachael, the second camp finished last month with participants awarded certificates and awards. This part of the program was designed for Year 10 students from the APY Lands, and involved students travelling to Adelaide for activities including sports, mentoring, leisure and education sessions.

The official launch featured Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin as well as representatives from major supporters Beach Energy and Westminster School.

Andrew McLeod welcomed the program.

"We have been working closely with all participants and hope the camps will give the kids the confidence and drive to finish school and pursue all opportunities thereafter," he said.

Bombers to face strong St Mary's



AFTER an upset preliminary final victory over Wanderers, the Tiwi Bombers have earned the right to take on powerful minor premiers St Mary's in the 2012-13 Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) grand final this Saturday evening,

17 March, in Darwin.

The St Mary's 'Green Machine' will go in as outright favourites for a 29th NTFL flag.

Bombers coach Leigh Crossman knows his side needs to take different strategies into the season decider if they want to be competitive.

The Bombers will not have injured former Brisbane Lion Sam Sheldon for the final, but could have up to three key players back for the game.

St Mary's had just one loss in this season's minor round, and easily won the second semi-final. This is the club's 45th grand final appearance since its formation back in September 1952, making it one of the most successful sides across the nation.

With stars like siblings Xavier and Raph Clarke, William (Jnr), Ben and Shannon Rioli, along with Kevin Tandogac and Jack Long among the players to watch, St Mary's are short-priced favourites for another title. – Peter Argent

'Green' take out Palm carnival

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island Barracudas Green won the grand final of the second Algon Walsh Memorial Community Challenge Allblacks rugby league carnival at the North Queensland community, beating Yarrabah's Bukki Buna 26-14.

Six sides contested the first Aboriginal Allblacks carnival in North Queensland for 2013, with the others Barracudas White, Barracudas Gold, Bindal Sharks from Townsville and Yarrabah Guyala. Hope Vale, Mossman and last year's winners Descendants nominated but withdrew.

The late Algon Walsh was a respected player and referee who has a big family on Palm Island.

The winning side included Clinton Pearson, Gary Pearson, Obe Geia jnr, Daryl Pearson, Fred Bulsey, Jason Bulsey, Vernon Baira, Frank Baira, John Baira, Stephen Lowatta, Adrian Poynter, Raoul Miller, Jeremy Pullen (teacher), Esrom Geia, Pita Bourne, Billo Wotton, Kevin Morgan, Frederick Haines jnr, Gresham



Winners Barracudas Green and runners-up Yarrabah's Bukki Buna (in blue).

Ross jnr, William Blackman jnr, Mickeal Sibley, Terrence Sibley, James Sibley, Jason Poynter and Christian Walsh.

Obe Geia jnr is a former North Queensland Cowboys NRL back and Frederick Haines jnr an ex-North Queensland Marlins representative.

The John 'JB' Baira Player of the Carnival Award went to Daryl Pearson (Barracudas Green), best back was Theeron Pearson (Guyala), best forward Michael Thomas (Bukki Buna), and the player of the final to Fred Bulsey (Barracudas Green).

Carnival co-ordinator Norman Bounghi acknowledged sponsors EMQ, Broad Civil Engineering, PIASC, Coolgaree CDEP, PI PCYC, QBuild, Sunwater, Xstrata Coal, Coca Cola, Struddy's Townsville, Jason Healey Electrics, Sunset Snack Foods, McDonalds, Sealink Travel Group, West Wing Aviation, Bwgcolman State School, Palm Island Barge Service, Bwgcolman Aboriginal Arts Corporation, QRL and Office of Sport & Recreation/NQ Athletics.

"We would also like to thank all local team players and coaching staff and all visiting teams and coaching staff for participating in our carnival and all community reps that set up food stalls over the weekend and thanks to the Palm Island community for coming down and supporting the carnival," he said. "Also thanks to all staff who assisted over the weekend, and a big thanks to the Cairns referees – Rod McCrea, David Rose, David Gilbard and Roy Brown, who travelled at their own expense from Cairns to Townsville."

Bindal Sharks coach Kevin Aldridge and official Jimmy Doolan were glowing in their praise of the carnival.

Mills stars in the NBA

By CHRIS PIKE

IN just over 12 months, Australian basketballer Patrick Mills has gone from fighting for another contract in the world's biggest competition, the NBA, to being a star performer with the league-leading San Antonio Spurs. It's a huge – and welcome – turnaround for the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander man who hails from Canberra.

At the end of the 2010-11 NBA season with his contract up with the Portland Trail Blazers, Mills' career in the United States was up in the air.

