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Did they laugh very much?



Yes, they did... at the 2013 Deadly Funny National Showcase at Melbourne Town Hall on Sunday. It was all part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and no topic was safe from the black jokesters who between them took on government policies, nepotism, identity, and the perennial love and relationships to hilarious effect. Hamming it up on stage after the show are, from left, Kevin Kropinyeri, MC Constantina Bush (aka Kamahi King), Matt Ford, Simone Saunders, Uncle Reggie (aka Grant Saunders), Deb Bland, Uncle Jack Charles, Jay Wymarra, Ray Ray Boy (aka Andy Saunders) and, in front, Sean Choolburra. Kropinyeri and Choolburra have solo shows until 21 April and 26 April respectively. Do yourselves a favour.

Photo by Kirstie Parker

NSW's new plan



AFTER more than a year of consulting with Aboriginal people around the state, the NSW Government has released its new Aboriginal affairs plan. Titled 'Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment' (OCHRE), the plan puts Aboriginal people front and centre in decision-making, and includes moves to support students to stay at school, empower communities and ensure more accountability.

OCHRE also has a blueprint for a new independent Aboriginal council to oversee

OCHRE puts Aboriginal people at heart of decision-making

Government targets. Also planned are 'opportunity hubs' in selected communities that will focus on strengthening early links between employers and schools.

The plan provides for Aboriginal language and culture 'nests' to

assist school students and teachers.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello said the initiatives in the report would cost about \$11 million a year to implement.

The plan was created by a task force

comprised of Aboriginal leaders, politicians and senior government officials and formulated following consultations in many areas of the state.

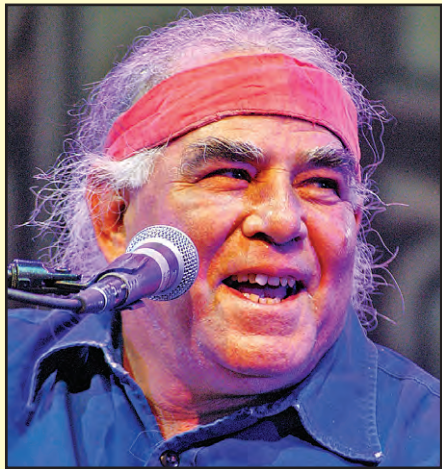
Mr Dominello said Aboriginal people told task force members that teaching and preserving Aboriginal languages and culture built people's pride and identity.

"We will train and employ more Aboriginal language teachers to grow more language learners by linking schools, TAFEs, universities and communities," the minister said.

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My FAMILY

ANTHONY STOUT – Townsville, Qld



● Above: From left, Anthony Stout with his younger brother Bradley and cousin Mick Prien.

I AM a proud Bindal man from Townsville in north Queensland and have many family members who are so important to me.

When I turned 30 late last year they came from many places to help me celebrate. We partied well into the early hours and it was good to see so many get together for my milestone.

For almost three years I was employed as a police liaison officer here and got to work with many of my people and even went to Palm Island.

I studied hard and these days I am a police constable at Stuart Station on the western outskirts of Townsville.

My dad Gary has been a wonderful role model for me and my brothers Gus, aged 27, and Bradley, 23. He has always taught us to be good citizens and to be proud of our Aboriginal heritage and to play sport, which he reckons is a character builder.

In January Gus and I played for Mingela at the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in Charters Towers and we enjoyed that even though we didn't do very well.

Bradley is the best cricketer by far of us all and starred when Queensland won the

Imparja Cup in Alice Springs during February.

When I manage to get time off work I enjoy going fishing with my cousin Mick Prien, also a Bindal man. While I fish with rod and reel Mick does it the traditional way with a spear. We also catch lots of mud crabs when we set our pots.

I have spent a month working as a policeman at Collinsville, which is near Bowen and south of Townsville.

It is a small mining town and so very different to Townsville which now has a population of 180,000.

Life is very good for me, and next year in July I am going to marry my wonderful girlfriend Kylie O'Neill.

We have purchased a house together and plan to have several children.

It will be a big wedding with family, friends and guests coming from Moranbah, Aurukun, Palm Island, Brisbane, Cairns and the Torres Strait.

We have just bought some gym equipment for under our house so we can get fit.

The reason life is so good for me is because of my close-knit family.

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OUR CHILDREN



TOWNSVILLE'S Danika Buie, 17, and Boigu Island's Annie Ingui, 18, are looking forward to a trip to Canberra this week. They're due in the national capital today to attend the Murra Mullangari Pathways program which aims to help transition high-achieving Indigenous secondary school students into an array of health careers. Photo by Alf Wilson

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Top line-up for Unearthed



PUTTING their best foot forward (and back) before strutting the catwalk in Melbourne last month were models from the inaugural Indigenous Fashion Unearthed event. Co-founded by Aboriginal photographer Wayne Quilliam and Maori women Tina Waru and Erica Lambert, the event at the famous Spiegeltent was part of the 2013 L'Oréal Fashion Week and is believed to have been the largest gathering of Australian and New Zealand Indigenous designers and models. Pictured here, from left, are Unearthed participants Scott McPhee, Nathan Williams, Elesha Millar, Elesha Marie, Marlikka Perdrisat, Amba-Rose Atkinson, Kiara Woods, Merinda Dryden, Shani Nelson, Sophie Dryden, Dawn McGuinness, Shanice Whiley, Stella Gartlett, Rhys Carter Coleman and Tracy Paniona. ● Turn to pages 38 and 39 for more coverage from this model event. *Photo by Wayne Quilliam*

New figures confirm our poor position



IT'S official but, sadly, not especially surprising: Perth is now home to four of Australia's five most advantaged suburbs, while Aboriginal communities have been relegated to the bottom of the wealth heap.

With the nation's population edging towards 23 million over the next three months, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures released on 28 March confirmed WA's reputation as the most prosperous state, with people flocking there in record numbers. The resources rivers of gold delivered it a \$239 billion economy last year, and the ABS says more than 80,000 people moved there up to last September, a record increase of 3.4 per cent.

The ABS also revealed millionaires' row Peppermint Grove, situated on the north bank of the Swan River in

Disadvantage greatest in Aboriginal communities, ABS reports

Perth's west, as the most advantaged area in Australia.

The ABS' Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) ranks suburbs according to relative advantage and disadvantage, with the north shore Sydney area of Ku-ring-gai second on the list. Nedlands, Cottesloe and Cambridge, all western Perth suburbs, make up the top five.

Australia's most disadvantaged area is said to be the Aboriginal community of Yarrabah, 50km east of Cairns, in Queensland.

Cherbourg in Queensland, Belyuen in the Northern Territory, Aurukun in Queensland and Woorabinda in Queensland make up the top five disadvantaged suburbs in Australia.

The official population of Australia stood at 22,785,500 on 30 September 2012.

That was an increase of 382,500 since 30 September 2011 and 101,900 since 30 June 2012.

Australia's overseas migration was 32 per cent higher than the previous year, with 228,000 joining the population – the highest in almost five years.

Those numbers accounted for around 60 per cent of Australia's total population growth.

Last year's 303,600 births represented an increase of 2.7 per cent, while the 149,100 deaths represented an increase of 1.3 per cent. – **AAP and the Koori Mail**



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Ernie Bridge pictured in 2005 at the Mundaring Reservoir outside Perth. Mr Bridge's overriding ambition in politics was to 'fix the droughts' by creating a water pipeline from the Kimberley to Kalgoorlie, with a branch line to South Australia. *Newspix image*

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State funeral for 'Mister Kimberley'



THE family of trailblazing Aboriginal politician Ernie Bridge has accepted the Western

Australian Government's offer of a state funeral.

Mr Bridge, the Kimberley MLA from 1980 to 2001, died in Perth from asbestos-related diseases on Easter Sunday, aged 76.

He was WA's first Aboriginal MP and the first Indigenous cabinet minister in any Australian government.

The family has agreed to a state funeral to be held from 10am on 19 April at Arena Joondalup, north of Perth.

The father-of-four will then be buried at a private ceremony in Pinnaroo.

Mr Bridge recently lodged a Supreme Court writ seeking damages from parties including companies run by two of the nation's richest women – Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting and

Angela Bennett's Wright Prospecting.

He claimed he was exposed to asbestos while overseeing the closure of mines and withdrawal of government services from Wittenoom in the late 1980s.

His family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia.

Served as minister

Mr Bridge served as a minister under WA Labor leaders Brian Burke, Peter Dowding and Carmen Lawrence.

The Order of Australia Member and Centenary Medal recipient was praised for his commitment to Aboriginal affairs and was well known for promoting the concept of piping water from the Kimberley to Perth via Kalgoorlie. He was also a country music singer and former pastoralist.

Tributes for him came thick

and fast, many of them invariably describing the man known as 'Mr Kimberley' as a true gentleman.

Former ALP national president and now Generation One CEO Warren Mundine described Mr Bridge as 'a beacon' who showed other Aboriginal people in politics what could be achieved. Federal Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion said Mr Bridge's passion, commitment and achievements earned him the respect of all sides of politics.

Lawyer Simon Millman, of the firm Slater and Gordon, confirmed that Mr Bridge's family would be able to continue the legal fight because the claim had been lodged while he was still alive.

Family members have not yet indicated whether they will continue the action. – **By AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail**

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Denmark post for first Indigenous envoy



DAMIEN MILLER



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous ambassador is headed to the nation's embassy in Denmark next month.

Damien Miller, a career diplomat, is the first Indigenous Australian appointed as head of an overseas mission. Foreign Minister Bob Carr announced on 1 April that as well as being Australia's ambassador to Denmark, Mr Miller would have

responsibility for international relations with Norway and Iceland.

Mr Miller, a Gangulu man who grew up in Brisbane, has been deputy head of mission at Australia's embassy in Germany and has previously served in the Australian High Commission in Malaysia. He'll replace James Choi when he takes up his new position next month.

Mr Miller holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and

Trade from Monash University and a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of NSW. He was the 1993 national NAIDOC Aboriginal Scholar of the Year.

Mr Carr's announcement made good on a promise by his ministerial predecessor Kevin Rudd last year that the Government would soon announce Australia's first Indigenous ambassador.

Australia and Denmark have a significant trading relationship, with

two-way trade in 2012 exceeding \$1.3 billion. Principal Australian exports include food and beverages and Danish imports include meats, medical supplies and electric equipment. Australia and Denmark also work closely together on issues including international security and climate change. – *With AAP*

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NSW Govt releases new Aboriginal plan

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people will be at the heart of decision making under a new Aboriginal affairs plan released on Friday by the NSW Government.

Called OCHRE – Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment – the plan includes reforms to support students to stay at school and transition to work, builds local decision-making skills in communities, and ensures government and communities are more accountable on spending.

It was created by a task force comprised of Aboriginal leaders, government ministers and senior government officials.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said the NSW Government understood it had to focus on education, employment and accountability.

The initiatives contained in the report would cost about \$11 million a year, he said, but he stressed it was not a 'quick-fix plan'.

"This is a plan for the future," Mr Dominello said.

'Opportunity hubs'

He said 'opportunity hubs' would be created in selected communities to provide 'pathways to real jobs by getting employers involved in career planning early on at schools.

As well, Aboriginal language and culture 'nests' would provide a continuous pathway of learning from preschool to tertiary education, for both teachers of language and students.

The plan also promises that an effective remuneration package would be developed for Elders and language speakers prepared to share their knowledge, and local communities would endorse all teachers.

Mr Dominello said Aboriginal people told the task force that teaching and preserving Aboriginal language and culture built people's pride and identity.

"Proud young people want to go to school, and proud parents want their kids to do well at school," he said.

"We will train and employ more Aboriginal language teachers to grow more language learners by linking schools, TAFEs, universities and communities."

Mr Dominello said the plan also recognised it was important that Aboriginal people were empowered to make decisions on behalf of their communities.

He said a local decision-making model, which would be informed by research into successful place-based programs in Australia, North America and New Zealand, would be developed.



NSWALC and Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations chairperson Stephen Ryan speaks, with Minister Victor Dominello, Danny Lester and Professor Shane Houston looking on.

Another initiative, Connected Communities, which had already been announced by the NSW Education Minister, would help change the way education was delivered in 15 regional schools by working with Aboriginal communities.

Mr Dominello said a new accountability framework would be developed to ensure targets were meaningful and reported regularly.

Independent council

He said an independent Aboriginal Council would be legislated, and would include five Aboriginal non-government people chosen largely for their skills and expertise, rather than as representatives of particular organisations or geographic regions.

"This council will be headed by an independent co-coordinator general, who will work with government agencies to broker solutions and obtain information to assist the council is assessing the Government's performance," Mr Dominello said.

Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) chief executive Danny Lester noted the NSW Cabinet had accepted all recommendations of the task force, but 'the hard work starts from today'.

Youth representative Maydina Penrith said it was the responsibility of communities to come together to make it work.

She said that if communities invested in young people, then the young people would return the investment.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council and Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) chairperson Stephen Ryan said he hoped the new arrangements could set the foundations for positive change.

"Our community doesn't expect miracles," he said.

"We realise change takes time and we realise that change for the better starts in our own hearts and homes."

Mr Ryan said it was the first time since 'the first boatload of illegal immigrants came to this country that a government had tried to enter into a real partnership with our mob'.



Youth representative Maydina Penrith speaks at the release of the plan.



GREG SMITH

Juvenile justice centre closed



THE number of young people held in custody in NSW has dropped in the past 18 months, leading to the closure of a juvenile jail in Sydney's west, the State Government said.

The closure of Emu Plains Juvenile Justice Centre comes as stage one of a \$40 million upgrade of nearby Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre in St Marys is completed.

"The number of young people in custody has dropped over the past 18 months and the beds at Emu Plains will be replaced by three new accommodation units at Cobham," Justice Minister Greg Smith said.

"The upgrade of Cobham provides a more secure working environment for staff and better conditions to deliver rehabilitation and education programs, and health services."

Mr Smith said the Emu Plains centre opened in 2009 to accommodate rapidly rising numbers of young people in custody, particularly on remand.

The former periodic detention facility was retrofitted to accommodate young offenders, and will now be handed back to NSW Corrective Services.

Indigenous over-representation in national juvenile incarceration rates has decreased in recent years but, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), Indigenous young people were still 24 times as likely as other young people to be in detention on an average day in 2010-11.

The Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT maintains that overpolicing of Aboriginal youth and what it considers the misuse of the juvenile detention system by magistrates in rural areas with large Aboriginal populations are contributing to high rates of Indigenous juvenile incarceration in NSW.

— AAP, with additional reporting by Koori Mail



Noongar people and members of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) and YACWA outside court in Perth.

Legal action over Hakea detentions

Report by LIZ MURRAY
Photos by MICHAELA PEARCE



LEGAL action is under way in Western Australia over the detention of juveniles at Hakea men's prison.

In the Supreme Court in Perth last Wednesday, the parents of the detained children requested a judicial review of the State Government decision to declare parts of Hakea prison a juvenile detention centre.

George Newhouse, the head of Shine Lawyers' social justice team, appeared on behalf of the parents, who he said should remain anonymous due to fears of retribution against their detained children.

The Noongar community, the Uniting Church, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) and Youth Affairs Council of WA supported the parents outside the court.

Noongar Elder Ben Taylor, who attended with justice campaigner Marianne Headland McKay, said the Government had a responsibility to ensure juvenile detainees had appropriate access to education, bail services and diversionary programs.

"We have applied to the Supreme Court to have the decisions of the minister to declare parts of Hakea a youth detention centre, and the decision of the Commissioner for Corrective Services to send young offenders to Hakea, overturned on the basis that the decisions do not conform with the *Young Offenders Act*," Mr Newhouse said.

He said departmental failures to adequately maintain suitable alternatives to Hakea and diversionary accommodation for kids in remand had led to the crisis. The juvenile detainees were



Noongar Elder Uncle Ben Taylor addressing media outside the WA Supreme Court and, right, supporters of the legal action Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) members Paul Kaplan and Bruce Campbell outlining their concerns for the juvenile detainees.



'often being manacled in the time that they are outside of their room and whenever they are transported or make phone calls', he said.

They were also not receiving proper health or psychological care and there had been allegations of assaults and racist abuse, he added.

Media reports had claimed some detainees were as young as ten, Mr Newhouse said.

"Why are ten-year-old boys being kept in an adult prison?" he asked.

Commissioner for Children and Young People figures at the time of the recent Banksia Hill detention centre riot, which sparked the Hakea moves, indicated 60 per cent Banksia Hill detainees were on remand, only 20 per cent of them were likely to get a custodial sentence, and Aboriginal youths made up 67.5 per cent of the centre's population. The day before the legal action

was launched, WA Premier Colin Barnett defended the Government's actions, in response to observations of Hakea's conditions from Children's Court judge Denis Reynolds.

Judge Reynolds last month requested submissions from lawyers in his court regarding Hakea's conditions, for consideration when sentencing young offenders.

Claims rejected

The Premier's claim on ABC Radio that Hakea's juvenile detainees were 'serious repeat offenders' was rejected by Mr Newhouse.

"I have spoken to mothers, one of whom told me that her child is in Hakea on remand for stealing cans of Coke, three times. Now, that is not a hardened criminal; that is not a child who should be kept in an adult prison at a cost of \$624 per day," Mr Newhouse said.

The Premier's further comments blamed juvenile detainees now at Hakea Prison for the January riot at Banksia Hill.

However, commenting on inmate muster fluctuations, a WA Department of Corrective Services spokesperson said last month that some juvenile remandees were released in as little as two or three days. The juvenile detainee muster at Hakea has also increased from an initial 73 youths to 123, according to department statistics available last fortnight.

The causes of the riot are still yet to be determined by the Custodial Inspectorate inquiry.

Mr Newhouse said children who had never been convicted of any crime should be diverted out of the prison system.

Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis was approached for comment but did not respond.

Jessica is right on song

AMERICAN television personality Ellen DeGeneres one week and some of the nation's sporting greats the next. Darwin singer Jessica Mauboy has rubbed shoulders with some impressive company lately, consolidating her unofficial status as a representative of shining Australian talent. On 23 March, Mauboy taped an appearance on DeGeneres' TV show *Ellen* on a floating stage on Sydney Harbour. And last week, she performed at Southport, Queensland, during the public launch of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (pictured here). She graced the stage alongside former and current sporting luminaries swimmer Kieren Perkins, hurdler Sally Pearson and runner Simon Patmore to mark exactly five years until the Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018. *Newspix image*



Fight for stolen wages goes on

NT set to get more officers

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Estelle Sandow and Pauline Hannam's mother Yvonne Sandow was a young woman, she was sent to work as a domestic at a station near Tara, in south Queensland, where Americans were contracted to build a pipeline.

"The Yanks got paid and went home – my mother's still waiting for her pay and that was 1952," Ms Hannam says.

Ms Sandow (Snr), now 88, and her daughters are some of the many Indigenous Queenslanders who have not been fully paid for work they did and have been disappointed by successive state governments refusing to pay just recompense.

For the past several years, the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) has been running a campaign called Stolen Wages seeking full payment of the \$55.4 million promised by Premier Peter Beattie in 2002 to Indigenous people who were still alive and had their wages stolen.

Last week in Brisbane, Reverend Alex Gater hosted a gathering of some Stolen Wages victims. The meeting was also attended by Les Muckan, the Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson for the Katter's Australian Party (KAP).

The KAP has taken the stolen



Pictured at last week's stolen wages meeting in Brisbane, from left, Dhana Bokelund, ten-year-old Hannah Clarke, Gordon Dale, Cyril Clevens, Pauline Hannam, Alex Davison, Aidan McLindon, Thomas Sebasio, Les Muckan and Jeff Gater. Seated, from left, Rev Alex Gater, Vera Hill and Estelle Sandow.

wages issue to heart, with Mr Muckan and national director Aidan McLindon promising to help raise awareness about it, lobby the Newman Government for full payment, and refer the matter to the Queensland Crime and Conduct Commission.

Jailed

Gubbi Gubbi man Alex Davison said that as a young man he worked at the Cherbourg sawmill and spent time in Boggo Road jail because he questioned the amount his pay was docked when he was sick for one day.

Rev Gater also worked in Cherbourg, at the hospital, when she was 16.

"We did all the work, scrubbed the floors, helped the nurses with the patients. We were nurse's aides and befriended a lot of the nurses, who pointed out that although we were doing the same – and more – work, we were not getting paid," she said.

"I called a strike and six of us went out for 24 hours. We were told unless we went back to work we'd be sent to jail, but we made them sit up and take notice.

"A lot of Aboriginal women were

sexually abused. These people broke God's law, they broke Aboriginal law, and the church and other people and groups benefited.

"Sorry is not enough. People prospered off the back of Aboriginal work and it is time to repent and compensate."

The Elders at the meeting said they feared that the longer the campaign went on, more people would die without receiving their money.

Payments of \$2000 and \$4000 were made from the 2002 funding package to people who had documentary proof that their wages had not been paid and, while more than \$30 million was eventually paid to more than 5000 people, in 2008 the Labor Government put the remaining \$21.23 million into an Indigenous education foundation.

The education foundation was considered contentious because many young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people felt they were being given money that should have gone to their Elders.

In December last year, a spokesperson for Premier Campbell Newman told the *Koori Mail* that the Government had 'no intention of re-opening the issue' and that people who felt they had not received justice could sue.

There will be a rally outside the Queensland Parliamentary Annexe at 12.30pm next Wednesday, 17 April, organised by Elders in conjunction with QCU and KAP.



THE Federal Government is moving to increase the number of Indigenous engagement

officers (IEO) in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities. It says the number of IEOs will increase from 30 to 54 by June 2014.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister and Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said between 60 and 90 full-time and part-time positions based in regional and remote areas, Alice Springs and Darwin would be advertised and filled by local Aboriginal people.

"Indigenous engagement officers are drawn from local communities, understand local cultures and can speak local languages," Ms Macklin said.

"They play a vital role linking people to important services and strengthening relationships between the Government and people in remote communities."

Mr Snowdon said the new IEO positions would be part of engagement teams in centres including the Utopia homelands, Mutitjulu and Elliott.

"They will work with a government engagement coordinator and other staff to help their community and government work together better," he said.

Tributes flow after plane crash deaths



NT NORTHERN Territory communities have been shaken by the deaths of a well-loved Aboriginal Elder and her family in a plane crash during Easter. The 53-year-old Tiwi woman, her 45-year-old electrical contractor husband (who was flying the plane) and their teenage daughters took off in a Cessna 210 from the NT's Bullo River Station in the afternoon on Monday, 1 April. They failed to arrive as planned at the Emkaytee Airfield near Darwin, where the Top End Flying Club is based.

Parts of an aircraft and the bodies of a man, a woman and a girl were found on a remote beach near Cape Ford, southwest of Darwin, the next day.

A search for the other child and the fuselage of the plane was

called off late afternoon last Wednesday.

"Authorities today concentrated their land, air and sea search around the Anson Bay area but, apart from minor wreckage believed to be from the plane, have not located anything further," NT Police Acting Commander Mark Christopher said in a statement.

"Advice we have received is that it's highly unlikely the plane would have remained intact. The terrain and tidal movements have made it extremely difficult to find the crash site."

The family was well known and respected on Bathurst Island, and news of the tragedy has hit the community hard.

Family friend Fab Kantilla said people on Melville Island, just north of Darwin, where the woman grew up, were devastated.

"I was shocked, I couldn't

believe it," she told AAP. "The news travelled fast. It's a little community."

The deceased woman helped implement the ground-breaking NT 1974 Aboriginal Land Rights Act and was one of the Territory's most revered Aboriginal Elders.

Close friend Rosie Baird, who went to school with her and sat on an ATSIC regional council with her, described her as 'a sister'.

Bad dream

"It's like we woke up to a bad dream," she said. "It's hard to take when we've still got our mothers around and we're losing the next generation."

AIATSIS chairperson Mick Dodson also paid tribute to the Tiwi Elder, describing her as a tireless champion and passionate campaigner for her people.

"It is an understatement to say

that (she) was hugely respected everywhere she went – from the boardrooms and offices in Canberra or Darwin, to the remote and isolated communities scattered across Indigenous Australia," Prof Dodson said. "We have lost a great leader and a good friend. She will be missed."

Top End Flying Club secretary Mark Christie said the amateur aviation community was in shock.

"We all knew them ... they went away for Easter and to know that a family like that didn't make it back is awful," he said.

Federal Labor senator Trish Crossin said Territorians would share 'the shock and tears'.

"These people played an important role in our community and the territory and, as we struggle to find words to comfort you, then know they will be remembered for what they gave to

us," she wrote on Facebook.

Tributes from other locals flowed on Facebook for the male crash victim, a life member and former player of the St Mary's football club in Darwin.

"Respected you as a footballer, even though I thought you played for the wrong team, and as a businessman and person," Andy Collier wrote.

"You never forgot my name and always said hello. RIP... A sad day for those who knew you."

A memorial service for the family was expected to be held at Emkaytee airfield over the weekend.

A report for the Coroner will be prepared by the NT Police while the Australian Transport Safety Bureau will conduct an investigation into the incident.

– AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail.



Reko Rennie (on ladder) adds a few finishing touches at the mural launch on 23 March. Photo courtesy City of Sydney.

Future looks bright in Redfern



NSW THE future is bright for a bunch of Aboriginal teenagers who helped to create one of Sydney's most compelling public art pieces. And so is the mural they and Aboriginal artist Reko Rennie have created as a landmark and monument to the Aboriginal history, activism,

community and culture of The Block at Redfern.

Welcome to Redfern, launched on 23 March, covers an entire terrace house at the top of Caroline Street and utilises the red, black and yellow of the Aboriginal flag, as well as paste-ups of famous figures of Aboriginal history such as resistance fighter Pemulwuy, and life-size

painted portraits of some of the young artists. The launch, attended by Lord Mayor Clover Moore, Aboriginal Elders, the artists and their families and friends, marked the beginning of the City of Sydney's Eora Journey program, curated by Hetti Perkins, to create a trail of sites around Sydney that are significant to Aboriginal peoples.

Queensland takes over community policing



TSI THE Torres Strait Community Police Service will soon be under the auspices of the Queensland Police Service (QPS), with officers expected to be sworn in next year. Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) Mayor Fred Gela said there were 36 TSI community police officers and two administration staff.

"To see our community police in uniform when I am visiting our islands gives me a sense of security and reassures me that our constituents have access to, when required, this essential front line service at their fingertips," he said. "It has not been a slap-dash effort either."

"We have established the community police professionally and in accordance with all requirements, while always working closely with QPS. Since establishment, we have seen many reported incidents where our community police officers have performed outstandingly, resolving situations that would have otherwise escalated without their presence, which alone proves the service's success."

"Now that the service is fully grown and established we are happy to hand it over to the capable hands of the QPS, whose professionalism and structure will ensure that our people retain the quality service of community police on ground."

Police Minister Jack Dempsey said the Government wanted community driving policy for the Torres Strait.

"We want to give power back to the communities and are looking at giving community police officers new ways to deliver service," Mr Dempsey said.

Mayor Gela said Community Police officers would now have the opportunity to be sworn in as officers of the QPS.

"We'd like to continue talking about the idea of a cluster service concept with a police station in each cluster of islands," he said.

"This way it would only take a short trip in an efficient watercraft to attend to situations in each community promptly."



Frankie Jackson (aka Andrew Saunders) is trying to do his weekly shop but can't seem to shake security. One of Saunders' other alter egos, Ray Ray Boy the Koori Zumba instructor, appeared at the Deadly Funny National Showcase at the Melbourne Comedy Festival last weekend.

YouTube hit has a serious side

By RUDI MAXWELL



WHEN Andrew Saunders uploaded his song 'Cause I'm Aboriginal

to YouTube, he expected a bit of a buzz about the parody of boy band One Direction's song *What Makes You Beautiful*, but he didn't know how much.

Last week, the song had been viewed nearly 80,000 times. It has Saunders playing character Frankie Jackson trying to do his shop at the supermarket for bread, devon, 'mato sauce and salt, and being hassled by security, old white ladies with umbrellas and pointy elbows, and checkout chicks.

"I was in the supermarket the other day and there was this white lady with two kids and out of the corner of my eye I saw them looking at me, and the little fella pointing at me saying stuff to his mum. Then she came up to me and said 'I'm so sorry, you must think we're so rude but it's just that my kids can't stop singing your song.' So you've got white kids out there singing 'Cause I'm Aboriginal," Saunders said with a big laugh.

"It's all about breaking down barriers, shedding light

on the dark. We all want the same things, happiness, success, love... It's fairly simple."

Saunders, his brother Grant and cousin Jay Davis are Whiteblackatcha, an Aboriginal sketch comedy team who take stereotypes and amplify them to, as Saunders puts it, 'take the piss'.

But while their characters are hilarious and outrageous – like Ray Ray Boy, the Koori Zumba instructor who uses moves learned outrunning the cops, and Uncle Reggie, an Elder who likes to tell it how it is when he is welcoming people to country – there's a serious message about racism, ignorance and stereotypes underneath the laughs.

Provoke thought

"When I've looked at 'Cause I'm Aboriginal on Youtube there have been a lot of negative and racist comments, but I like that type of feedback because they're the ones I want to convert, to provoke thought in so they go away and think 'It is pretty stupid to be racist'," Saunders said.

"When you get to the bottom of racism and ignorance, it's time-wasting and life-wasting.

"We want to show people we're just the same, it's just that we've got an amazing culture."

"I could be a tiny bit biased, but I think Aboriginal people are the most talented, funniest, sportiest people in the world, who happen to have the most beautiful and oldest culture in the world – what a terrible thing to be Aboriginal!"

Ray Ray Boy and Uncle Reggie were expected to be part of the Deadly Funny National Showcase at the Melbourne Comedy Festival last weekend at the Melbourne Town Hall.

"I'm a little bit nervous," Saunders said before the show. "With my character I can ham it up. He's got a lot of effervescence. He's out there and he's so camp he makes most gay men look straight. I've just got to remember to stay in character."

Whiteblackatcha has released four online series on YouTube and is crowd-sourcing to fund more, as well as exploring avenues with television networks. To contribute go to <http://igg.me/at/whiteblackatcha/x/1114782>

To check out *Cause I'm Aboriginal* go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbkvoj6SC0w

Cape trial expansion ruled out

By DARREN COYNE



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has denied the Government is considering expanding the Cape York welfare trial into the Lockhart River Aboriginal

community. Ms Macklin came under fire last week after *The Australian* newspaper reported that she had 'privately flagged an expansion into ... Lockhart River, after a \$1.7 million independent evaluation report concluded there was evidence the program had cut crime and improved school attendance levels'.

Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council and residents reacted angrily to the report, saying the minister had not even visited the community, which had its own internal strategies working to address problems.

Mayor Wayne Butcher said the community did not need government or any other organisation interfering.

The *Koori Mail* contacted Ms Macklin's office to clarify the situation and was told, "The Government is not currently considering expanding the communities that are part of the trial."

"The trial followed 18 months of consultation and community engagement and the Government is aware it is not something that can just be imposed on additional communities without this engagement," a spokesperson for Ms Macklin said.

The furor erupted after the Queensland Government announced on 27 March that it would not fund the trial, championed by Indigenous leader Noel Pearson.

But the Government backed down just

a day later after intense lobbying, including intervention by Federal Liberal Leader Tony Abbott. It agreed to commit \$5.6 million for 2014.

Meanwhile, Family Responsibilities Commission head David Glasgow told *The Australian* that \$100 million had been spent delivering a 'Rolls-Royce' model in just four communities since it was started in 2008.

Mr Glasgow said the trial had duplication and inefficiencies and that savings needed to be found before it could become a benchmark for social change in Australia's Indigenous communities.

Others to criticise the trial included 'the elected leaders' of Cape York.

Huge investment

In a statement issued by the Regional Organisation of Councils of Cape York and Torres Shire, mayors said the present trial had not achieved the level of change warranted by the huge investment.

"The failure of the current strategy in the trial communities is clearly evident through the recent unrest in both Aurukun and Hope Vale communities," their statement said.

"The cape mayors believe that there has merely been a shift in the recording processes which has produced statistics that are not revealing the true position of the communities.

"They further believe that cape shire councils are best placed to manage reform from within, working in conjunction with government agencies, local police and other local entities."

The *Koori Mail* attempted to contact Noel Pearson for comment but received no reply.

WA desert region to get BasicsCard



THE Federal Government has expanded an income management scheme to Aboriginal communities in the desert region near Western Australia's border.

From 15 April, income management will be introduced to Laverton and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

Indigenous people will be able to volunteer to have their welfare payments quarantined and Centrelink social workers and child protection agencies will be able to refer people to the program. Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said community consultations held in October showed there was support for income management.

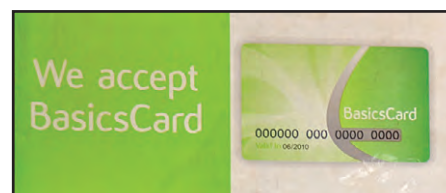
People who volunteer for BasicsCards will have 50 per cent of their income quarantined, but those on mandatory income management will have 70 per cent of their welfare payments put aside. Compulsory income management

has been used in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory since 2007.

Income management has also been introduced to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia and trial sites in Bankstown (NSW), Playford (South Australia), Shepparton (Victoria) and Rockhampton and Logan (Queensland).

Last year, a preliminary evaluation of income management in the NT said it was a disempowering control measure and there was little evidence it was helping people.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert said the program was being expanded in WA, despite being grossly expensive and unproven. "The Government has spoken about community support for this approach, but unfortunately this Government has a poor track record when it comes to consultation with communities," she said. – AAP



Wiradjuri Elder Michael Lyons is soon to head off on the trip of a lifetime as a guest performer at the Niort Tourism Festival in France.



French to have taste of culture

By LINDSAY HAYES

WIRADJURI Elder Michael Lyons, of Narrandera, will fly to France this month to showcase Aboriginal culture at the invitation of Niort City Council, in the European country's west.

The occasion is the 85th annual Niort Tourism Festival, which this year has an Australian focus.

Mr Lyons will be accompanied by fellow members of his cultural group, who visit local schools with artefacts to talk about Wiradjuri culture, play the didgeridoo and tell Dreamtime stories.

As official guests, the group's accommodation and other expenses will be met by the host city.

Mr Lyons' invitation came from Niort's Mayor, French parliamentary secretary Genevieve Gaillard.

In a personal letter to Mr Lyons, Madame Gaillard said the economic and festive event, one of the largest and most important in regional France, would this year be centred on the themes of rugby and Australia.

"It is under this banner that I would like to invite you and your Michael Lyons junior to travel to Niort in France and to participate," she said.

"You are an Australian Aborigine personality who represents your country and you are a symbol for one of the many facets of Australia that we wish to present to our visitors and media covering the event."

The invitation was subsequently extended to Michael's youngest son Barry and Mr Lyons' grandson, 20-year-old Nathan Smith, who are fellow members of his group.

Other Aboriginal guests at the festival are chef Mark Olive with his Outback

Cafe Restaurant and James Webb and his band of musicians and Wadumbah dancers.

The festival, which opens on 27 April, features 400 exhibitors and is expected to attract more than 60,000 visitors.

Assistant project manager at Niort Exhibition Park, translator Robert Green, contacted Mr Lyons last week by phone to confirm details.

Mr Lyons is still shaking his head in disbelief. "At first I thought someone was playing a joke," he said.

After talking further to Mr Green, he realised the invitation was 'fair dinkum'.

No joke

"It was a shock," he said.

"Robert told me tourists who visited my workshop had put photos of my artwork on YouTube and that's how they found out about me and I was selected."

The YouTube revelation was a surprise to him. By his own admission, Mr Lyons is not tech-savvy. He doesn't own a computer and said he could not even work a DVD player.

"They want us there three days before the festival, which goes for nine days and includes a two-day tour of Paris," he said.

"We have been asked to talk about Wiradjuri culture. We will take raw didgeridoos and boomerangs with us and paint them at the festival.

"We will do artwork on blank canvasses, which the festival organisers will provide, and tell the stories as we paint them."

Arrangements have been made with Qantas to take didgeridoos, other artefacts and paint on the plane.

The bush tucker, though, will have to stay behind.

"We can't take witchetty grubs," Mr Lyons said with a grin.

Police the spark for city rally



THE Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) will rally in Sydney later this month, protesting against what it says is the erosion of Aboriginal people's human rights and a lack of independent investigation of allegations of police brutality. At the forefront of the group's concerns is the handling of an incident in April last year in which a stolen car carrying four unarmed Aboriginal teens mounted the kerb of a busy footpath in Kings Cross, injuring a pedestrian and sending others fleeing.

Pursuing police fired their guns and two of the car's occupants, including the driver, were wounded and required emergency surgery. Bystanders recorded the arrests on their mobile phones, with the footage provoking a mixed public reaction from outrage at the youths' actions to claims of police brutality and over-reaction.

The youths were charged with various offences but it's understood that – a year after the incident – no officers have been charged, suspended or even counselled. An independent investigation was promised but hasn't happened. The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has advised there's insufficient evidence to charge any officers.

ISJA president Ray Jackson said the group called on NSW Police Minister Mike Gallacher to make public 'all reports, documents, files, police notebooks and any other documentation relative to the events some 12 months ago at Kings Cross to allow the families and the general public to view them'.

"Mike Gallacher has recently

consented to a full and open enquiry to the police violence at the recent (Sydney) Mardi Gras so we expect that same open frame of mind for the events surrounding the Kings Cross police," Mr Jackson said.

ISJA also called on NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith to order the NSW DPP to publically release the full legal reasonings behind the decision not to prosecute police.

"The NSW DPP found no case to answer for the Kings Cross police – no surprises there – but, whilst that may be sufficient for the NSW Government, the police and their union and not forgetting the DPP, what about the

victims involved, their families and the public?" Mr Jackson said.

"Do we not have a right to know the details of the investigating police report, corrupt as it most certainly would be, and the legal reasons why those police involved in thuggery cannot be prosecuted?"

"We have witness evidence of the police actions. We have photographic evidence of the police punching and kicking the wounded youth. The Kings Cross police acted with

unnecessary force, including the multiple use of their (pistols), against the wounded youth especially.

"What physical violence was used against the other two non-wounded youth? Were they bashed and kicked by other police also? We don't know, but we do know that it is our public right to know the full details of what eventuated during the events of that morning."

The ISJA rally will be held at 4pm on Friday, 26 April, outside Kings Cross Police Station.



RAY JACKSON

Alice Springs to host native title conference



THIS year's National Native Title Conference in Alice Springs will recognise the 20th anniversary of the *Native Title Act*.

The conference program includes speeches, dialogue forums, workshops and Indigenous talking circles.

It is convened by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the Central Land Council (CLC) on the traditional lands of the Central Arrernte people, the native title holders of the Alice Springs area, and will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre from 3-5 June.