The NBA 2011-12 season was hindered by a lockout that shortened the season, and Mills wasn't offered a contract. So he returned to Australia to play with the Melbourne Tigers in the NBL, before being offered a lucrative contract in China.

That meant he was in China when the NBA returned to the court for the shortened 2011-12 season, but he ended up being able to get out of his contract and was snaffled up by San Antonio, where then Australian national coach Brett Brown was an assistant under Gregg Popovic.

Mills had no trouble settling in to the NBA or with the Spurs, going on to play 16 games towards the end of the regular season and eight in the play-offs, where San Antonio lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Mills had a huge impact, including hitting a career-high 34 points and 12 assists against the Golden State Warriors last April

as he made the most of some increased opportunities.

That led to the Spurs not having to think twice about keeping on Mills for the 2012-13 season and, now heading towards another play-off appearance, he has continued his growth as a player.

Mills has now played 50 games this season and, with star point guard Tony Parker out injured, he has been called on to play an even bigger role, responding with games of 16 and 12 points against the Phoenix Suns and Sacramento Kings, respectively.

The Spurs hold a 47-14 record to be three games clear atop the Western Conference with just 21 games of the regular season remaining.

Impressive

Perhaps even more impressive than what Mills – the third most successful Australian player there behind three-time champion Luc Longley and former No 1 draft pick Andrew Bogut – is doing on the big stage of the NBA, is what he is doing off the court.

Ever since he started his NBA career in Portland after his US college career at St Mary's, Mills has been involved in charity work with a company called 'Wears My Shirt', for which he has designed t-shirts that raise money for charity.

Mills helped raise \$40,000 for Queensland flood relief in 2010 and has since assisted 'Cottage by the Sea', which provides accommodation for kids in need in Queenscliff, Victoria.

Working with charities and

remembering his roots is something important to Mills, especially while he is making his good money in the NBA.

"You've got to give back. Charities are really important and I think it's good if you can find a charity that relates to you in any way, like Cottage by the Sea does with me," Mills said.

"Especially me, with the position I'm in now playing in the NBA, I feel like I have to use my status to help charities.

"I know that once I finish playing basketball and I don't have the same media attention behind me I won't be able to help out as much. I need to do as much as I can now."

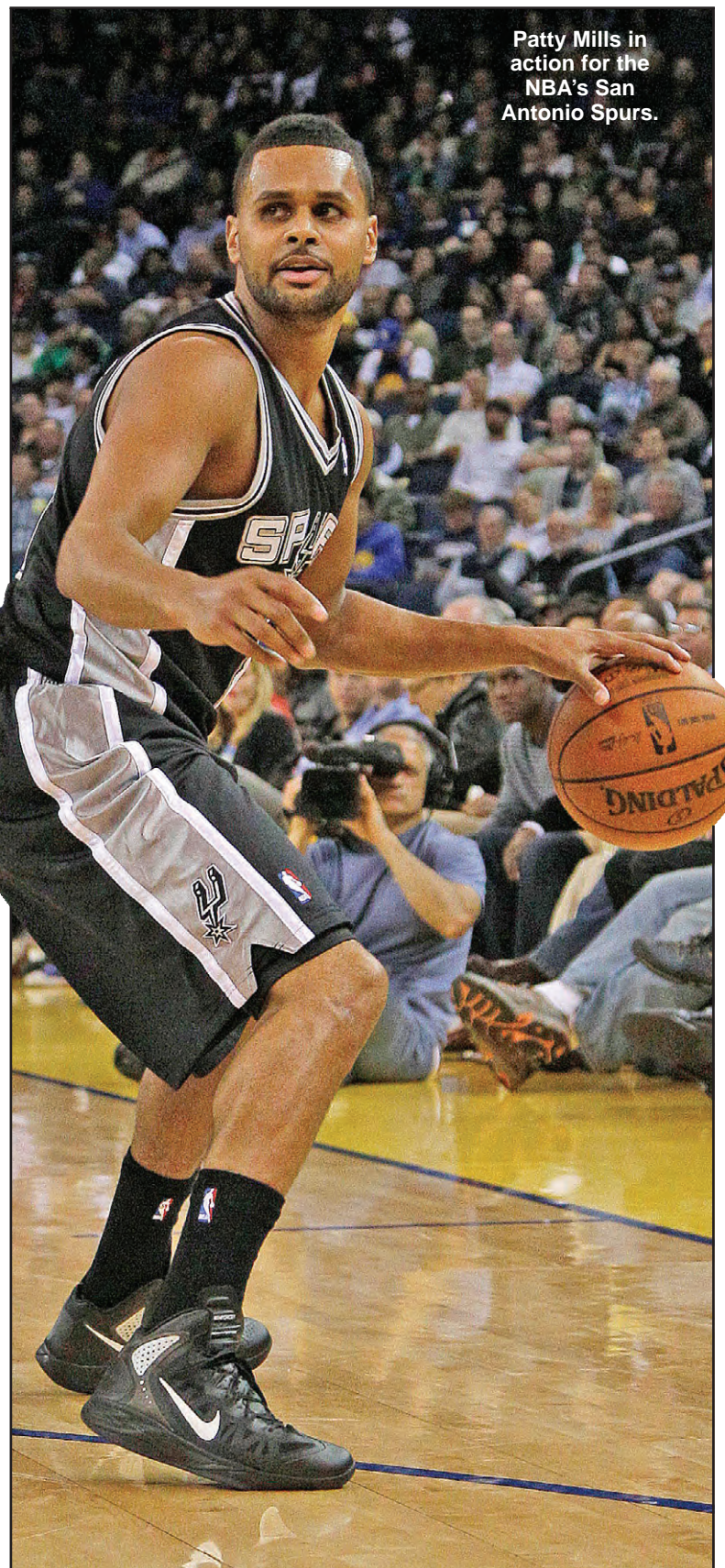
Mills highlights not only that he is an Australian at every opportunity he gets, but also his Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, something of which he is extremely proud. His mother is Aboriginal and his father is from the Torres Strait.

He says he is only too happy to pass on his culture in America, and enjoyed doing so on a recent school visit in San Antonio.

"I went to Green Valley Elementary School and got to hang out with awesome kids," he said.

"I read the kiddies an Aboriginal Dreamtime book, *What made Tiddalik laugh*, which was my favourite when I was a kid.

"I also spoke about the didgeridoo and played it for them and then finally I helped the kids design their very own paper boomerang. What a fun day!"



Patty Mills in action for the NBA's San Antonio Spurs.

Souths serve notice

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

WHILE most of the hype around the opening NRL game focused on the return of Sonny Bill Williams, it was Greg Inglis who served notice that the **Rabbitohs** will be a force to be reckoned with in this year's Premiership.

Inglis was so dominant at times it was scary.

GI appears to be at the peak of his game and that sounds a warning to all opposition teams.

Inglis had a hand in all of his team's five tries in a dominating performance.

He also revealed there was no secret to his starting the season off with a bang – it was courtesy of decent off-season preparation.

"Having a good pre-season ... I feel terrific; feel good and I think everyone did going throughout the game," Inglis said.

The bad news for rival teams following the victory was Inglis' admission that, after a year at fullback, he felt more at home in the club's No 1 jersey.

"I think it's more freedom, not being stuck on one side, obviously more touches on the ball and pop up throughout the game anywhere across the paddock," he said.

Inglis revealed that, while it still hurt him and his teammates to think of last season and how they missed a grand final berth, they used it to motivate them.

"Obviously that was last year, and like I said we are disappointed with the way we finished but in the end it is a new season, a new start and a whole new cycle for South Sydney," GI said.