This year's theme is 'Shaping the Future' and will cover topics including The *Native Title Act* 20 years on; Where to from here?; Indigenous governance; the Indigenous Estate and development options.

The *Native Title Act* was passed by the

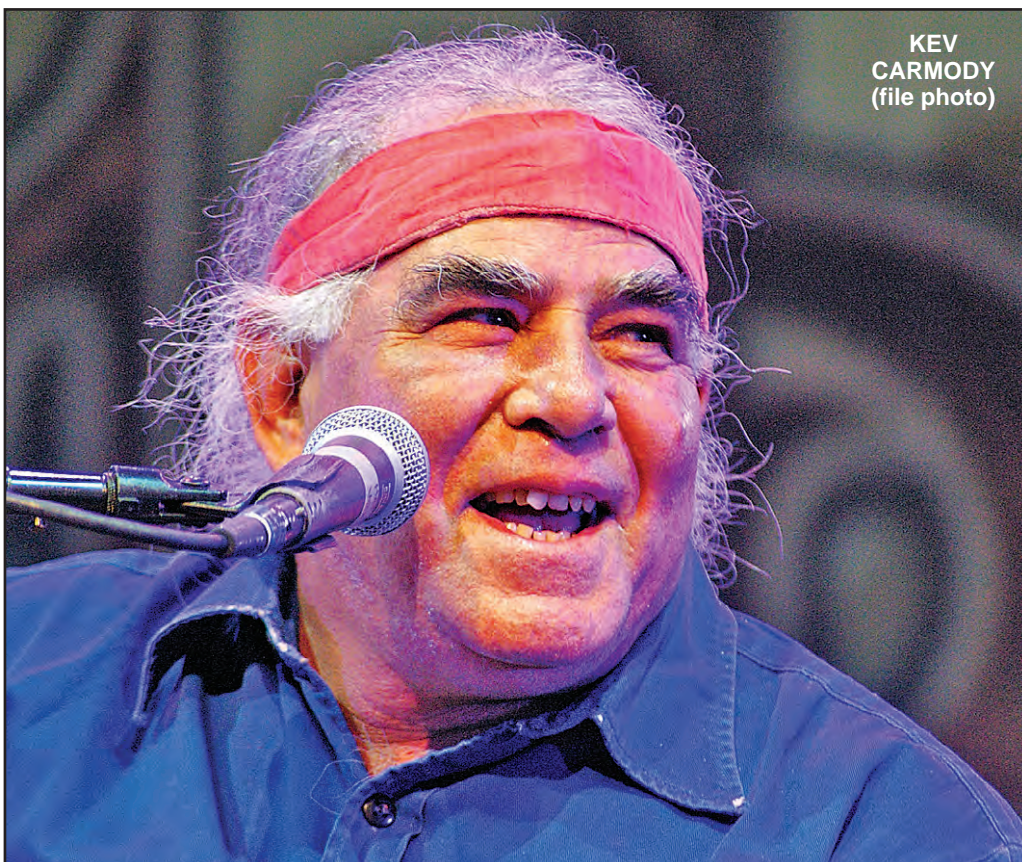
Keating Labor Government in response to the High Court's decision in *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* (1992). The Act started operation on 1 January 1994.

The conference brings together a range of native title stakeholders, and is the leading annual professional development event for staff of native title representative bodies/service providers and relevant government agencies, as well as independent native title practitioners and academics.

International keynote speaker will be author and legal scholar Professor Robert A Williams Jnr, from the University of Arizona.

Prof Williams is an American lawyer and expert in Federal Indian law, international law and Indigenous peoples' rights.

For more information or to register, visit www.aiatsis.gov.au or phone 02 6246 1108 and 02 6261 4250 or email ntconference@aiatsis.gov.au



KEV
CARMODY
(file photo)

We'll all be richer for Kev's win

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL singer Kev Carmody has some big plans for the \$60,000 he just scored by winning the Australia Council Don Banks Music Award.

And not one cent is destined for his own pocket. In keeping with his passion for telling stories through music, Carmody has recorded 50 songs, written throughout his career but never taped, and plans to create a visual educational project.

"With the educational tool there will be no narrator or anything. The visual image can tell the stories, such as a sunset or storm coming, migrating birds," Carmody told the *Koori Mail* last week.

"The music will be the soundtrack, with the lyrics explaining everything."

The singer, songwriter, storyteller, activist and artist received the award on Monday for his outstanding contribution to Australian music.

Australia Council music board chairman Professor Matthew Hindson described Kev Carmody as 'a talented and distinctly Australian artist, a storyteller of depth and integrity, as well as an extraordinary advocate for the rights and values of Indigenous Australians'.

"From blunt protest songs to poetic ballads, he performs with a clarity and grace that has won him fans across Australia and around the world," Prof Hindson said.

Carmody's songs draw on his life experience, with an eye for historical and political narratives. His songs cover land rights and black deaths in custody through to Christian theology, poverty in the United Kingdom and celebrations of all walks of life.

Unlike other artists who surround themselves with

"We used bicycle pumps, angle grinders, whatever was about."

"The family said 'You should record the songs that were never recorded,' and some of them go back to 1967. So I went to Andy's studio and put down 50 songs with just the guitar. I had to remember all the chords which was a bit difficult."

Carmody explained his passion for oral history by saying "Music has been used for tens of thousands of years to transmit culture."

He said his early life was spent driving around Queensland with his family, in the years when there was plenty of work about.

But with the advent of technologies that replaced a lot of rural work, Carmody moved to Brisbane, aged 33, determined to get an education.

He studied music, history and philosophy, and negotiated with his lecturers to present his essays in song.

"When I went to university I had no written language, my world was oral, just as Aboriginal law is carried in the oral tradition," he said.

Carmody wants the visual educational project to eventually be part of the school curriculum so that students could learn more about their country.

"I want to show the country and the land in all its primordial rawness," he said.

'I want to show the country and the land in all its primordial rawness'

hi-tech equipment and instruments when they record, Carmody says he takes a different approach, recording most of his songs in his mate Andy's converted shearing shed.

And when he needs a particular sound, he simply uses what might be lying around, such as a diesel drum, tire wire or a bit of wood.

From the 50 songs he recorded, Carmody is planning to release four CDs.

"I said to Andy, no drum kit and no bass guitar. You walk in and it's one take, using things that are available in the shed," he said.

Groups vow to step up mine fight



ABORIGINAL groups and environmentalists have vowed to step up the fight against a proposed uranium mine in Western Australia.

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke last week approved Toro Energy's \$269 million Wiluna uranium project, 30km south of the Wiluna township and about 960km north-east of Perth.

Mr Burke said the approval, which has 36 conditions attached, comes after 'a rigorous environmental assessment'.

"In considering the proposal I received expert advice from Geoscience Australia, the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, and the Supervising Scientist," Mr Burke said.

"These expert agencies provided advice to ensure that the proposal meets world's best practice environmental standards for uranium mining, and that the risks to the environment, including risks from radiation and to groundwater and surface water, can be acceptably managed. I have also considered public comments made throughout the assessment process in making my decision."

"The 36 strict conditions I have put in place will guard against any negative impacts from radiation or to groundwater and surface water, and include precautions to ensure that once the mine is closed, the site is safe for humans and animals, and is non-polluting."

The Australian Nuclear Free Alliance co-chair Peter Watts said he was disappointed at Mr Burke's decision. The Arabunna man, whose traditional lands neighbour the Olympic Dam uranium mine in SA, described the news as sad.

"Did the minister miss the news about the ongoing nuclear crisis at Fukushima?" he said.

"Toro and the Federal Government better get ready for a big fight because with the mining of uranium will always come opposition."

"We stand in solidarity with our



TONY BURKE

members and families in the West who do not want the mine to go ahead. We oppose uranium mining Australia-wide."

Anti-Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia spokesman Marcus Atkinson said Toro Energy would be faced with increased resistance from the public, and could have difficulty raising finance for the project.

"Australian uranium was in Fukushima – have we not learnt anything? On a good day uranium ends up as radioactive waste, on a bad day it ends up as nuclear fallout from reactors like Fukushima or from nuclear weapons," he said.

"Uranium mining in Australia has been plagued with leaks, spills, licence breaches and secrecy."

"Australians have inherited and will continue to inherit contaminated legacy sites, from Rum Jungle to Mary Kathleen, Alligator River, Wild Dog, Port Pirie, Ranger and Olympic Dam and now possibly Wiluna."

"Why would investors want to back a small inexperienced company with no proven track record?"

"This is a dying industry which is unsafe, unwanted and unnecessary. It's a bad deal for shareholders, a bad deal for West Australians and a bad deal for the environment."

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Jurrah to remain in prison



FORMER AFL player Liam Jurrah will remain behind bars on

assault charges after he abandoned his application for bail.

The 24-year-old Warlpiri man was last week charged with three counts of aggravated assault and one of unlawfully causing serious harm after an incident in the Northern Territory. Three women were assaulted at an Alice Springs 24-hour store in the early hours of 28 March.

Another man, Mathius Walker, has been charged with three counts of aggravated assault in relation to the incident.

In Alice Springs Magistrates Court last Friday, Jurrah's lawyer abandoned his bail application and the footballer was remanded in custody. The matter was adjourned until 29 May for a mention in the same court.

An assault resulting in serious harm carries a penalty of up to 14 years' jail in the NT.

Jurrah was last month acquitted in the Alice Springs Supreme Court of assaulting his cousin in a brawl last year.

The former Melbourne AFL player is from Yuendumu, and the court heard the brawl related to ongoing problems between rival families in the outback town.

He was accused last year of attacking a woman with a nulla nulla, but prosecutors did not proceed with that charge.

Two jailed over brawl

TWO men arrested with former AFL player Liam Jurrah over an assault in Central Australia have been jailed for their part in the crime.

Jurrah was cleared last month of attacking his cousin, Basil Jurrah, at a brawl at the Little Sisters town camp on the edge of Alice Springs last year.

In the Alice Springs Supreme Court on 25 March, Christopher Walker was sentenced to four years and six months' jail after pleading guilty to seriously harming Basil Jurrah, and to two separate counts of aggravated assault.

Josiah Fry pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault and was sentenced to 24 months in jail, suspended after 10 months. — AAP

\$120m Browse workers' camp given green light



A \$120 MILLION camp to house more than 850 fly-in, fly-out workers at the proposed gas hub in Western Australia's

Kimberley region has been given a conditional green light by a Western Australian Government planning panel. Amid some angry scenes from protesters, the Kimberley Joint Development Assessment Panel conditionally approved the camp, which would temporarily house workers while a bigger permanent camp is built nearer James Price Point — if Woodside Petroleum's \$40 billion project goes ahead.

The proposed camp will include a tavern and beer garden, a pool and sports field.

The oil and gas giant is sticking to its June schedule for a decision on building the onshore gas processing plant near Broome, with Premier Colin Barnett saying earlier this week that any delays could set the project back many years.



Traditional owner Richard Hunter at James Price Point in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Photo by Damian Kelly

Meanwhile, Goolarabooloo traditional owners in the area have voiced concerns after the WA Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL)

requested the removal of signs and bollards near a sensitive dune system.

The owners said they had been told on Friday the signs would be

removed if they were not taken down by Saturday. They feared this would clear the way for Woodside to begin work.

"After all our work trying to protect this area, jumping bureaucratic hoops, RDL are trying to barge through so that Woodside can get access to desecrate our country. For what?" senior law boss Phillip Roe said.

"There is no final investment decision on this project and everyone wants to float the gas."

Meanwhile, Woodside has been ordered to be a respondent in the WA Wilderness Society and traditional owner Richard Hunter's legal action against the WA Environment Protection Authority and Environment Minister over approvals for the gas hub.

Woodside applied to be part of the proceedings but withdrew its application, which the appellants objected to.

On Friday WA Chief Magistrate Wayne Martin ordered Woodside to join the proceedings. — AAP, with additional reporting by the Koori Mail

Law change hope in Bromley case

By LIZ MURRAY



LEGISLATION has passed through South Australia's parliament to allow criminal convictions to be reviewed if fresh contradictory evidence is discovered.

Once enacted, the *Statutes Amendment (Appeals) Bill 2012* will remove dependence on the executive arm of government when considering new evidence.

"As the law currently stands, if new and compelling evidence emerges, a convicted person must petition the Governor for mercy," SA Attorney-General John Rau said.

The new laws will mean a convicted person may seek a review from the Supreme Court, which Mr Rau described as a much more transparent process. If a person were granted a full pardon for a conviction on the basis that the evidence did not support it, the conviction could be quashed.

The chief justice will also be able to allow a full court to be constituted by two judges rather than the present three.

"These laws aim to create greater public confidence in the fairness and transparency of our justice system," Mr Rau said.

"It is pleasing that the laws have received support across the Parliament. I am also pleased to read reports of the complimentary remarks, reportedly made by former High Court justice Michael Kirby and former New South Wales director of public prosecutions Nick Cowdery regarding these laws."

Human rights lawyer Dr Bob Moles suggested there existed a significant number of cases that warranted review in SA, one of which was that of Aboriginal activist, Derek Bromley.

Mr Bromley has served nearly 30 years' jail and is now six years past his non-parole period after having been convicted in 1984 of the murder of Stephen Docoza.



Derek Bromley's brother Russell Milera and sister-in-law Robyn Milera and, right, human rights lawyer Dr Robert Moles.

"There are eminent experts who are willing to say that the evidence given at Derek's trial was incorrect and misleading," Dr Moles said. "(Mr Bromley) has a very strong case for having his conviction overturned."

But Dr Moles said that, although there were issues that needed to be resolved as soon as possible, there'd been a suggestion from the Attorney-General's office that it could be months before the new law was proclaimed.

Derek Bromley's family have long campaigned for his conviction to be reviewed.

Mr Bromley's sister-in-law, Robyn Milera, said the family had prepared an application for funding to run an appeal that was 'ready to go the minute the law is enacted'.

"We are confident it will be successful and hope that (Derek) will be a free man within the year," she said.

"Derek himself is very thankful to people like Bob Moles, Ann Bressington and media

supporters, as well as the SA Parliament, for seeing the need for this change and supporting its quick progress."

Although he was entitled to apply next month for release on parole, Mr Bromley was undecided about it, Ms Milera said.

"He would prefer to leave prison as a free man," she said. "(But), at the same time, he is anxious to have further re-socialisation opportunities, such as off-centre work in order to help prepare for the various challenges of re-entering the community after nearly 30 years inside."

Ms Milera said Mr Bromley remained a very positive person, who wanted to use his experiences to help others and effect some beneficial change in the years ahead.

"We are all so happy that this has happened in South Australia and believe that the move will inspire other states to turn attention to their own legislation and follow suit," she said.

Exhibition brings hidden tale to life

By JILLIAN MUNDY



PARRAWA
Parrawa! Go away!
a new permanent
exhibition at the
Tasmanian Museum
and Art Gallery

(TMAG) brings the too often hidden history of the Black War in Tasmania into public view.

It's a story that needs to be told, according to the gallery's senior curator of Indigenous cultures Tony Brown.

"A lot of people out there are in denial that it happened; they did not know it happened or don't believe it happened," Mr Brown told the *Koori Mail*.

He said the war, waged in the 1820s and 30s, has been written about but not told in an exhibition or on film.

"To my knowledge, this is only the second time that an exhibition of this kind has happened. The first one was at the National Museum of Australia and it was only up for a short period of time. It was taken down because of public outcry."

Wandering through the dimly lit gallery – befitting of this dark and uncomfortable period of history – the voice of Aboriginal activist Jim Everett bellowing 'parrawa parrawa go away you white buggers, what business have you here?' packs a powerful punch.

Mr Everett's voice is part of a re-enactment played on continuous loop film in the gallery.

Mr Brown explained that the dialogue came from a well-documented attack during the Black War on Sherwood, a farm in the central highlands of Tasmania.

"They were standing on the hill yelling out 'Parrawa parrawa, go away you white buggers, what business have you here?'."

"Parrawa parrawa' means go away. That was one of the things that both the Aboriginals and Europeans were saying to each other. They wanted us to go away too; that's how we came up with the name."

Sourced from newspapers of the time, historic journals, court proceedings and other official



Indigenous cultures curators Tony Brown and Zoe Rimmer at the entrance to TMAG's new permanent exhibition *Parrawa Parrawa! Go away!* – not the typical statement on offer at a gallery entrance but entirely appropriate in this context. In the background is Thomas Bock's depiction of Manalargenna.

documents and told through the voices of Aboriginal people and colonists, the new exhibition tells the story of lutruwita (Tasmania) following invasion.

"It's not painting Aboriginal people as [only] victims. There was a black war with Aboriginal people actively fighting and defending their country – it really presents the facts of what happened. There are stories and examples; you can't deny the fact it happened," Indigenous cultures curator Zoe Rimmer explained.

Visitors experience this history through the filmed re-enactment, as

well as written accounts, genuine artefacts and artistic installations.

A panel within the gallery describes the building itself as 'the engine room of invasion', where food, clothing and handcuffs to restrain Aboriginal people were organised for participants of the infamous Black Line.

The use of the word 'invasion' itself tells a story of changing attitudes and Tasmania's often hidden history.

"We had a few issues with some of the TMAG trustees; we use it everywhere – most people are accepting it, because it is what

happened," Mr Brown said.

TMAG reopened last month following its four-month, \$30 million redevelopment, and Mr Brown said feedback on the new Aboriginal gallery had been fantastic and interest from schools phenomenal.

Ms Rimmer said many teachers wanted to focus on the Black War in the classroom but did not know how to go about it.

"We actually do more in relation to teaching about Tasmanian Aboriginal issues than the education department themselves, with a lot less funding," Mr Brown added.

"(But) it's really just a snapshot. I don't think we do justice to the Aboriginal community because the space is so small."

Still, it's a far cry from Mr Brown's early days with the TMAG in 1997 when the Tasmanian Aboriginal gallery portrayed a mainly skewed anthropological view.

"[The Aboriginal Gallery] was put in the too hard basket – it's there, just leave it there attitude."

"People are a lot more aware and there is a lot more interest now."

Parrawa Parrawa! Go away! complements TMAG's other Tasmanian Aboriginal gallery ningina tunapri, which has a broader focus on tradition, culture and contemporary events.

Originally opened in 2007, ningina tunapri has been updated to include recent events and reorganised into a smaller space after being closed for almost a year.

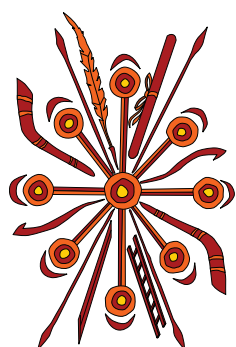
There's now also a welcome to country spoken in language at the entrance inside the museum.

For more than a century, the relationship between the TMAG and the local Aboriginal community was fraught.

In 1943, the TMAG was started by the Royal Society of Tasmania, a group of scientists best remembered by Aborigines for grave robberies and the macabre desecration and trade of their people's bodies. It was not until 1976 that the TMAG reluctantly handed over the stolen remains, including those of Truganini, and a more conciliatory relationship began to develop.

Mr Brown and his team are working on public education programs for the galleries, as well as an Indigenous garden at TMAG's new entrance, which features plants used for basket making, food and bush medicines. A soundscape of Aboriginal voices speaking language will be incorporated too.

TMAG has also developed an Aboriginal career pathways program, with two trainee positions advertised only last week.



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Drinking campaign helps Beat da Binge

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A COMMUNITY-initiated binge drinking awareness campaign in a north Queensland Aboriginal community is working, according to results released last month by researchers at James Cook University (JCU).

In just two years, binge drinking at Yarrabah, south-east of Cairns, reduced by 16 per cent, awareness of what binge drinking was increased by 27 per cent, awareness of what a standard drink was increased by 16 per cent, and spirit drinking was reduced.

The 'Beat da Binge' initiative was developed by Gindaja Treatment and Healing Centre in partnership with other local community organisations and focused on binge drinking as a key concern in the community.

Gindaja CEO Ailsa Lively said local youth were engaged in almost every aspect of the project, including staffing promotional tables at various events, carrying out surveys, data entry and presentation of the results.

The two-year \$250,000 project, funded through the Federal Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy, was a collaboration between Yarrabah community organisations such as Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, the Yarrabah PCYC, the state school and other agencies as well as including researchers from the Cairns Institute at JCU, the University of Newcastle, and the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of NSW.

JCU Cairns Institute Professor of Education for Social Sustainability Komla Tsey said even the title of the project – Beat da Binge – and the logo were developed by Yarrabah people themselves.



Casual researchers Lavin Keyes, Chantell Thomas from Yarrabah and Janya McCalman from JCU.

"Like most young Australians, many young people in Yarrabah drink with the intent to get drunk – they binge drink," Professor Tsey said.

"But what we really wanted to explore, is why young people drink at harmful levels and what can be done to change this behaviour.

"And we also learned that, if young people are the targets of the Beat da Binge project, then

young people had to be at the centre of all aspects of the project, including the research component.

"Our survey showed that young people in Yarrabah drink because they are 'bored' but bored did not mean there was not enough entertainment.

"Young people described bored as meaning that there was a lack of purpose and meaning in life, training, employment or activities.

"As a result and, more



Yarrabah youth were employed to do the data entry of the survey results for the Beat da Binge evaluation.

importantly, these same young adults also articulated their solutions to being bored, which I think is a really positive step forward.

"For example, they highlighted they wanted further mentoring in education, training and employment."

Ms Lively said youth were engaged and employed at every possible stage of the project.

"The youth were engaged to survey members of the youth population of the community and then, after the interviews had been completed, they assisted JCU in entering the data into their system to gather the information around the effects of binge drinking," she said.

"We had Lavin Keyes and Chantell Thomas attend the 2011 AIATSIS conference to present the initial findings of the Beat da Binge evaluations."

Two years and 24 related events later, they had results they could compare to that time.

"From a community perspective, we believe that our two-year Beat da Binge project has shown some progress in

reducing the number of people binge drinking and increasing awareness.

"Young people are acknowledging there are issues with binge drinking.

"It's sad we can't continue this program because the evaluation showed that promotion and being out there and engaging and empowering young people has worked.

"We have presented this information to a meeting in the community forum for all the stakeholders and any other people in the community who were interested and from that meeting there was a list of actions that we would like to follow through on, not just let it sit there.

"Once the final report is out in June, any one of the partner agencies who wanted to look for funding to assist the youth in engaging and empowering them, give them better opportunities, could use this report to source funding to do that type of work.

"There hasn't been a study like this so it will be interesting to see how the Government responds once it is tabled."

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Groups to take action on gas



A QUEENSLAND Aboriginal group has accused three gas companies of desecrating sacred sites on a central Queensland island.

Gurang spokeswoman Cherissma Blackman says ceremonial areas have been destroyed and fishing stocks depleted on Curtis Island and around Gladstone Harbour.

"It is part of our traditional cultural heritage," Ms Blackman said.

"All these animals and marine life that exist, they're part of our songlines and storylines.

"We have an obligation to our old people to uphold these songlines and storylines for future generations.

"These companies are totally ignorant about the environmental and cultural heritage damage they cause."

Gurang is one of four groups launching a class action against Queensland Gas Company (QGC), Santos GLNG, and Asia Pacific LNG, for not upholding an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA).

The groups say the companies also failed to pay compensation for using native title land.

All three companies are building plants to convert coal seam gas to liquefied natural gas on Curtis Island, off Gladstone.

'These companies are totally ignorant about the ... damage they cause'

The four groups met with UNESCO last year to voice their concerns about developments in Gladstone being so close to the Great Barrier Reef.

Ms Blackman said the groups have met with lawyers, but the class action is yet to be filed.

Santos says it has done everything it should have.

"Santos GLNG is confident we have operated within the framework of the

Native Title Act and Queensland's *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act*," the company told AAP.

"We're also confident we have complied with, and continue to comply with, the Santos GLNG cultural heritage management plan negotiated with and implemented by the local native title body, the Port Curtis Coral Coast (PCCC)."

Santos said it worked closely with the PCCC to undertake cultural heritage surveys and assessments and implement the agreed management measures in accordance with the cultural heritage management plan.

QGC says claims that it destroyed Aboriginal cultural sites are baseless.

The company said, under an agreement with the PCCC, Indigenous representatives led cultural heritage surveys before any ground was disturbed.

"They recorded no Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in their surveys," a QGC spokesperson said.

"Cultural heritage studies from 1993 to 1997 and in 2001 also found no evidence of culturally significant sites.

"The area on which LNG projects are being built on Curtis Island was used to run livestock from 1862 and to dump rubbish." – AAP

Apology is welcome, 'but it's not enough'



A CENTRAL Australian Aboriginal man who attended the Prime Minister's recent apology to victims of forced adoption practices says he felt privileged to be there but hopes more will be done to help heal the wounds of those who suffered, including payment of financial compensation.

Pascoe Braun, an entertainer and presenter of the *Yeyekerte* program on NITV, described as 'brilliant' Julia Gillard's words that drew a standing ovation in the Great Hall at Parliament House in Canberra last month.

From the 1950s to the 1970s an estimated 150,000 unwed Australian mothers had their babies forcibly adopted under a practice sanctioned by governments, churches, hospitals, charities and bureaucrats.

"No collection of words alone can undo all this damage," Ms Gillard said during the apology. "But by saying sorry we can correct the historical record. We can declare that these mothers did nothing wrong. That you loved your children and you always will."

Parliamentary motions moved afterwards also acknowledged the profound effects of forced adoption policies and practices on fathers.



'The Prime Minister says she is paying \$5 million towards social workers to help people, but that money should go towards the parents and the children in monetary compensation immediately' – Pascoe Braun

Mr Braun, now living in Adelaide, said there was a real feeling of togetherness in the Great Hall.

"Along with Australians of all nationalities and walks of life, I was there when the apology was made," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"My heart went out to all the mothers who, like mine, were forced into giving up their babies and also to the many fathers, like mine, who had no say at all and were not even put on birth certificates."

The latter practice made it harder for the children who were taken and, he

said, 'easier for some in our families to use lateral violence against us in lots of areas including land rights'.

"The Prime Minister says she is paying \$5 million towards social workers to help people, but that money should go towards the parents and the children in monetary compensation immediately," he said.

"People are sick of talking to social workers."

Mr Braun said he would also like to see every church that engaged in forced adoption practices apologise and pay compensation.

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Giles' road ahead



HE never aspired to enter politics, but 'the bouncing ball' of life led Adam Giles to his current destiny as the Northern

Territory Chief Minister. And the Kamilaroi man and Alice Springs Country Liberals MP who rolled Labor-slashing Terry Mills last month has wasted no time mapping out his game plan.

Amongst Mr Giles' first moves as Chief Minister were the overturning of a Country Liberal election pledge to balance the NT Budget by 2015-16, the scaling back of deeply unpopular power hikes, and scrapping of the Indigenous Advancement ministerial portfolio previously held by fellow Aboriginal MP Alison Anderson, who nobbled his first serious tilt at the top job.

Last week, Mr Giles established a high-level 'select group' of ministers and experts including former Labor Chief Minister Paul Henderson to push the Territory's economic growth in mining and energy, tourism, education, food and exports.

All eyes are on the reconstituted Government as it prepares to hand down its 2013-14 Budget on Sunday, especially in light of the Federal Government decision to slash \$121 million from the Northern Territory's GST funding.

In the week after his elevation to Chief Minister, making him Australia's first Indigenous head of government, Adam Giles chatted to the *Koori Mail* Editor KIRSTIE PARKER about the road ahead. Here's some of what he said.

On his priorities for the Territory: We need to grow the NT into the future to be an economic contributor to the nation, rather than being mendicant and always begging for money from the Commonwealth. I want to advance opportunities for all Territorians in a way that moves us off a prism of welfare as both a jurisdiction and as individuals. We need money to sustain and set us up economically for the future, not just maintain our social settings in the short term. In a lot of ways, we're the final frontier and we're still 50 years behind the rest of the country in terms of infrastructure and development. The NT has every

opportunity to develop its natural resources; we have tourism, mining, agriculture, horticulture potential, water and access to power generation through gas – we have everything to be sustainable but the framework needs to be put in place.

On land rights and land councils: There was a big push many years ago for land rights. Now we need to be focusing on economic rights and that requires a great sense of leadership to harness the economic opportunities in all areas of the NT. Land councils can expect a high level of participation and relationship building from my Government, to try to drive forward a leadership agenda around economic reform. It's about how we work together with people and bring them along on the journey, rather than point and direct. We have to walk side by side, rather than one in front of the other, but I am happy to support those who want to lead in economic reform. I think there's a changing mindset among many Indigenous Territorians who want change for the betterment of their people through growth of jobs and the advantages that will provide.

Indigenous Territorians? I want people in jobs, I want private sector jobs in Aboriginal communities, and I want people to take up those jobs and for people to stop living on welfare.

I think government policies over a number of years have parked too many people in positions where welfare is the only solution. I have spoken about the opportunities for leveraging welfare dollars to support the creation of industries that job-match people whether they're unskilled, low skilled or semi-skilled. It's still early days, but we need to sit down with the Commonwealth and start negotiating a shift from social intervention to economic intervention – not throwing out social intervention but getting the balance right with renewed reform. I have always supported the

concept of a work-first approach. We need people economically participating rather than training for training's sake. It is very easy at the moment to try to get people into a training course and get an outcome, but we need to get people into jobs in the first place and upskill people to have a greater skill set and be more productive. Everything I have ever done shows that, when you give people an opportunity to work, their livelihoods improve and then you take the next steps of increasing productivity and skill sets to enhance that productivity.

His Indigenous heritage: I know my family and who I am and



NT Chief Minister Adam Giles. Newspix image

am happy with that. I'm a person who has Indigenous heritage; I consider myself an Indigenous Australian, but I have never relied on heritage for anything other than my own personal spirituality. In the professional and mainstream worlds, I'm an Australian, a Territorian, and I get on and do my job. Who I am as a person is for me; who I am professionally is about everyone. I am here to

represent everybody, not just a particular group of people... Everyone must fight on an equal footing, not based on race... The fight should not be about who is more Aboriginal than the next person but how we can advance ourselves individually, appreciate our heritage and move forward in competing worlds. You never lose your Indigenous spirituality, sense of worth or who you are. That will always remain with the individual, but you then have the opportunity to live in a mainstream world.

Why the Country Liberals? I thought long and hard about this many years ago and I determined that the freedoms of liberalism and an economic agenda are the way forward for Australia. Liberalism to me means building economies and getting jobs and that's what Australia needs. That doesn't mean I don't have a social conscience but, for me, it's about jobs, jobs, jobs and it's the Liberals and Country Liberals who develop jobs. I think the Labor Party takes on the balance of too much social without economic prosperity for the nation and that hurts us in the long run. Just because you support liberal principles and liberal agendas doesn't mean you don't have compassion; you support people through jobs and better livelihoods.

The NT Intervention: I think it has done some good things, but there've been lots of gaps – there's been no economic intervention – and some things have gone wrong such as the rollout of the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) without sufficient outcomes and the reduction of overcrowding for Indigenous Territorians. On the positive side are things like child health checks and getting kids healthier. The rollout might not have gone the way I would have done it – I would have taken a more collegiate approach – but what we need now is economic intervention and I implore the Commonwealth to sit down with me to map out that agenda rather than just a social agenda.

Alcohol management: There are two aspects to this. We are working on developing a rehabilitative process to help people get off grog and that's positive. The other area of concern is people focusing on the supply side-issue and not the demand side and we have to get the balance right. If we just concentrate on supply, we'll be trying to run a model of prohibition around individual substances and people will substitute substances; from petrol to grog, and from grog to something else. My economic agenda and economic reform proposals are about getting people into work and reducing demand for alcohol. If people have a life of prosperity and hope for their future and don't live on welfare all their life, it represents less cycles of alcoholism, crime and domestic violence, kids go to school more, home ownership increases and health outcomes improve.

Law and order: I think that when you start to give people opportunities for hope in the outside world, there's less criminal activity. Unfortunately, some people see jail as a rite of passage and a place to catch up with family. We need to ensure that prison, whilst not being too hard in a punitive sense, is not a place where people are wrapped in cotton wool, where it becomes their residence rather than their place of rehabilitation. I'm not sure we should be supplying pool tables, arcade machines and a whole lot of luxury items in a jail. I anticipate that there'll be a heavy focus on being sentenced to a job whereas, if you go to jail, you're expected to work both internally and externally to the prison system. And there'll be an agenda set forth where there are rewards for those who are working rather than those who are just residing.

His biggest challenge? Moving ahead from our turbulent times will be the biggest challenge. There'll be stumbles, roadblocks and bumps and bruises along the way, but there'll also be improvements. I want to get to a point where the work we do now will see the economy pumping all over the Territory. It's about building the economic framework so we have tourism and mining and other things happening and all Territorians are reaping the rewards.

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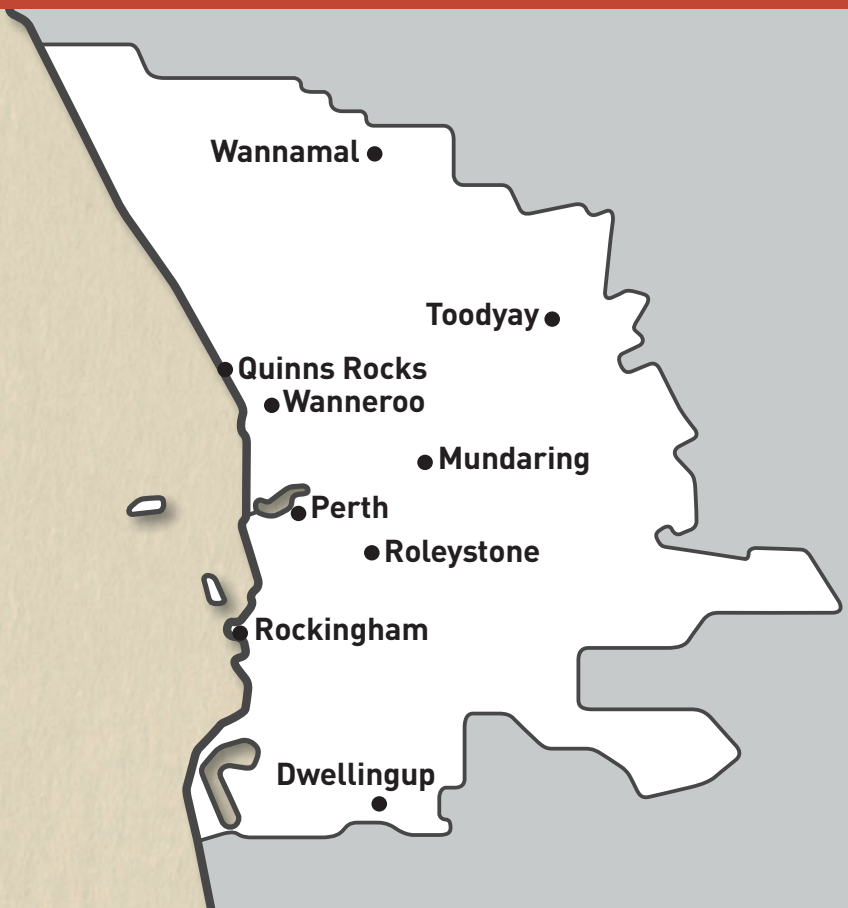
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Remembering Jimmy

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SINGER Jimmy Little touched the lives of so many people in so many different ways; his legendary kindness matched only by his immense talent. So it's of little surprise that some of those he helped would wish to honour him.

Last Tuesday, on the first anniversary of Uncle Jimmy's passing, one of his old friends did just that. With the blessing of the legendary country crooner's family and the Walgett Shire Council, Maori Vietnam veteran Clarence Ormsby realised his wish for a permanent tribute to Jimmy and his late wife Marj.

A bronze plaque dedicated to the couple was unveiled on one of the stone boulders in the Walgett's Trevallion Park, just opposite the cemetery where Jimmy and Marj are buried.

Relatives, including their daughter Franny Little, joined Mr Ormsby, other local veterans and council representatives in witnessing the event, which was officiated by Lt-Col James Newman, a Tamworth pastor whose church Jimmy had sung in.

Mr Ormsby met Jimmy, his younger brother Freddy and fellow singer Col Hardy 30 years ago, when they would perform in Sydney hotels. At the time, keen amateur singer Mr Ormsby was



Franny Little inspects a new plaque in Walgett commemorating the lives of her parents Jimmy and Marj.

struggling to keep up his trade of bricklaying because of injuries he sustained during two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He said he would never forget how Jimmy, Freddy and Col encouraged him to pursue his singing.

"Freddy died in 1983 but the last words he said to me were 'I

want you to be an entertainer',” Mr Ormsby, now aged 68 and living at Mannering Park on the NSW coast, told the *Koori Mail*.

And, indeed, Mr Ormsby did – going on to sing and compere cabaret shows in Australia as well as some in America.

In 1986, Jimmy Little performed at a couple of

fundraisers for Vietnam vets, telling Mr Ormsby how he had hoped in the 1960s to join Col Hardy entertaining Australian troops in the war-torn Asian country. He never managed to get there, but he and Marj did pen a song, *Australia, Down Under*, in honour of the troops – another thing Mr Ormsby said he'd never

forget. The tale is told on the plaque, along with directions to Jimmy and Marj's final resting place over the road.

"Over the past 30 years, Jimmy was just so supportive of me," Mr Ormsby said.

"I was very upset when he died; I wanted to honour what he did for me, for Vietnam vets and so many others in encouraging them to follow their hearts... the plaque was one way I could do that.

"We may have lost Jimmy in a physical sense, but he'll always be with us in spirit."

Franny Little said in the days after the unveiling that she was grateful for the generosity of Mr Ormsby and Lt-Col Newton.

"The fact that (the plaque) should be unveiled on the first anniversary of Dad's passing was especially healing for everyone involved," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"I am also particularly honoured to have been able to wear the Korowai Maori cloak for the occasion and would like to give my special thanks and acknowledgement to the local Vietnam vets and the Walgett Shire Council, as well as the Dharriwaa Elders Group and members of the Simpson and Beale families."

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What are you watching?
ABC TV on Monday nights – *Four Corners* and *Q&A*.

What do you like in life?
Watching my three children grow up.

What do you dislike?
Negativity.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My ancestors Siuai, Wakaisu and Mogor.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I would give us greater solidarity.

Quote



'I could be a tiny bit biased, but I think Aboriginal people are the most talented, funniest, sportiest people in the world, who happen to have the most beautiful and oldest culture in the world – what a terrible thing to be Aboriginal'

– Frankie Jackson (aka Andrew Saunders)

● See report on Page 9

Unquote

Treatment of our young people

SOME interesting contrasts have emerged in recent weeks in the approaches of different Liberal state governments towards the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

In Western Australia, we have the ongoing incarceration of more than 120 juveniles – many of them Aboriginal – in an adult prison.

This alarming situation must be addressed. Adult prison is no place for children, especially those who are yet to face court and some – we are told – whose alleged crimes have been as trivial as the theft of a few cans of soft drink.

Parents of some of these juveniles, backed by the state's deaths in custody watch committee and youth advocates, have taken the matter to the court and we can only hope they'll be successful.

The observation by lawyer George Newhouse that the cost of maintaining this untenable situation runs to more than \$600 per young inmate per day highlights the short-sightedness of the situation, especially at a time when other governments are beginning to embrace the concept of justice reinvestment, where money spent locking people up is diverted instead to measures that will prevent them from coming into contact with the criminal justice system in the first place.

On the other side of the country, in NSW, we saw investment in our young people at the centre of new government policy. The NSW Government's OCHRE plan (focusing on opportunity, choice, healing, responsibility and empowerment) has won favour with the Aboriginal members of the task force that drove it.

Centred around support for students to



stay at school and transition to work, local community decision-making, language and culture initiatives, and greater accountability for spending by government and communities, it sounds promising. Of course, the plan is currently about words and it is really only action and follow-through that will metabolise disadvantage and dysfunction out of our communities.

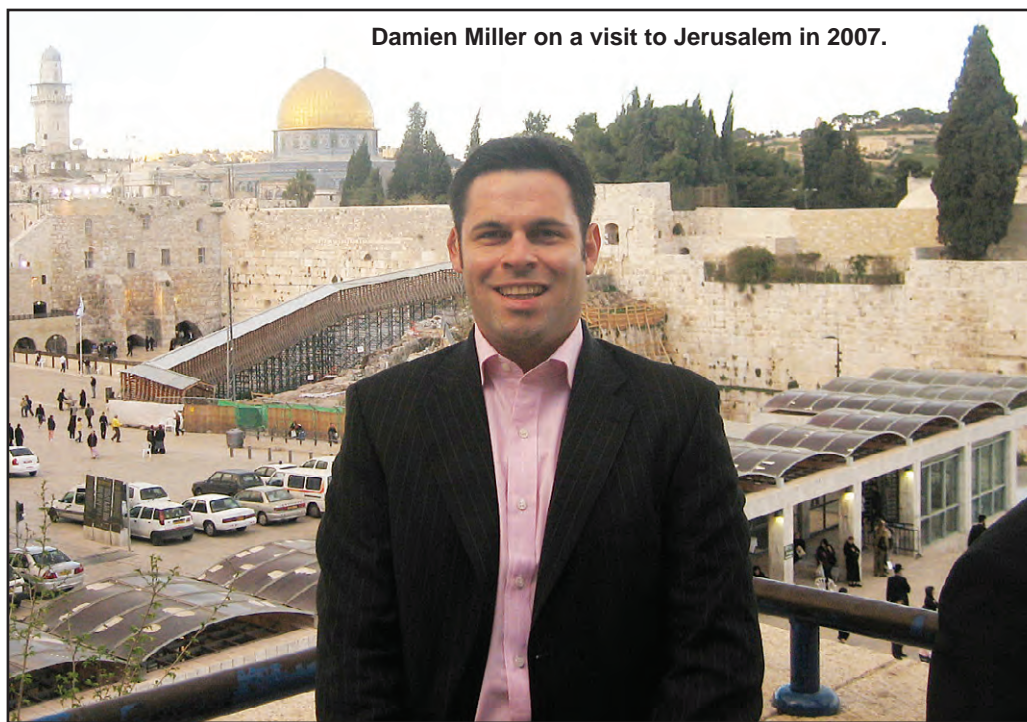
As NSWALC and Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations chairperson Stephen Ryan said, our communities don't expect miracles. But we do expect and demand that governments will work with us to make a start.

Governance of a different kind will come increasingly into focus over the coming weeks and months with preparations for a possible changing of the guard at the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

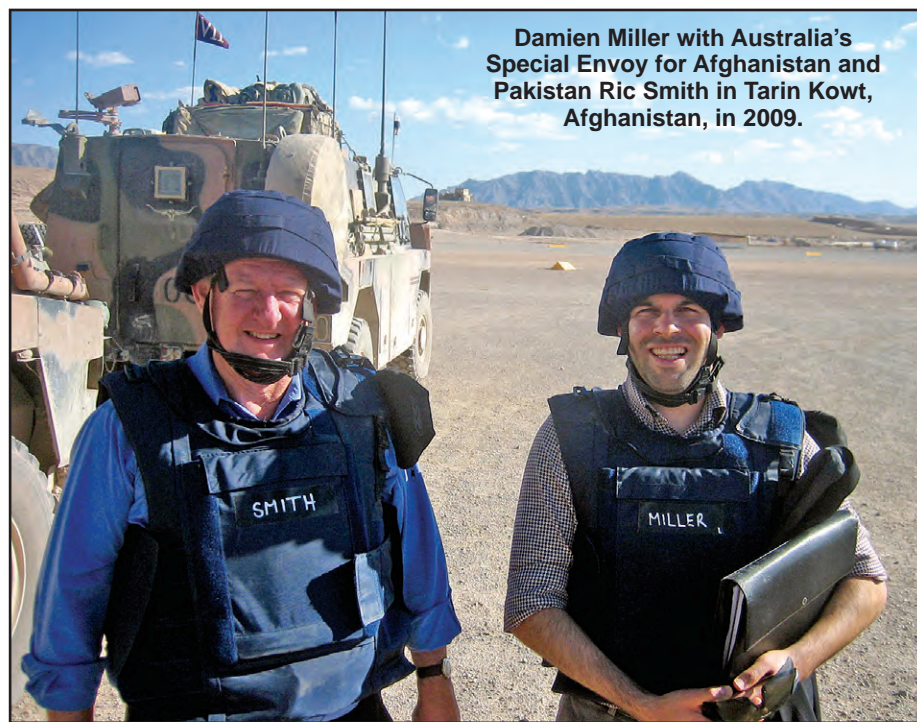
Applications for delegates to attend the representative body's 2013 national meeting in Cairns in July opened this week. It is the 120-odd attendees at that gathering who will elect its national board. And the 5000-strong national membership of the Congress will cast their votes for its male and female co-chairs in June.

Growing its membership remains a key challenge for the Congress, as identified at its inaugural national meeting in Sydney two years ago.

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Damien Miller on a visit to Jerusalem in 2007.



Damien Miller with Australia's Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan Ric Smith in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, in 2009.

By RUDI MAXWELL

DAMIEN MILLER knew from a young age that he wanted to explore other cultures.

"I've always had an interest and passion in the other side, other cultures, languages, peoples; always wanted to explore a career that meant I could work overseas," he said.

"When I was in primary school I picked up a brochure from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), that said if you had an interest in the world around you, then think about a career with us."

That interested schoolboy worked hard to pursue his ambition and last week was announced by Foreign Minister Bob Carr as head of Australia's Embassy in Denmark – the first Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to be appointed an ambassador. He will also have responsibility for Norway and Iceland.

Mr Miller, a Gangulu man who was born in Brisbane, had his first taste of overseas travel while still at high school, when he was an exchange student to Japan.

"My father has been such a fantastic supporter throughout my life, he sacrificed so much for my sister (NITV reporter) Belinda and me, and worked hard for me to go on this exchange," he said.

"I went to a Japanese high school. I had very little Japanese language and the host family I was living with didn't speak any English, so we got by with attempted Japanese by me and sign language.

"It was my first overseas trip and it had a big impact on me, and solidified that I wanted to work in a profession where I could engage with other cultures.

"It was a bit of a culture shock going to Japan. It's such a fascinating place, but it felt very foreign to a young school kid from Brisbane who hadn't been on a plane before.

"Japan is such an amazing, beautiful and culturally rich place and I was inspired by the Japanese everyday life, the

He's our first Indigenous ambassador

language, culture, and the people were very welcoming. It had a big impact on me."

As well as being interested in other cultures, Mr Miller is connected to his own and recently returned to Gangulu country in Queensland's Banana Shire for a visit.

"It was really great to be on country and see the particular place where my grandmother was born, and a lot of my family is from," he said.

"There was a lot of sadness as well. My grandmother and great grandmother were subject to the *Protection Act*, and their brothers and sisters sent off to different parts of Queensland – Cherbourg and others. My grandmother was in domestic service and didn't have much control over her own destiny, working on a range of stations in central Queensland and Rockhampton."

Opportunity

In order to join the diplomatic corps, Mr Miller studied Arts-Law at the University of NSW, working part-time at the university human rights centre and taking every opportunity to learn more about diplomacy. He also holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University.

He has an interest in



Damien Miller has just accepted the position as Australia's Ambassador to Denmark. He is expected to leave for the Danish capital, Copenhagen, in May.

languages, put to good use when he recently served as second-in-charge at the Australian Embassy in Germany.

"A really good way of learning about other cultures is learning the language, so I had to learn German, and can speak it reasonably well. It's a great way of really engaging and understanding," Mr Miller said.

"I have no Danish but I hope to learn a little bit... It

advocate for Australia, tell people what's great about our country in science, technology, trade, multiculturally, about Indigenous issues," he said.

"The idea is to advocate to advance Australia's interests overseas. So much can be done by getting out there and talking to different people about Australia and what the things are we're wanting to pursue.

"It might be about anti-terrorism, trade, helping Australians who might get into trouble overseas. A big part of our work is reporting on countries, doing report assessments on, say, German domestic policy – what are the economic issues, cultural issues – and we would report back to Canberra, and explain impacts on Australia."

Supportive

There are now 49 Indigenous Australians working at DFAT, which Mr Miller said was a supportive workplace, with two important networks available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"There are 12 Indigenous employees overseas at the moment, with other staff back in Canberra working in all arms of the department – in disarmament work, trade policy, writing about particular issues," he said. "It's a very positive thing and

a testament to the dedication and hard work of all the Indigenous staff here.

"I really am very conscious of and very grateful to all the Indigenous staff. Although I'm privileged to be the first ambassador, others came before and paved the way for me, and I owe a lot to them."

Mr Miller said he loved the excitement of moving to a new country, but leaving friends and family behind was difficult. He has previously worked in Malaysia and other parts of south-east Asia, as well as Europe.

"There's a sense of adventure seeing more of the world and it's a real privilege to work overseas, to work in an Australian embassy or high commission," he said.

"You have the opportunity to meet a lot of different people, and working for an Embassy opens a lot of doors and gives you the opportunity to advocate and promote Australia in an honest and accurate way.

"For example, Indigenous issues are and should be talked about. I talk about areas where more needs to be done, and there are lots of significant areas around Australia. I also talk about what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are doing to overcome disadvantage themselves, and how we are working with governments and other organisations to overcome that disadvantage."

Mr Miller encouraged young Indigenous people to consider a career in foreign affairs, saying you needed skills across different fields.

"You need an interest in international issues, to be dynamic and like exploring the world, to live and work in different environments," he said.

There are several different ways to work for DFAT, including a cadetship for Indigenous university students, a traineeship program for those who haven't been to university and a graduate program.

"I really love working with the organisation. It's really supportive, quite honestly exciting, and you never know where you'll end up."

Make a bit of 'me' time

I'VE been watching all kinds of crazy on TV. Like the other day, I was watching this show about couples trying to improve their relationships. They were yarning about the challenges they were having like having enough energy at the end of the day, getting alone time with kids, and keeping a household together.

Looking after the health and wellbeing of little people and having a relationship surely must be one of the hardest jobs on earth.

One of the mummas on the show was saying that she felt she was losing her sense of self and that she needed more

alone time and to have a bit of fun in her life.

Her day was filled with children, family and all the stuff that goes along with that. She loved her life and her family but, because she was doing that stuff day in and day out, she was getting exhausted and tired.

The program went on to show her reconnecting with her partner, doing things like date nights, having a gammin wedding ceremony and, of course, having her own alone time. Amazingly, by the end of the show the relationship was improved!

Amazing!

Now, I'm sure if the show went longer we would have seen all the little hissy fights and tantrums that go along the way, and if we'd caught up with them six months later I'm not sure the couple in trouble would still have been together.

But that doesn't matter!

The point of the show was a good one: If you are feeling a bit lost in the sea of doing all the 'life stuff', spend a bit of time doing something you really like doing.

There are a million things going on in our lives that we gotta do but not necessarily want to do.

We gotta carve out times for us to chill out. I still love reading my Harry Potter books. I love watching a lit candle. I love listening to a song or two on my phone in the car park of the supermarket.

But, better yet, I love writing a note to myself about all the deadly stuff I've achieved.

Life is totally hectic these days and we need to take care of the relationship with ourselves before we can be working 100 per cent in a relationship with someone else.

And, gee, I'm trying to be in a good relationship with myself!



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Answers to our Edition 547 Crossword. How did you go?

ACROSS

- Perth
- Womad
- Easter
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- Pope
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Our brain-teasers

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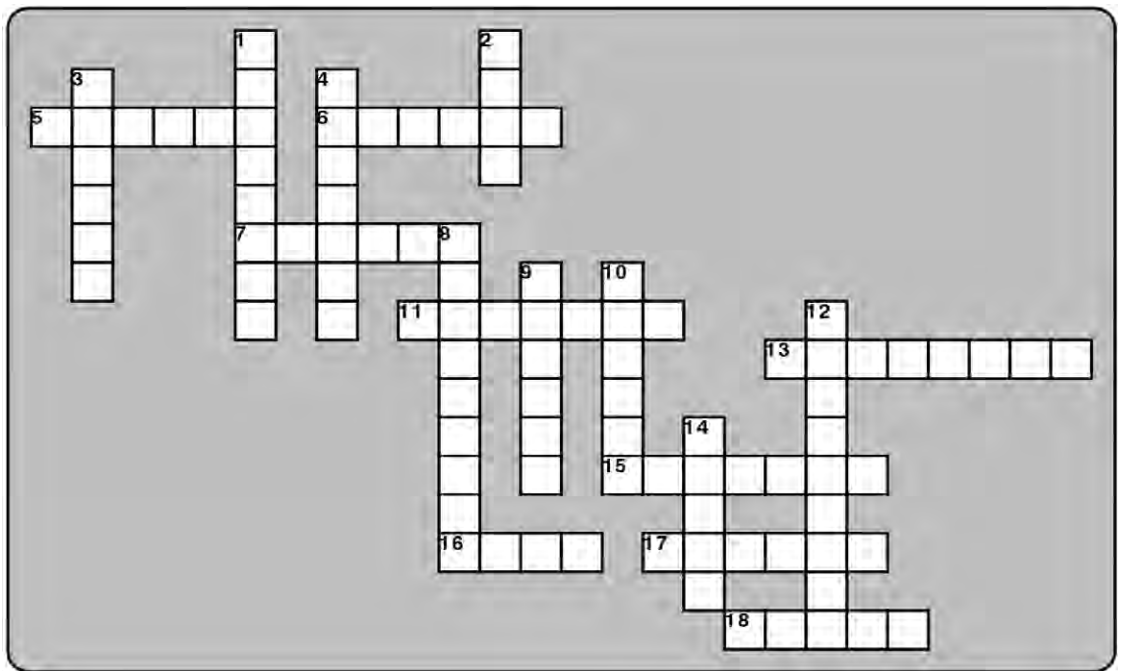
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ACROSS:

- Person who writes a book.
- Senior members of tribal group.
- Final year of high school.
- Member of upper house in Federal Parliament.
- Darwin is in this Territory.
- Major cause of lung cancer.
- Nickname of NRL club Parramatta.
- Award for completing university course.
- Aboriginal school in Brisbane.

DOWN:

- Person who sits on board of organisation.



- Huge Cape in northern Queensland.
- Crime of deliberately killing

- someone.
- Sydney suburb home of the Block.
- CEO stands for chief ... officer.

- National week of Indigenous celebration.
- Australia's top TV awards.

- Person who gives their time to help others.
- Nickname of Port Adelaide AFL club.

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There's no doubting Perth man John Pell is staunch for Anthony 'The Man' Mundine. Find out why on Page 24.



Veterans wearing their decorations in Redfern, Sydney. File photo by Joseph Mayers

Lest we forget on Anzac Day

ONCE again on Anzac Day we will remember. Lest we forget on 25 April, when we stop and hold a minute's silence and remember those who lost their lives.

I think Australia should also include Invasion Day or Sorry Day also as a day of mourning; as someone wrote 'one more hour of daylight'.

The massacres, the injustices or 'just us', as we say.

Lest we forget, a plaque and statues of Pemulwuy and Windradyne – just two of many great warriors who fought the trespassers who trespass upon us.

Down at Remembrance Way in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial, there still is unfinished

business. Lest we forget.

To all our Elders and warriors who fought for this country for our survival, Lest we forget.

Much respect, peace. Strong and proud, always will be.

DAMIEN EADE
Via email

POETRY

The Riverbank and Yellow Machines

When we were young and
the sun still shone
On the golden yellowy-
white sand
And the life on the river
was enjoyed
With fishing lines in our
hands,
Children swam without a
fear
In the fresh waters that met
with the salt;
Grandmothers laughed
about the days
Some stories they never
forgot;
And then one day
To our dismay
The yellow sand was dug
out
The river bank where
Grannies sat
Was a pile of sticks and
rocks,
Digging the holes to get the
sand
With machines which dig
the ground
The adults said it was no
longer safe
For us kids to play around,
And down on the riverbank
today we still see
Yellow machines and
trucks they still go
Digging and changing the
riverbanks
And our developing town
still grows...

Z QUAKAWOOT
Northern Territory

PS: This one is about my
home town and the
development which has
occurred and continues to
occur in many townships
all over Australia.

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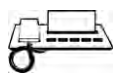
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Staunch for 'The Man'



Perth man John Pell with his car featuring the 'ANTHONY The Man MUNDINE' display.

I AM unashamedly an avid Anthony Mundine fan and supporter, and all my family are also Mundine fans.

I show my pride and support for 'The Man' by choosing to display 'ANTHONY The Man MUNDINE' in distinctive lettering on the rear window of my car.

Unfortunately this brings out the racist element in our society. Over the past five years, I have been run off the road a number of times, tailgated, had things thrown at the car, abuse hurled at me, and coins run down the side of the car.

Racism is alive and thriving in Australia and anyone who says otherwise doesn't know what they are talking about. We live with it every day; just ask David Worrup, one of our most respected ex-Eagles and AFL players who just recently was refused service in two taxis here in Perth.

But back to Mundine – love him or not, he doesn't drink, smoke or use drugs and is a real role model for our young people.

You know, Australians love to place sports heroes on a pedestal and forget any indiscretions they may make such as drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, assaults etc.

If it were a toss up between Anthony Mundine and some of these so-called heroes, I know who I would want to be a role model for my grandchildren.

Choc's climbed to the top of the mountain, whilst most of his knockers are still at the bottom looking up.

So I say come on Indigenous Australians and get behind him and support him.

And our own sports people and identities should make their support known for some of the issues he brings up – you have a profile too.

And that's why I have to say racism is getting worse in Australia.

JOHN PELL
Perth, WA



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Good work caring for dingos

I AM given the *Koori Mail* by an Aboriginal friend and find it interesting to read. I also very much enjoy NITV, which has interesting matter.

I am writing to say good work to Butchulla Elder Marie Wilkinson with the Fraser Island dingos (as reported in the 27 March edition). Marie should be given a medal for the hard work she has done for the only pure dingos left in Australia.

I have no Aborigine in me but respect Aborigines, their culture and our country.

I was born in Innisfail, grew up in Waterloo/Redfern and now live in Tasmania. I visited and camped on Fraser Island some years ago and have travelled and camped in every outback state in Australia, photographing the landscape, wildlife and plant life.

I have seen many dingos and crossed dingos. The Fraser Island dingo is pure and should be cared for.

It's those who have been given, bought or underhandedly gained land, as well as

visitors, on Fraser Island who should be looked upon and need controlling.

It is the white visitors who do wrong enticing the dingo to come and feed. This is why they come around camps – because they know they will get a free feed. Then, if a child or an adult gets bitten, they call it an attack and then there's the outcry of 'kill the dingos'.

No person should have been allowed to build hotels or houses on Fraser Island. It should be a national park wilderness with

no human constructions except for the ranger's home.

Visitors should be limited in numbers and controlled by rangers based on the island. There should be closed seasons, and if dingos have a specific breeding season then the island should be closed off for that period.

MARIO FENECH (a saddened whitefella)
Campbell Town, Tas

Week for our youth

NATIONAL Youth Week, 4-14 April, is an important event for young people across Australia.

It is a time to celebrate the achievements that our young people make, their contributions to their communities and a time to provide them with the opportunities to share their ideas and talents with others.

At Youth Off The Streets, we take every chance to appreciate the young people in our services, to thank them for the amazing things they do for themselves and for others each day, and to acknowledge the things they accomplish every day despite all odds being against them.

I am constantly inspired by our young people who, despite facing challenges like homelessness, abuse, neglect and having minimal support networks, find a way to overcome these barriers and turn their lives around.



Father Chris Riley

I am very proud of each one of them and am thankful for the opportunity to be in the position to help these kids to help themselves.

I encourage young people to take the opportunity to get involved in local events and activities, and to embrace the opportunity to speak up about issues that are of concern to you so that these can be addressed.

As adults, we need to harness the opportunity to learn from our young people, to learn from their creativity, talents and ideas so that we can support them in their development and celebrate their contributions to their local communities.

By coming together to recognise National Youth Week, we are expressing our awareness of our young people and we are ensuring that our young people know that we do care about their futures and their wellbeing.

FATHER CHRIS RILEY
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MP, cabinet minister... and singer

By GEOFF VIVIAN

ERNIE BRIDGE passed away late last month at age 76, suffering from asbestos-related diseases. Mr Bridge was Western Australia's first Aboriginal member of parliament and the first Aboriginal cabinet minister in any Australian government. He was also a country and western singer of renown.

But there was much more to the man than what is commonly known.

Ernest Francis Bridge was the oldest of seven brothers and sisters. He was born in January 1937 to Ernest Bridge, a white pastoralist, and his wife Sarah Bridge, a Kija woman. They held the lease of Bungle Bungle station, which is now a national park.

Ernie's cousin Ivan Bridge said the mixed marriage caused difficulties.

"Even when I was born in 1950 it was (considered) a shameful thing them days, a bloke managing a station to father a half-caste kid," Ivan told the *Koori Mail*.

"(Ernest) had to sign his whole property and everything he owned to the Native Affairs. When he and Sarah got married, he went through the legal procedure to get it all back in his name again.

"It was a hell of a hard battle, but they gone through it all and she helped him run cattle stations and they had the coffee shop and the picture theatre (in Halls Creek). She was the driving force, not only to Uncle Ernest but to Ernie when Uncle Ernest passed away."

Ernie's brother Ben Bridge said the station was Ernie's only school.

"We were educated under a bloodwood tree," Ben said. "Our lessons were done mostly in correspondence. You got a bundle of lessons that you had to do over a period and you sent them away. It was all done from Perth and done by mail.

"That was pretty well the extent of our education. I personally did a little bit at Halls Creek when the school started there in 1954, but Ernie was quite involved in the station at that stage so he didn't do any more.

"He was always a very energetic little fellow and very inquisitive. As a child, he used to want to know how everything ticked, and there

ERNEST FRANCIS BRIDGE 1937-2013

were a few things that were stripped but never quite put back together.

"Ernie just loved stock work and he became very good at it. When he was in his 20s, dad gave him a droving plant and he started droving cattle from the back of Halls Creek to Wyndham (a 700km round trip) with quite a lot of responsibility and he just thrived on it. Everything he took on he made a pretty fair fist of."

Ivan said Ernie became known as a go-getter.

"It didn't matter what he had an ambition to do, he achieved it," he recalled.

"When he was talking about flying aeroplanes here and buying one – they were the days when

younger siblings though boarding school. At the same time he had a share in the town's only garage, but had to buy his partner out.

"By the time he paid (his business partner) out, not much was left in the kitty," Ivan said. "But Ernie pulled on the overalls and done the 'mechanicking' himself and got that back into stable financial footing before he sold it. (His wife) Mavis used to work in the café there; that was part of the deal – the café and the garage. He just kept powering on like a Dodge Power Wagon. He couldn't even stop to have a quick cup of tea with you."

Ernie was always interested in the wider community, as well as his business and family. He served as a member of the 1976 Laverton royal commission into the infamous Skull Creek incident.

He was Halls Creek Shire President at 23, an MP at 44, and State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Agriculture, the North West and Water Resources at different times in the Burke, Dowding and Lawrence Labor governments. His overriding ambition in politics was to 'fix the droughts' by creating a water pipeline from the Kimberley to Kalgoorlie, with a branch line to South Australia. He resigned from the Labor Party to pursue this dream, sitting as an independent until 2001.

"He was pretty well respected from both sides of the political fence," Ivan said. "Some of his stongest opponents at the beginning of his political career turned out to be some of his best supporters toward the end."

Ernie maintained that he was the only Water Resources minister in any WA government who had advocated proper water planning. With the current population boom, Kimberley and Pilbara shires have often found it difficult to get approval for new housing subdivisions because water supplies are inadequate.

He had two lasting legacies before entering parliament.

The Laverton Royal Commission marked the beginning of a change in Western Australia's police culture. The police service began to employ and train Aboriginal police aides (later known as Aboriginal police liaison officers) and to provide Aboriginal cultural awareness training for police officers in remote areas.

Ernie's protests at the lack of voting opportunity for remote

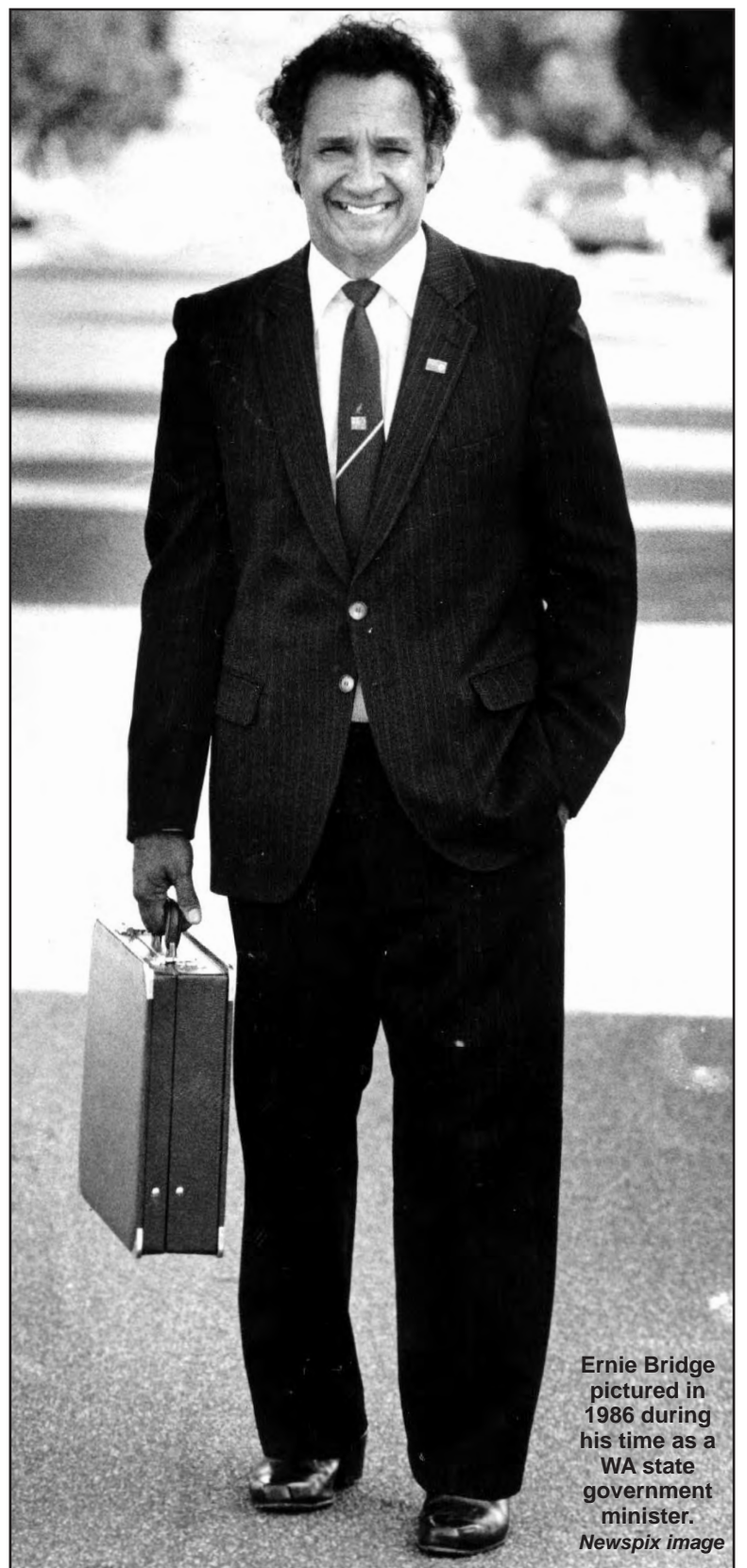


Ernie Bridge at Noonkanbah in 2007.

people were flat out buying a motor car! – everyone laughed at him. They'd say 'Yeah, old Ernie's aiming a bit high isn't he? Ha ha ha!' But he bought a brand new 210 Cessna, learned to fly it.

"He used to tell the boys round the top rail of the yard at Koongie (Station) ... 'I'm going to be like Tex Morton and Buddy Williams. I'm going to play the guitar and make records.' Less than 20 years later and he put out a record."

Ivan said Ernie was in his mid-20s when Ernest senior passed away and he took over the family businesses, putting his three



Ernie Bridge pictured in 1986 during his time as a WA state government minister. *NewsPix image*

communities led to electoral staff conducting mobile polling booths in many places, sometimes arriving by helicopter or plane. This greatly increased the chances of Aboriginal candidates being elected to the Kimberley seat.

During his time as Minister for the North West, he made many visits to Wittenoom, a town founded by Lang Hancock and E A Wright to service their blue asbestos mine. He played a key role in closing Wittenoom after many residents died from asbestos-related diseases.

Musical career

His musical career ran parallel to politics as he found the time to take occasional tours and cut records including *Sings Kimberley Favourites* (1979), *Helicopter Ringer* (1980), *Live At The Concert Hall* (1992), *Sing it Australian* (1983), *Great Australian Dream* (1990) and *200 Years Ago* (1994, with his son Noel).

After Parliament, Ernie formed the charitable foundation Unity of First People of Australia, which uses sporting programs to promote health and fight diabetes in remote communities.

This year, he was named a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Parliament and Aboriginal affairs.

Ben said his brother set the bar

very high for Aboriginal people.

"There was such a thing as a 'dog tag'," he said. "To be a citizen you had to have a 'citizen's right'. Dad got a citizen's right for mum, and to achieve it she had to apply to the local Member of Parliament.

"Mum had to apply to the local member at the time for Kimberley and Ernie became the local member. The change in that one generation was quite remarkable."

Ernie is survived by his and Mavis' four children: Kimberley, Noel, Cheryl and Beverley.

Noel told the *Koori Mail* that he and his siblings grew up as ordinary Halls Creek kids.

"We didn't see ourselves as being any different or felt any better or wiser or more privileged or less privileged," he said.

"We thought everyone was the same.

"I don't think Dad was famous to us – he was a highly humble person, extremely gracious."

While the family had yet to discuss the matter, Noel said at the time of printing that he knew of no plans to end Ernie's legal action for his health problems he claimed arose from Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting, Angela Bennett's Wright Prospecting, CSR, Micalco, the WA Government and Ashburton Shire.

A state funeral will be held for Ernie Bridge in Perth on 19 April.

Neate leaves NNTT

By DARREN COYNE



AFTER 17 years heading up the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT), its president

Graeme Neate has finally called it a day.

And although there are 400 claims on the books still to be resolved, with more lodged every year, Mr Neate said he was proud of the work that had been accomplished by the Tribunal so far.

"There are now 222 registered determinations of native title, including 174 that native title exists," he said.

"These determinations cover approximately 20 per cent of the land mass of Australia as well as large areas of sea, particularly in northern Australia.

"Most of the determinations that native title exist have been made by the consent of the parties, without long, expensive and unpredictable litigation."

Mr Neate said there were also 737 registered Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs), covering about 23 per cent of the Australian land mass.

"In addition, many of the Tribunal's future arbitral determinations are consent determinations," he said.

Mr Neate said native title had been of benefit to

President goes after 17 years

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in two ways.

"Native title is recognition as traditional owners (TOs) of their country by Australian society, as recognised through the Federal Court," he said.

"It also gives many groups a seat at the table to negotiate what happens on their land.

"If not for native title, we wouldn't have people negotiating with mining companies and so on, and that has led to a broader shift in attitude that it is right to negotiate with the right people."

Mr Neate conceded that the system also gave rise to, or accelerated, existing differences within groups, but said the challenge was to deal with those issues outside the court environment.

"I appreciate that there are often real practical difficulties, however when those issues are resolved groups can become even stronger."

Mr Neate, who is looking forward to 'a bit of sketching, camping and reading', says

he has no set plans for the future.

"I'll have a break and look around and see what I can do," he said.

"I've got nothing lined up but if I can do something useful in this area (native title) then I'd be happy to do it."

Mr Neate joined the Tribunal as a part-time member in 1995 before becoming president in March 1999.

Raelene Webb, a lawyer from Darwin who has had extensive experience in native title, will replace him.

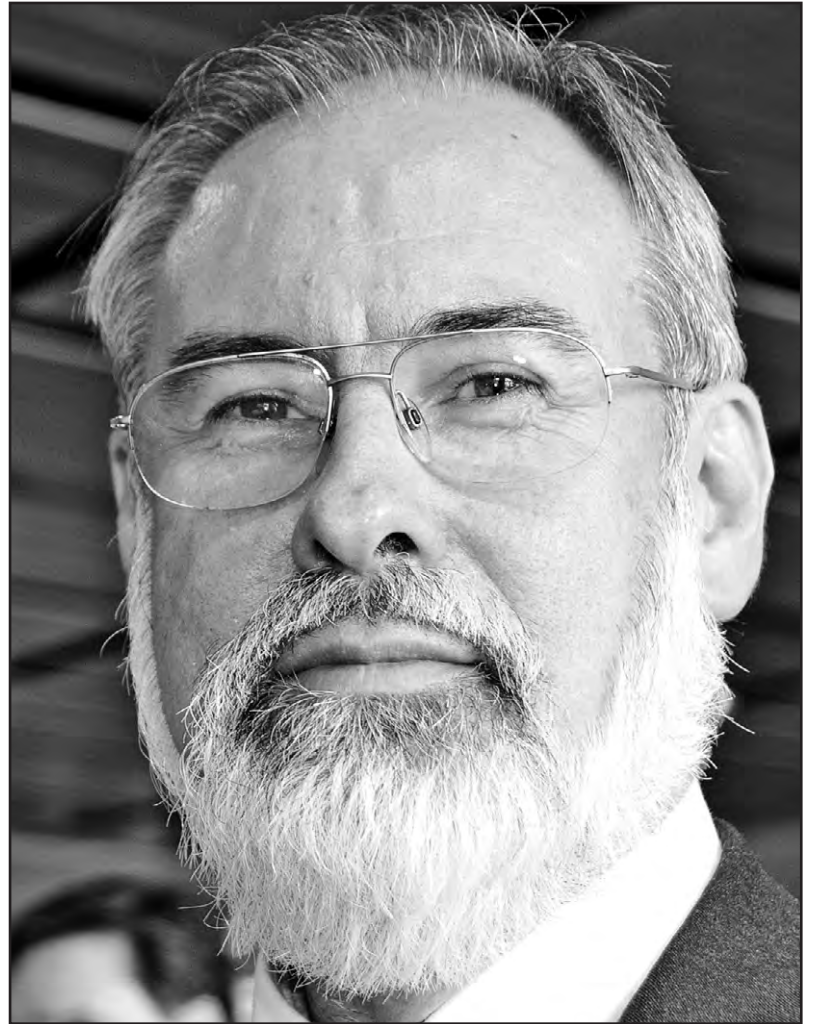
Ms Webb is currently the president of the Northern Territory Bar Association.

In his parting message, Mr Neate thanked the many people involved in the native title processes for their contributions.

"I commend the work of parties and their representatives for their engagement in the native title system and for what they have achieved," he said.

"Much remains to be done, however, to find ways to deal appropriately with the remaining native title claims and to develop fair and enduring agreements for mining and other activities on native title land and waters.

"I encourage participants to build on experience, think creatively and continue to work together to deliver the best possible outcomes."



A file photo of Graeme Neate, outgoing president of the National Native Title Tribunal. "If not for native title, we wouldn't have people negotiating with mining companies and so on, and that has led to a broader shift in attitude that it is right to negotiate with the right people."



Graeme Neate in Perth, where the NNTT is based.

TOs tour nuclear storage in Spain



NORTHERN Territory traditional land owners (TOs) have joined

Commonwealth officials on a tour of a Spanish radioactive storage facility.

The Federal Government is planning to build a national nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station in the NT.

Indigenous groups against the plan are challenging this in the Federal Court.

But Northern Land Council (NLC), Commonwealth and Indigenous land owners recently travelled to Spain to inspect the El

Cabril nuclear waste facility.

Beyond Nuclear Initiative coordinator Natalie Wasley says this is extreme and costly.

"To take a big trip overseas at quite a cost is really surprising," Ms Wasley told ABC radio.

"It seems any information sharing about the company that is intended to build (the dump) ... could be done by less expensive methods."

NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra says formal talks are set to begin about a proposed second site on a different section of land on Muckaty Station. The consultation process is expected to continue into next year. — AAP



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Representatives from Victorian Government, Native Title Services Victoria staff and the Dja Dja Wurrung negotiating team. Photos courtesy Native Title Services Victoria

Recognition for Victorian tribal group



THE Dja Dja Wurrung people have been formally recognised as the traditional owner group for lands in central Victoria, having their native title claim for 266,532 hectares of Crown land finally resolved.

Representatives of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, Victorian Attorney-General Robert Clark, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jeanette Powell and Environment and Climate Change Minister Ryan Smith recently attended a ceremony in Bendigo at which an agreement under the *Victorian Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* was signed. The financial value of the settlement package is \$9.65 million.