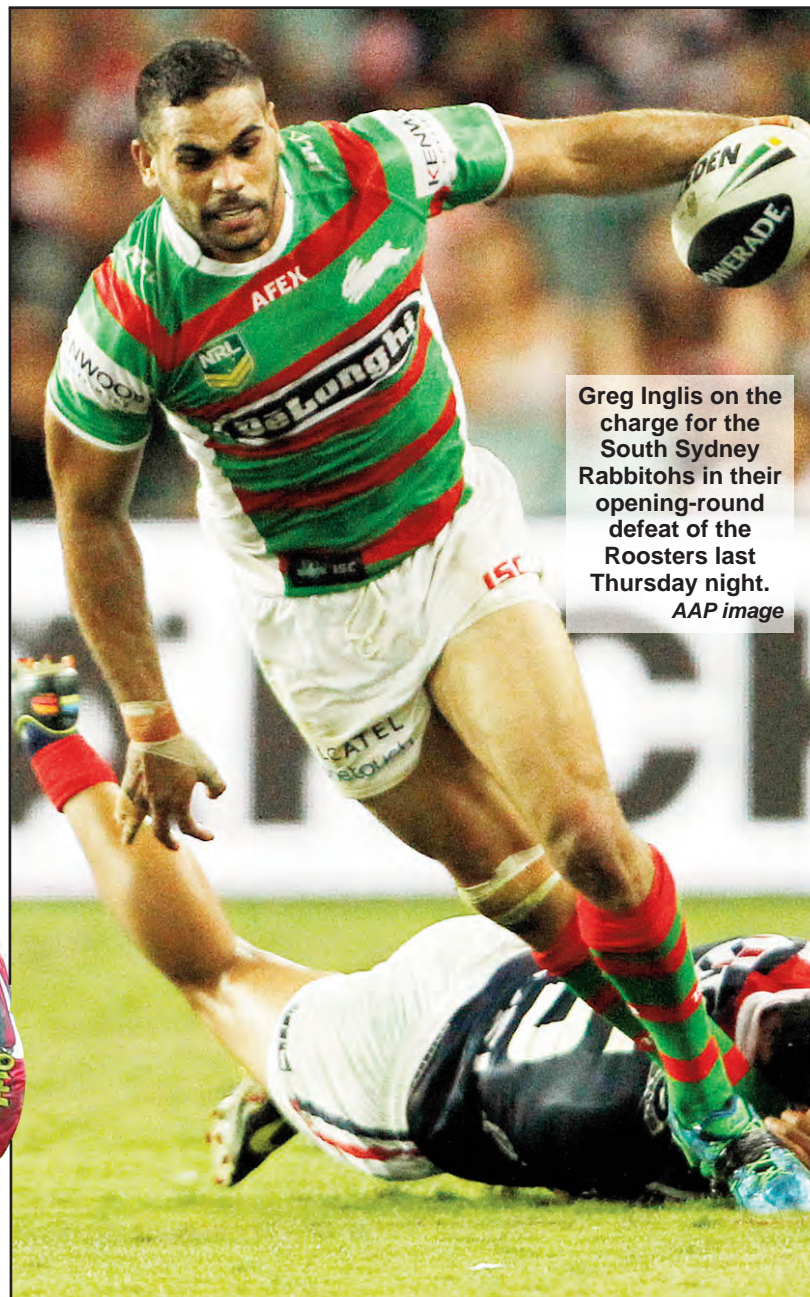
One person set to thrive on the form of Inglis is Nathan Merritt, with his three tries setting a standard for the season.

Beau Champion and Dylan Farrell also had strong games and will improve for the run.

Despite the domination



Chris Sandow's ability was underlined by his star opening-round performance in Parramatta's 40-10 thumping of the Warriors.



Greg Inglis on the charge for the South Sydney Rabbitohs in their opening-round defeat of the Roosters last Thursday night. AAP image

of Souths, we shouldn't write off the **Roosters** just yet.

Along with SBW they have a number of prize recruits, including Michael Jennings and Luke O'Donnell.

When they settle in and establish a sense of discipline they will be a force to be reckoned with.

That being said, the other team that I believe will be a real threat for the title is the **Cowboys**.

I hope that JT is able to determine his future so the team will not be distracted by the speculation of where he will be playing.

Like GI, I believe Thurston is reaching for new levels of excellence, with his leadership bringing a new dimension to his game.

Partnership

His partnership with Matty Bowen is among the most potent in the game, and with Ray Thompson and Robert Lui both vying for the halfback spot, the Cowboys will have one of the most threatening attacks in the game.

The **Bulldogs** will be praying that Ben Barba makes a speedy recovery from his off-field issues as he has provided the catalyst to so many of their winning

performances over the past year.

Like all in the game – including the Bulldogs – Barba needs time and space to address his problems before he even starts to think about football.

Nevertheless, last year's grand finalists will have their depth tested early in the season with injuries and suspensions adding to the unexpected loss of Barba.

Coach Des Hasler will, however, provide a sense of stability and I still expect the Bulldogs to feature prominently at the end of the season.

I expect their grand final opponents, the **Melbourne Storm**, to also be there at the pointy end of the season.

Any side with Billy Slater, Cameron Smith and Cooper Cronk will be more than competitive, although one has to once again question the real depth of the Storm, given that a few key players have moved on.

One player I am looking forward to watching this season for the Storm is centre Will Chambers, who made an impressive return to the game last season.

The Storm have some good young players coming through the ranks, but they will still rely heavily on Craig Bellamy's ability

to bring the best out of players rejected by other clubs.

Another coach with huge expectations placed on him is **Parramatta's** new appointment Ricky Stuart.

All eyes will be on Jarryd Hayne and Chris Sandow as the former NSW mentor strives to lift the Eels from the bottom of the table.

Much-needed spark

I expect Sandow to thrive under the coaching of Stuart and to provide the Eels with some much-needed spark.

His job will be made easier by having young Luke Kelly playing outside him, as I believe the former Storm player will also blossom under Stuart.

It will also be a big year for Willie Tonga, who was frustrated by injuries last year.

The **Titans** will hope Ryan James maintains the form he showed in the All Stars game that suggested he has completed a successful comeback from his horrific knee injury.