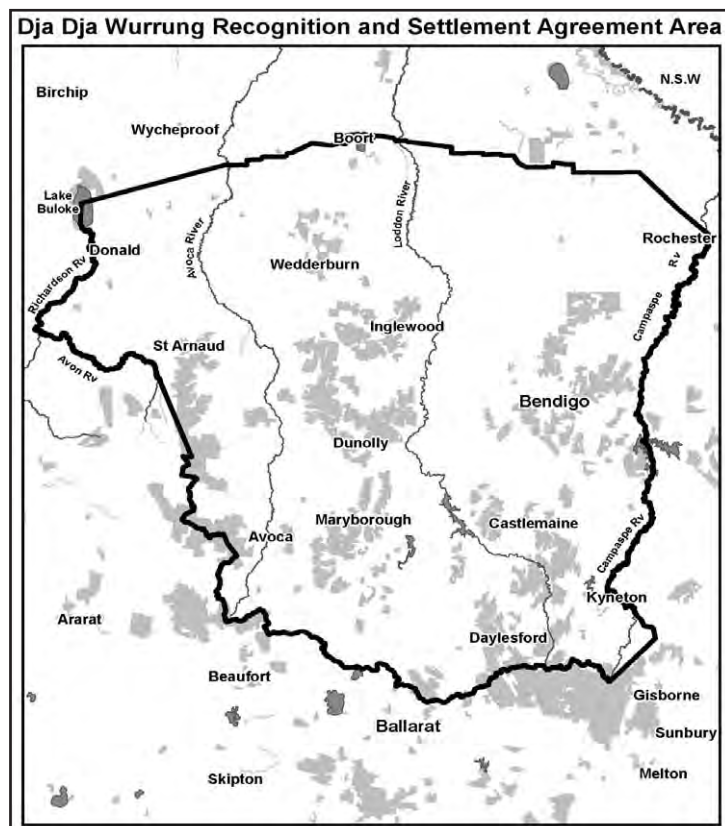
Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation chair Graham Atkinson said the signing was an historic action.

"We have come together as a recognised traditional owner group and worked to achieve a settlement with the State that will give us certainty and the opportunity to determine our own sustainable future," he said.

"Dja Dja Wurrung's connection to this area for thousands of years is finally being acknowledged in the formal recognition that we are the traditional owners of this area.

"We will now be able to fulfil our cultural and spiritual obligation to look after this country and preserve our culture, not only for the future generations of Dja Dja Wurrung people, but for all Victorians, who can be proud to share this country with the Dja Dja Wurrung people, one of the oldest living cultures in the world."

Mr Smith said the Government would partner with the Dja Dja Wurrung people to



A map of the area covered by the agreement.



Fay Carter, Graham Atkinson and Ron Kerr Jnr signing the agreement on behalf of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

improve land and natural resource management within the agreement area.

Ms Powell said the agreement would increase economic opportunities for the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

Under the agreement, traditional owner rights will co-exist with the interests of the public and third parties. Existing

interests in and public access to Crown land will not be affected by the settlement.

Areas that will be under joint management include Greater Bendigo National Park, Kara Kara National Park, Hepburn Regional Park, Kooyoora State Park, Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve and Paddy's Range State Park.

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- Aboriginal Lands: Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, Maralinga Tjarutja (including Mamungari Conservation Park (CP) co-managed by DEWNR), and Yalata
- DEWNR Reserves: Boondina, Pureba, Tallaringa, Yumbarra Conservation Parks, Nullarbor National Park, Nullarbor and Yellabinna Regional Reserves, and Yellabinna Wilderness Protection Area

Copies of the strategy are available from:

- DEWNR, Level 1, 100 Pirie St, Adelaide
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Submissions are welcome until **26 April 2013**, and will form part of the public record unless otherwise requested.

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Natural Resources
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Riverina Institute honours students



INDIGENOUS students have been honoured at the recent Riverina Institute of TAFE awards.

Kaven Lewis took out the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year Award. He's pictured at left with institute director Kerry Penton, fellow student Karene Eggleton and teacher Phillip Carroll. And Auntie Kathleen Withers won the Arts and Design Excellence Award. She's shown receiving her award at right with Kerry Penton and teacher Andrew Totman.

Ms Penton said this year's awards presentation was particularly special with the institute being named NSW Large Training Provider of the Year and subsequently named as one of the three top large training providers nationally. "The students who are at the awards are the best students of the best large training provider in NSW," she said.



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ACCC film on rights



THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has released a new consumer education film called *Six Little Rules* aimed at encouraging Indigenous consumers to use their refund and warranty rights.

"Like other Australians, many Indigenous consumers are unaware of their rights when goods are faulty or services are not carried out correctly," said ACCC NT regional director Derek Farrell.

"This film tries to inform, entertain and empower Indigenous consumers about their rights. Businesses are also encouraged to view the film to make sure they are complying with the law."

The ACCC says the film aims to present the key messages underlying the consumer guarantees regime in Australian consumer law in a way that is interesting and understandable. It is part of a pilot consumer protection initiative aimed at Indigenous people in remote communities.

Under the scheme, films are loaded on YouTube so they can be shared and attract comments.

'Consumer rights'

"We hope this film will help Indigenous consumers to confidently exercise their consumer rights," Mr Farrell said.

"This film, along with the 'ACCC - Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands' facebook page, shows that the ACCC is prepared to embrace social media as a means of identifying and responding to important consumer issues.

"The release of the film presents an opportunity to remind businesses that the consumer guarantee provisions in Australian consumer law are not negotiable, and that the ACCC will pursue traders who mislead Indigenous consumers about their legal rights."

The video is available on YouTube and the 'ACCC - Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands' facebook page. A further two films will be uploaded over the next two months.

Six Simple Rules can be accessed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbydiPiAQDU

The 'ACCC - Your Rights Mob Tiwi Islands' facebook page can be accessed at www.facebook.com/ACCCTiwi

If consumers have complaints about a trader breaching consumer law, or want further information, they can call the ACCC's Indigenous infoline on 1300 302 143.

Reconciliation gig for rapper

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL rapper Naomi Wenitong didn't hesitate for a second when asked if she wanted

to be an ambassador for Reconciliation Week.

"In a way, we all already are. With the music I make this is what I do anyway," she said.

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong has challenged all Australians to do something positive towards reconciliation during this year's National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) and to let the world know via social media.

Wenitong, a Kabbi Kabbi woman, has recently moved from NSW back to Cairns where she performed at last weekend's free block party, playing an acoustic set with her dad as well as her band The Last Kinection.

"It's really good to be a part of that and to have something so positive for young mob where all cultures can come together and have fun," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"If you can incorporate music and dance and creative things it becomes more of a celebration and it's not a hard thing to do - to get along.

"I'm a rapper, I don't know everything but I do know we need to start getting along. When I have children, I don't want them to have

to go through all the things we have."

Wenitong's own story is one of survival, resilience and being true to who you are - all things she believes everyone in Australia can relate to and that help with reconciliation.

At 16, Wenitong's and friend Simone Stacey's band Shakaya was signed by an international record label, with their first song a top-ten hit. But the band didn't last and split after their second album.

Wenitong then formed The Last Kinection with brother Joel (Weno) and Jacob Turier (Jaytee) but, just as the band was hitting the big time, was in a major car accident where she was pronounced dead. Thankfully, she wasn't (obviously), but she was seriously injured and had a long rehabilitation.

Social justice

Her lyrics often have a strong social justice element.

"Lots of people have said to me about my lyrics, 'It's a bit political.' Anything I do is classed as political, but I write about what's going on in my life, so if people stopped saying and doing those things then I wouldn't write about it, and I guess I'd be out of a job," she said.

"It's important to be able to speak the truth as a songwriter. You have to be honest with the audience, which can be scary, because you feel so vulnerable and know that some people won't

agree with what you say.

"But I realised sharing songs with the world gives everyone a chance to talk about things - black, white, everyone has to talk about these things.

"The best way to get through anything, solve any problem, is to hit it on the head, talk about it straight away, and come up with a solution, 'cause when you say you're going to deal with it later, every time you do that, it shows up a million times worse."

Wenitong is also working on a solo album (with lots of help from her friends), a third album with The Last Kinection and is a host of *Move It Mob Style*, a TV program that showcases Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hip hop and rap music, and dance moves.

"It's good to be black today - better than it was when I was younger," she said.

"I like seeing change. I'm not saying it's perfect, but we're on our way and it's a good feeling."

This year's Reconciliation Week theme is 'Let's Talk Recognition' and is a chance for people to learn more about proposed changes to the Constitution to recognise Australia's First Peoples.

Ms Armstrong urged people to organise their own reconciliation events and log them in the NRW website diary pages, Reconciliation Australia's Facebook site and tweet them with #NRW2013 and #recog



Rapper Naomi Wenitong, from The Last Kinection, who will be an ambassador for Reconciliation Week this year.



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WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Ent)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Raven Tales G (Kids)
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8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Everyday Brave G (Series)
11:30 Bush Plum G (Documentary)
12:00 My Brother Vinnie PG (Documentary)
12:30 Harold PG (Documentary)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
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6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Larger Than Life PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Marrka Wangka G (Documentary)
7:45 Micky And Frankie G (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)
8:30 Museum of the World G (Documentary)
9:30 Mad Morro MA (Documentary)
10:30 Lore Poles G (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Series)

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
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3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Larger Than Life PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
8:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
9:30 Mana Mamau M (Series)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Series)

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Ella 7's NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 Larger Than Life PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Kids)
9:00 The Long Walk Of Nelson Mandela PG (Doc)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Pacifica: Tales From The South Seas PG (Series)



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4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye G (Series)
6:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
2:30 The Habits Of New Norcia PG (Documentary)
3:30 Sixty Thousand Barrels PG (Documentary)
4:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 The Motorcycle Diaries M (Documentary)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

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 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
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4:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival 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 (Documentary Series)
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Rose Against The Odds PG (Documentary Series)
9:30 Standing In The Shadows Of Motown PG (Documentary)
11:00 Plains Empty M (Documentary)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 15TH APRIL

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music G (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
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12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
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8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
9:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
10:00 Matakau M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
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11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
12:00 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Larger Than Life PG (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Rhee PG (Series)
9:00 Jimmy Little's Gentle Journey G (Documentary)
10:00 Yulum M (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
10:30 Larger Than Life PG (Lifestyle)
11:30 Rhee (Series)
12:30 Jimmy Little's Gentle Journey G (Documentary)
1:30 Fish: An Unborn Soul G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Inuk G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Shepherd's Pie G (Documentary)
7:40 Maypalpuy Dhawu PG (Documentary)
7:44 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
7:48 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
8:30 Alick Tipoti PG (Documentary)
9:30 First Citizen: Albert Namatjira PG (Documentary)
10:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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8:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
10:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Shepherd's Pie G (Documentary)
11:10 Maypalpuy Dhawu PG (Documentary)
11:14 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)
11:18 Nganampa Anwernekenhe PG (Documentary)
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)
12:00 Alick Tipoti PG (Documentary)
1:00 First Citizen: Albert Namatjira PG (Documentary)
2:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)
3:55 P-Culture G (Kids)
4:00 Inuk G (Kids)
4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)
5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
8:30 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
9:30 Goin' Troppo In The Toppo PG (Lifestyle)
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)
10:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)

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FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

12:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
1:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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8:30 Inuk G (Kids)
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)
10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
10:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
11:00 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
12:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
1:00 From The Ashes G (Documentary)
1:30 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Kids)
9:00 Suddenly Sami PG (Documentary)
10:00 Alick Tipoti PG (Documentary)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

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 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
1:30 Rhee PG (Series)
2:30 Samoana PG (Documentary)
3:30 Intervention Katherine NT PG (Documentary)
4:30 The Marngrook Footy Show NC (Sport)
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)
6:00 Barefoot Sports NC (Sport)
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Series)
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
9:30 The Strength Of Water M (Documentary)
11:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Yekertye PG (Series)
6:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)
12:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
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2:30 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
4:00 Murri Carnival G (Sport)
4:30 NATSIBA 2008 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 (Documentary Series)
7:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
8:30 Matakau M (Drama)
9:00 Blackstone MA (Drama)
10:00 The Last Wave PG (Documentary)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

MONDAY 22ND APRIL

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
4:00 Roots Music PG (Entertainment)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)
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10:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Te Kaea NC (News)
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affairs)
12:00 Whare Maori PG (Documentary Series)
12:30 Jazz PG (Documentary Series)
1:30 We Still Live Here G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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4:00 Inuk G (Kids)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
8:30 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Documentary)
9:30 By The Rapids PG (Series)
10:00 Matakau M (Drama)
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

12:00 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)
1:00 Murri Rugby League Carnival NC (Sport)
2:00 NATSIBA NC (Sport)
3:00 Lightning Cup NC (Sport)
4:00 The 42nd Annual Koori Knockout NC (Sport)
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)
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10:30 My Bush Tukka Adventures G (Lifestyle)
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)
12:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Doc)
1:00 Five Seasons PG (Documentary)
2:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)
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5:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)
5:30 NITV News NC (News)
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)
6:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)
7:00 NITV News NC (News)
8:00 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)
8:30 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Documentary)
9:00 Blekbal PG (Documentary)
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
10:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)
11:00 NITV News NC (News)
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

Getting it straight



● Above: Oxfam Australia's new ATSIPP national manager Karrina Nolan (centre) pictured at last year's regional Straight Talk gathering in Cairns with participants Larissa Baldwin and Jade Johnson. Photo by Natasha Newman, courtesy OxfamAUS

● Right: Karrina Nolan with then WA Labor MLA Carol Anne Martin, left, and WA Greens MLC Giz Watson at the Straight Talk Parliamentary Breakfast in Perth last year. Photo by Tony McDonough, courtesy OxfamAUS



YORTA Yorta woman Karrina Nolan has been appointed as Oxfam Australia's national manager of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Program

(ATSIPP). For the past two years, Ms Nolan has been the coordinator of Straight Talk, a program that brings Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to meet with women from all sides of politics – and is now looking for participants.

She is an Irish-Aboriginal woman from Victoria and has 18 years' experience working for social justice, having worked with many community organisations, women's services and environmental justice groups.

Ms Nolan has developed and delivered programs in remote and regional Indigenous communities, including the Stylin' UP regional program, working with young people and communities to develop confidence and pride.

National summit

Oxfam Australia's fourth Straight Talk national summit, from 16-20 June, will see 60 women converge in Canberra to meet with female federal politicians and find ways to work together to bring about change.

Ms Nolan said participants would learn about the political system, discuss common issues of concern and generate strategies for bringing about change.

"Straight Talk originated from the knowledge that women were the backbone of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and had a powerful role to play in bringing about change," she said.

"A number of parliamentarians have visited participants in regional areas. Some have helped set up meetings or provided letters of support for funding or programs, and a few of our past participants have been invited to give evidence to parliamentary inquiries.

"Some women are even leaving Straight Talk with new knowledge and a conviction to one day stand for political office. In fact, a number of Straight Talkers ran in the last federal election."

Oxfam is encouraging applications from women of all ages, family types, and education and employment levels. Applications close on 22 April. Go to oxfam.org.au for more information.

Agreement in Port Augusta



A LOCAL Action Agreement has been signed by representatives of Port Augusta's Aboriginal community in South Australia and three levels of government to ensure local services are delivering results for Aboriginal people.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ian Hunter said the agreement was a milestone in efforts to close the gap in Aboriginal disadvantage in Port Augusta.

"This agreement clearly sets out the priorities for the region, including the need for suitable housing, educational opportunities for young people and a stronger focus on community safety," Ms Macklin said.

Mr Hunter said the agreement would help to make sure Aboriginal kids are growing up in safe homes and going to school.

"The local Aboriginal Community Engagement Group has been particularly instrumental in making sure this agreement is a local initiative that reflects the needs of Aboriginal families," he said.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Yorta Yorta Nation
Aboriginal Corporation
(YYNAC)

Rumbalara Football
Rooms

14 April 2013 at 1 pm

First Languages Australia

Expression of Interest

First Languages Australia is calling for Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language professionals who would be available to assist in the development of a strategic plan for languages management for remote regions of Australia. These voluntary positions will be for six months duration, with expenses covered for a minimum of two meetings, travel and accommodation.

First Languages Australia is a community based language organisation, engaged in national and international advocacy in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language programs throughout Australia.

Please forward an Expression of Interest including a recent CV to contact@firstlanguages.org.au or phone 07 32863965 for more information.

Closing date for applications is the 17th May 2013

Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Public Notice

Changing closing date of submissions - discussion paper

Providing freehold title in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities - 30 April 2013

The Queensland Government is committed to providing the same land ownership opportunities for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders as available to other communities throughout Queensland.

On 15 November 2012, the Queensland Government released the **Providing freehold title in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities discussion paper**.

The proposed freehold option provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members the same access to freehold title as other Queenslanders and a better chance to own their home and work towards their economic goals.

The release of the discussion paper is the first step, your comments and feedback will go towards the development of legislation to deliver a freehold title option for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The discussion paper and further details on the freehold proposal, including how to make a submission can be found at www.dnrm.qld.gov.au

Submissions now close 5 pm, Tuesday 30 April 2013.

www.dnrm.qld.gov.au

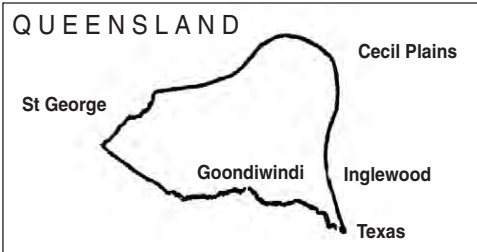


BIGAMBUL PEOPLES NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

At an authorisation meeting held in Cherbourg on the 22 February 2012, amendments to the claim group description for the Native Title Claim were approved by members of the existing claim group. Those in attendance at this meeting voted to remove the descendants of Sally (mother of Mary Ann Beng) and include descendants of further ancestors so that the claim group description will be as follows:

"The Bigambul People are the descendants of the following people who identify as traditional owners of the area claimed and are accepted by other Bigambul People as being traditional owners for that area:

1. Queen Susan also known as Granny Susan and Susan of Welltown;
2. Nellie of Goondiwindi;
3. Nellie Yumbeina;
4. Jack Noble and Sally Murray;
5. John Geoffrey Connors;
6. Jimmy Query;
7. Richard Nugget Brown;
8. King Tommi Tommi;
9. Lucy Long, mother of Harry Lange; and
10. Sam McGowan."



A further meeting will be held to authorise the Applicants to proceed to amend the Native Title Claim in accordance with the above description (and make other technical amendments to the native title claim).

The Applicants to the Native Title Claim invite you to attend the further meeting if you are a descendant of the ancestors listed above. If you are a descendant of Sally Nerang (mother of Mary Ann Beng) and were not able to attend the Cherbourg meeting you are also invited to attend.

The meeting will be held at the Virginia Palms (Brisbane International) Hotel (Cnr of Zillmere and Sandgate Roads Boondall) on Friday 19 April 2013. Registration will begin at 12 noon and the meeting will start at 1.00pm.

This is a very important meeting. If a Determination of Native title is ultimately made, the claim group description will set out those who are recognised as the native title holders of the lands depicted in the accompanying map. If the amendment is made the descendants of Sally Nerang (mother of Mary Ann Beng) will not be included and the Determined Native Title Holders will be as set out above.

Buses will be provided leaving from Inverell (stopping at Warwick), Boggabilla (stopping at Toowoomba) and Cherbourg. For those who are unable to travel from each of those four locations, travel assistance in the form of reimbursement of bus and train fares will be paid (on the production of receipts). Airfares will **not** be reimbursed and sitting fees will **not** be paid. Overnight accommodation will be arranged for Elders. The buses will return immediately after the meeting.

To be eligible for travel assistance and to obtain further information regarding bus travel, it is essential that you register for the meeting by calling Sandeewood Aboriginal Projects on 32774801.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GOLD COAST NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

Queensland South Native Title Services ('QSNTS') has received requests from descendants of the following apical ancestors: John Alexander Sandy (Bungaree), Jackey Jackey (Bilin Bilin), Coolum, George Drumley, Kitty Sandy and Nellie Jackey to convene and facilitate a meeting of the Gold Coast Native Title Claim Group pursuant to its functions under section 203B(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The **Gold Coast Native Title Claim Group** is currently described as the descendants of the following persons: **Joseph Blow, Coolum, George Drumley (Darramlee), Sarah Drumley (Warri), Jackey Jackey (Bilin Bilin), Mark Jackey, Harry Jackey, Nellie Jackey, John Alexander Sandy (Bungaree), Kitty Sandy (Yelganun), Slab and Kipper Tommy Andrews.**

This Notice invites all members of the **Gold Coast Native Title Claim Group** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday 28 April 2013
Venue of Meeting: Nerang Bicentennial Community Centre,
833 Southport-Nerang Road, Nerang
Time of Meeting: Registration 9:30am
Meeting Open 10:00am SHARP

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting on Sunday 28 April 2013 is to:

1. Invite the Applicant to report to the claim group about:
 - a. the progress of the native title determination application;
 - b. its intentions about the future conduct of the claim;
2. consider the continuing authority of the applicant and, possibly, appoint or make provision for the appointment of a new or replacement applicant (section 251B Native Title Act);
3. consider whether an application should be made for leave to discontinue the claim; and
4. provide instructions to the applicant.



QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the authorisation session.

All members of the Gold Coast Native Title Claim Group who intend to attend the meeting are requested to contact the Queensland South Native Titles Services Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to be present at the meeting.

QSNTS
Queensland South Native Title Services

Results a disgrace: Scullion



OPPOSITION spokesman on Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion says the 2012 NAPLAN

results show Close the Gap indicators for education are going backwards and he has described the results in remote and very remote areas as a disgrace.

"In 14 out of the 20 NAPLAN indicators, the gap has widened compared to 2011," Senator Scullion said.

"The gap has doubled in Year 3 numeracy with 72.7 per cent of Indigenous students meeting national standards compared with 95.1 per cent of non-Indigenous students, a gap of 22.4 per cent. In 2011, the gap was 12.8 per cent.

"Less than half (48.8 per cent) of Indigenous students met the national standard in Year 9 persuasive writing.

"With more people identifying as being Indigenous in urban areas, you would expect the gap to reduce because of that change alone. Clearly the results in remote and very remote areas are pulling down the national average.

"Across all indicators the average gap was 23.8 per cent nationally, 37.5 per cent in remote areas, 61.1 per cent in very remote areas and a shocking 80.8 per cent in very remote schools in the Northern Territory."

Senator Scullion said that in Year 5 reading, only 8.6 per cent of very remote Indigenous students in the NT met the



Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion.

national standard. "In Year 7 persuasive writing, the figure was 7.1 per cent and in Year 9 persuasive writing it was just 3.3 per cent,"

centre of our approach to Indigenous affairs if we win government. Improving the standard of education provided and making sure

children attend school will be priorities for us.

"The Prime Minister's Close the Gap report for 2012 showed disappointing results on most measures and the situation is worse in remote areas.

"Under a Coalition Government, our Close the Gap report will break down data geographically to help better target our efforts."

'Education will be at the centre of our approach to Indigenous affairs if we win government. Improving the standard of education provided and making sure children attend school will be priorities for us.'

he said. "Add to that the fact that a significant number of NT school-age children are not even enrolled and not getting an education at all. "Education will be at the

STRAIGHT TALK 2013

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16 – 21 June 2013, Canberra

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Straight Talk connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with the political system and builds the capacity of women as change makers. With a focus on practical tools and confidence, Straight Talk brings people together to share, learn and be effective in making a difference.

Applications close 22 April 2013.

For more information and an application form, go to www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk



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Local community groups and Victorian councils are invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support local crime prevention initiatives.

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www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/safetygrants



New festival is set



At the festival announcement, from left, the Australia Council's Merindah Donnelly, Rhoda Roberts, Bluesfest director Peter Noble, Tourism Australia director Andrew McEvoy and Arts Minister Tony Burke.



Thelma Plum sings at the Boomerang Festival event.



Arakwal Corporation chief executive Yvonne Stewart with festival director Rhoda Roberts.



Patrick McKenzie, from Larrakia Radio in the Top End, asks a question.

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW festival promoting Indigenous cultures from Australia and around the world is to be held on the Bluesfest site, just north of Byron Bay, in northern New South Wales.

The inaugural three-day Boomerang Festival will bring Indigenous artists and performers from more than 150 clan groups across Australia, as well as from the Pacific Rim area, Canada, New Zealand, Norway and even the Arctic.

Bluesfest director Peter Noble and Boomerang artistic director Rhoda Roberts made the announcement at the Bluesfest 2013 festival, held over the Easter long weekend.

The Australia Council's Merindah Donnelly, Tourism Australia director Andrew McEvoy and Federal Arts Minister Tony Burke joined them.

Ms Roberts said it had been a long-held dream to hold a festival in Bundjalung country, and she thanked Arakwal Corporation chief executive Yvonne Stewart for welcoming the concept.

She said the festival would work closely with the local Arakwal custodians while also involving the Bundjalung Elders Council, community leaders, and grassroots organisations.

She told a gathering of media that one of the main aims of the festival was to develop cultural opportunities and employment.

Eventually, she said, the Boomerang Festival would be just one in a circuit of festivals around the world that celebrated Indigenous cultures.

She named Christine Anu, the Chooky Dancers from Arnhem Land, Casey Donovan and Microwave Jenny as just some of the acts that would feature. Others include Troy Cassar-Daley, Frank Yamma, Moana Moaniapato from New Zealand and Digging Roots from Canada.

Focus

Ms Roberts said there would also be a focus on launching local acts from around the region onto a bigger stage, along with emerging artists from around the country.

Mr Noble told the audience the festival would go ahead with or without government funding. He said it would cost an estimated \$1.2 million to run, and would be held on the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, which he owns, from 1-3 October.

Minister Burke, who attended the launch, has invited organisers to apply for funding under the new Creative Australia Program, announced recently by his predecessor Simon Crean.

Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2013 - 2017

Community Consultation "Have Your Say"

Brimbank City Council is committed to encouraging a supportive environment for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and establishing processes that enable inclusion and respect. A Draft Reconciliation Action Plan has been developed demonstrating Council's commitment to reconciliation for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Draft Reconciliation Action Plan outlines priority actions that are unique to Brimbank and it also explores new opportunities for action. The Draft Reconciliation Action Plan was developed through the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, which is comprised of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, community service providers and Council officers.

Council asks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Brimbank residents, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers, Brimbank partners and networks to provide their comments to the Draft Reconciliation Action Plan by **30 April 2013**.

To view the Draft Reconciliation Action Plan, please go to www.brimbank.vic.gov.au

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New book tells stories

By RUDI MAXWELL



WIRADJURI man Lawrence Bamblett believes storytelling is central to the history of Aboriginal people.

He has recently published a book, *Our Stories Are Our Survival*, that explores the relationships between his people, sport and story.

"I grew up around storytelling and wanted to record people's stories," Mr Bamblett told the *Koori Mail* on Friday.

"They tell us who we are. Without stories, we don't know who we are ... they connect generations, teach values and help us to continue who we are."

Mr Bamblett grew up in the Erambie community, near Cowra in central-western New South Wales, and said that when he began a research project about stories he realised how valuable they were.

"When I grew up and started to work in education, I understood that our people were banking positive stories as a counter-balance to the negative stories that people try to put down our community with," he said.

"When I heard stories about victims being downtrodden and lost self-esteem, I thought 'That's not my people; they're not talking about people I know', because all stories I know about my people are strong and positive.

"I never bought into that disadvantage. I think we've got many advantages that people just don't know about."

The Erambie Allblacks are the oldest recorded Koori rugby league team. They 'barnstormed' the western district of NSW for two decades from 1922.

While local newspapers represented the Allblacks through the stereotypes and anxieties of the local white communities, Erambie senior men and women remember the team as an example of Wiradjuri culture being continued.

"Those games became big events, the biggest draw in the district and were about more than just league; they were about two communities who probably didn't understand each other," Mr Bamblett said.

"The two teams were made up of young men who represented their communities and the results became how people saw Aborigines in town."

The book examines physical activities and sports that are important to Erambie Kooris, including the animated form of storytelling that has a significant physical performance component, games such as rounders and skipping, as well as bare-knuckle fighting. It also examines the connections between physical activities and sports as cultural practices.

"I talk about bare-knuckle fighting, how outsiders saw it as uncontrolled, but really it was a controlled, safe form of



With copies of *Our Stories Are Our Survival* at the launch, from left, AIATSIS chair Mick Dodson, Elders June Murray, Cynthia Hardie and Margaret Murray, author Lawrence Bamblett and AIATSIS principal Russ Taylor.



A historic photo of the Erambie Allblacks rugby league team published in the book.



The book cover.



The National Health and Medical Research Council's Samantha Faulkner and her sister Alisa Duff, head of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program at the National Museum of Australia, with the book.

violence, highly ritualised. It wasn't out of control," he said.

"In the book, the community has an opportunity to say 'This is what it meant. This is why it was important and why we wouldn't stop doing it.'"

Mr Bamblett recalls being told stories that accompanied the viewing of precious photos that were kept in a tin. The photos acted as starting points, triggers and illustration for the stories.

"Stories connect us to (each other). A lot of people who told me stories have passed

on, but they connect our family.

"I dedicated the book to my grandmother, but I only know her through storytelling and photos – I feel like I know her, because I'm connected to her."

Mr Bamblett said there was responsibility in telling family stories.

"You've got to get it right or you soon hear about it. Like my mother says, it's history and you've got to get it right," he said.

"Especially for Kooris, we've got to take extra care to get it right.

"Everyone's got a point of view, a story to tell, and my aunties, my mother are happy with what I've written. They said it's a good representation of who we are, so the people most important to me are happy."

"When we tell our own stories it's an important step in our community. It gives people who hear the stories a chance to understand how we see ourselves."

Our Stories Are Our Survival is published by Aboriginal Studies Press and available at www.aiatsis.gov.au/asp

\$4.6b spent on health



FOR every dollar spent on the health of non-Indigenous Australians, \$1.47 is spent on Aboriginal or Torres

Strait Islander people's health, according to a new report.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report *Expenditure on health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 2010-11*, released recently, shows that \$4.6 billion was spent on the health of Indigenous Australians in 2010-11.

AIHW spokesperson Teresa Dickinson said this equated to

\$7995 per Indigenous person, compared to \$5437 per non-Indigenous person.

Ms Dickinson said the report findings reflected different patterns of service usage. For example, the average per-person expenditure on public hospital services for Indigenous Australians was more than double that for other people – \$3631 compared with \$1683.

However, she said Indigenous expenditure for health services that had greater out-of-pocket expenses, such as pharmaceutical and dental services, was generally lower

relative to the non-Indigenous population.

"The average per-person expenditure on dental services was \$149 for Indigenous Australians, compared with \$355 for non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Dickinson said.

"These differences reflect different patterns of service usage."

The report said health expenditure for Indigenous Australians was of particular interest because of the higher burden of disease and greater relative need for health services.

"Compared to non-Indigenous

Australians, Indigenous Australians have lower life expectancies and are more likely to have a disability and reduced quality of life due to ill health," the report said.

The report noted that most health expenditure on Indigenous Australians in 2010-11 (91.4 per cent) was government-funded, with 46.6 per cent coming from state and territory governments and 44.8 per cent from the Commonwealth.

For non-Indigenous Australians, 68.1 per cent of total health expenditure was government-funded.

The report, which is the seventh in a series of annual reports, found that between 2008-09 and 2010-11, expenditure by all governments on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people rose by \$847 per person.

"This represents an average annual growth rate of 6.1 per cent, compared with 2.6 per cent for non-Indigenous Australians," the report said.

The AIHW is a major national agency set up by the Federal Government to provide reliable, regular and relevant information and statistics on Australia's health and welfare.

Night Patrol saved



THE Federal Government has committed \$25 million a year to the Northern Territory's Community Night Patrol Program until 2022, under the Stronger Futures in the NT initiative.

The announcement follows an NT Government decision to withdraw its funding for the program.

Community night patrols currently operate across 80 communities in the Northern Territory and help people at risk of either causing harm or becoming the victims of harm to break the cycle of violence and crime. Amongst those to be supported is Larrakia Nation

Aboriginal Corporation's Darwin Night Patrol.

Federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said the Darwin Night Patrol prevented crime, improved the safety of the community, and reduced the level of adverse contact Indigenous residents had with the criminal justice system.

Too important

"I believe that this night patrol is too important to be allowed to disappear. I have instructed my department to enter discussions with the Larrakia Nation to ensure that the patrol can continue," Mr Dreyfus said.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) CEO Priscilla Collins said Mr

Dreyfus's decision should be applauded and showed leadership and a commitment to working in partnership with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to improve community safety.

"Night Patrol services have an important community safety function. They work in partnership with police, not instead of police," she said.

"Patrollers are able to manage and diffuse situations because of their family or cultural relationships that might have otherwise escalated.

"This decision will see more Aboriginal people safely diverted from police custody and will reduce the burden on police to deal with intoxicated people."



NAAJA CEO Priscilla Collins has praised the Federal Government's decision to fund Night Patrol services in Darwin.

Have Your Say NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA)

An independent review of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act is being conducted by a panel of legal, business and social justice leaders.

The review will be chaired by former Federal Court Judge, the Hon Trevor Morling QC. The other members of the panel are Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, Ms Ro Coroneos, Mr Reg Richardson AM and Mr Russell Logan. The panel will be assisted by Mr Greg O'Mahoney.

The panel will tour regional NSW to hear the views of the community on the following dates:

- Dubbo, 10 April
- Nowra, 12 April
- Wagga Wagga, 24 April
- Coffs Harbour, 8 May
- Ourimbah, 16 May

For more information or to register your interest go to www.morlingreview.com.au

The Morling Review will bring the best thinking to the challenge of ensuring the ALRA works for the independence and prosperity of Aboriginal people in NSW.

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Great Indigenous fashion

Talent strut their stuff

Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



IT was the largest gathering of Aboriginal and Maori designers and models ever to grace a catwalk, and there's every sign it'll keep getting bigger. Indigenous models and designers from Australia and New Zealand strutted their stuff during Indigenous Fashion Unearthed, held at Melbourne's Spiegel Tent as part of the 2013 L'Oreal Fashion Week.

Unearthed co-founder Wayne Quilliam said the event concept ensured cultural values were of the highest priority and at the same time relevant and workable in the fashion world.

"It was a challenge developing a working model that had the flexibility to absorb change without losing the focus on our core goals," Mr Quilliam said.

"We agreed early in development that utilising Indigenous talent was the number-one priority; (then) if we were unable to source a particular skill set, we would expand our boundaries.

"This has become one of our greatest assets. It has allowed participants the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience from non-Indigenous people in fields they may not have considered before.

Experience

"This collaboration has also allowed our non-Indigenous partners the opportunity to experience working with Indigenous men and women from two vastly different countries who share similar cultural values."

Mr Quilliam described the event team's commitment and determination as inspiring.

Co-founder Tina Waru said the goal of the collaboration was to develop mentors in the fashion industry and provide positive reinforcement to engage young people.

"It provides a platform for all Indigenous designers, make-up artists, hairdresser/stylists, event managers, photographers and models to showcase their works internationally providing further opportunities to network and collaborate," she said.

"What better way than to start with two Indigenous neighbours?"

Ms Waru said that the program provided opportunities for Indigenous people to learn about all aspects of the fashion world and potentially embark on a journey towards a successful career in fashion.

She said the runway show was unorthodox and exciting, 'harnessing the raw talent of the models to match the creative eye of the designers'.

"This was challenging and rewarding," she said.

Mr Quilliam and Ms Waru said the program had resulted in the establishment of a fully operational Indigenous enterprise – the first Indigenous global fashion and modelling management team accessible to Indigenous people throughout the world.



The Indigenous Fashion Unearthed team.



Maehe Tamihana and Renee Flavell backstage.



Model Marlikka Perdrisat wearing a piece from Maori designer Maehe Ranginui Tamihana.



● Above: Indigenous Fashion Unearthed co-founder Wayne Quilliam and chairperson of L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival Laura Anderson at the official function held at Government House. Photo by Tina Waru.

● Left: Model Shenika Rule gets the treatment from a hairstylist from Biba Academy of Hairdressing.

● Right: Reality TV star Brynne Edelston (centre) with Renee Flavell and Chantell Waho-Moo.



unearthed in Melbourne



You looking at me? Well, yes. Scott McPhee, Jesse Guivarra, Tyrone Williams and Nathan Williams.



Dream-May Langley showcasing a piece from Aboriginal designer Mia Brennan.



Dream-May Langley in a garment created by Maori designer Betreece Poto Morgan.



Capture this moment. Shaneice Whiley snaps Rhys Carter Coleman, Te Pono Aukaha, Chantell Waho-Moo and Renee Flavell backstage.



Indigenous Fashion Unearthed models, from left, June Lovett, Otis Okura and Sophie Dryden.



Model Elesha Marie in a piece from Indigenous Aboriginal designers Lucy Simpson and Mia Brennan's clothing line.



These images were taken at a pre-parade shoot. Top: Model Dawn McGuinness, is wearing one of the garments created by Indigenous designer Shona Tawhiao. Middle: Model Dream-May Langley wearing a garment created by Maori designer Shona Tawhiao and Renee Flavell wearing a garment from Maori designers D'monic Intent. Bottom: Model Dream-May Langley wearing garments from Aboriginal designers Lucy Simpson and Mia Brennan clothing line, and Chantell Waho-Moo who is wearing garments also from Mia Brennan.

Carers on life-changing course

By CHRISTINE HOWES



NAPRANUM'S Act for Kids Safe House carers have spent a week in Cairns completing the first stage of a course they feel could be life-changing, not just for their young charges but also for themselves. "I think this course is good because it's boosting our confidence with taking things forward into the community and saying 'this is what we did' and encouraging them to get involved," casual residential worker Sarah Barkley said of the organisation's Family Wellbeing Program.

"I think it all comes down to trusting too, with the clients and the kids as well, who they can trust and who they can relate to and, if they have problems, who they can go to."

The right state of mind was equally important, coordinator Rebecca Luta said.

"It will be a big help with the state of the children who come through the house," she said.

"We have children coming in with behavioural issues and all sorts of trauma, and we have to be in our right state of mind within ourselves, and calm enough to accept whatever they bring to the house."

"I'm pleased we have something set up for all the staff to be involved in. People have different opinions about everything so it's good to see how the staff go



Napranum Safe House workers with James Cook University chair of Indigenous Studies Yvonne Cadet-James (second from right).

through these sessions.

"And it's really good to see them getting involved, interacting and finding out about themselves, and how to deal with all sorts of emotional behaviours."

"It's good we're doing it because we're connected back into the community, the land and the people as well."

Act for Kids CEO Dr Neil Carrington said the organisation's SafeKIDS program had established four safe houses on Cape York – in Napranum, Aurukun, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama – as well as one more at Doomadgee, in the Gulf country.

"The houses provide short-term

accommodation for kids in community while concerns about their safety and wellbeing are assessed and they are unable to live at home," he said.

"It means they can stay in community; they stay connected to their family, country and culture."

'Making a difference'

"They're making a real difference in community and the Healing Foundation recently provided funding for them to participate in the Family Wellbeing Program at James Cook University."

"The Family Wellbeing Program will better equip our team to deal with their

own trauma and loss, so they can better understand and support families and children experiencing trauma, grief and loss through their involvement with the child protection system."

Chair of Indigenous Australian Studies at James Cook University Professor Yvonne Cadet-James said she had been involved in family wellbeing for 13 years.

"This is a program where we work with individuals, groups and communities," she said.

"It's a structured program which allows people to identify their own issues and also their own practical solutions to those issues."

Prof Cadet-James said the Napranum workers held a range of roles in the house and were 'very dynamic'.

"The whole aim is to keep children on the community instead of being sent away to places like Cairns or Townsville," she said. "The workers are very committed and, in terms of engaging with the program, they've been an outstanding group to work with."

"We've been talking about how these issues for the parents are also issues for the workers themselves."

"They're related somehow to people in the community; they're related to the children, so there's more than a vested interest, if you like, in making the program work than if they were just looking after other children in some other situation. They're very much part of the community themselves."

Draft plan reflects community pride

By LAURELLE PACEY



IT'S called the 'Long Yarn' – the full draft plan of management for the boards of

management of Gulaga and Biamanga national parks on the NSW far south coast, currently on exhibition. Submissions close this Friday.

"It's a beautiful document and we're very proud of it," said the joint coordinator of the two boards Roslyn Field.

"We're on the cusp of something really exciting which will bring economic benefits to Yuin people and to the wider business community."

The boards were formed when these parks were handed back to traditional owners (TOs) in a moving ceremony at Tilba Tilba in 2006.

The boards lease the parks back to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), part of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, and the rent funds the parks' and the boards' operations.

The management plan reflects a sense of ownership, incorporating colourful artwork by traditional owners as well as quotes from them about the mountains and their special meaning to them. "The Mountains



Talking at Narooma Markets about the draft management plan for the Yuin Mountain Parks were Nuala Trindall, of NPWS Narooma, Cathy Thomas and Vivienne Mason, of the Gulaga National Park, and NPWS joint coordinator of the two boards Roslyn Field. Photo by Laurelle Pacey

are part of us. They call us home..." some quotes say.

Gulaga Board chair Iris White said members had put a lot of hard work into developing the plan with staff of the NPWS Far South Coast Region 'to help us

look after the mountains'.

"While there are two separate boards, the national parks encompassing the mountains are part of the same cultural landscape which has a great deal of spiritual significance to local

Aboriginal people," she said.

"So we decided to do a joint plan of management for the Yuin Bangguri (Mountain) Parks."

Key to the plan is an extensive list of actions that have been prioritised and will be carried out

primarily by NPWS under the boards' guidance.

The first is a cultural heritage study for the two parks involving traditional, cultural and spiritual knowledge holders. Another high priority is for the boards to manage the mountains as a single landscape and increase the connection and protection of land between the two mountains, including the acquisition of land.

The two boards recently bought Bellbrook Farm at the foot of Gulaga, near Central Tilba, as a possible future gateway to the parks.

Ms White said they were very proud of the employment they were creating for Aboriginal people, another major aim of the plan.

They've already funded two rangers, who are attending university to become fully qualified. The boards are also supporting a number of school-based trainees.

NPWS area manager Preston Cope said the management plan was a document that once adopted became law.

There is also a 'Short Yarn' – a pamphlet summarising the draft management plan.

The 'Long Yarn' is available online at www.environment.nsw.gov.au, at NPWS offices on the south coast, or at Bega and Moruya libraries.

Decision angers NLC



THE Northern Land Council (NLC) has criticised a Northern Territory Government decision to delay the establishment of a Strategic Indigenous Reserve.

Such a reserve would have guaranteed that a proportion of waters would be set aside for environmental sustainability, and for the future economic use of land by traditional owners (TOs).

NLC chairman Wali Wunungmurra said he was

disappointed that a previous commitment to establish the reserve was being put off for three years. "The decision is bitterly disappointing, especially for traditional owners in the Mataranka and Daly regions who worked so hard to obtain it," he said.

"At the very least, those traditional owners should have been consulted before the Government finalised its position."

"I call on the Government to reconsider, and commit to consultations before finalising its position."

Mr Wunungmurra said the NLC considered an equitable allowance of water was necessary so TOs were able to compete with big industry and large corporations for a slice of the economic pie, as well as ensuring environmental protection of their rivers and fisheries.

'Short-changing'

"This short-changing of Aboriginal economic interests without any consultation is in marked contrast to the Government's alarming decision to

grant a single developer over 30 per cent of the available water in the Mataranka region," he said.

Mataranka Traditional Owners Water Allocation Plan Reference Group spokesman Alan Maroney told ABC the Government's decision to defer went against the wishes of Indigenous people.

"I feel so bloody disappointed with regards to the whole deal of what this Government has done in regards to the Indigenous and non-Indigenous partnership which we had put in place for the Mataranka water plan," he said.

"Now that virtually we've got no rights in regards to the water that's underneath the ground, we feel that our land has virtually been stripped away from beneath us."

Meanwhile, Nelson MP Gerry Wood, an independent, said the Government needed to explain why it had taken away the Indigenous water allocation when it often talked about getting Aboriginal people off welfare.

"We need to have sustainable development that is done in an open, transparent and equitable way," he said.

Huge photo display set for Torres Strait



TORRES Strait residents will get the chance later this month to see thousands of historical and

contemporary photographs from their region. They'll be on show as part of a four-day community visit to Thursday Island by staff from the AIATSIS Return of Material to Indigenous Clients program.

The images as well as audio recordings from the Torres Strait have been drawn from the vast AIATSIS audiovisual archive. A highlight is expected to be a collection of more than 2500 images taken across the Torres Strait islands in 1986 as part of the institute's publication *After 200 Years*.

The book was the result of a project where 20 Indigenous and other photographers were sent into Indigenous communities between 1986 and 1987 to document the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life in Australia 200 years after European colonisation. Photographers took more than 2500 images of everyday life across the Torres Strait, including visits to Dauan Island, Thursday Island, Murray Island, Badu Island, Sabai Island, York Island, Yam, Moa, Horn Island, Jervis Island and Mabuaig Island.

Visitors will also be able to



Ash Pollock-Harris and Heath Garrett from the AIATSIS Audiovisual Access Unit prepare for the community access visit to the Torres Strait later this month. Photo courtesy AIATSIS

go through more than 300 hours of audio recordings and a database of over 60,000 images already digitised from the institute's photographic collection – the largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander images in the world.

AIATSIS principal Russ Taylor said such community

visits were often an emotional reconnection for generations of Indigenous people.

"Often people are viewing photographs from our archive taken several decades ago of family members – such as their mother or father or grandparents or great grandparents – for the very first time," he said.

"Our community access visits facilitate a wonderful reconnection by generations of our people with their family, with their culture and with their country."

The Torres Strait Island community visit will be based at the Port Kennedy Hall on Thursday Island from 22-25 April.



Miss Teen Australia 2005 Kyra Robertson wearing 'Uluru' by Robyn Caughlan. The dress won a Deadly fashion award and came third in the national costume section at Miss Teen World Supermodel.

Water inspires Miss Teen gown



DARUG and Darkinjung designer and artist Robyn Caughlan is designing an evening gown inspired by water for Miss Teen Australia Alia Burt.

Ms Burt will wear the gown as her national costume when she competes in the Miss Teen World titles and at the crowning ceremony for the next Miss Teen Australia in Fiji this June.

Ms Caughlan has designed gowns for three winners of Miss Teen Australia.

"Because I'm an artist first, I think I tap into that aspect of my creativity, which gives me a little bit more scope, like a walking art piece," she said.

"It's hand-painted and based on water because everybody can relate to beaches when they come to Australia."

Ms Caughlan's previous gowns for Miss Teen have been inspired by the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru and the Sturt Desert Pea plant.

"There are not enough Aboriginal girls entering the quest... we have to get more, it would be my greatest joy if that was to happen," she said.

"We have amazing girls with beautiful features."

Miss Teen Australia is open to girls aged 16-19 and closes on 26 April. For more information or to enter go to www.misstenaustalia.com.au

Concern over duck shooting



YORTA Yorta National Aboriginal Corporation chair Travis Morgan says he was happy with the communication

between his organisation and Parks Victoria regarding duck shooting at Richardson's Lagoon, near Torrumbarry.

"No cultural heritage was harmed, and Parks Victoria has agreed to continue watching Richardson's Lagoon over this duck season and for the future as well," Mr Morgan told the *Koori Mail*.

Torres Strait Islander man Harry Pugh and his partner Tuesday Browell live on the lagoon. Mr Pugh has been fishing in

the lagoon from his boat and protesting about duck shooting.

"I think the Department of Primary Industries have told the duck shooters not to go near me, because there's no law or ruling on what an Aboriginal man can do," he said.

"I'll be out there until it's finished."

"It's very, very sad. The lagoon was so calm, then it was like World War III, birds of all description took to the air. It's sad that it's allowed to happen; it's a barbaric sport, a blood sport, and we're going to continue the fight."

Duck shooting season in Victoria is from 16 March until 10 June. Eight

species of duck are allowed to be shot and shooters have a bag limit of 10 birds.

After the first weekend of the duck-shooting season, activists claimed more than 200 rare birds had been slaughtered as well as about 2000 other protected and game species.

Coalition Against Duck Shooting campaign director Laurie Levy claimed birds shot included the endangered freckled duck.

The 16 March shooting at Box Flat floodplains in the state's north-west prompted the Victorian Government to close the site and launch an investigation. – *With AAP*

Four more get OOHHC accreditation



FOUR more NSW Aboriginal community organisations have received

provisional accreditation for out-of-home care (OOHC).

The Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Myimbarr, Wandiyali (Newcastle) and Wundarra Residential Care (Coffs Harbour) were recently presented with their certificates of provisional accreditation from the NSW Children's Guardian. Representatives joined NSW Family and Community Services Minister Pru Goward to celebrate at Parliament House.

"This is another major step towards improved OOHHC services in NSW and recognises the capacity and commitment of these agencies to support Aboriginal children and their families," Ms Goward said.

"Only real reform and working better and smarter can improve services and lives for Aboriginal children and young people in care.

"Having an Aboriginal agency deliver out-of-home care services to Aboriginal children



Representatives from the Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Myimbarr, Wandiyali (Newcastle) and Wundarra Residential Care (Coffs Harbour) after receiving certificates of provisional accreditation for out-of-home care.

ensures their culture is retained and helps recognise the importance and value of family, extended family, kinship networks, and community in raising Aboriginal children."

Children's Guardian Kerryn

Boland said ten Aboriginal agencies now provided OOHHC services in NSW.

"This is an incredible achievement over a relatively short period of time and great news for the care of Aboriginal

children and young people in this state," she said.

AbSec CEO Angela Webb also congratulated the agencies.

"The accreditation of these four agencies has really set the

wheels in motion to achieve our goal to have all Aboriginal children in care placed with Aboriginal carers and supervised by Aboriginal caseworkers employed by Aboriginal agencies," she said.

Elders on Tasmanian women's honour roll



TWO Aboriginal women have been included on the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women in recognition of their contribution to their

communities. Elders Gloria Andrews and Dorothy Murray were recognised for their service to Aboriginal Affairs by Tasmanian Community Development Minister Cassy O'Connor.

"These women have been selected as worthy of special recognition for their contribution to Tasmania, and their achievements, influence, commitment and success should be an inspiration to all," Ms O'Connor said.

"The message to Tasmania's young women and girls is that they should have confidence in their ability to undertake new challenges and achieve great things; and the proof of their potential is being celebrated here."

Ms Andrews was described as a 'role model and mentor' and as having passion to 'share her knowledge about her culture and promote positive aspects about her people, their history and culture – especially her knowledge about bush foods, medicine and the environment'.

She assisted the St Helens District High School create a bush tucker garden to help with learning about and sharing native Tasmanian food.

Ms Andrews was a member of the Project Council of Elders with the University of Tasmania's field study project 'Telling Places in Country', which aimed to retrace and re-map George Augustus Robinson's progress through Aboriginal country while on forays to make contact with north-east



Dorothy Murray with her award.

clans. It raised awareness of the significance of Tasmania as an Aboriginal place and landscape.

Ms Andrews is involved in the Blue Tier preservation of Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage, and the environment, heritage and history of Tasmania's north-east.

"The Blue Tier is a very special place for me and the reasons for my protest is that the environment is being destroyed, which in turn is destroying my cultural heritage. As a Tasmanian Aboriginal person, I have a very strong connection to the land," she said.

Ms Murray was born on Cape Barren Island in 1941. At the age of 15, she was assisting and teaching

young Aboriginal children at the Cape Barren Island Primary School.

As one of the founders and the administrator of the Aboriginal Elders Council of Tasmania, Ms Murray created a culturally sensitive meeting place for Aboriginal people and organised and negotiated programs for her community including home and community care, Meals on Wheels, bingo, NAIDOC activities, Elder support and assistance, cultural trips, shell necklace making workshops and art activities.

She negotiated a photographic exhibition by Ricky Maynard, which showcases Elders and is on show in the Chambers Hall in Launceston.

The 'Through Our Eyes' quilt-making workshops she organised reflect culture, family and community and tell stories of mutton-birding, shell necklace making and Aboriginal soldiers from Cape Barren Island.

Ms Murray has helped break down barriers and build tolerance and understanding through the Department of Education's Aboriginal speakers program. She visited schools and taught children about the cultural practices of her people.

And she is the female singer for a band which plays Cape Barren Island music that evolved from the sealers.

Ms Murray has been a member of the Cape Barren Island Council, Tasmanian Aboriginal Children's Association, Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and Elders Council of Tasmania.

She was awarded a NAIDOC Message Stick by the National NAIDOC Committee in 2012.



Tasmanian Community Development Minister Cassy O'Connor with Gloria Andrews.



Lirwi Tourism chairman Djawa Burarrwanga.

Yolngu take on tourism opportunity



A NEW cultural tourism opportunity will soon be available to tourists

travelling to the Northern Territory's Top End, with visitors able to experience Indigenous life and culture while camping with Yolngu families.

The Yolngu Dhukarr tours, launched by Lirwi Tourism, will operate for groups of up to 12 people, travelling with Indigenous guides to three communities over five days.

Lirwi Tourism chairman Djawa Burarrwanga said the tours were part of the Yolngu Cultural Tourism Masterplan, which aims to

develop dozens of Indigenous-owned tourism businesses and create a sustainable economy for Yolngu.

"Yolngu families are preparing to welcome travellers and share their way of life in the most authentic way possible," he said.

"Visitors will be able to make a personal connection with the world's oldest living culture while exploring some of Australia's most beautiful and remote landscapes."

The tours will allow visitors to witness dance and ceremony, help gather and prepare bush foods, learn about Yolngu art, language and kinship, participate in hunting and fishing expeditions and visit

locations previously rarely seen by outsiders.

Lirwi Tourism manager Matt Grooby said the first tours would depart from Nhulunbuy later this year.

"These tours will allow Yolngu to share their culture with visitors while providing an economic foundation for their future," he said.

"Tourism of this kind, developed by the Yolngu themselves, will allow for several generations of a family to participate, helping them to remain on country and strengthen their culture."

Tours will include transport, drivers, guides, camping equipment, bedding, meals and cultural experiences on three different Yolngu homelands.

Heavy metals released into Territory waterway



TAILINGS water containing heavy metals has been released from a mine pit into a Northern Territory river.

Vista Gold's Mount Todd gold mine started releasing the water into the Edith River last Wednesday after heavy rain sparked fears a pit would overflow.

General manager Brent Murdoch says the water level in the Batman Pit was less than 50cm from the top. "We much prefer to do this now than have an uncontrolled release," he said in a statement.

"We will only release enough water to achieve sufficient freeboard."

Vista Gold said the releases were in line with Territory regulations and the heavy

metals were diluted beforehand.

The Environment Centre NT said the mine's 'homegrown' water treatment was not good enough.

Centre head Stuart Blanch fears heavy metals are still getting into the food chain.

"Sure they're diluted, but they don't just disappear," he said.

"We can't find them in the river.

"They could be in the estuary where the barramundi breed.

"A lot of local fishermen and Aboriginal people eat fish from the river."

A spokesman for the Northern Land Council (NLC) said the organisation's mining team was preparing a brief for NLC's management on the latest release into the Edith River. —AAP

New booklet is a guide to making wills



A NEW free book is available to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in New South Wales make a will. The *Aboriginal Wills Handbook* is the result of a research project by Professor Prue Vines under the auspices of the Indigenous Law Centre of the University of NSW and the NSW Trustee and Guardian.

"There are an enormous number of disputes in Aboriginal communities about burial, many of which end up in court. Some have split communities for years and making a will and appointing an executor can help prevent that happening," she said.

"There are interstate (dying without a will) laws in NSW that may not be appropriate and may mean wrong kin inherit, and the use of a will makes it possible to decide what happens after you die.

"A will is a vehicle for your own words and wishes, and because it has the force of law it can prevent disputes."

The book is in two parts, the first an accessible section that outlines some things to think about when making a will and the second for legal practitioners to help Aboriginal people make a culturally appropriate will.

Prof Vines said a common misconception was that people needed to own significant assets to make a will.

"You can make a will even if you have \$5. There's no need to own something special," she said.

"You can also protect secret knowledge as a back-up if you didn't manage to pass on customary law or knowledge in your life."

In a will, a person can choose who takes property, appoint a guardian for children and, by appointing an executor, make it clear who is to decide how to deal with the body."

Executor

Wills can be made by the Public Trustee for nothing if people are happy for them to act as executor or by a solicitor. "Money can be a barrier, but that should be weighed up against the number of communities who have gone to court and spent thousands," Prof Vines said.

She said that although the book had been written for NSW law, legal practitioners in other states and territories could easily adapt it.

Copies of the *Aboriginal Wills Handbook* can be downloaded at <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/wills-for-aboriginal-people.html>

Program is helping Aboriginal people



A PROGRAM run by the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre (NRCLC), is helping Aboriginal people in the

region write their wills. It's called 'Blauwggammir gannah beh', which roughly translates in Bundjalung language to 'look, listen and understand'.

NRCLC project worker Nancy Walke said it had started a few weeks ago, thanks to funding from the Federal Attorney-General, and had already attracted plenty of interest.

"We developed it because we'd had an expression about wills from some members of the community, so we thought we'd tell them what it's about, give them an opportunity to have a will drafted, because in partnership with the Far North Coast Law Society, we're able to offer will drafting for free," she said.

Bundjalung woman Annaerly Byers came to a wills session in Casino with her mother Patricia Green and sister Sarah Robinson.

"Having a will is a good thing because after someone dies it can stop friction between families," Ms Byers said.

"Most of our people don't realise it really needs to be done so you can tell the family what you want."

Ms Walke said the program included a general information session with a tip sheet of things for people to think about, followed by individual consultations with solicitors for those who wanted them.

"It's important for everybody to have a will," she said. "Many Aboriginal people don't really think they have much of value



Sarah Robinson, Patricia Green and Annaerly Byers at Blauwggammir gannah beh in Casino, northern NSW.

so they die without a will but it does cause problems in families.

"People should think about executors, about their family tree, ownership of property, other sorts of gifts like artwork, cultural information... Some people might have royalties, that sort of thing.

"We encourage people to think about a funeral plan, even young people, not just old people. Write it all down so when you're talking to the solicitor you can mention it and go from there."

A Blauwggammir gannah beh session will be held at the Goonellabah Community Centre in Lismore on 24 April from 11am.

For more information, contact the NRCLC on (02) 6621 1000.

Man who apologised for racist past dies

A FORMER Ku Klux Klan supporter who publicly apologised for years of violent racism, including the beating of a civil rights activist who went on to become a Georgia congressman, has died. Elwin Wilson was 76.

His wife, Judy Wilson, said he died on 28 March at a hospital in South Carolina after a bout of flu and suffering for years with heart and lung problems.

She said husband had been relieved he lived long enough to try to make amends for years of racial hatred.

He detailed his deeds at length when he called *The Herald* newspaper of Rock Hill to apologise soon after President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

"He said he had it on his heart for a long time," Mrs Wilson said. "He said he wished he could find the ones he mistreated and apologise to them all."

Among his actions were cross burnings; hanging a black doll in a noose at the end of his drive; flinging cantaloupes at black men walking down Main Street; hurling a jack handle at a black boy jiggling the soda machine in his father's service station; and the brutal beating of future US Representative John Lewis of Georgia at a Rock Hill bus station in 1961.

"His story is a powerful story. His story must not be forgotten," Mrs Lewis told *The Herald* in a telephone interview.

"His story and the way he arrived at his

position must be understood, must be told."

After his apology to the newspaper, Mr Wilson apologised in other public venues, including during a meeting with Mr Lewis at the congressman's Capitol Hill office.

In an April 2009 interview with the Associated Press, Mr Wilson tried to explain why he had decided to apologise.

"All I can say is that it has bothered me for years, all the bad stuff I've done," he said. "And I found out there is no way I could be saved and get to heaven and still not like blacks."

This month, Mr Lewis received apologies from the current police chief of Montgomery, Alabama, and the governor. But Wilson's apology remains special.

"He was the first private citizen," Mr Lewis said. "He was the very, very first to come and apologise to me ... for a private citizen to come along and say, 'I'm the one that attacked you. I'm the one who beat you.' It was very meaningful."

In 2009, Mr Lewis and Mr Wilson accepted the Common Ground Award for Reconciliation at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. Also that year, both were honoured in California with awards on Worldwide Forgiveness Day.

In Maryland, Mr Wilson presented Mr Lewis with an award.

They also told their story to TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey and millions of viewers. — AP



Steven Brown holding Damon Roy James Brown at the launch.



Pictured at the launch are AILC directors Jason Mifsud, Charles Prouse and Natalie Walker with chairperson Tom Calma. Photos by Wayne Quilliam, courtesy AILC

Leadership centre has a new look



CHAIRPERSON
Tom Calma officially opened the new-look Australian

Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) in Canberra last month.

"We're working to grow a critical mass of Indigenous leaders who will drive sustained change in Indigenous communities across the nation," he said.

"This marks a celebration of all the leaders that have come through our doors and all those that will come as we move forward."

Dr Calma also launched a new DVD celebrating the work of the AILC, a not-for-profit registered training organisation owned and controlled by Indigenous Australians.

Knowledge

AILC courses draw on Western and Indigenous knowledge to build participants' skills in governance, planning, consultation, negotiation and conflict resolution.

AILC CEO Rachelle Towart said participants were encouraged to explore what leadership means in a

context that incorporates Indigenous cultural understandings of how to bring about change.

"Each and every Indigenous person who challenges themselves with the task of becoming a leader brings us one step, and one person closer to Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage," she said.

The AILC is inviting potential partners to get in touch to discuss how they can help foster a new generation of Indigenous leaders.

More information is available at ailc.org.au



Saying no is not an option. AILC CEO Rachelle Towart tempts AILC graduate Rachelle Kelly with an AILC cupcake.

Perth healing organisation wins praise



PERTH-based Indigenous healing organisation Yorgum has been singled out for praise by Federal Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Julie Collins.

Yorgum (a Noongar name for a red flowering gum tree that has healing properties) provides a cultural approach to healing Indigenous people who have

been affected by family violence, sexual abuse and the underlying causes.

Ms Collins and Western Australian senator Louise Pratt met with staff from Yorgum.

"Family violence is a national problem that exists in all levels of society but statistics show Indigenous Australians are more likely to be affected by violence and abuse than other Australians," Ms Collins said.

"Sadly, we know that Indigenous women and girls are 35 times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be hospitalised as a result of family violence – this is simply unacceptable.

"The staff at Yorgum are using culturally appropriate methods in helping local Indigenous women and children affected by family violence and making lives safer.

"All forms of violence against women

are unacceptable – in any community and in any culture – and it is everyone's responsibility to reject and prevent violence."

● If you or anyone you know is affected by domestic violence, call the national hotline on 1800 737 732 or visit 1800respect.org.au/common-questions/how-do-i-find-indigenous-services/ to find Indigenous services in your state or territory.



Andi Tahta, Josh Fonmosa and Nathan Tamati, from Young Men Society, with fans at the One Deadly Step Aboriginal Health Screening event at Marrickville PCYC.

Another Deadly Step towards better health



DOZENS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were screened for a range of common health problems at the One Deadly Step event in Marrickville last week.

The program, launched in 2011, has screened more than 1000 Indigenous people across NSW.

At the Marrickville PCYC, participants each had an extensive health check covering weight, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, kidney and lung function.

Rugby league players Timana Tahu and George Rose came along to show support and participants had a barbecue lunch and received giveaways, including a free One Deadly Step jersey.

Director of Aboriginal health for Sydney Local Health District George Long said the One Deadly Step program was a great opportunity to reduce chronic disease among Aboriginal people.

"And it is a great opportunity for the community to get together and have some fun while also spreading that vital health message," he said.

Aboriginal outreach project

officer for Inner West Sydney Medicare Local Rose Nean said the program was a good way of breaking down barriers to access and costs associated with chronic disease screening.

"It gives members of our community the opportunity to learn what steps they need to take to manage their health," she said.

One Deadly Step is a partnership between Sydney Local Health District, the Agency for Clinical Innovation and the Inner West Sydney Medicare Local and targets communities in NSW where Aboriginal populations may be at risk of chronic disease.



Turki Alharbi measures the blood sugar level of Cleo King at the One Deadly Step Aboriginal health screening event in Marrickville.

Wiradjuri Park idea welcomed



A PLAN to develop a park with, for and about Aboriginal people in Dubbo, western NSW, has been met with enthusiasm by local Aboriginal organisations.

Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Darren Toomey said he thought the proposed Wiradjuri Park was a great idea.

"It's an opportunity to showcase Aboriginal culture and heritage within Dubbo and an opportunity for the Aboriginal community to access the park and run events," he said.

"It's right near the river, not too far from the main street. The location's great, so the community can come along and have functions there."

Dubbo City Council is asking for input and has prepared a draft master plan for Wiradjuri Park, on land adjacent to the Emile Serisier Bridge bordering the western bank of the Macquarie River.

Key features of the draft plan include the creation of river trails that represent different phases of Aboriginal settlement in the Dubbo

area and interpretative signage on significant events; a playground; a shared bike and pedestrian path that connects with the existing riverside trail; and a central gathering area and amphitheatre for cultural events, storytelling and dance and musical performances.

Dubbo mayor Mathew Dickerson said the council had worked closely with the Wambool Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Team, which originally

proposed the idea, and the Dubbo Aboriginal Community Working Party to produce the conceptual plan for Wiradjuri Park.

"In developing the community's 25-year vision for Dubbo, residents said they wanted to see Aboriginal culture celebrated," he said.

"There is a desire from the community,

both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to see Wiradjuri Park developed in a way that celebrates its cultural significance."

The draft Wiradjuri Park master plan can be viewed at Dubbo Council, Dubbo Library, and online at www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au

Feedback is due by 7 May.

'It's an opportunity to showcase Aboriginal culture and heritage within Dubbo'

More rangers wanted to work on country



THE Working on Country program is seeking another 25 Indigenous rangers in the Northern Territory. Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke

said Indigenous rangers were involved in a range of conservation work, including helping to protect stone and gorge country on the western Arnhem Land plateau, cane toad quarantine, and protecting the nationally significant nesting sites of turtles.

"The expansion of the Indigenous Rangers network is one of the most important environmental achievements of this Government," he said.

"Rangers in the NT are doing

some of the toughest and most impressive work I know of: managing vast areas of some of Australia's most precious land, coast and sea country, in all weather conditions.

"Their efforts are delivering significant ecological improvements to the NT, as well as social benefits to the wider community."

The positions are honouring a commitment the Government made last year as part of Stronger Futures in the NT, with a \$19.1 million jobs package for Indigenous people in remote communities in the NT, including 50 new ranger positions.

Applications close on 3 May.

Further information regarding the Working on Country program is available at www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry

Rosendale appointed as adviser

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



A PROUD north Queenslander with family in Hopevale and Wujal Wujal has been appointed to the position of Strategic Adviser on Indigenous Cultural Affairs with the Australian Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Ray Rosendale is based in Cairns and his new role will see him advise senior personnel how to attract, recruit and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander officers and sailors.

He'll provide advice on ways for the navy to engage with and demonstrate respect for Indigenous culture.

On 16 March, CPO Rosendale attended an assessment day in the gymnasium at HMAS Cairns, where 28 young Indigenous men and women, most of them from remote communities, were tested for fitness, teamwork and problem solving.

"I'm really excited about the

role and I am from one of the biggest families at Hope Vale. The navy is a great career for Indigenous youths," he said.

Chief of Navy Vice-Admiral Ray Griggs, who introduced the new role to the navy, said CPO Rosendale always brought a range of terrific ideas to the table.

Critical

"This role is critical to the navy better understanding Indigenous issues and to attracting and retaining Indigenous members of the navy," he told the navy newspaper.

Director Recruiting Management Navy Commander Chris Curtis said the navy's Indigenous strategy supported the Defence Reconciliation Plan.

"We recognise the navy has a special part to play in recognising our sea people and their heritage," he said.

"It is important that we understand that our maritime heritage goes back many thousands of years with the

Indigenous peoples who have hunted, lived and travelled in our maritime environment long before there were ships exploring from Europe."

Commander Curtis said key initiatives such as the ADF Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course and navy support to the Defence Indigenous Development Program were an important part of an ongoing Indigenous recruiting strategy.

"The strength of our Indigenous programs is that they are participatory and there is something in them for everyone, whether they are seeking a naval career or simply a learning experience," he said.

Director Indigenous Affairs Lisa Phelps said she was encouraged by the creation of the new position.

"CPO Rosendale is a welcome addition to our new diversity round table and I'm confident his experience, commitment and extensive networks will hold him in good stead as he establishes himself in his new role," she said.



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Five enlist with Navy

By ALF WILSON



FIVE young Indigenous men and women have enlisted with the Australian Navy under a program that assists people from remote communities to gain employment. Teyla Ahwang, 19, Gerard Lampton, 24, Megan Matthew, 19, Roszaly Aitken, 20, and McFarlane Pearson, 23, enlisted at a ceremony in Townsville last month under the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP).

Ms Ahwang and Ms Matthew are from Thursday Island and Mr Pearson is from Hammond Island in the Torres Strait.

Mr Aitken is from Yarrabah community and Mr Lampton is an Aboriginal man from Cairns.

"I wanted to join the navy after I left school and my dream has come true. It still hasn't sunk in yet. The lifestyle is what interested me and the program I've done involved job training," Mr Lampton said.

Mr Pearson said he had cousins who were also in the defence forces.

"It has been my love of the sea which made me want to join the navy," he said.

They were amongst 16 new Royal Australian Navy recruits at the ceremony. Also there were Warrant Officer Class One Don Bowie (WO1), ADF Senior Indigenous Recruitment Adviser, and Chief Petty Officer Ray Rosendale (Navy



New Australian Navy recruits, from left, Teyla Ahwang, Megan Matthew, Gerald Lampton, Roszaly Aitken and McFarlane Pearson with Chief Petty Officer Ray Rosendale, back, and Warrant Officer Class One Don Bowie.

Strategic Adviser on Indigenous Cultural Affairs) from HMAS Cairns.

DIDP is a government initiative designed to provide young Indigenous adults in northern Australia with the education, training, life skills and confidence to get and keep full-time

employment and be role models within their communities or transition to the permanent forces or general entry reserves.

The recruits will complete their basic training, at the Navy Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus in Victoria.

New figures show mixed death results



AVOIDABLE deaths among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have dropped since 2001, but mortality rates for chronic diseases are still much higher for Indigenous Australians. Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed death rates for avoidable causes and circulatory diseases had declined between 2001 and 2010.

But the figures also showed almost half of Indigenous mothers smoke during pregnancy and unemployment rates continue to remain higher for Indigenous people than for non-Indigenous people.

But there was a 35 per cent fall in the overall mortality of Indigenous people and a 17 per cent decline in avoidable mortality from 1997 to 2010.

Also in WA, infant mortality rates fell 62 per cent between 1991 and 2010.

In NSW, the number of Indigenous people starting end stage renal disease therapy had jumped 286 per cent since 1991.

Avoidable mortality fell in the state by 20 per cent, while there was an increase in the proportion of pregnant women attending antenatal care.

In Victoria, low birthweight was more than twice as common among babies of Indigenous mothers as among babies of non-Indigenous mothers.

Queensland saw a 41 per cent decline in the rates of infant mortality and a 32 per cent decrease in avoidable mortality. — AAP

Kokatha group signs agreement



A COPPER mining company and native title group are working together on the future of the Carrapateena exploration project in northern South Australia (SA).

OZ Minerals and the Kokatha Uwankara Claimant Group held a certificate signing ceremony in Port Augusta on 27 March to acknowledge their native title agreement covering OZ Minerals' retention lease activities at the Carrapateena project.

"This is a positive step towards creating long-term benefits for our community," Kokatha group chairman Andrew Starkey said.

"The signing of this agreement demonstrates the positive way we are working with mining companies to secure a strong future for the Kokatha.

"It builds on the work we have

done to establish the Kokatha Business Centre in Port Augusta, which is creating employment, training and economic opportunities for our people."

The Kokatha Uwankara people are the native title claimants of the land on which the Carrapateena advanced exploration project is situated.

'Great example'

"The achievement of the native title agreement is a great example of traditional owners and mining companies working together in pursuit of common goals," Oz Minerals managing director and CEO Terry Burgess said.

"We look forward to continuing to work with the Kokatha Uwankara people as the Carrapateena project progresses."

As part of the agreement, OZ Minerals in consultation with the Kokatha Uwankara group will

develop and implement an education and training program to enhance employment opportunities for the community.

A liaison committee made up of members of the Kokatha Uwankara and OZ Minerals representatives will be established to enable consultation on training and employment opportunities, and to develop and implement guidelines for the management of culturally sensitive areas.

OZ Minerals says it will also appoint an Aboriginal liaison officer from the Kokatha Uwankara group to act as an onsite mine facilitator and mentor to Aboriginal employees.

The Kokatha Uwankara will work with OZ Minerals to develop a cultural awareness course so that people working at the site understand issues of cultural significance to the traditional owners.



OZ Minerals managing director and CEO Terry Burgess and Kokatha chairman Andrew Starkey at Port Augusta's Kokatha Business Centre.

Childhood educators at congress



TWO Aboriginal early childhood educators gave a workshop at the Sixth World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights held recently in Sydney.

Kirribilli Family Day Care founder Jean Moran and Ngroo Education director Jan Wright spoke on working with Indigenous families.

Their presentation was called 'Bridges to Didges: How to work effectively alongside Indigenous families to ensure positive human rights outcomes'.

It was the first time the Congress had been held in Australia and the first time Aboriginal people had been invited to speak on the program.

Ms Wright spoke about the right of all children to all levels of education without discrimination and how preschool made a difference to Indigenous children's lives.

Ms Moran, who last year established the first Aboriginal playgroup in the North Sydney area, reinforced how the first three years of a child's life were crucial to development and read out a poem she had written:

*I am from this land
I walk in the community
I live in the community
Let me teach you about my unique culture
And share my Dreamtime story about long ago
Let me be part of the community
Give me the opportunity to be an educator
I am a proud Aboriginal*

Ms Moran said her aim was for Aboriginal children to have equal opportunity and access to an education nationwide.



Jean Moran, from Family Day Care Service Australia, and Jan Wright, from Ngroo Education at the congress.

Change in store for Napranum



At the new Napranum supermarket site on Cape York, from left, Cameron Jawai, Jimmy Tamwoy, Cr Ernest Madua Jnr, Island & Cape CEO John Smith, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council deputy mayor Margie Adidi, council CEO Amos Njaramba, Cr Rex Burke and Shaquel Adidi-Nixon.



THE Cape York community of Napranum should have a much-needed new supermarket by June.

Work is under way on what will be Cape York's biggest supermarket, which is being funded by the Queensland Government and Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council.

When completed, the Island & Cape-run store will supply about 850 local residents with groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy products, clothing and more.

Island & Cape retail operations manager Craig Oxlade said the 550 square metre supermarket would also create more than 20 full- and part-time positions in Napranum.

"This is an extremely exciting

development for the local residents; one they have been waiting a long time for," he said.

"Residents of Napranum currently pay taxi fares in excess of \$40 each way to travel to Weipa to shop, so this store will greatly benefit the community."

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council interviewed prospective businesses to run the store, with Island & Cape winning the contract.

'Track record'

"The council said they chose Island & Cape because they were impressed by our track record of running outstanding community-based stores, and our strong commitment to employing and training local people," Mr Oxlade said.

An special opening ceremony is planned for June.

Mr Oxlade said nationally-accredited training would be offered to the store's new employees.

"Island & Cape will also be investing approximately \$350,000 in new equipment to fit out the new building, and then it will hold about \$500,000 in stock when filled," he said.

"The store will have the latest point-of-sale systems, including a wireless-linked ordering system, with integrated security monitoring throughout the complex."

Mr Oxlade said Island & Cape had a nine-year history of working with remote communities across the region.

Other Island & Cape stores in the region are on Badu Island, Dauan Island, Horn Island and Yorke Island in the Torres Strait, and in Aurukun, Wujal Wujal and Hopevale.

NATIONAL CALENDAR



We welcome items for our National Calendar of Events. Please make them to the point and include all relevant contact details. Send submissions to any of the addresses in the panel on Page 23.

National

Carer Line is a free telephone information and support service for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services. Call 1800 242 636 Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

28-29 August: Puliima 2013 National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum. Proposals for presenting and/or exhibiting at Puliima 2013 are being sought. Held at the William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne. Details: www.puliima.com or (02) 4927 8222.

NSW-ACT

Until 14 April: I Do Have a Belief – A Tribute to Kevin Gilbert. A tribute to the Aboriginal artist and activist Kevin Gilbert (1933-1993). This retrospective exhibition includes oil paintings, linoprints, 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 phone (02) 6173 3300 or visit www.belconnenartscentre.com.au

Until 15 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. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email boomalliantgallery@gmail.com or visit www.boomalli.com.au

Until 22 April: Straight Talk 2013 applications sought. Straight Talk connects Indigenous women with the political systems and builds the capacity of women as change makers. For more information or to apply go to www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk or call 1800 088 110.