James joins an impressive pack, led by co-captains Greg Bird and Nate Myles, who will provide the platform to give inexperienced but talented halves Albert Kelly and Aidan Sezer every opportunity to

succeed. I am also expecting a big season from Jamal Idris, who has put in a huge big season after a disappointing debut year for the club.

I have great faith that the Titans will be one of the surprise packets of the season.

Former Titans captain Scott Prince has moved up the M1 to return to his former club the **Broncos**, who will rely heavily on his experience and leadership.

Their first-up loss to the Sea Eagles will put them under immediate pressure, as the club demands success.

Sam Thaiday will lead from the front as always but the rest of the pack will need to perform consistently if the Broncos are to celebrate their 25th year in the competition.

Justin Hodges will also be a key to any chance of Broncos success and it will be a critical year in the development of Corey Norman and Josh Hoffman.

I think the Broncos may well struggle to make the finals.

This may well be the case for another of the traditional heavy-weights, the **Dragons**.

Coach Steve Price is already under immense pressure to retain his job, with his halves

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as season kicks off



The St George Dragons will be looking for a big year from champion back and Indigenous All Star Jamie Soward.

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combination a pressing concern. The Dragons will need Jamie Soward to regain the form that took him to State of Origin representation.

But the club will need more than an in-form Soward to do well, and I just don't believe they have the roster to succeed.

Their neighbours in the shire are obviously facing a unique set of challenges, given the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority enquiry.

Until this is resolved it is difficult to assess the **Sharks'** fortunes and it is a sad situation given the effort they have put into recruitment for the season.

Sometimes controversy bonds a team and adversity brings out the best in the playing group. But it is hard to see the club recovering from the mass sacking of staff and the continuing doubts around the future of a group of unnamed players.

For the sake of the game I hope the whole sorry saga is sorted out.

Newcastle Knights are another club under the scrutiny of the inquiry and they would be hoping the matter is resolved in the near future.

They have recruited some steel into their pack in the form of Jeremy Smith and Beau Scott, and have Kurt Gidley returning from injury.

I thought Timana Tahu looked in great shape during the All Stars and believe Dane

Gagai could be one of the success stories of the season.

Coach Wayne Bennett will be determined to take his side to the finals series, and I believe the Knights will be one of the great improvers of the season.

One would expect the **Warriors** to also show great improvement this season.

It will be interesting to see how they react to the style of new coach Matt Elliott, as they have traditionally been a side that plays an expansive brand of football.

Great acquisition

Dane Nielson is a great acquisition for them and his big match experience will hopefully assist some of the emerging stars coming through the Warriors great youth development program.

Wests Tigers are another club with a new coach, Mick Potter.

No matter what impact he makes on the team, it will be Robbie Farah and Benji Marshall who will need to perform this year. They will be under additional scrutiny due to their perceived role in the removal of previous coach Tim Sheens.

The Tigers failed to deliver on high expectations last year and the pressure will be on from round one for them to perform.

This will be the season that the **Canberra Raiders** hope that their young talents stand up and are counted.

Their charge to the finals

series last year showed they had the talent and this will be a huge year for the likes of Joel Thompson, Jack Wighton and Blake Ferguson.

Tom Learoyd-Lahrs will also be a key figure as the Raiders will need their forward pack to provide the platform for their potent backline to take on the opposition.

The Raiders are my 'smokies' for the season.

The **Panthers** are another side in transition with a huge turnover in their playing ranks.

Luke Walsh will have a key role in providing direction to the team and his combination with Lachlan Coote may well decide the Panthers' fate this season.

Brad Tighe had his best season last year and he will be another player whose progress I will watch with interest this year.

I don't believe the Panthers will threaten for the title, but they have legitimate claims on the top eight.