Until 12 May: Sense of Place exhibition. Featuring artist Danielle Gorogo, includes artist's talk at 10.30am. Held at Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6643 3177 or visit www.garftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 12 May: League of Legends photographic exhibition celebrating 100 years of rugby league in Australia. Detailson (02) 6643 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.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, academia, 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

Until 14 September: Bipotaim: Stories from the Torres Strait Exhibition including photographs, stories and objects about the lives, culture and identity of Torres Strait Islanders. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT from 9am-5pm daily. Free entry. Details: 1800 026 132 or visit www.nma.gov.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



The Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, where a family barbecue is held from 10am-5pm every Sunday. It's an alcohol- and drug-free event, with people to bring their own food and drink. For more information call in at the embassy and ask for Tellamardi Japanunga (TJ) or telephone 0412 712 513.

Desert community of Warakurna. Held at the National Museum Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton, ACT. 9am-5pm daily. Free and all welcome. Details: 1800 026 967 or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 10 December: Redfern Wrap Around. Connecting community to services all under one roof, including Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support, RTA, Office of State Revenue and the Aboriginal Legal Service. Held once a month at the Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo St, Redfern from 10am-2.30pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713.

12 April: Roger Knox Community Concert. Roger Knox and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts perform the Aboriginal country and western songbook, inspired by Clinton Walker's landmark book *Buried Country*. Held at Redfern Community Centre, 9 Hugo St, Sydney from 7pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 9288 5713

12 April: Bobby Huddleston Memorial Golf Day. Includes four-person ambrose, prizes for longest drive and nearest pins, presentation and entertainment. Held at the Queanbeyan Golf Course. Cost: \$55 (includes barbecue, green fees and shirt). Details: Mal Towney on 0427 492 417 or Mark Huddleston on 0401 147 551 or email Malcolm.Towney@dhs.nsw.gov.au

27-28 April: Corroboree – First Nations Gathering. Includes workshops, men's, women's and youth circles. Free and all welcome. Held at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Canberra. Details: Wayne Wharton on 0408 064 900 or Alice Haines on 0447 097 659.

19 April: Brewarrina Cultural Celebration. Ngini Ngurrumbaa Ngiyambaa Welcome. Activities include speeches, traditional dance, traditional games, music, Elders' and children's corner, stories and food. Also launching the 'Brewarrina Says No to child sexual Assault', campaign. Held at Memorial Park, Brewarrina from 9.30am-2.30pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Trish Frail on (0488) 392 221 or Melissa Kirby on (0448) 855019

11 May: Tribal Warrior Mother's Day cruise, including finger food, karaoke, dancing and raffles, from 3-7pm. Be at the Man of War Steps (next to the Opera House) at 2.45pm for a 3pm departure. Cost: \$40 a person. Details: (02) 9699 3491 or visit www.tribalwarrior.org

14, 21 and 28 May: Triple P – Goori Group Positive Parenting Program. Parents can discuss and share ideas about parenting and receive practical ideas about parenting skills that they can use with their

children. Held at Jumbunna, 60 High St, Casino on three consecutive Tuesdays from 10am-2pm. Free program. Details: Karen McDermott or Lisa Walker on (02) 6662 2866 or email karen@jumbunna.com.au

29-30 May: 4th Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Conference. Held at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George St, Redfern from 8.30am-5pm. Registration required, costs apply. Details: Lauren Kirby on (02) 9239 5700 or visit www.indighouses.com

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 and Pathways for Indigenous Employment Conference. Details on 1300 316 882 or visit www.indigemployment.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

21 June: Indigenous State of Origin Golf Challenge 2013. Forty players from NSW and 40 players from Qld will compete in a four-person ambrose competition over 18 holes. Held at the Nudgee Golf Club, 1207 Nudgee Rd, Nudgee. Details: Lance Manton on (02) 6683 2510 or 0400 119 873 or email bogallalc@bigpond.com or Gene Blow on 0422 268 277 or geneblow@live.com

Western Australia

12 April-22 May: Landmarks and Law Grounds: Men of the Desert Exhibition. When 35 senior male artists paint the great stories of their ancestral lands, the stories are bound to be vast and impressive. Held at Japingka Gallery, 47 High Street, Fremantle from Mon-Fri, 5.30pm and Sat-Sun, 12-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9335 8265 or visit www.japingka.com.au

23 May: SupplyNation Annual Connect Conference and Tradeshow. Bringing together corporate and government buyers with certified Indigenous suppliers solely focused on growing and developing business opportunities and relationships. Held at Hyatt Regency, Perth. To register visit www.supplynation.org.au/connect or call 1300 055 298

Northern Territory

16-17 April: Bridging the Gap seminar. Held at the Darwin Crowne Plaza. Cost is \$840 a person. 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 Drive. 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. Held in Darwin. To register visit the website www.worldindigenousnetwork.net or contact (02) 6274 1016

7-10 June: Barunga Festival 2013. Held at Barunga, south of Katherine. Cost: Adults \$30, Children 12-18 yrs \$10 (under-12 free). Details: (08) 8941 8066 or email info@barungafestival.com.au or visit www.barungafestival.com.au

9-13 October: Mbantua Festival – Awakening the Desert 2013. This Indigenous cultural festival will feature exhibitions, stories told through song and dance, arts and crafts, foods, music, healing and harmony, tours, exhibitions, environment and sustainable desert living projects and more.

Held at the Old Telegraph Station and Todd Riverbed, Alice Springs. Cost: Tickets available now. Details: (08) 8953 4000 or visit www.mbantuafestival.com.au

Victoria

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

14-15 May: SupplyNation Annual Connect Conference and Tradeshow. Held at the Eithad Stadium, Docklands, Melbourne. To register visit www.supplynation.org.au/connect or call 1300 055 298

South Australia

Until 21 April: Good Strong Powerful Exhibition. It includes artists from Ngaruwananjirri on Bathurst (Tiwi) Island, Mwerre, Anthurre Artists based at Bindi Inc in Alice Springs and Julalikari in Tennant Creek. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, open daily from 10am-5pm.

Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 21 April: In Our Lifetime, by Burthumarr Christopher Crebbin. Burthumarr returns to Tandanya with a selection of works including painting and artefacts. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, open daily from 10am-5pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Parent group plan hatched at egg hunt



AN Easter egg hunt in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland, has led to plans for

the formation of a local parent group.

Locals Lesley Bell and Dennis Broome held the event at Cherbourg's Ration Shed Museum. They were joined by 19 parents and lots of kids.

Talking afterwards, Cherbourg parents were keen to form a group to organise family events.

"We'll approach government agencies for a bit of guidance at the start but we want to organise the activities ourselves," Ms Bell said.

Mr Broome said the group

would allow for parents to become more involved in their children's lives.

"People keep saying we need to do something for our children but then sit back and wait for somebody else to do it for them," he said.

"We want to take action; start small but hopefully gain enough community support to keep going without the help of anybody but those who live within Cherbourg.

"That's the way to create a happier future for all who live in the town."

● Pictured left: Dennis Broome with niece Traevonnah Fisher, 10.

● Pictured right: Tammy Murray with niece Navada, 15 weeks.



Easter shows popular

By Townsville correspondent
ALF WILSON



TWO floor shows held over Easter by Torres Strait Islander performers in Townsville proved so popular with audiences that more such events

have been planned.

The shows on Good Friday and Easter Saturday nights at Townsville's Court House Theatre attracted hundreds of people. They were fundraisers for tombstones.

The *Koori Mail* was there on the first night and saw many entertainers getting ready to go on stage.

One of the organisers, Wasee Lui, said the shows gave children an insight into the theatre scene.

"Merwez Whaleboat is the only Indigenous person on the board of the theatre and she is involved in performing arts," Mrs Lui said.

"Most of the performers were her younger cousins and one of them was her daughter. She wanted to show them how you would get ready to perform and the timing and the detail that goes into organising and performing in a production such as ours on those two nights."

Organisers had approached a dancing club and told them about the theatre, but they declined to be involved.

"That's when I said we should have floor shows and do fundraising for the tombstones, and mainly get



Aicey Day with son Ali and daughters Aigaris, Addie-May and Emily ready to take the stage.

the kids involved. You don't know if someone might take up performing or acting," Mrs Lui said.

"I think ours is the first Indigenous show performed at the theatre.

"We have had good feedback, and they want us to put another show on, so we might be looking at next month."

Among the highlights of the night was a performance by a group of young entertainers named Island Sensation.



Young entertainers from Island Sensation, back from left, R J Sailor, Arthur Geesu, Pamela Ghee, Malu Lui and Kelvin Lui; second row Rebecca Kaniu and Lily Kaniu; first row Sarafina Lui, Matilda Billy, Helen Lui and Deliza Lui; and Philitta Lui in front.



● Above: Wasee Lui, Cheryl Parry, Mabel Tapim, Phyllis Lui and Daisy Zaro ready for one of the shows.

● Left: Maria Bero with guitar and Phyllis Lui at Townsville's Court House Theatre.



Scholarship pays off



CAIRNS woman Joyce Wallis is on the way to a long-awaited career in health promotion thanks to support through a Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship.

The mature-age Indigenous student is studying for a Bachelor of Health Science at the Desert Peoples Centre (DPC) campus of the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education in Alice Springs.

Ms Wallis started her course through the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education (ACIKE), a joint initiative between Charles Darwin University (CDU) and Batchelor Institute.

Previously a program manager at Centrelink, Ms Wallis said she had long wanted to help promote healthy lifestyles among Indigenous people.

Very welcome

She said the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing to assist Indigenous students in health-related courses, was very welcome.

"The scholarship provided financial assistance with my study costs for fees, laptop and text books," she said.

"This has helped me and my family. I need to make sure I continue to do well in my studies and pass each semester."

Ms Wallis is also interested in increasing awareness about breast cancer and support for Indigenous women to make informed decisions about their health.

● **Pictured: Joyce Wallis on campus at the Desert Peoples Centre campus of Batchelor Institute in Alice Springs.**



Sana Nakata (Torres Strait Islander) graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), a Bachelor of Laws, and a PhD. She is now a lecturer in the University's School of Social and Political Sciences.

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Parenting program proves positive



THE latest Positive Parenting Program in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland, has been praised as the best yet. Facilitator Michell Forster said the eight participants acted out scenarios and discussed strategies and skills to handle a range of situations.

"That was the best group I've ever done anywhere," Ms Forster said of the two-day workshop for parents and carers of teenagers.

"We role-played angry and positive family environments, talked about what could go wrong when we put strategies in place and brainstormed solutions.

"It helps people to bring out the skills they've buried inside to become self-managed, disciplined and sustainable

with their families' behaviours.

"We also left with a feeling we could lean on each other for support and focus."

Participant Tessa Fisher said she was impressed by the workshop and was looking forward to making positive changes.

"Not big ones straight away, but rewarding my children for good behaviour will be a start," she said.

Agnes Dynevor and husband Shawn Fisher said they would be more patient with their children after having completed the program.

"We'll now take time to listen and understand how they feel," Ms Dynevor said.

"We'll talk them through their problems."

Cherbourg will host another Triple P workshop next month. For details, call (07) 4168 2330 or email marcusp@cherbourg.qld.gov.au



At the Positive Parenting Program in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland, from left, Shawn Fisher, Lesley Bell, Kaylene Sandow, Agnes Dynevor, Elvie Georgetow, facilitator Michell Forster, Tanya Gorham and Barry Fisher. Tessa Fisher was absent.

Shalom College pair on pathway to capital

Story and photo by
ALF WILSON



TROPICAL Boigu Island in the Torres Strait near Papua New Guinea is a long way from Australia's national capital of Canberra.

So Boigu Islander Annie Ingui and Townsville youngster Danika Buie packed their warm clothes for a week-long trip to Canberra starting today.

Annie, 18, is a vice-captain at Shalom Christian College in Townsville, where she boards. She and fellow senior student Danika were looking forward to the trip.

Danika, 17, is also of Boigu descent on her father's side, while her mum's family is from Mareeba on the Atherton Tablelands.

They have been selected to attend the Murra Mullangari Pathways program in Canberra, which focuses on helping transition top Indigenous secondary school students into health careers.

The program works closely with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA).

"While at the camp, Annie and Danika will be working with other high-achieving Indigenous students, developing leadership skills, looking at pathways available for them to pursue their health careers and getting a first-hand view of some of the courses that they may be applying for over the next couple of years," Shalom teacher Joe Christensen said.

"The girls will also be meeting up with the Minister for Education and spending some



Danika Buie, left, and Annie Ingui at Shalom School in Townsville before their big trip.

time at the Australian National University as they familiarise themselves with our nation's capital."

Mr Christensen said Annie and Danika were two of 30 students selected from more than 180 applicants nationwide to attend the program.

Selection

"Helping their cause in the selection process is the fact that both students are currently completing an Indigenous health workers course at school which will help them be able to assist in

clinics nationwide and also provide ready-made pathways into university," he said.

"Both girls are interested in nursing, particularly midwifery."

The *Koori Mail* spoke to the girls at Shalom College on 26 March, a day before Annie was to return to her home island for a week of the school holidays.

"I will be fishing and crabbing and hope to catch lots, especially a big fish," she said.

"I will also be telling everybody about my trip to Canberra, where it will be colder than on Boigu and in Townsville."

Clare is student of year



CLARE BALLARD has wanted to be a hairdresser since she was a girl.

And that's exactly what the young Gumbaynggirr (northern NSW) woman will become this July when she finishes her hairdressing apprenticeship.

It seems the 21-year-old is pretty handy when it comes to her chosen career, being named Aboriginal Student of the Year at last week's TAFE North Coast Institute Awards of Excellence.

The award has left Ms Ballard, who lives at Coraki on the NSW far north coast, feeling very proud.

"It's a real honour," she told the *Koori Mail*, which sponsored the award.

"I've enjoyed my apprenticeship at Price Attack in Lismore, and TAFE has been great as well.

"I've learnt so much both on the job and at North Coast TAFE. I've discovered there's a lot more to hairdressing than just cutting hair, and now I



Clare Ballard with her Aboriginal Student of the Year award.

can put it all to good use."

Ms Ballard says education is the key to a rewarding career.

"I've got no hesitation in recommending TAFE to our mob – or anyone else, come to that," she said.

"It's worked for me. I've really enjoyed it and I know others will as well."

Booklet helps women



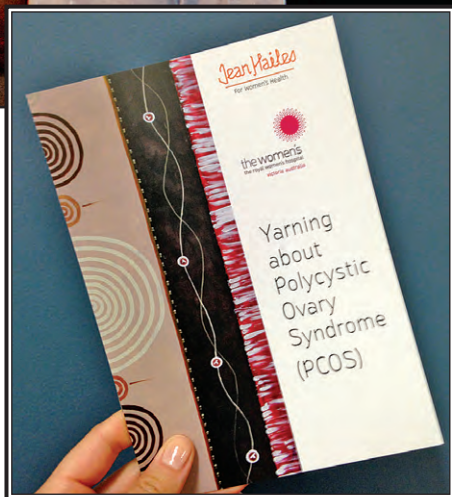
A NEW booklet was released on National Close the Gap Day, aimed at increasing awareness about

a common hormone condition in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Up to one in five Indigenous women is affected by polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a chronic hormone disorder that affects fertility, physical health and emotional wellbeing.

Women with PCOS have up to four times the chance of developing risk factors for heart disease and four to seven times the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The Jean Hailes for Women's Health organisation worked with the Aboriginal Women's Health Business Unit at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne to develop the booklet, called *Yarning about Polycystic Ovary Syndrome*.

Speakers at the launch included Jean Hailes head of Indigenous research Dr Jaqui Boyle, Jean Hailes PCOS translation manager Rhonda Garad, and Indigenous women's support worker at the Royal Women's Hospital Terori Hareko-Samios. "We are very proud to have partnered with Terori and the Royal Women's Hospital to produce this resource as A&TSI women experience PCOS at much higher rates," Ms Garad said. "We hope it helps women in



● Above: Acclaimed Indigenous artist Justice Nelson with her painting that provided inspiration for the artwork on the new PCOS resource.

● Right: Speakers and developers of the resource: Jean Hailes PCOS translation manager Rhonda Garad and Indigenous women's support worker at The Royal Women's Hospital (and PCOS sufferer) Terori Hareko-Samios.

● Left: The resource *Yarning about Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)*.



these communities, and their health professionals working with them, to better understand this condition and to know

what they can do to improve their health." Indigenous artist Justice Nelson provided original artwork

for the booklet, depicting the shared experiences of Indigenous women. *Yarning about Polycystic*

Ovary Syndrome can be viewed online: www.managingpcos.org.au/resources/pcos-booklet/yarning-about-pcos

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To receive further information and an application package, please contact Sandra Riley, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or email sriley@ama.com.au.

An application package can be downloaded from the AMA website <https://ama.com.au/indigenous-peoples-medical-scholarship-2013>.

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust Fund is administered by the Australian Medical Association.

The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Reuben Peleman Benevolent Foundation to the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.

Dubbo to have interim service



AN interim Aboriginal-controlled health service will open soon in Dubbo, western NSW, thanks to a partnership between the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC) and the Bila Muuji Aboriginal Health Service.

The Interim Dubbo Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) will soon be taking bookings for GPs to start providing clinics three days a week and is hoping to fill some of the gap left when the Thubbo Aboriginal Medical Service closed last year.

AH&MRC CEO Sandra Bailey said there were concerns about the Dubbo Aboriginal community's access to culturally appropriate primary health care. "Restoring access to high-quality, culturally appropriate primary health care in Dubbo, which is delivered by Aboriginal health services from the region, has been our first priority," she said.

"The AH&MRC is leading this coalition to assist the community with the eventual development of a new community-controlled health service and will coordinate ongoing services in the interim.

"Bila Muuji has already responded quickly to restore access and primary health care services in the area."

The interim Dubbo AMS is located in the centre of town and is close to public transport.

A toll-free hotline has been set up to assist with patient inquiries, bookings and concerns. The hotline number is 1800 999 444.

The interim AMS will be open to new clients as well as those who attended Thubbo AMS.

Thubbo patients who do not wish to access the new service can choose to have their medical records transferred to a health service of their choice by contacting the hotline number.

Checks popular in Wadeye



A BREAST-SCREENING clinic at Wadeye in the Northern Territory has been hailed as a great success. The NT Department of Health's Well Women's Cancer Screening Service

said more than 160 women at the community had signed up for a mammogram (breast check) every two years. Radiologist Sarah Webb was more than happy with what was the first clinic of its kind in the community.

"We all worked hard on this clinic but the success is really down to the women of this community," she said.

In 2009, a small group of Wadeye women travelled to Darwin for breast screening and became advocates for breastscreenNT.

The women who had undergone breast screening encouraged local woman Majella Chula to attend a breast-screening clinic in Darwin for further assessment where she was diagnosed with breast cancer and went on to have treatment for the condition, returning to her community with a clean bill of health.

Ms Chula became a supporter of breastscreenNT, recording a community service announcement in language and spending many hours translating the health questionnaire into Murrihn-Patha.

This process allowed her to build an



Radiologist Sarah Webb with Strong Women worker Concepta Narjic and cancer survivor Majella Chula.

understanding and confidence when explaining consent and health concepts to her community. Although not all clans speak Murrihn-Patha, it is one of the more commonly understood languages in Wadeye, and breastscreenNT staff learned

some of the key words to assist in communication. "When the women came in, you could tell many of them had been discussing the ngapulu (breast) test at home or work and felt comfortable to have the squeeze!" Ms Webb said.

"Towards the end of the week, women were saying 'so many of my family were talking about this test, I decided to come!'"

NT women aged over 40 can find their nearest clinic and make an appointment on 13 20 50.

If you or someone in your community has a persistent cough, changing cough or a cough with blood, it could be a symptom of lung cancer.

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Close the Gap Day 2013



Some of the participants at the Northern Territory General Practice Education National Closing the Gap Day event held in Darwin.

NTGPE gap event features corroboree



NORTHERN Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) marked National Closing the Gap Day by hosting a lunchtime event in Darwin which featured a corroboree dance.

About 20 people attended the event,

which was opened with a welcome to country by NTGPE senior cultural educator Richard Fejo, a Larrakia traditional owner.

Chief executive Dr Brett Dale said NTGPE was committed to reconciliation.

"It is this type of interaction and sharing of cultural experiences that bridges

existing gaps and develops the necessary relationships to achieve true reconciliation and further demonstrates our passion and commitment to NTGPE's Reconciliation Action Plan which was launched in January," he said.

NTGPE is one of Australia's leading providers of undergraduate and

postgraduate medical and cultural education and training in rural and remote general practice, with a focus on Indigenous health.

It has offices in Darwin and Alice Springs and its work is conducted through a network of medical and Aboriginal cultural educators across the NT.

Hospital delivers on commitment



SIX Indigenous midwifery students from Griffith University have been working at Townsville

Hospital as part of its commitment to increasing the number of Indigenous health workers.

Gillian Wilson, Helen Brockwell-Callaghan, Katherine Townson, Lisa-Marie Davidson, Heather

Lee and Raylene Dean have completed their residential study at Townsville Hospital.

Adjunct Professor Jenny Kelly said the program in Townsville would help the Close the Gap campaign by encouraging more Indigenous people to study midwifery.

"This continues to be a wonderful opportunity for Griffith as traditionally there have been so few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

midwives to service the community," she said.

"It's important to remember that if we are to make improvements to Indigenous health then we need more Indigenous health professionals.

"At the end of this year we will be proud to say we have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander registered midwives in Townsville and that is a fantastic achievement."



Midwifery students from Griffith University Gillian Wilson, Helen Brockwell-Callaghan, Katherine Townson, Lisa-Marie Davidson, Heather Lee and Raylene Dean.

Long way to go, says foundation



THE Heart Foundation says that while some progress has been made in improving the heart health of Indigenous people,

there's still a long way to go.

"Heart disease is the greatest contributor to the gap in life expectancy and quality of life between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians," the foundation's National Aboriginal Health Unit leader, Vicki Wade, said on Closing the Gap Day.

"We are reminded of this stark inequality with a new report showing that rates of rheumatic heart disease and acute rheumatic fever in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are amongst the highest in the world. The Heart Foundation is a strong advocate of the Close the Gap program. We know that healing of the body and the spirit must focus on the heart."

The report, released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, showed that while acute rheumatic fever was rare amongst developed countries, the rate for Indigenous Australians was still high.



Heart Foundation NSW CEO Kerry Doyle signing the Close the Gap pledge.

"The good news is rheumatic heart disease is largely preventable so it is important we work ... to combat social and health inequalities to reduce the risk of rheumatic fever," Ms Wade said.

The Heart Foundation wants to see the national approach to disease control strengthened so that these preventable conditions will become rare diseases for all Australians. The foundation has a five-year strategic plan with a focus on health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Palm artists' works a highlight

By ALF WILSON



PAINTINGS by 12 Palm Island artists were a highlight of an event in Townsville on 21 March for National Close the Gap Day. Townsville Enterprise in partnership with the

Bwgcolman Aboriginal Arts Corporation organised the event at the Mercure Inn, which was attended by Indigenous guests and local business people.

The event recognised Close the Gap Day and aimed to increase awareness of the disparities between Indigenous and other people.

Artists Ranietta Lind, Susan Pryor, Moarna Pryor, Cindell Palmer, Oriell Palmer, Loyla Morgan, Peter Thimble, Micaela Robertson, Harriet Murphy, Hosea Murphy, Anna Lind and Doreen Morton created the paintings at the new Bwgcolman corporation centre on Palm Island.

Titled *Lost Generations*, the exhibition had been on display at the Townsville Cultural Centre before being moved to the Mercure Inn.

Link Up Qld provided canvases and paint to enable Palm residents to express their stories through art.

"I am very proud of being amongst the artists and having my work here along with the others," Moarna Pryor said.

Townsville Enterprise general manager economic development Ross Contarino said the event was hosted by the Townsville Enterprise Indigenous Youth Ambassadors.

"Townsville Enterprise is committed in



Under one of the works on show in Townsville, from left, Moarna Pryor, Ranietta Lind, Maggie Blackley and Loyla Morgan.

supporting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander career-seekers in finding their way in the workforce," he said.

"We are pleased to be working with

local communities and organisations in closing the gap for employment and economic participation."

Townsville Enterprise Indigenous youth

ambassador Ben Gertz said Close the Gap Day was a time to celebrate Indigenous and other Australians coming together in the spirit of reconciliation.

Council welcomes new health data



THE Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) has welcomed newly released national Indigenous health-related data.

Council CEO Selwyn Button said the release of Closing the Gap targets and new findings from the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare highlighted the value of quality and comprehensive community-controlled primary health care services.

"This data and information clearly supports the notion that in order to make long-lasting impacts upon the overall health of our communities, we must continue to focus our efforts in providing good quality comprehensive primary health care," he said.

"Many of the issues identified, like type 2 diabetes, kidney disease and smoking-related illnesses, are all better managed when people are accessing care through their local community-

'...in order to make long-lasting impacts upon the overall health of our communities, we must continue to focus our efforts in providing good quality comprehensive primary health care'

– QAIHC chief executive officer Selwyn Button



controlled service provider and getting access to early intervention, support and ongoing care.

"Although this data is now two years old, over the past three years there have been major improvements in the overall numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people accessing services and undertaking comprehensive health

assessments for health workers to know and understand what their ongoing care needs are.

"Although the report shows that there have been improvements in overall avoidable mortality rates, deaths relating to circulatory disease, and infant mortality rates, there are still some concerns in ongoing management of chronic disease, smoking rates across communities and

smoking during pregnancy.

"Importantly this data clearly demonstrates that in Queensland we are taking the issue of early detection, diagnosis and management very seriously.

"Recent Medicare data shows Queensland has accounted for more than one-third of national health checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in recent years.

"Queensland has the second largest population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the country. Approximately 40 per cent of this population access regular care through community controlled services.

"Undertaking this exercise annually and improving these numbers enables community controlled services to get a clear understanding of our communities, families and individuals health needs.

"We get a clear understanding of what is required to meet this growing demand for services to support better care and management of chronic diseases.

"Capturing baseline evidence will provide much clearer indication of our community's needs and challenges that are ahead for us to address.

"This data must be used wisely to determine new investments and allocation of resources supporting quality care and improving outcomes for our people."

Bennelong debate at Message Sticks

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Sydney Opera House forecourt and theatres came to life for this year's Message Sticks Festival, with an opening ceremony under the stars, dance, film, theatre, music and conversation.

Highlights included talks by international Indigenous journalist Stan Grant, artist Fiona Foley and art curator Djon Mundine, music show Wantok Sing Sing, Tammy Anderson's one-woman play *I Don't Wanna Play House*, and Tiwi theatre piece *Wulamanayuwu and the Seven Pamanui*.

Dancestry brought NAISDA dance students, Yolngu dancers and television sensation *Move It Mob Style* together on a special sand stage, where hundreds of people gathered to watch and participate. Afterwards, Djangal Mununggurrirritj from the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation in Arnhem Land told the *Koori Mail* that there is a growing respect for Yolngu culture, 'with some white people learning more about where we come from'.

The festival also celebrated the life of Woollarawarre Bennelong, an Aboriginal leader at the time the First Fleet landed in 1788 and for many years afterwards. Bennelong has been viewed as a contentious figure because, after his brutal kidnap



Yolngu dancers from north-east Arnhem Land perform on a special sand stage at Dancestry as part of the Message Sticks Festival at the Sydney Opera House forecourt. Photo by Sabine Kacha

by Governor Arthur Phillip, he eventually returned to Government House on his own terms and served as a conduit between blacks and whites. But, according to the festival's director Rhoda Roberts, Bennelong's legacy is now being reviewed.

"For thousands of years Bennelong Point, site of the

Sydney Opera House, has been an Aboriginal gathering point, a place of corroborees, storytelling and ceremonies," she said.

In a related session, white historian (and author of *Bennelong*) Dr Keith Vincent Smith and black historian Professor John Maynard discussed Bennelong's life.

Prof Maynard said Bennelong was the chief informer about the major Sydney Aboriginal clans, and much knowledge had been gained from the information he gave to Captain Watkin Tench, judge advocate David Collins and astronomer William Dawes.

The two historians said Bennelong witnessed his

Aboriginal people being decimated by smallpox, a disease that could have been brought in by the British, or by the French under La Perouse.

They discussed whether the spearing of Governor Phillip at Manly was payback for Bennelong's kidnapping, or an accident brought on by confused communication. Later, Bennelong travelled to England at Governor Phillip's invitation.

Dr Smith said, when he researched records in London, he was able to understand how Bennelong survived the four long years away from Australia.

"There are accounts for his clothing, for his hats, and for such things as his coach rides, a visit to Parliament House and for theatre tickets," he said.

But it was not a happy time for Bennelong, with his young friend Yemmerrawanne dying of a chest infection. When Bennelong eventually made it back to Australia he wrote to Lord Sydney in London that he wouldn't go to England anymore as 'I am at home now'.

"Bennelong was certainly a politician, and he helped to make peace between the Sydney tribes. He was highly regarded by his own people," Dr Smith said.

Prof Maynard said Bennelong was the right person for the times.

"He was trying to find a place for his Aboriginal people in the new colony," he said.

Frond little things big things made



ABORIGINAL bush sculptor Janine McAullay Bott uses palm fronds to create objects to convey the beauty of the country of her Nyoongah people of the south-west of Western Australia. Her first Perth solo exhibition *Yudarn*, a Nyoongah word meaning 'to tie', opens on Friday, 12 April, at the Showcase Gallery, Northbridge.

"When looking into the weave you can see the spirits of the native animals and the Nyoongahs they represent, depending on what is in your heart," Ms McAullay Bott said.

Artitja Fine Art gallery director Anna Kanaris said McAullay Bott has an extraordinary ability to bring to life inanimate objects she weaves.

"It intrigues all who view her works, from fascinated children to collectors who acknowledge her skill and



Turtles by Janine McAullay Bott.

uniqueness of her artform," she said.

Among McAullay Bott's portfolio of animals are sea creatures such as stingrays, seals, turtles and dugongs. She has woven sailing boats and canoes, kookaburras, koalas and kangaroos.

McAullay Bott won the Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award at the Telstra

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards in 2009, and was exhibited at the Melbourne Art Fair in 2010.

Her work is part of the touring exhibition *Menagerie*. Her art has been acquired by the Australia Museum, and her commissions include fish trap light fittings.

The exhibition is opening on the same evening as *Revealed*, a showcase of emerging Indigenous artists from remote and regional WA at Central TAFE gallery (see report on this page).

McAullay Bott will demonstrate her weaving skills with other Indigenous weavers in a public display this Saturday, 13 April.

Yudarn is free and runs to 20 April daily from 11am to 5pm (closed Sunday) at Showcase Gallery at Central TAFE, corner of Aberdeen and Beaufort Streets, Northbridge.

Emerging artists bound for Perth



MORE than 35 artists from Western Australia will show their latest works in the Perth city centre as part of *Revealed: Emerging Aboriginal artists from WA 2013*. WA Department of Culture and the Arts director general Allanah Lucas said *Revealed* was an important initiative.

"*Revealed* promotes and supports WA Aboriginal culture and artists, while giving Perth audiences a chance to view vibrant original artworks," she said. "Each artwork has a story, and *Revealed* provides an opportunity to learn about the land through the artist's eyes and share in the storytelling."

The exhibition includes a marketplace in the Perth Cultural Centre on 13 April, an exhibition at Gallery Central in Northbridge on 13-14 April, and a symposium on 12 April at the State Library.

Revealed is supported by the Department of Indigenous Affairs, the Federal Government, the Central Institute of Technology and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.

Participating arts centres are Bidyadanga Artists, Gwoonwardu Mia, Kayili Artists, Kira Kiro Artists, Laverton Leonora Cross Cultural Centre, Mangkaja Arts, Martumili Artists, Minyma Kutjara Artists, Mowanjun Artists, Papulankutja Artists, Roebourne Art Group, Spinifex Hill Artists, Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Tjarlirli Art, Warakurna Artists, Warmun Art Centre, Waringarri Artists, Warlayirti Artists, Wirnda Barna Artists, Yamaji Art, Yarliyi Art Centre, Yinjaa Barni Artists and Yulparija Artists.

For more information visit revealed.net.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Portal to jobs



AN employment program of the Red Cross has exceeded expectations, placing more than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in jobs in just 18 months. The Indigenous Employment and Enterprise Portal, developed and run by Red Cross in Queensland, has been hailed as an outstanding success.

Program manager Duncan Kerslake said the portal, funded by the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Brisbane City Council, placed 206 Indigenous people into full-time and part-time employment in the 18 months to the end of 2012.

"We set out to achieve 200 placements in that period, so this is a great outcome," he said.

"In addition, we achieved a 93 per cent retention rate 13 weeks after staff commenced, which is double the national average. This figure was hardly changed at six months, which shows the success of the program.

"On top of the 200 full-time and part-time placements, a further 45 were also employed, either through school-based traineeships or in casual employment.

"The portal works in close partnership with four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander non-government organisations – two in Brisbane's northside (Kuringui Youth Development and Umpi Korumba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Cooperative) and two on the southside (Beenleigh Housing and Development Corporation and Inala Wangarra)."

Mr Kerslake said the program's success was built on the employment of four

mobile community employment coordinators, who are based at one of the four partner Indigenous NGOs, making them able to meet clients and work with them wherever it's most suitable.

"The portal demonstrates there is a large demand for employment for Indigenous people but also acknowledges the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in communities, particularly in urban areas," he said.

"For many, Indigenous NGOs are often the first port of call for support for things like housing, health and other social and cultural needs."

Commitment

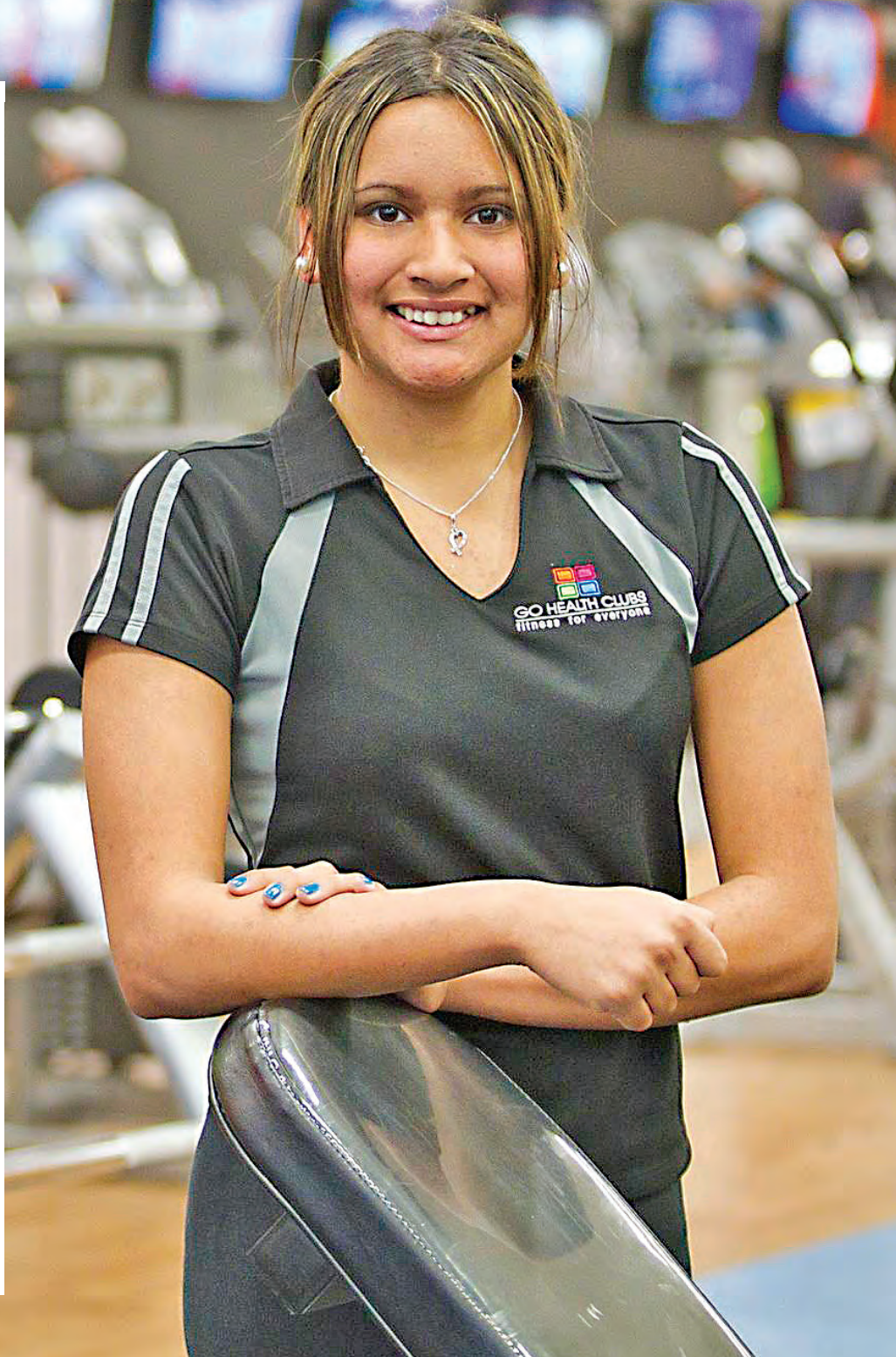
Red Cross national manager for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships Leanne Enoch said the program was in line with the Red Cross commitment to working in partnership with Indigenous people to support those most in need.

"Australian Red Cross is increasing its work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with a presence in more than 120 communities across the country," Ms Enoch said.

"We aim to support individuals, families and communities as they determine and lead their own solutions to achieve positive change.

"This means we are guided by, and answerable to, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations we work with."

● Pictured: Allira Davis is one of the people to have found work through the Red Cross Indigenous Employment and Enterprise Portal.



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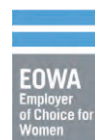
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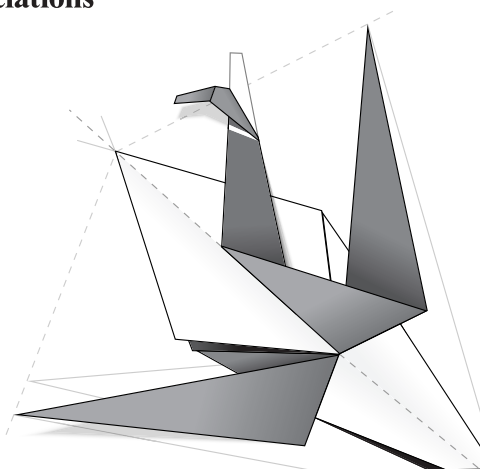


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For further information and a position description, contact Sarina Gentile – Coordinator, Community Integration at sgentile@arbias.com.au or 03 8388 1222

Applications are to be submitted to Marree Brosnan - Executive Assistant mbrosnan@arbias.com.au

NB: All applications must include a covering letter and address to the Key Selection Criteria

Applications for positions close Friday 19th April 2013

arbias

Services for people with ABI,
including alcohol and other substance related brain injury

Case Manager / Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Full Time – Brunswick location

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The role: arbias is currently expanding its services and we are seeking an enthusiastic, experienced and committed Case Manager to support people with an acquired brain injury, including people from an Aboriginal background. This also involves undertaking the role of Aboriginal Liaison Officer to engage with the Aboriginal Community to build capacity to support people with an acquired brain injury

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- Work with a case load of individuals to build capacity in the individual and their support network to be able to independently manage their ongoing issues.
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Applications are to be submitted to Marree Brosnan - Executive Assistant mbrosnan@arbias.com.au

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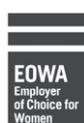
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IEOs play a vital role linking people to important services and strengthening relationships; they understand local cultures and speak local languages.