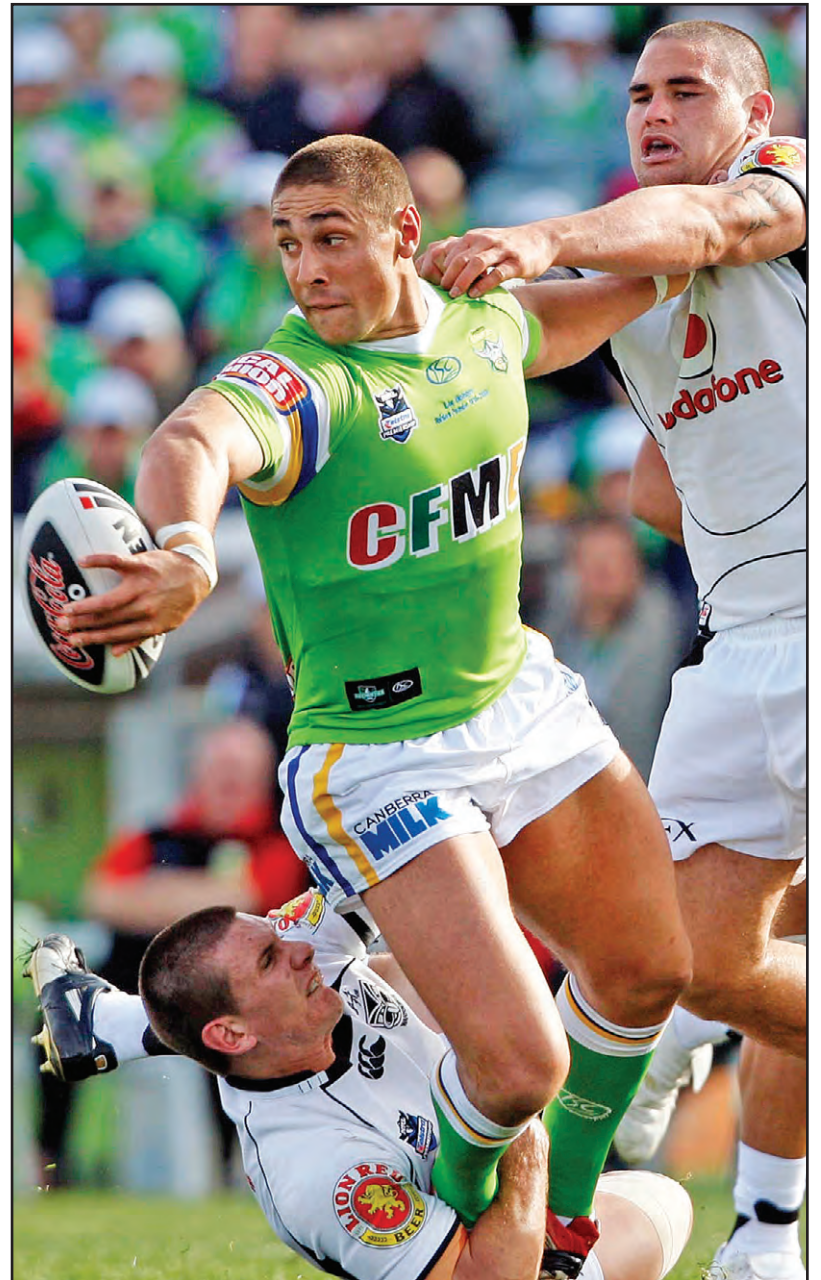
That is the beauty of the NRL – every side has a side capable of making the finals.

It is my tip that it will be the Rabbitohs and the Cowboys who have the credentials to make the grand final.

JT versus GI would be a factor that could make this a grand final that would capture the imagination of all followers of the game.

I am just glad the season has begun and we can all barrack for the team we love.

Go the Titans!



Tom Learoyd-Lahrs in action for Canberra. He will be a key figure for the Raiders' pack this season.



Centre Will Chambers breaks through for the Melbourne Storm.

State of origin for golfers



INDIGENOUS Australia's first golf state of origin event is being planned for Brisbane this June.



The inaugural Indigenous State of Origin Golf Challenge will feature 80 players – 40 from NSW and 40 from Queensland – in a four-person ambrose competition over 18 holes.

It will be played at Nudgee Golf Course on 21 June, with next year's titles event planned for the Lismore golf course in northern NSW.

A variety of team and individual events are also planned for the day.

NSW organiser Lance Manton welcomed the golf state of origin concept.

"They've got state of origin in rugby league, so it's time we had it in golf too," he said.

"Golf is popular with our people so this should be the start of a very well-received competition."

Queensland organiser Gene Blow, who is inaugural president of the Indigenous State of Origin Golf Association, echoed Manton's sentiments.

"So many of our people play golf, and we're expecting some quality competition," he said.

'So many of our people play golf, and we're expecting some quality competition'

– Gene Blow



"In fact I think it will be so popular that we may need to run golf qualifying days for the state of origin teams in 2014."

"This first state of origin will be for males only, but plenty of our women play too so hopefully we'll be looking at expanding the competition next year."

Nominations are being sought for the NSW and Queensland state of origin golf teams, and sponsorship packages are also available.

For further details, contact Lance Manton (NSW) on 0400 119 873 or bogallalc@bigpond.com or Gene Blow (QLD) on 0422 268 277 or geneblow@live.com



Wrestlers Shane Parker, left, and Blake O'Neill at the National Titles on the Gold Coast last weekend. Parker, who won with a broken hand, bandaged both his hands in a bid to confuse his opponents. Photo: Naomi Moran

Brave Parker wrestles title



INDIGENOUS man Shane Parker is a major step closer to Commonwealth Games selection after winning his division at the National Wrestling Championships last weekend.

The 24-year-old, from Mt Druitt in Sydney's west, won the 55kg freestyle national title – despite having a suspected broken hand.

And he followed that up with victory in the Greco-Roman division final on the Sunday.

Fellow Indigenous wrestler Blake O'Neill, 17, also from Mt Druitt, won the 46kg freestyle cadets title.

Both are trained by former wrestling champion Stephan Jaeggi, an Indigenous man who had nothing but praise for his charges.

"They put in great efforts to take the titles," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Both have won the right to compete at the Oceania titles set for the Pacific island of Guam this April."

"And Shane will also be in line for a Commonwealth Games trial competition in Wales later in the year."

Jaeggi said Parker had to overcome major mental as well as physical barriers to take the title.

"He had to shed a lot of weight before the competition, and then it looks like he broke his hand just hours before competing," he said.

"Shane was up against some hard opponents, and some of them targeted his hand."

"It's a testament to his determination

and ability that he came through with the championship title."

"Blake, too, showed plenty of courage. He was competing at his first championships, and I'm certain they won't be his last."

'It's a testament to Shane's determination and ability that he came through with the championship title'

Goodes stands down as Swans co-captain



SYDNEY stalwart Adam Goodes says a summer of rehabilitation and reflection convinced him that stepping down as the AFL club's co-captain was the right decision.

Kieren Jack was last week promoted to partner Jarrad McVeigh as the reigning premiers' co-skipper, with 33-year-old Goodes relinquishing the responsibility.

Aboriginal champion Goodes, who spent months recovering from a serious knee injury he suffered in last year's grand final win, had felt the desire to pass the leadership baton on since the Swans' training camp at the end of January.

"It sits quite nicely with me. I'm very happy to step down as captain, and like



ADAM GOODES

Horse (coach John Longmire) said, I'm still going to be driving the football club," the dual Brownlow Medallist said.

"It wasn't until we had our camp in Coffs Harbour that we spoke about our behaviours, and it was just nice to hear the voices in the room – the leaders really stepping up."

"I could tell it was the

right time for me to step down and give someone else an opportunity."

"That's what made it quite simple, how easy it did feel ... I didn't wrestle with it at all."

"I know it's going to work."

Jack, son of NSW rugby league star Garry Jack, has become a key figure in the Swans' midfield since being rookie-listed in 2005.

The 25-year-old won the club's best and fairest in 2010 and was credited with helping turn Lewis Jetta into a star after shadowing him throughout pre-season training in 2012.

Goodes has signed a one-year contract extension with the Swans.

"I wouldn't have signed another extension if I didn't feel like I could physically and mentally play it out," he said. – AAP

Basketballer's titles performance praised

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS basketballer Alex Wilson has capped a great National Under-20 Titles by being named the best female player.

Starring for second-placed South Australia, Wilson, who hails from Murray Bridge, was the lynchpin in her side's attack as well as defence.

Her performance at the championships, held recently in Launceston, won praise from SA senior coach Brendon Johnson.

"Playing predominately as the 'two-guard' (shooting guard), Alex was our vice-captain in this tournament," he said.

"She only had a couple of trainings with the squad during the Christmas break and fitted into our structures really well.

"Actually some of her passing was that quick and decisive at times they were something too fast for teammates.

"On top of her average of 20 points per game, she also collected 9.8 rebounds per contest and 4.8 assists.

"So effectively, Alex was personally involved in another 10 points for the side as well.

"In the semi-final win alone over New South Wales, Alex grabbed 18 boards, 17 of them defensive to go with a 19-point performance offensively.

"The girls played great defence and as a team.

"It is fair to say that because of the players missing from our side, we didn't have very high expectations in this tournament, but they performed as a group very well to make the final, with Alex playing a pivotal role."

Wilson, who is at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and in the Australian Gems (national under-19) side, is noted for her vision and creativeness.



Alex Wilson in action for the Australian Gems.

"She can also play the point guard role as well, and I used her there on occasions during the tournament," Johnson, who has been a part of the SA under-20 program for five years, said.

"Her game is strong all round and she has the capacity to make a significant career out of the game, injury notwithstanding."

SA went down to Victoria in the final at the titles.

Wilson says she is looking forward to the World Championships with the Gems in Lithuania this July.

Speaking with the *Koori Mail*, she was modest about her performances at the nationals.