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How to apply

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REF: QLD/24687/13

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(.06 FTE - 3 days per week).**

The Care Coordinator plays a key role in supporting Aboriginal patient access to quality chronic disease management services. This includes implementing and coordinating access to services to support ATSI patients through their GP and provide more proactive chronic disease management. The role has a particular focus on building and strengthening partnerships at local levels and on identifying and addressing barriers to Aboriginal peoples accessing quality health care and comprehensive chronic disease management in their local area:

The successful candidate will possess relevant Tertiary qualifications in nursing with experience working in a general practice or community setting, Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Chronic Disease Management (CDM) and service provision across the spectrum of providers. Experience in working with Aboriginal people, also an understanding of Clinical Governance and Risk Management principles.

Knowledge of general practice and/or the primary health care environment, including State/Federal roles in primary health care; and experience in program development, management and in the delivery of CDM services in the primary care or community sectors, leadership in CDM service delivery and/or experience in managing clinical service delivery.

Well-developed interpersonal skills and an ability to form effective professional relationships with stakeholders, consumer representatives, political and public service representatives and key professional bodies and a high level of communication skills, written and verbal.

Applicants must view the position description and address the key selection criteria.

Benefits of working at FMPML

- Attractive salary packaging benefits
- Novated car lease option
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- Highly supportive culture with family-friendly practices
- Clinical and professional supervision.

The above role requires a current: Drivers Licence and Police Check.

To request a position description and to apply for the position, by **Friday 19 April 2013**, please email HR@fmpml.org.au

Or contact our HR department on (03) 5973 5655. All position descriptions can be found on our website: www.fmpml.org.au

Aboriginal Health Care Coordination Nurse

Permanent Part-time position
Location: Moree

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Connecting health to meet local needs

Are you a Nurse who is interested in making a real difference to the health of Aboriginal patients living with Chronic Disease?

The New England Medicare Local have an opening for an Enrolled Nurse, Endorsed Enrolled Nurse or Registered Nurse who has an understanding and practical experience working with people who are living with Chronic Disease.

Working within the Aboriginal Health Team and based in Moree, the position will provide support to clients in Moree, with outreach to Mungindi, Boggabilla and Toomelah. We are after someone with passion, fresh ideas and a genuine approach to primary health care and chronic disease management.

For more information about this role or for details on how to apply please contact Jess Blair on 02 6742 3633.

Applications close 5pm Friday 26 April 2013

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Incorporating the Cooperative Research Centre
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Board Position

The Lowitja Institute - Australia's National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research - is calling for expressions of interest for the position of Director on our Board.

The Lowitja Institute hosts the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, and is an innovative research body that brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, academic institutions and government agencies to facilitate collaborative, evidence-based research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Our vision is to achieve equity in health outcomes for Australia's First Peoples.

The Lowitja Institute is governed by a Board that comprises an independent Chair and six directors, the majority of whom are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

We encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people with expertise in regional, remote and/or community health to apply. In accordance with the Lowitja Institute's policy, this is an honorary position.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute your skills and passion to influence the research and policy landscape in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

**Interviews will take place on
Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th May 2013.**

For enquiries, please contact our Executive Officer,
Ms Kylie Simmons in the first instance on (03) 8341 5514
or email kylie.simmons@lowitja.org.au

Further information regarding the Lowitja Institute can be found at:
www.lowitja.org.au

**Applications close on:
Friday 3rd May 2013**

National Employment Opportunities

Legal Advisory Service for people engaging with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The Legal Advisory Service is a free service for members of the public engaging or considering engaging with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It is being established by the National Association of Community Legal Centres with funding from the Australian Government. The service will provide legal advice and practical assistance, information and referral, and support services via a national phone line and face-to-face services. The service will not provide legal representation and will work independently of the Commission.

Expressions of interest are being sought for a variety of national positions available in key locations. These positions will be offered through to December 2015, with some positions requiring regular travel. Long or short term contracts including secondments, and full or part time hours are available. To be considered for the legal and other direct service positions, you will ideally have experience working with survivors of sexual abuse, violence and/or trauma. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply. The opportunities available include:

Legal

- Principal Lawyer - Sydney - 31591
- Senior Lawyers - 31594
- Lawyers - 31595

Operational

- General/Office Manager - Sydney - 31592
- Communications Manager - Sydney - 31593
- Finance Manager/Officer - Sydney - 31599
- Administrators - 31596

Direct Service

- Social Workers/Counsellors - 31597
- Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officers - 31598

If you want to ensure access to quality legal services and assistance for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, please forward in MS Word format your resume and a covering letter outlining your relevant experience, availability including for travel and preferred location/s to cv@ngorecruitment.com quoting the relevant reference number. We will then contact you with further information about the process.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER Aboriginal targeted position

Central Metropolitan Region, Surry Hills
Clerk General Scale
Permanent Full-Time
Surry Hills

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001KLZ

Salary Package: \$57,254. **Salary:** \$26,507 - \$51,884. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The position is responsible for the provision of effective and efficient data entry and Administrative Support to the Central Metropolitan Region Office.

Job Notes:

- It would be desirable, but not essential if applicants held a current driver's licence with no traffic offences recorded on their driving history within the last six (6) months.
- For your application to be considered, you **must** attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated keyboard skills and knowledge of computerised records management systems, Microsoft Word and Excel or a demonstrated ability to develop that knowledge quickly.
- Ability to perform routine clerical tasks and maintain accurate filing systems.
- Proven word processing skills.
- Demonstrated effective communication skills and ability to prepare routine correspondence.
- Demonstrated understanding of integrity, responsibility and personal accountability.
- Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training.

Enquiries: Blaise Bovard on (02) 9265 4926

For the full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00001KLZ.

Closing Date: Sunday 21 April 2013

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ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER Darling River Local Area Command, Brewarrina

Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-Time
Brewarrina

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001JTI

Salary Package: \$73,945. **Salary:** \$61,198 - \$67,010. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen co-operation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, drivers licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- For your application to be considered, you **must** attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criteria using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Ability to work effectively communicate, liaise and consult with local Aboriginal community, service providers and Police personnel.
- Proven integrity, discretion and ability to handle highly confidential information.
- Experience in computer skills.
- Contribute to and participate in the development and implementation of local community strategies.
- Capacity to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shiftwork.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.
- Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training.

Enquiries: Ainslie Smith on (02) 6870 0806

For the full downloadable position description, information package and to apply please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 00001JTI.

Closing Date: Sunday 21 April 2013

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Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Aboriginal Consultant Supervisor

Offender Management and Professional Development

Web Search No: 003705

Level/Salary: Level 6, PSGOGA, \$91,676 - \$101,517 pa (effective 12 April 2013 PSGOGA)

This position contributes to the professional development and training of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal staff. The successful applicant will also conduct assessments and deliver interventions for Aboriginal Offenders.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Lisa Dominguez on (08) 9264 6127.

Location: East Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 22 April 2013 at 4.30pm.



Community Support Worker (several positions)

Position No: F60076

Salary: \$48,194 per annum (pro rata)
Permanent, Part-time
(minimum 40 hours per fortnight)

Applications Close: Monday 15 April 2013 at noon

Contact: Crystal Roberts on 8470 8350

Do you like working with people?

Darebin City Council's Home and Community Care (HACC) Service Delivery Unit are seeking motivated Community Support Workers. The unit interacts with older people, people living with a disability and their carers to maximise their capacity to live at home and participate in the community.

You will work with clients across a range of services including General Home Care (vacuuming, mopping) Personal Care, and Respite support for children and adults with disabilities.

Applicants with Certificate III in HACC and/or previous experience in a support role with older people or people living with disabilities are preferred, however those who are willing to complete training will be considered.

You will have an understanding of the Active Service Approach (ASA), be friendly and professional when interacting with clients and Council employees from diverse backgrounds. Police and Working with Children (WWC) checks, a current Victorian driver's license, use of a reliable private vehicle with comprehensive insurance for work purposes and a current Level 2 First Aid Certificate are required for this position.

Applicants who speak a language other than English, and who are available to work weekends and evenings will be highly regarded. Darebin Council provides training opportunities, a comprehensive induction and flexible working conditions.

Apply online at www.darebin.vic.gov.au or forward hard copy applications to: Manager People and Development, Darebin City Council, PO Box 91, PRESTON VIC 3072.

Applications that do not address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the position description will not be considered.

Darebin City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety screening processes do apply.



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Aboriginal Child,
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Bringing Them Home Coordinator

AbSec, the NSW Aboriginal Peak organisation providing child protection and out-of-home care policy advice & advocacy, is seeking a NSW/ACT Bringing Them Home Coordinator for the former residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girl's Training Home.

This full time position is based in Marrickville NSW.

For a full position description and selection criteria, please refer to the AbSec website www.absec.org.au

Applications close Friday 26 April 2013.

Galambila Aboriginal Health Service



*** Multiple rewarding opportunities!**

*** Attractive remuneration!**

Social Worker

Galambila Aboriginal Health Service currently has an exciting opportunity for **Social Worker** to join their dedicated team in Coffs Harbour. You'll be responsible for **providing a culturally appropriate Social Work service to clients and families including the delivery of high quality support to people affected by illness, disability, death and other associated issues.** In return, you'll enjoy an excellent remuneration package circa **\$63,000-\$86,000** (dependent on qualifications and experience) plus 11% super! In addition, you'll enjoy the option to take advantage of up to **\$30,000 in tax free salary packaging** and have a range of generous leave provisions and **up to \$2k for approved study!**

<http://applynow.net.au/job43058>

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Galambila Aboriginal Health Service also have an exciting opportunity for an energetic and experienced **Aboriginal Mental Health Worker** to join their dedicated team in Coffs Harbour. The successful applicant will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to **provide culturally appropriate mental health services to clients, carers and families, in addition to developing and delivering a range of group therapies for mental health clients.** Galambila Aboriginal Health Service will reward your commitment with an excellent remuneration package of **\$40,900 - \$60,900**, dependent on skills and qualifications, plus **11% super and salary sacrificing options of up to \$30,000!** In addition, you'll enjoy generous leave provisions and **up to \$2,000 for approved studies.**

Due to the nature of this role, applicants must be of Aboriginal descent (under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 NSW).

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After Hours Program Coordinator Rosebury, NSW

*** Friendly & supportive team!**

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Eastern Sydney Medicare Local has an exciting opportunity for a full time **After Hours Program Coordinator** to join their team in Sydney's eastern suburbs. Reporting to the Population Health Manager, **this role will see you coordinating needs assessment and improving awareness, access and uptake of after hours primary health care services.** You'll be rewarded with an attractive remuneration circa **\$70,000 - \$ 80,000** (commensurate with your skills and experience) plus **super and salary packaging options.**



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Registered Nurse (General Practice) Eastern Suburbs, Sydney

- * Attractive remuneration circa \$37-\$42/hour!
- * Work regular Mon-Fri hours - flexible start times!



Eastern Sydney Medicare Local has an exciting opp. for a **Registered Nurse** in Rosebery, NSW. You'll provide **practice nursing services to multiple general practices based on priorities identified within the practice, inc. facilitating an increase in the uptake of Diabetes Annual Cycle of Care.** Enjoy attractive remuneration circa \$37-42/hr plus super & salary packaging options in a flexible & friendly work environment.



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Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation providing innovative community based services to promote, support and enhance independence and well-being for vulnerable people.

Learning & Development Officer

Permanent, Part Time (18 hrs per week) – based in Adelaide – generous salary package

We seek a passionate and energetic applicant for the role of L&D Officer based in our Adelaide Office.

This position will support the State Human Resources Manager and National L&D to promote and imbed a learning culture in our business across SA.

This role has a strong focus on the coordination of internal / external training resources such as learning pathways; including maximising our RTO capability and utilising other appropriate training networks.

If you would like to know more about the role, please contact: Jo Elliss on (08) 8193 9415 or Malcolm Gollan on 0439 648 037.

A more detailed position description is available on our website www.lwb.org.au and this includes the specific selection criteria to be addressed.

Applications can be emailed to: sarecruitment@lwb.org.au by **Monday, 15th April 2013.**

LWB encourages people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply.

Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation



is currently seeking an experienced

GENERAL MANAGER

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- To proactively implement the Vision, Mission and goals set by the board;
- To ensure our Business Plan is maintained and reviewed with the board regularly;
- To maximise team performance so that financial milestones and goals set from time to time are achieved and exceeded;
- To be responsible for operational matters for the organisation;
- To demonstrate passion in all you do;
- Successful candidate will report to the WNAC Board and the Chairperson.

In addition, you will receive a generous salary package and work car is also included.

If you believe you have the skills and previous experience for this position then please **APPLY today!**

For more information contact **Tracey Skene** on 0428 010 077.

This position is a Aboriginal Identified position, authorised by s14d Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications close: Tuesday 30th April 2013.



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Ngunya Jarjum is the first Aboriginal, Out of Home Care Service on NSW to be accredited for 5 years by the Office of the Children's Guardian. We are able to offer exciting career opportunities to anyone with the skills and dedication to join our case management team. We are a dynamic service in the process of significantly increasing our capacity to enable us to provide additional care placements for our children, families and communities.

Experienced ATSI Caseworkers

Full time permanent position - Re-advertised

Ngunya Jarjum is seeking to employ an Aboriginal worker for our out-of-home care program with a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in casework practice in Human Services, particularly in OOH and Child Protection Field.

A satisfactory *"Working with Children Check"* applies for this position.

Salary: A generous remuneration package plus superannuation, leave loading and including a generous salary sacrificing arrangement will be negotiated.

Location: Lismore.

Contact: Lenore Marlowe – General Manager, email lenore.marlowe@ngunyajarjum.com

Information Packages: Must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request by contacting the office on (02) 6626 3700.

Send Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 580, Lismore NSW 2480.

Closing Date: 26th April 2013.



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Aboriginal Research Support Officer

- Mercy Hospital for Women – Aboriginal Program
- New Directions/Nangnak Wan Myeek (0.6 EFT)

Enquiries to: Ms Marika Jackomos, Manager, Aboriginal Programs, on 0467 811 661 or via email mjackomos@mercy.com.au

Quote Ref No: MHW 08

Applications Close: Friday 19 April 2013



For more information and to apply please visit www.careers.mercy.com.au

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Recruitment

Chronic Disease Management Practice Nurse

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply

Our client a growing and successful Aboriginal Health Service are seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Practice Nurse to work in the area of Chronic Disease Management.

The position will be responsible for:

- Implementing and supporting an Aboriginal Chronic Disease program into the service.
- Implementing a prevention, detection and treatment program for diabetes and other chronic diseases.
- Providing integrated expert clinical nursing care to Aboriginal people.
- Creating and enhancing functional partnerships between all stakeholders.
- Building relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

The successful applicant will have a current practicing certification of registration with the Nurses Board of NSW, prior relevant experience as a Practice Nurse, and appropriate skills and experience in communicating effectively with the local Aboriginal community. A strong interest in chronic disease management, particularly in diabetes and an understanding of health issues affecting Aboriginal people is also required.

The position offers an attractive salary in line with qualifications and experience.

To apply, please visit:
www.mppersonnel.com.au
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
admin@mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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Recruitment

Practice Nurse

(Full-Time)

Candidates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander decent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Practice Nurse.

Duties include;

- Providing clinical nursing services including; triage, health assessment, diagnostic services, home visits and clinical data management
- Supervision and management of other Health Care workers
- Coordination of patient services
- Ensuring the clinical environment adheres to relevant standards and legislative requirements
- Promotion and education of patient, carer and community health and well-being
- Contributing to the better management of the General Practice human resources

The successful candidate will be;

- A Registered Nurse
- Able to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner
- Experienced in all medical related activities associated with a Practice Nurse role
- An Accredited Nurse Immuniser or working towards the qualification
- A Registered Midwife or working towards the qualification
- Qualified to deliver the Well Women's Screening Program
- Well developed in interpersonal skills and possess excellent time management

A current drivers licence and willingness to undertake relevant Criminal Record and Working with Children checks are also essential.

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Program Coordinator - Straight Talk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program

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The Straight Talk program connects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women with the political system and builds womens' capacity as change-makers. Including a focus on practical tools and confidence, Straight Talk brings people together to share, learn and be effective in making a difference. The program includes opportunities for relationship-building between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and parliamentarians, information-sharing and developing strategies for change in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Straight Talk coordinator is responsible for coordinating the Straight Talk program, regional gatherings and the national summit. The next national summit will be held in June 2013.

We need your knowledge and proven experience of program implementation and community development to support our programs. This will include working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, supporting people to self-determine their own solutions, exercise their rights and to have a strong voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Salary \$66,760 plus super, benefits and access to salary packaging.

Applications close: 19th of April 2013

Please visit: <https://www.oxfam.org.au/my/jobs> for application details.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for this position, you must have an appropriate Australian and New Zealand work visa.

We promote diversity and practice equity.



Jobs that make a difference

Senior Child Protection Practitioner CPP5 (Aboriginal Family Decision Making)

Position: DHS/EAST/373710

Salary: \$78,908 - \$87,189 pro rata + 9% Super

Status: Ongoing part time 38 hrs per fortnight

Location: Wangaratta

Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) is an approach to decision making and planning for Aboriginal children and is intended to enable extended family and respected elders to participate in decision-making about the care and protection of children and young people in their community.

The Aboriginal Family Decision Making Practitioner/Leader plays a pivotal role in:

- Strengthening case practice
- Ensuring successful client outcomes
- Leading teams by example and
- Supporting and mentoring others to reach their full potential.

For further information contact Andrea Griffin ph (03) 5832 1712

Aboriginal people seeking assistance with their application to contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 24 April 2013

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Corrective Services**

Aboriginal Senior Programs Officer

Offender Management and Professional Development

Web Search No: Pool Ref 009428

Level/Salary: Level 5, PSGOGA, \$78,782 - \$87,070 pa (effective 12 April 2013)

This position delivers therapeutic programs to Aboriginal Offenders that promote pro-social and law abiding behaviour. You will also be required to work across a Prison and Community environment and will be required to provide written reports including case notes and completion reports.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or

Phone: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Mark O'Hare on (08) 9273 9200.

Location: Various Metro

Closing Date: Monday, 29 April 2013 at 4.30pm.

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Business Support Officer (Aboriginal)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Aboriginal Service Development and Delivery Directorate
Newcastle, Hunter Region
Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference: 00001JWV

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,282 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide high quality and professional executive, information and office management services to support the achievements of business objectives through planning, monitoring, reporting and issues management.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal culture and specific needs and disadvantages experienced by this community.
2. Conceptual and Analytical skills including research and problem solving skills in complex issues.
3. Excellent knowledge and experience in the use of various computer based IT programs.
4. Demonstrated sound communication, interpersonal, conflict resolution, negotiation and liaison skills.
5. Experience in providing high level executive support services, including budgeting and reporting processes in a demanding environment across a business unit.
6. Excellent written communication skills and the ability to prepare complex reports and submissions.
7. Ability to manage competing demands and priorities and to respond to urgent requests and situations in a high volume work environment.
8. Demonstrated skills in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships and the ability to work closely with other business units.

Job Notes: This is a Permanent Full-Time position. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

For enquiries: Lyall Gibbs on (02) 4946 3707

Information package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job reference Number: 00001JWV

Closing Date: Friday, 19 April 2013

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Coordinator

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Grants & Community Partnerships

- Permanent position
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Closing Date: 28 April 2013

Enquiries: Mary Whitehead on 9219 5114 or mary.whitehead@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

Clinical Midwifery Specialist Grade 2 - Temporary Identified Aboriginal and Female

Temporary Full Time

Royal Hospital for Women/Randwick

Enquiries: Elizabeth Cox 02 9382 6019

Reference ID: 129019

Closing Date: 21 April 2013

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Mental Health Tenancy and Indigenous Peer Worker

We are seeking to appoint a full time (negotiable) Mental Health Tenancy and Indigenous Peer Worker working within Community Mental Health Support Services based in the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

The Mental Health Tenancy and Indigenous Peer Worker role provides an assertive outreach psychosocial rehabilitation service, case management and care coordination to clients with a severe and enduring mental illness, experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with a particular focus on peer support to Indigenous clients and communities.

Applicants must address the Key Selection Criteria and have a current police check to be considered for the role.

For specific information about the role, please contact:
Virginia Shillito, Tenancy Coordinator on 9735 7900.

For a full position description and/or to apply on-line please visit our Careers Centre at:
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for these positions.

Patient Care Coordinator

Full time; Fixed Term 2 Year contract

Applicants must have a Bachelor of Nursing degree (Registered Nurse Division 1) and must have experience working in Aboriginal organisations.

Contact: Muhammad Khalid, Manager Health Services.

Mental Health Outreach Officer

Full time

This position is to work with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients and their families in a home based environment. Demonstrated knowledge base and experience in the Social Welfare or Drug and Alcohol environment.

Mental Health Development Officer

Full time

Highly skilled and experienced person required with high level mental health networks. Good communication and written skills with an ability to develop the Cooperative's specific strategies in mental health. Must be able to work with individual Client's cultural, emotional, physical and spiritual well being.

Contact: Allyson Walker, Manager Social & Community Services.

Senior Project Officer

Full time

To manage key projects under the direction of the CEO, provide administrative support to the Executive Management Team, provide administrative support in preparations for Board meetings and support the Manager Corporate Services with some general administration duties.

Contact: Andrew Gardiner, CEO.

For more information about these positions and a copy of the position description please contact Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd, on (03) 9794 5933.

The applications addressing the selection criteria must be received by the closing date.

Applications Close: COB 22nd April 2013

Please Note:

Short listed candidates will be invited via email for interviews.



**Redfern Jarjum
College
SYDNEY**

Redfern Jarjum College is a new Catholic, Jesuit primary special assistance school for children of families in the Aboriginal community of Redfern and surrounds.

Applications are invited for experienced and suitably qualified staff for the following positions. **Teaching staff are required to have special education skills for children with learning and behavioural needs.** Teachers are to be registered with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Infants Classroom Teacher 1.0

A genuine commitment to the philosophy of the College and a willingness to participate in the life of the school and community is essential.

Applicants are required to obtain an application package on-line from www.rjc.nsw.edu.au under the heading 'Employment'. (Including Working with Children Check and Role Description)

Applications must be posted providing full details of qualifications and experience, with supporting documentation, and the names and contact numbers of two referees to:

Mrs Beatrice Sheen
Principal
Redfern Jarjum College
PO Box 3177, Redfern 2016
Phone: (02) 9936 5450 or (0450) 601 484.

Aboriginal jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this employment opportunity.

Please refer to our website for more information:

www.rjc.nsw.edu.au

Applications close: Monday 22 April 2013 at 3:00pm

biennale of sydney

international festival of contemporary art

NSW Aboriginal Professional Development Program – Aboriginal Emerging Curator and Artist Liaison

With the support of the Australian Government's Office for the Arts (OFTA) as part of the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support (IVAIS) Professional Development Fund and the NSW Government through Arts NSW, an opportunity exists for an Aboriginal Emerging Curator and Artist Liaison to work with an internationally recognised arts organisation to assist in the development and delivery of the 19th Biennale of Sydney (2014).

The Biennale of Sydney (BoS) is a not-for-profit arts organisation that presents an international festival of contemporary art (and Australia's largest contemporary art exhibition) every two years in Sydney's major art museums and galleries, and locations throughout the city.

The Aboriginal Emerging Curator and Artist Liaison is responsible for assisting in the curatorial research of the artistic program, which includes research and development of the content for the catalogue and guide, as well as acting as an artist liaison. As part of the exhibition team, this position also contributes to the development and delivery of the 19th Biennale of Sydney.

The process includes the establishment of curatorial research and artist files, artist travel arrangements and itineraries, as well as catalogue and guide preparation and working with artists on their projects.

Good organisation and research skills are required, as well as the ability to work cooperatively in a team environment.

This is a 16-month contract position with a salary of \$45,000 per annum (plus 9.25% employer's superannuation contribution), commencing May 2013.

For an information package, please contact, Pernille Jack, Executive Assistant, by email on pernille@biennaleofsydney.com.au

Applications marked **Confidential** and addressing the selection criteria must be received **by 5pm on Friday, 26 April 2013.**

Applications that do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

Please address applications to:
Gina Hall, Head of Exhibition, Biennale of Sydney, 43-51 Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011

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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer Parramatta

Position No. 50054927

Permanent Full-Time

\$84,174 - \$90,327 per annum

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer is responsible for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage and land matters on infrastructure projects to ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage guidelines, policies and practices are implemented to meet legislative, business and social responsibilities.

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Closing Date: 12 April 2013

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Applicants can apply online at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/careers

For additional information on this position, please contact Barry Gunther on (02) 8849 2006.

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Aboriginal Housing Victoria is the largest provider of Social Housing to Aboriginal people in Victoria with over 1550 properties across the state.



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR... INDIGENOUS TENANT FACILITATION TEAM MEMBERS

The Tenancy Facilitation Team (TFT) focusses on building relationships between AHV tenants and AHV, support services, community and government agencies and the Community. Cultural competency and respect are critical to the successful delivery of the TFT project. We want people with excellent communication skills and an enthusiasm for making a positive difference.

1. Are you interested in working respectfully with Elder Facilitators and developing positive working relationships with vulnerable tenants?
2. Do you have a background in housing, health, education, social work or community development?
3. Do you have a proven ability to engage effectively with Victoria's Aboriginal Community and a diverse range of stakeholders?
4. Do you feel enthusiastic about contributing to the successful delivery of an innovative and important project?
5. Are you flexible and willing to work across Victoria?

If so give Nadu Dove a call on **0428 326 356**
for a yarn about the new positions available with the Facilitation Team.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER Aboriginal Identified Position

Salary Package \$65,887.40

(Inclusive of \$55,500 base salary including leave loading plus superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is the largest accredited Aboriginal Out of Home Care (OOHC) service in NSW. There is currently the opportunity to join this ever growing service located in Liverpool.

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children of all ages who are in need of support?

The Cultural Liaison Officer is an integral member of the OOHC team. As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the OOHC team with support in following Aboriginal Placement Principles, locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child, young person and family with a strong cultural heritage.

If you have experience working with Aboriginal children, young people, families or communities, we want to hear from you. We are looking for dedicated and motivated people to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need. This is an identified position.

For more information on the Aboriginal Cultural Liaison Officer position, or to apply, please contact Nicole Alexander on (02) 8782 0300 or nicole.alexander@kari.org.au.



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Career as a Meteorologist

Professional meteorologists in the Australian Bureau of Meteorology are offered opportunities to pursue careers in a variety of areas, all of which contribute to the overall objective of minimising weather related damage to life and property.

Operational Forecasters

It is rare for a meteorologist's career to be restricted to a single area of expertise. Most initially gain experience as operational forecasters and analysts in either state or territory based Regional Forecasting Centres (RFCs) or the National Meteorological and Oceanographic Centre (NMOC) in Melbourne. Meteorologists undertaking these roles provide the nationally recognisable forecasts and warnings that the Australian community use everyday to plan activities ranging from family outings to offshore drilling operations.

Types of Career Options

In addition to routine public weather and marine forecasts, the Bureau also provides warning services for a variety of other phenomena such as tropical cyclones, tsunamis, volcanic ash, severe thunderstorms and hazardous waves. The Bureau maintains the national climate record, monitors and

predicts ionosphere conditions and supplies services in the areas of oceanography, hydrology and in support of aviation and defence activities. Bureau meteorologists are active in research, climate change, staff training, commercial services, flood and drought related activities and, internationally, represent Australia at the World Meteorological Organization.

Current Graduate Meteorology Vacancies

The Bureau is currently recruiting graduates to train as meteorologists.

Graduate Meteorologists undertake a 10-month nationally accredited Graduate Diploma in Meteorology training course, commencing in early January 2014 in Melbourne. After successfully completing the course, graduates advance in salary and commence working as weather forecasters in our Regional Forecasting Centres based in capital cities across Australia.

Eligible graduates should have a Bachelor degree or higher, majoring in a physical science, meteorology or mathematics. Graduates must be Australian citizens or have permanent residency.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

For further information please visit our Graduate Meteorologist career page on our website below.

<http://www.bom.gov.au/careers/grad-met.shtml>

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact our Recruitment Unit on Tel: (03) 9669 4401 or email jobs@bom.gov.au

**Applications are open from Thursday
March 28 until April 25 2013.**



Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

Aboriginal Administration Officer

Gosford and Wyong
Permanent Full-Time/Part-Time,
Temporary Full-Time/Part-Time, Casual
Enquiries: Wayne Merritt 02 4320 3519
Reference ID: 123381

Please refer to website for more details.

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Website: www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Project Officer Clerk Grade 5/6, Aboriginal Services Unit

- Temporary vacancy to January 2014
- Sydney CBD (Haymarket)
- Package to \$87K

Please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search by Requisition 00001L13.

Application must be submitted online to be considered.

Enquiries: Scott Hawkins on 9219 5109 or scott.hawkins@legalaid.nsw.gov.au
Janelle Clarke on 9219 5146 or janelle.clarke@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 28 April 2013

Important Notes:

This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) — SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **INVESTIGATOR RESOURCES LIMITED** ACN 115 338 979 of Suite 48, Level 3, Benson House, 2 Benson Street, Toowong, Queensland, 4066 (**IVR**) proposes to undertake mining operations on land within Exploration Licence numbers 4769 and 4828 (**Land**) being the Land described as follows:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4769 – PORTION ONLY

UNO RANGE AREA – Approximately 30 km WNW of Iron Knob, bounded as follows:

Area A Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S and longitude 136°53'E, thence east to longitude 136°57'E, south to latitude 32°38'S, west to longitude 136°56'E, south to latitude 32°40'S, west to longitude 136°53'E, and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 40.5 km².

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4828 – PORTION ONLY

MORGANS AREA – Approximately 60 km northwest of Whyalla, bounded as follows:

Area A Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S and longitude 136°50'E, thence east to longitude 136°53'E, south to latitude 32°40'S, east to longitude 136°54'E, south to latitude 32°52'S, west to an eastern boundary of Lake Gilles Conservation Park (single proclamation portion), thence generally northeasterly along the boundary of the said Conservation Park to longitude 136°51'E, north to latitude 32°45'S, west to longitude 136°48'E, north to longitude 32°40'S, east to longitude 136°50'E and north to the point of commencement, but excluding that portion of Area A falling within the boundaries of the Gawler Ranges ILUA.

Area B Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°36'S and longitude 136°57'E, thence east to longitude 136°59'E, south to latitude 32°40'S, west to longitude 136°56'E, north to latitude 32°38'S, east to longitude 136°58'E and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 144.4 km².

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralization and/or water that may include but is not limited to any of the following: Geophysical surveys including airborne and ground surveys of magnetics, gravity, electrical and seismic methods. Geochemical sampling including, without limitation, radon surveys, soil, rock chip and drainage, shallow trenching and various drilling methods including auger, rotary mud, percussion, aircore, sonic and diamond drilling.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following tenements under the *Mining Act 1971*:

Exploration Licence numbers 4769 and 4828 held by IVR.

In this notice a reference to an exploration licence includes that tenement and any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments, re-grants or other dealings with that tenement and any other authority or interest in an exploration authority from time to time held over the same or any part of the area of that tenement and a reference to IVR includes its successors, assigns and joint venture partners in respect of the whole or any part of IVR's interest in the tenement from time to time.

IVR seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement for exploration under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971*.

If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, IVR may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent **IVR** for the purpose of:

1. negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land; or
2. requesting further information about this notice.

The proponent **IVR** can be contacted as follows:

C/— McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers, 11—13 Gilbert Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8161 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8410 7266, Contact: Abigail Steed



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 tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	09/140	KEMPTON, Gavin John BRANDENBURG, Karl Graeme FORD, Rod	21.90HA	8km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 56' S Long: 113° 42' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/747	TOP IRON PTY LTD	572.44HA	65km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 40' S Long: 117° 12' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/749	GASCOYNE RESOURCES LIMITED MCDOWELL, Jaime Anthony	1654.08HA	61km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat: 27° 50' S Long: 117° 16' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 10 April 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 **10 July 2013**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 10 August 2013**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
15/949	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	410789	35.16HA	29km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 39' S Long: 121° 48' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
31/778	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	404597	25.49HA	139km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 51' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/790	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	404598	23.48HA	137km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 122° 36' E	MENZIES SHIRE
31/790	HAWTHORN RESOURCES LIMITED	404599	21.47HA	137km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 50' S Long: 122° 35' E	MENZIES SHIRE
37/859	RUDD, Alan Paul	406917	287.30HA	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
37/859	RUDD, Alan Paul	406947	199.80HA	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 58' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
40/260	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	419289	158.46HA	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 23' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
40/260	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	419295	78.70HA	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 121° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
40/260	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	419296	12.70HA	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 26' E	MENZIES SHIRE
40/260	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	419297	19.80HA	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
47/584-I	HAMERSLEY EXPLORATION PTY LTD	411174	197.10HA	79km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 53' S Long: 118° 35' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 10 April 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 **10 July 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. 10 August 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 an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 24 April 2013



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE QLD 4003 **on or before 23 July 2013**. After 23 July 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: Gimuy Walubara Yidinji People

Federal Court File No: QUD631/2012

Date filed: 6 November 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The application area covers about 275.9 sq km located around Cairns extending southerly from Machans Beach to Gordonvale.

Relevant LGA: Cairns Regional Council

Not all land and waters within the external boundary can be claimed, for example, the application excludes privately held freehold land. Areas where Native Title may exist include: unallocated state land, some other crown lands and some land held by or for Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Expansion of Working on Country in the Northern Territory

Round Two – 2013/2014

NT ranger groups are invited to apply for up to 25 new Indigenous ranger positions on offer in the NT in 2013/2014.

Applications close 5.00pm AEST time on 3 May 2013.

Information about the expansion of the Working on Country program in the Northern Territory, funding guidelines including eligibility and assessment criteria, and application forms can be obtained by contacting the department on 1800 552 008, or by email to wocnt@environment.gov.au

Information regarding the Working on Country program is available at www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry

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Attorney General
& Justice

Aboriginal Services Division

Aboriginal Client Service Specialist

Clerk Grade 3-4

Broken Hill, Temporary full time up to 12 months

Salary range: \$61,198 - \$67,010

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$73,946

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialists Programme (ACSSP) seeks to provide targeted and responsive service delivery to Aboriginal clients in order to improve access and equity, and enhance the ability of Aboriginal people to effectively participate in the justice system.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and ability to provide sound advice on Aboriginal issues;
- Capacity to build effective relationships with community groups and organisations and be accepted by these groups;
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and the issues affecting Aboriginal people in relation to Court and Registry services;
- Ability to research and analyse information, and to prepare written briefings and submissions;
- Ability to travel within NSW (overnight travel will be required)

This is a temporary full time position for a period of up to 12 months. An eligibility list may be created to fill future permanent, temporary, full time and part time positions as they arise.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or click on the "Apply Online" button by **11.59pm on Sunday 21 April 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Inquiries: Cheryl Suey 0459 810 912 cheryl_suey@agd.nsw.gov.au

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Australian General Practice Training

Applications open on Monday 15 April 10.00am (AEST) for the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program, for medical doctors who hold or will hold general registration by January 2014 and wish to specialise in a career in general practice and/or rural and remote medicine.

What is AGPT?

AGPT is a vocational training program delivered regionally across Australia. Training starts in early 2014 and may require a three or four year commitment. Training is undertaken in hospitals, urban and rural practices, and provides opportunities for a variety of learning experiences under quality supervision. Financial incentives are available for eligible registrars. Successful completion of the AGPT program can lead to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and/or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and on to Specialist (General Practitioner) Registration.

How to Apply

Visit www.agpt.com.au to obtain the AGPT Applicant Guide 2014 and begin your online application.

For Further Information

Email: selection@gpet.com.au or phone AGPT Selection on 1800 DR AGPT (37 2478) Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm (AEST). Doctors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin are encouraged to apply.

Applications Close

10.00am (AEST) Friday 17 May 2013.



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Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Female Aboriginal Immunisation Officer
Ref: 125873, Temp F/T up to October 2015 at Camperdown Population Health
Enq: Deborah Thomson
Ph: (02) 9515 9420
Closing Date: 3 May 2013

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Being female is recognised as a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:
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Health

Western NSW
Local Health District

POPULATION HEALTH

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Aboriginal Health Worker (Immunisation)
TFT (up to 30/06/15), **Salary:** \$877.70–\$1,497.80 pw, **Recruitment No:** 126676, **Enquiries:** Carole Gander, (02) 6841 5575, **Close:** 19/04/13.