"I just needed to play a larger

role for my team," Wilson said.

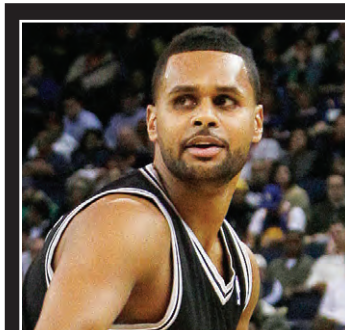
"I was happy with the way I stepped up.

"It would great now to win a starting role in the Gems side."

Wilson's performances have generated interest from franchises in the American College system. She suggested this was an option she would seriously consider.

A development player with the Adelaide Lightning in 2010 and 2011, her long-term goal is to become a member of the Australian Opals (the national women's senior basketball team).

Wilson is in good company, as NBA star Patrick Mills was most outstanding player at the National Under-20s in 2006 and 2007.



Big 12 months for Patty Mills

Find out just how big on P75



KURTLEY BEALE

Sidelined Beale to use time



MELBOURNE Rebels rugby union star Kurtley Beale will use his time sidelined

with a broken hand to rehabilitate the damaged shoulder that threatens his Wallabies plans.

Beale will miss up to four weeks after surgery last week on his left hand.

The 24-year-old Aboriginal player suffered an injured left shoulder while playing last month and will require surgery at some stage this year.

He said he would use the time off to work on the troublesome joint and 'come back healthy and hopefully try and hold my ground (for the Wallaby flyhalf position)'.

"I will try and focus on getting the shoulder right and get that back to full strength," Beale said.

"I need to do a lot of strengthening work around the rotator cuff so hopefully the time out will give me the opportunity."

Beale suffered the injury in the Rebels' bonus-point loss to NSW Waratahs, which left them at 1-2 to start the season. — AAP

NRL promises to help Barba



NRL chief executive David Smith says rugby league will not turn its back on Indigenous star Ben Barba, and that the Dally M Medal winner will remain a key

figure in the promotion of the code.

Barba has been suspended by his team the Bulldogs over issues stemming from a break-up with his long-time partner, who is the mother of his two children.

"Ben remains a key part of our

promotion, and so he should be," Smith said at the official launch of the 2013 NRL season. "The rugby league family is proud of him and he has earned that right.

'The right way'

"If we are to grow the game, we must stand by and help stars like Ben when they need it most. It's not only the rugby league way — it's the right way."

Barba had been scheduled to star at the season launch, and his role was taken

on by fellow Indigenous champion Johnathan Thurston. The North Queensland co-captain said he had no apprehension about filling in for Barba.

Thurston praised Barba — a teammate when the latter scored a hat-trick of tries in the All Stars game last month — and the Bulldogs for their handling of a situation that went well beyond rugby league.

"This is Benny Barba we're talking about as a person, not as a rugby league player," Thurston said. — AAP

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Footy's back!



Excitement machine Lewis Jetta gets a kick away for the Sydney Swans during the round two AFL pre-season NAB Cup game with St Kilda this month. The AFL season proper starts on 22 March. AAP image



North Queensland's Johnathan Thurston in action during his side's round-one NRL 24-12 defeat of the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs. The Indigenous champion underlined his class with a masterful display. AAP image



FOR a great many of us, the long footy drought is finally over – or it's about to be.

March is the month Australia's main football competitions start.

In the case of the National Rugby League (NRL), kick-off was last week, with the first of the competition's 26 rounds now completed.

And for Australian Football

League (AFL) fans, the opening centre bounce in the main 23-round competition is on Friday week, 22 March.

Both codes boast a line-up of impressive Indigenous players who will be vital to their team's successes.

In the AFL – which this season has a total of 66 Indigenous players, with at least one in each of the 18 clubs – Lance 'Buddy' Franklin (Hawthorn), veteran forward Adam Goodes



Danny Eastwood's take on football – See Page 20 (Sydney Swans) and Fremantle's Stephen Hill are among the very best the code

has produced. And there'll be plenty of interest in the Indigenous up-and-comers – players like Chad Wingard (Port Adelaide), Lewis Jetta (Sydney – pictured above) and Steven Motlop (Geelong).

When it comes to rugby league, there are no better players anywhere in the world than North Queensland Cowboys' back Johnathan Thurston (also pictured above) and the South Sydney Rabbitohs' playmaker Greg

Inglis, both of whom underlined their class with brilliant first-round performances last week.

They're just two of about 450 players – more than 40 of them Indigenous – lining up in 16 clubs for what promises to be an engrossing 2013 NRL premiership.

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