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to **http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au**

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Health

Hunter New England
Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at **www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment**
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Clinical Secretary
Royal Newcastle Centre
Enquiries: Karen Gardiner 02 4922 3403
Reference ID: 125279

Administration/Clerical Assistant
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Nicole Pettiford 02 4921 3554
Reference ID: 124115

Assistant In Nursing - Undergraduate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4477
Reference ID: 130017

Enrolled Nurse- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4477
Reference ID: 130022

Registered Nurse- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
John Hunter Hospital
Enquiries: Chris Sharkey 02 4921 4477
Reference ID: 130019


These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date for above roles: 28 April 2013

Patient Support Officer - Full Time Reliever
John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton
Enquiries: Mitchell Griffin, 02 4921 4266
Reference ID: 120607
Closing Date: 28 April 2013

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Collaboration, Openness, Respect & Empowerment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	04/1891	FACET MINERALS LTD	6BL	105km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat: 17° 26' S Long: 124° 59' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	04/2270	BLACKFIN PTY LTD	21BL	112km S'ly of Derby	Lat: 18° 18' S Long: 123° 50' E	DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2407	WA GYPSUM PTY LTD	200BL	41km SE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 28' S Long: 113° 57' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/1855	FRAKA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	9BL	115km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 24° 19' S Long: 116° 1' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2020	MINPROVISE PTY LTD	33BL	110km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat: 25° 1' S Long: 116° 18' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	15/1367	DALLA-COSTA, Troy Gavin HOOPER, Jamie Gavin BOWDEN, Graeme Fredrick NEVE, James Mervyn	1BL	17km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 48' S Long: 121° 5' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	20/757	DORAY MINERALS LIMITED	2BL	27km SE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 34' S Long: 118° 6' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	27/488	SOUTHERN GOLD LTD	8BL	32km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S Long: 121° 46' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/497	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED	7BL	67km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 11' S Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/503	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	2BL	68km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Exploration Licence	31/1039	STOCKDALE, Diana Elizabeth STOCKDALE, Lindsay	1BL	61km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 16' S Long: 121° 46' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	31/1041	SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD	30BL	124km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 29° 58' S Long: 122° 23' E	MENZIES SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	36/815	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	1BL	41km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 7' S Long: 121° 2' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	36/818	HODGE, Robert George	3BL	44km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 10' S Long: 121° 3' E	LEONORA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	53/1747	IRON WHEAL PTY LTD	17BL	45km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 59' S Long: 120° 55' E	WILUNA SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	59/1946	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD	11BL	55km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 55' S Long: 118° 5' E	MOUNT MAGNET SHIRE, YALGOO SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	63/1605	SARUMAN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	9BL	21km E'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 7' S Long: 121° 59' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
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Exploration Licence	70/3660	STRONACH, Michael Robert	1BL	17km NE'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 31' S Long: 117° 48' E	PLANTAGENET SHIRE
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Prospecting Licence	24/4702	OREX MINING PTY LTD	176.23HA	60km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 121° 14' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
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Prospecting Licence	37/8359	GRIFFITHS, Robert Lee	143.26HA	58km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 27' S Long: 120° 59' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5410-1	MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	399.67HA	45km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 51' S Long: 122° 1' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5418-9	MINERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD	346.11HA	46km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 53' S Long: 122° 3' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1604-S	MASTERS, Lynsay Norman	9.90HA	67km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 24' S Long: 121° 29' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	53/1605-S	MASTERS, Lynsay Norman	9.94HA	69km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 25' S Long: 121° 30' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2015	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	15.90HA	4km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 17' S Long: 117° 40' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	63/1957	BRADY, John Douglas	67.68HA	17km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 32° 4' S Long: 121° 52' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	80/1799-801	LAMBOO RESOURCES NO.1 PTY LTD	402.81HA	3km of Halls Creek	Lat: 18° 13' S Long: 127° 38' E	HALLS CREEK 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: 10 April 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 **10 July 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. 10 August 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.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 24 April 2013



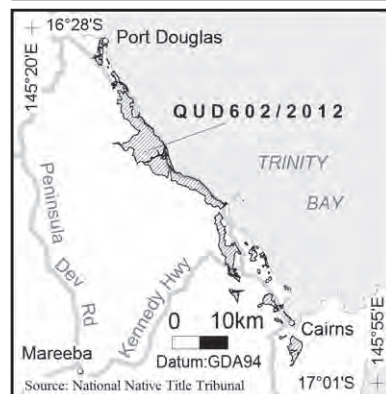
National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, PO Box 13084, BRISBANE QLD 4003 on or before 23 July 2013. After 23 July 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: Yirrganydji Irukandji People

Federal Court File No: QUD602/2012

Date filed: 29 October 2012

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application area covers about 108 sq km in the vicinity of the coastline between Cairns and Port Douglas.

Relevant LGAs: Cairns Regional Council and Tablelands Regional Council

The application excludes privately held freehold land. Areas where Native Title may exist include: unallocated state land, some other crown lands and some land held by or for Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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- **Part Time (30 Hours per week)**
- **Newcastle Based**
- **LGA's of Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Region**

The successful applicant will be required to develop initiatives to enable the Aboriginal community to acquire knowledge and access to the Commonwealth HACC Program and Community Care Support Programs.

Essential Criteria

- An understanding of Aboriginal communities and mainstream services
- Tertiary qualifications or relevant work experience
- Experience in the delivery of community services or similar
- Current NSW Driver's Licence
- Demonstrated knowledge of HACC programs, legislation, guidelines and current issues
- Demonstrated conflict resolution and negotiations skills
- Well developed communication (oral and written) and interpersonal skills
- Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Desirable Criteria

- Experience in HACC service management
- Research and analytical skills
- Facilitating local community development
- Experience working with community based management committees

The terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Award 2010 (SCHADS) Level 5 Pay Point 3. The position comes with an assigned motor vehicle and generous salary packaging opportunities.

For an information package please contact Warren Ballard on (02) 8887 4888. Written applications, addressing the essential and desirable criteria, are to be emailed to: warren.ballard@wesleymission.org.au

Applications Close: Wednesday 8 May 2013

The suitable applicant will be subject to the relevant pre-employment checks for appointment to positions within Wesley Mission.

Wesley Mission is a Christian organisation requiring all staff to affirm its values. Indigenous People are encouraged to apply



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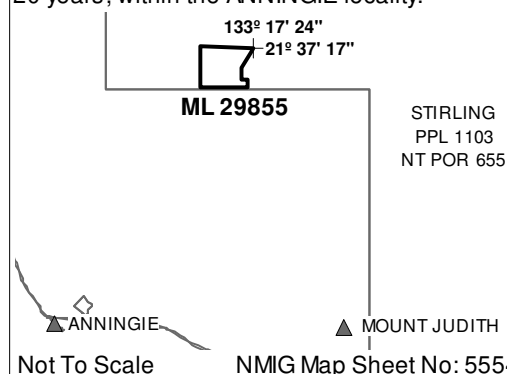
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

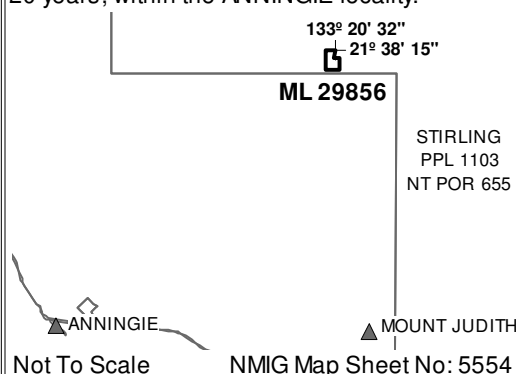
The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an acts)namely to grant the following mineral title applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 29855 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 1508 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



Mineral Lease 29856 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 164 Hectares depicted below for a term of 20 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



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 leases commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 10 April 2013



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Manager, Traditional Owner and Native Title Advisory Unit Canberra, Sydney or Brisbane

IBA6 Salary: \$97,363 - \$108,090
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12 month contract

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) requires a new staff member interested in working in its new Traditional Owner and Native Title Unit. To fulfil this role you must be passionate about achieving economic development outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, a self-starter with good stakeholder management, communication and organisational skills.

There is a myriad of Traditional Owner and Native Title agreements between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their stakeholders. These agreements are often associated with funding and assets providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with an important opportunity to develop and sustain economic outcomes for their people. IBA recently established a Traditional Owner and Native Title Unit to guide IBA's efforts in this area.

The successful applicant will work in IBA's newly created Unit, reporting to the Senior Manager. This will require working across IBA program areas, external agencies, research agencies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups. The role will assist to develop and operationalise key IBA policies and procedures that support Traditional Owner groups and Native Title holders to develop and sustain social and economic outcomes from Native Title (and Traditional Owner) agreements.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

This is a unique opportunity for candidates to join a dynamic, successful and outcome focused organisation.

For further information including job description, selection documentation and how to apply go to www.iba.gov.au/about-us/working-at-iba/current-vacancies/. If, after reading the job documentation you have any questions, please contact Ken Markwell on (07) 3008 8326 or email ken.markwell@iba.gov.au.

Applications close 5pm on Friday, 10 May 2013.

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IBA is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Beale back in Sydney



SUSPENDED Wallabies star Kurtley Beale is staying in Sydney with his family rather than returning to the Melbourne Rebels' fold.

While the Rebels remained in South Africa for a game against the Cheetahs on Easter Sunday morning, Beale was at Mt Druitt with his mother Kathy, who he is very close to, and extended family.

The next step for the 24-year-old is unclear. Beale was stood down indefinitely and heavily fined by the Super Rugby club and the Australian Rugby Union for punching Rebels captain Gareth Delve and team-mate Cooper Vuna.

Winger Vuna was rubbed out for one game for his role in the alcohol-fuelled late-night fracas that followed a club-record loss to the Sharks in Durban a week earlier.

The Rebels issued a statement saying they hoped Beale would 'embrace the assistance required' to deal with his alcohol issues.

However Beale appears to be at odds with the club after denying he had a problem despite the altercation among a string of incidents.

'Not a major issue'

Beale issued a statement to Fox Sports' Rugby HQ program saying drinking was not a major issue for him.

"I really don't think I have an alcohol problem, but sometimes alcohol doesn't agree with me," he said.

"In a controlled environment – at a barbecue or at a restaurant – I'm fine but, at other times, I make bad choices.

"I had no intent to hit Cooper or Gareth. It was very stupid and disrespectful.

"I asked for time and space to calm down and wasn't able to get it.

"I'm working hard to fix the problems. I'm not perfect and I know I have got issues and I have to deal with it and fix those issues. It is an ongoing battle for me."

Recently sidelined with a broken hand, Beale is expected to be back from suspension after their bye to face the Crusaders in round 11 on 28 April in Christchurch.

That would still give him time to reassure Wallabies coach Robbie Deans he's up to the task of taking on the touring British and Irish Lions, with the first Test on 22 June.

He is off contract with the Rebels at the end of the Super Rugby season and is tipped to return the NSW Waratahs.

Beale is also believed to be a target for struggling NRL club St George Illawarra and has previously spoken of his desire to play rugby league at some stage during his career.

Meanwhile, the Australian Rugby Union said Beale had acknowledged he needed to deal



Wallaby Kurtley Beale kicks a long-range penalty during the Bledisloe Cup match against the New Zealand All Blacks at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, last October.

Photo by AAP

with off-field issues before returning to action with the Melbourne Rebels.

The ARU said Beale had agreed to an indefinite stand down from playing – and to seek external counselling assistance.

It said Beale also had accepted a substantial fine over the South African incident after admitting his guilt and foregoing the opportunity to have his case heard by an ARU disciplinary hearing.

"This is an important step for Kurtley and ARU feels an obligation to assist in ensuring, regardless of rugby, that he moves forward in a positive manner," ARU CEO Bill Pulver said.

"He knows he needs to be accountable for his actions, and he is determined to overcome the challenges he has faced in recent times.

"The unfortunate matter in South Africa was not an isolated incident for Kurtley.

"He understands it was unacceptable and, most critically, acknowledges he needs to make changes.

"Kurtley is an incredibly talented rugby player. Two years ago he was the Wallabies' best player in winning the John Eales Medal.

"Last year, despite playing only ten games, he was voted the Rebels' player of the year.

Both of those awards were voted on by his playing peers." – With AAP

NASCA chief executive signs off

NATIONAL Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy boss Charles Prouse has signed off.

"It has been a great privilege and pleasure to have led NASCA over the past four years, but as all things come to an end, today marks my last day here as CEO," he said last Thursday.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with all of our students, role models, corporate and government stakeholders over the

past four years.

"It is through all of your support that NASCA has grown into such a strong and successful organisation, now boasting 18 years of program delivery.

"NASCA will continue to move in a direction of growth, strengthening sustainability, and deepening impact.

"After four years, I'm moving on to take up the role as CEO of Supply Nation, leaving NASCA in very capable hands."



CHARLES PROUSE

Amputee boxer is cleared to fight on



AMPUTEE boxer Brad Hardman has been cleared by international boxing authorities and has set himself a career in the amateur ranks.

He is to have his next fight in the open air at the Windsor rugby league ground on Saturday 13 April.

"I don't know what will happen if it rains," he told the *Koori Mail* last Saturday.

We featured Hardman in our 27 February edition and reported he was awaiting confirmation from international amateur authorities on whether he could continue to fight.

Hardman, 31, from the Sydney suburb of Erskineville, lost his left leg below the knee in a car crash in 1996 when he was just 15.

A friend in the car was killed.

He has a titanium and fibreglass prosthesis.

He acknowledges that he is leaving it a bit late to start a career in boxing, but harbours desires to one day fight at the Olympics.

Now that he has been cleared by international authorities, he can see no obstacles ahead.

His first fight was under the auspices of the breakaway Amateur Boxing League, but from now on, he will be fighting under the control of Boxing Australia.



BRAD HARDMAN

Basketball tournament set down for Canberra



ENTRIES are being sought for the 2013 eighth annual national Indigenous

basketball championships to be held in Canberra from 18-22 November.

The carnival is being organised by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association and will be held at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Last year's carnival was to

have been held in Hobart, but was called off at the last minute.

Organisers say the Canberra tournament will be open to A grade men's and women's teams and under 18 and under 16 boys' and girls' teams.

It will cost teams \$500 to register for the open men's and women's divisions, and \$250 for the junior divisions.

Information packs are available at www.natsiba.com or email natindigbballchampaus@gmail.com

IMP to name its New York Marathon team



THE selection process for the next batch of Indigenous runners to contest the 2013 New York Marathon has

begun.

The Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP), with Rob de Castella at the helm, has completed its 12-day 14-location national tour in search of potential marathon runners.

Nearly 100 runners turned up at 14 locations, from Sydney to Karratha, Adelaide to Tiwi Islands, and Melbourne to Darwin.

Applicants were put through their paces over 3km and 5km distances, as well as undertaking interview as to why they thought they should be

part of IMP 2013 team.

IMP coach Tim Rowe said the amount of raw talent that was discovered across the country was 'truly inspirational'.

"We met some really amazing individuals over the 12 days, who not only want to make a difference to their own lives, but who want to help shape Indigenous Australia into the future," he said.

"It's exciting to see the number and quality of applicants improving each year, and it is a testament to the hard work of these individuals and their willingness to make a difference."

The final squad will be announced after Easter ahead of their first training camps in Canberra in May.

Rocky crown heads north

By ALF WILSON



DESCENDANTS No 1 side, consisting of Torres Strait Islander players mainly from Cairns took out the fifth Central Queensland Indigenous Reconciliation All Blacks rugby league carnival at Rockhampton during Easter.

They beat Central Queensland (CQ) Warriors 54-12 in the final.

Sixteen men's teams contested the Easter Saturday and Sunday carnival, which was to have been held over the 26 January long weekend but was postponed because of floods in central Queensland.

Descendants had players of Torres Strait Island (TSI) descent living in Cairns who compete in the local ten-club competition.

The winning prizemoney at Rockhampton was a handsome \$20,000.

In the semi-final, Descendants scraped home 28-24 against competition favourites Curacoa Crusaders.

The Palm Island Curacoa Crusaders had won last October's Cairns All Blacks carnival, the 2011 Rockhampton carnival and the 2010 Bindal carnival held in Townsville.

CQ Warriors defeated Woorabinda Knights 26-22 in the other semi-final to set up the final showdown with Descendants.

Descendants went through the carnival unbeaten, and in their qualifying game beat Woorabinda Warriors 22-16.

Speedy young Descendants back Eddie Daniel won the player of the carnival award, and Michael Marama took out the fastest player.

Players and officials made the marathon 1100km trip from Cairns to Rockhampton two days before the carnival started.



Bobby Nona with younger brother Andreas Nona, of Descendants No 1.

Coach Elia Ware said it was a great effort by his players. "We are over the moon and played as a team and I am so proud of the boys," he said.

Ware nominated utility Eddie Daniel, forwards Bobby Nona, Matt Bon and Joel Marama, along with backs Maipale Morseu, George Toby and Daniel Mooka as having great carnivals.

"Eddie played in several positions in the backs and also at hooker," Ware said.

"Maipale come down from the Torres Strait and the rest of the boys are Torres Strait Islanders living in Cairns."

Nona, Morseu and Levon Bowie were



The winning team Descendants No 1 team in Rockhampton.

in the Badu Island side Argun Warriors who won February's Murri versus Koori match in Brisbane.

Descendants also took a number two side to the Rockhampton carnival.

On day one they defeated Cliff Ambrum Memorial team 26-6.

In their scheduled second match on day one, Descendants No 1 and Descendants No 2 were drawn to clash.

Tactical move

However, Ware said that in a tactical move, it was decided Descendants No 2 would forfeit, relegating them into the loser's plate division.

The Descendants No 2 lost their plate quarter-final 8-6 to Woorabinda Warriors.

"They only lost that in the final ten seconds," Ware said.

A delighted Ware said the purpose of the trip to Rockhampton was to ensure younger TSI players were seen in action.

"All of these guys are great players and we are trying to get them exposed and hopefully take rugby league further," he said.

In the Rockhampton women's final, the star-studded Highlanders beat AKS Memorial 16-12.

Cherbourg Brothers United had a 36-18 victory over Gladstone Goori United in the men's plate division final.

Yarrabah team Guyala just pipped Dja Dja Belbendi 22-20 in golden point in the bowl section.

Men's results: Round 1: Highlanders 16 d Ipswich United 16 (Highlanders first try winners), CQ Warriors 26 d Guyala 16, Goori United 18 d Umai Sami United 12, Woori Knights 22 d Millie G Mob 10,

Cherbourg Brothers United 46 d Dja Dja Belbendi 0, Palm Island Curacoa Crusaders 26 d Nebo Murries 0, Descendants 22 d Woorabinda Warriors 16, Descendants (2) 26 d Cliff Ambrum Memorial 6.

Round 2: Ipswich United 26 d Guyala 18, Umai Sami United 40 d Millie G Mob 10, Nebo Murries 34 d Dja Dja Belbendi 18, Woorabinda Warriors 34 d Cliff Ambrum Memorial 4, CQ Warriors 12 d Highlanders 6, Woori Knights 14 d Goori United 14 (Woori Knights first try-scorers), Curacoa Crusaders 16 d Cherbourg Brother United 12,

Descendants No 1 d Descendants No 2 on forfeit.

Shield semi-finals:

CQ Warriors 26 d Woorabinda Knights 22, Descendants 28 d

Curacoa Crusaders 24.

Final: Descendants

54 d CQ Warriors 12.

Plate quarter-finals:

Highlanders 30 d Ipswich United 0,

Gladstone Goori United 18 d Umai Samu 18

(Gladstone first try-scorers), Cherbourg

Brothers United 36 d Nebo Murries 10,

Woorabinda Warriors 8 d Descendants No 2 6.

Plate semi-finals: Cherbourg Brothers United 32 d Woorabinda Warriors 14, Gladstone Goori United 28 d Highlanders 24.

Plate final: Cherbourg Brothers United 36 d Gladstone Goori United 18.

Individual awards: Fastest man, Michael Marama (Descendants); player of carnival, Edward Daniel (Descendants).

Women: Highlanders 44 d Cliff Ambrum Memorial Team 10, AKS d NT Yarlies (forfeit).

Women's final: Highlanders 16 d AKS Memorial 12.

Bowl final: Guyala d Dja Dja Belbendi 20 (golden point).

Individual awards: Fastest woman, Mahalia Murphy (AKS Memorial); best back, Brittany Breasley (AKS Memorial); best forward, Kaitlin Moss (Highlanders); player of carnival, Naomi Bobongie (Highlanders).



Players of Boigu descent in the winning Descendants team.

Gold Coast Suns keep an eye on Gordon, 15

By ALF WILSON



TALENTED Arnhem Land 15-year-old Gordon Garawirrtja has been rewarded for good form on the Australian rules field by being included in the regional academy of the Gold Coast Suns AFL side.



The Koori Mail caught up with Gordon as he sat with Arnhem Land friends Troy Wunungmurra, 18, Elijah Dhamarrandji, 15, and Shaun Garrawurra, 17, at a shopping centre in Townsville.

The four are boarding students at Shalom Christian College in Townsville and all have skills in their favourite sport of Aussie rules.

"I am very excited to be involved with the Suns and some of their players visited our school when they played North Melbourne here in Townsville recently in a NAB Cup match," Gordon said.

"I play as a centre."

Shalom College sports teacher Joe Christenson said all four came from Millingimbi/Elcho, in Arnhem Land.

"Gordon is part of the Gold Coast Suns Regional Academy. He has also made the Queensland Indigenous under-15 AFL side," Christenson said.

"Elijah Dhamarrandji has made the under-15 Northern Territory side."

The Australian Indigenous KickStart

carnival is on in the Easter school holidays in Townsville.

Christensen said the Suns regional academies were set up in Rockhampton, Cairns, Mackay and Townsville.

"These regions are designated catchment areas for the Gold Coast Suns. A number of junior

players in each region have been identified and undergo one or two extra elite training sessions each week," he said.

"NT students who attend Shalom have the opportunity to be identified as the college plays in the schoolboys and club competition in Townsville.

"The Suns Regional Academy provides another step in the pathway of junior players into the AFL draft."

Play in Townsville

Shalom College sides compete with success in the Townsville AFL junior competitions.

This year Gordon and Elijah will play under-16 and under-18 for Shalom in club competition, Shaun will play under-18 for Shalom, and Troy will play for University Hawks in the Townsville five-club senior competition.

Last season a team made up of a majority of players from Arnhem Land scored a big win in the Townsville under-18 grand final in which they came from behind, scoring three goals in the final 90 seconds.

Shalom College beat the previously undefeated Thuringowa Bulldogs last September 13.13 (103) to 14.11 (95).

The win sparked wild scenes as more than 100 Shalom students, teachers and supporters celebrated the win.



GORDON GARAWIRRTJA



Rising Suns

The Gold Coast Suns' Harley Bennell celebrates after kicking a goal during the round one AFL game against St Kilda at Metricon Stadium, Cararra, on 30 March. The Suns started the 2013 AFL season on the right foot with an impressive win. *Photo by Getty*

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL
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AS tough as the game is to play physically, one of the most important areas of toughness in Australian football occurs between the ears.

Mental toughness is sometimes hard to define, but it certainly is a quality that separates champion teams from the also-rans.

Training techniques are so advanced these days that teams in the AFL achieve optimum fitness.

The draft is also an equaliser and ensures there is a reasonable spread of talent across the competition.

So the mental domain is one area that teams can achieve a distinct difference against opposing sides.

And it is often the players who can instil an edge of mental toughness in a team culture that can make winning a habit.

A lot is made of the type of culture that exists within some clubs and there is no doubt a winning culture exists within clubs like the Swans, Collingwood and Geelong.

Stronger culture

Meanwhile, some teams are in the process of developing a stronger culture that takes strong leadership from the coach and the senior playing group to implement.

That is why I found the comments coming from the Gold Coast Suns as they prepared to play the premiers Sydney most interesting.

Michael Rischitelli was backing the Suns to put in a strong showing against the Swans.

Gold Coast's physical improvement is apparent, but it's an even bigger shift between the ears that is helping the most, the deputy vice-captain said.

The Suns relied on a storming second half to overrun

St Kilda just over a week ago, kicking ten goals to four after the main break to win by 13 points.

It was a theme they had carried with them through the NAB Cup as well, roaring home to almost pinch an unlikely win off North Melbourne, matching strides with the Sydney Swans and powering away from Melbourne in strong second halves.

So while their young bodies have taken a step forward under new high-performance manager Stephen Schwerdt, Rischitelli says there's another factor at play.

"The boys are fitter physically, but mentally I think we're stronger," he said.

"In recent times, you think other teams are going to come at us after half-time or kick five or six goals on us, but talking to the boys, they didn't really feel like that (against St Kilda).

"More of a belief that we can finish them off, more than a mindset of 'I hope we're going to win'.

"That's the big step. In saying that, it's been one game, but it's something that's been pretty noticeable. Definitely, it's been a big improvement."

Winning only fuels that belief, and after losing its first 14 games last season, notching a win straight away in season 2013 gives the Gold Coast plenty of confidence.

They use confidence to fuel their preparation as they prepare to play against the reigning premiers at the SCG for the first time in their short existence.

When the teams met in the pre-season, the Swans stormed to a match-winning lead with a big second quarter.

But rather than just focus on the playing ability of the opposition, Michael spoke of matching them in the area of mental toughness.

Crucial

Rischitelli said it was crucial to stay close early and match the Swans midfield of Josh Kennedy, Kieren Jack and co.

"They're strong boys; they're fit and they're great leaders," he said.

"They're a great midfield and it's no secret why they won the premiership.

"It's probably the best test we can get and we respect them, but there's no reason we can't match them."

It is these qualities of leadership that have seen Adam Goodes develop into one of the true great players of the game and an inspiration to so many Indigenous kids.

His performance on the field with injury in last year's grand final was truly inspirational.

He is a tough competitor who drives his teammates with his energy and puts his body on the

line consistently in attack and defence.

He is instrumental in addressing the team in critical times of the match and is a great ally on the field for the coaching staff and the rest of the leadership team.

His experience and contribution with the other leaders take the pressure of the likes of Kieren Jack as they develop their own leadership skills with Jack taking on the additional responsibility of captaincy.

The Swans' leadership model has been in place since the time of Paul Roos and I have often written about the culture that has been developed by 'The Bloods'.

Similar model

It is interesting to watch as the new clubs – the Suns and GWS – attempt to adopt a similar model with their key players having input into the team standards and type of behaviours they are seeking to be successful.

It sounds as if the Suns are responding to this approach in a big way.

If they get the ingredients right, they are well on the way to becoming a successful franchise.

Attitude is everything. Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Norman's conquest

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THERE are certain players who have the gift of seeming to have extra time to make their final decision as to which option to take on a football field.

Many commentators see this as a hallmark that separates champions from the normal players who are capable of playing at the top level, but struggle to dominate.

It is too early to nominate the Bronco's Corey Norman as a champion of the game, but he seems to be one of those rare players who has that extra space to make a late decision.

I am certain the Broncos are disappointed to lose such a talent to Parramatta, especially after they have invested so much into his development.

I have always seen Corey as a five-eighth, although he has always been a more than



Corey Norman sets sail for the try line in the 2012 National Rugby League round eight match against the Gold Coast Titans at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. Photo by AAP

capable fullback as he proved in his debut for the club.

By half-time of Brisbane's 2010 National Rugby League (NRL) season opener, Corey Norman was a sensation.

Any questions about how the Broncos would replace AFL convert Karmichael Hunt had effectively been answered in 40 minutes of scintillating football.

At just 18, Norman looked like solid gold in the Brisbane number one jersey, which had been worn by luminaries like Hunt and Darren Lockyer among others.

He saved three tries in the first 25 minutes and set up three for Brisbane before the break.

It was a gob-smackingly

assured start to his first grade career, mixing flourishes of brilliance with defensive reads well beyond his years.

Brisbane did their best to keep a lid on expectations, but the cat and the bag parted ways with almost 50,000 witnesses.

Norman's star since then has risen steadily, if not at the rate many had projected.

He hasn't been a bust by any stretch, but he's yet to return to the heights of that supreme arrival at Suncorp Stadium.

But this season he was given the chance to reset the clock.

Scott Prince's return to the Broncos has given Norman the chance to return to a position

that at one point seemed his for the taking.

After his move from fullback to five-eighth in 2012, Norman had the unenviable task of going from being the next Hunt to being the next Lockyer.

It's little wonder he didn't measure up to every mark.

His form dipped as the pressure mounted for him to be an influential playmaker in the Broncos' colours.

His youth gave him some latitude, but the rise of another 22-year-old five-eighth – Kieran Foran – inevitably raised the bar.

Broncos coach Anthony Griffin couldn't justify picking him over Prince, but such is the regard in

which he is held, couldn't leave him out of the starting 13 either.

He was given the chance to remind everyone why there was so much buzz in the first place.

"I think he's going to bring great things at number one. I remember his debut. He debuted at fullback against the Cowboys, got our player's player, got man of the match that night," said Brisbane captain Sam Thaiday.

"He's played that position before. He's got nothing to prove. That's the best 17 we can pick at the moment and Corey fits in at fullback."

A season-ending injury to Dale Copley gave Griffin the option of sliding last season's regular fullback Josh Hoffman to the wing and giving Norman the task at the back.

Extra protection

Hoffman has given Norman extra cover under the high ball and allowed his running game to develop.

Norman has shown he has lost none of the skills required to play fullback.

But the irony is that he is also displaying all the skills required of a five-eighth when he chimes in as a second-phase player behind the decoy runner.

He was devastating against my old mob the Titans on Saturday night and relished in the service provided by my old mate Princey.

His early ball to the likes of Justin Hodges meant that the Broncos regularly had the defence on the back foot.

I understand Norman following his heart and backing himself to establish himself as an NRL-quality five-eighth.

He not only has extra time on the field, he is young enough to have the time to prove himself at a new club.

Good luck to him!

Thaiday rubbed out for touching referee



THE National Rugby League (NRL) judiciary last Wednesday wasted little time in rubbing Brisbane skipper Sam Thaiday out of last Friday night's local derby against Gold Coast as the panel took less than two minutes to find him guilty of touching a referee.

Thaiday's argument that he had not acted against the spirit of the game carried little weight, the back-rower's admission that he did not have to touch the pink shirt of referee Adam Devcich sealing his fate as he was found guilty of a grade-one contrary conduct charge.

Thaiday grabbed Devcich's shirt to demonstrate how he had been held back at a scrum which prevented him from tackling Melbourne fullback Billy Slater as he raced away to score on 29 March.

Melbourne won the match 32-26. While disappointed with the result,

Thaiday quickly turned his attention to his teammates and his pregnant wife Rachel – who was about to give birth.

"I'm disappointed but I thought I'd come down and see if I could play this weekend," Thaiday said.

"(It was) a very fair hearing and at no stage did I want to bring the game into (disrepute) or be a bad sportsman or anything like that.

"I've accepted my penalty now.

"I'll go back to Brisbane and support my team 100 per cent and get behind them this weekend against the Titans and prepare myself for the Cowboys in two weeks.

"I'm happy with the hearing. I've got to jump on a plane now because my wife's pregnant and she could pop any minute."

Good news was to come Thaiday's way on Friday night when he watched the Broncos upset the undefeated Titans at the Titans' home ground. – AAP

Right on cue, Norman is back to his best



PARRAMATTA signed him to solve their halves dilemma, but Brisbane rugby league international Justin Hodges says a Eels-bound Corey Norman is killing it at fullback.

Hodges had hinted at a return to the No 1 jumper himself during the NRL pre-season following the successful switch of Greg Inglis from centre to fullback for South Sydney.

But Broncos coach Anthony Griffin handed the job to young Norman when he opted to use veteran Scott Prince at five-eighth.

Norman will head to Parramatta at the end of the 2013 season after Brisbane failed to match a massive Eels offer.

Finalising his future seems to have settled him down and he is starting to show the skill and talent that prompted Ricky Stuart to go all out for his signature.

The 21-year-old pulled out his best game

of the season in last Friday night's 20-6 win over the Gold Coast, with the Titans' kicking game suffering after five-eighth Aidan Sezer pulled out late with a hamstring injury.

Norman's kick-return carries were outstanding, finishing a metre off 200 metres, and he read the defence play exceptionally well.

Hodges said Griffin's plan to play last year's No 1 and current New Zealand fullback Josh Hoffman on the wing and Norman at the back was paying big dividends.

Hoffman scored his fourth try in two games after a memorable hat-trick the previous weekend against Melbourne.

"It's working really well," said Hodges who was at his best in the second half after being involved in a melee just before half time.

"Normie has great hands. There's not too many fullbacks who can do what he does with his quick hands." – AAP

2018 Games countdown begins



THE countdown for the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Queensland Gold Coast started last Thursday with the unveiling of the Games emblem. The Games will begin on 4 April 2018.

Queensland Commonwealth Games Minister Jann Stuckey said the emblem captured the essence of the Gold Coast and what the Games was all about.

"The emblem has been inspired by the Gold

Coast's stunning beachside location, its iconic skyline, and the colours are representative of the coast, the hinterland and the celebratory atmosphere which is synonymous with the region," Ms Stuckey said.

"Centred upon fluid representations of a gymnast, a hurdler and a swimmer, the emblem reflects the Games' deep heritage and humanity. "This unveiling shows the world that the Gold

Coast can't wait to share this special moment in history."

The Gold Coast will host more than 6500 athletes and officials from more than 70 competing Commonwealth nations, while thousands of visitors are expected to attend the Games.

● **ABOVE:** Threatening showers held off for the unveiling of the emblem at Southport last Thursday morning.

Townsville hosts KickStart titles



TOWNSVILLE is playing host this week to the 2013 Australian Football League (AFL) national KickStart championships.

The under-15 tournament began on 8 April and will end on Friday 12 April.

Supported by the Coles AFL Indigenous Program, the 2013 carnival has brought together all states and territories represented in a round-robin tournament.

Each team – NSW, ACT and a combined Victoria and Tasmania outfit – has selected the best 25 Indigenous players based on leadership qualities, school attendance, community involvement and football ability.

The KickStart championships structure has been developed to provide a supported talented player pathway that compliments the national under-16 championships and exposes

Indigenous coaches, physiotherapists, doctors and trainers to an elite AFL program environment.

AFL national community engagement manager Jason Mifsud said the carnival was the first stage for players to be involved in a high-performance environment.

"The KickStart Championships provides players with an opportunity to test themselves against the best emerging Indigenous players from across the country," he said.

"Twenty-five of the best-performing

players will be selected for the Indigenous Flying Boomerangs squad.

"In addition to supporting talent, the KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle for education, employment, health and participation outcomes for Indigenous people."

AFL Indigenous ambassador and Gold Coast Suns player Jarrod Harbrow said the people of Townsville could expect to see some exceptional talent on display.

"With the right attitude and skills, some of these young players are on their way to play the game at the elite level," Harbrow said.

This year, players from the Pacific region are taking part in the KickStart championships, competing in their own round-robin tournament. A curtain-raiser to the grand final will be played between a combined South Pacific team and a combined Indigenous line-up.



JASON MIFSUD

Ross' Stawell Gift bid stalls in semis



SIX-times Australian 100m champion Josh Ross' campaign to become the first man to win three Stawell Gift titles ended when he finished third in his semi-final during Easter.

Surprise packet Andrew Robinson became the first Tasmanian in 72 years to win the big race on Easter Monday.

Jamaican superstar Asafa Powell withdrew before the semis due to a hamstring injury sustained before the heats on Easter Saturday.

Ross was aiming to become the first man in 132 attempts to win three Gift titles, having previously tasted success in Stawell in 2003 and 2005, the latter occasion off scratch.

This year Ross was moved out to the 1m mark due to the presence of Powell, the former 100m world record holder.

Ross had plenty in reserve after cruising to victory in his heat on Easter Saturday in 12.49 seconds, easing up 30 metres before the finish line.

"That's exactly what I did when I won from scratch in 2005, shutting it down," said Ross ahead of his semi-final. I am really happy to be in the semi-final and I believe I have a good chance to do this.

"It's a massive advantage that I am one of the most experienced, if not the most experienced sprinter here.

"This thing is a whole mind game, you know guys can come out and run 11.7 in the heat and run 12.3 in the final.

"It comes down to experience and can you handle the pressure?

"It's a pressure game and I perform well under pressure – that's what I am known for." – **AAP**

Bound for Philadelphia to play rugby league 9s



TWO Aboriginal-based rugby league teams are off to the United States in May to play in an inaugural nines competition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It is understood one team will be made up of players from the Sydney-Newcastle region, while the other team, the New England Echidnas, will consist of players from the NSW New England and north-west region.

The Echidnas, led by Armidale Rams (Group 19) first grade captain-coach Brian Dennison, have paid their nomination fee and will be in the United States from 14 May to 26 May.

The tournament in Philadelphia is on 18 May.

Dennison has been heavily involved in organising the Echidnas' tour and said 11 players were

definite starters, but they were looking for one more squad member.

He said it cost each player about \$3000 to make the trip.

He would like to hear from potential sponsors. His contact number is 0432 280 778.

Dennison said rugby league nines was a concept that was new to him, but he was looking forward to the tournament.

He said Aboriginal players would make up about 80 per cent of the Echidnas team.

Rugby league legend Nathan Blacklock is the most high-profile player in the squad.

Dennison said the Echidnas would also conduct skills sessions at US colleges and schools and he was hopeful of organising an exhibition game in Washington, DC.

In the meantime, the squad is eagerly awaiting the delivery of their playing jumpers.



Nathan Blacklock is off to the United States to play with the New England Echidnas in a rugby league nines tournament in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is pictured here in 2004 during his illustrious playing days with the Dragons. — Photo by AAP

They stand together

By CHRIS PIKE



WESTERN Australian cricket umpires Reuben Garlett and Jamal Principle have officiated together in a WACA district final, becoming the first

Indigenous umpires to do so in WA, and possibly Australia.

The WACA fourth grade final between Bayswater-Morley and Mt Lawley was officiated by Garlett and Principle, who recently returned from the Imparja Cup and are two of the rising umpires in WA cricket.

WA is the only state in Australia that has two Indigenous umpires at the top level – South Australia has one and there are slim pickings across the country in grade/premier competitions which provide the pathways to state and international representative cricket.

At just 25 years of age, Principle is one of the rising umpiring stars in WA and he couldn't have been more proud to be in charge of a final alongside Garlett.

Proud

"It did mean a lot to Reuben and myself. We are proud Indigenous people. We represented our background, our families and we represented WA and the WA Aboriginal Cricket Council. We also represented the WA Cricket Umpires Association as well," Principle said.

"It is great to see Indigenous people involved in cricket. They have a natural flair for sport in general and cricket is another sport which allows them to show that natural flair and talent. There are more Indigenous people involved as players than umpires though, but the participation is increasing in cricket throughout Australia."

One of Principle's highlights of every year is the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs and the 2013



Indigenous umpires Jamal Principle, left, and Reuben Garlett, who stood together in the WACA fourth grade grand final.

version was no different.

"This was my seventh Imparja Cup as an umpire, and Reuben has attended with me in 2010, 2012 and 2013, but you could call me a veteran of the Imparja at only 25 years of age," he said.

"This year's Imparja Cup was enjoyable. I had a good tournament and was appointed to umpire the State/Territory women's final which was played between the Cricket Australia Invitational XI and NSW, which NSW won."

Principle is proud of his Indigenous heritage that comes from his mother's side who was born in Carnarvon and is a Yamatji woman. His father was born in Naples, Italy, while his mother's father is Swedish, so he has a

diverse background and is proud of each part of his heritage.

He had always wanted to be involved in cricket, but never thought that would be as an umpire. From the 1997-98 season, when he started playing in the under-12s, Principle was forced to stop playing for almost two years in 2000 when he injured his back.

He was involved at the John Forrest Senior High Cricket Academy, but still unable to play until late in 2002 and as a result got involved in umpiring.

While he was a handy lower-order batsman and a left-arm Chinaman bowler, he saw umpiring as his opening and he has not regretted that decision.

"I thought I may progress

higher as an umpire than player so since 2004, I haven't looked back. My first game as an umpire was as a 17-year-old and that was men's cricket," Principle said.

"I currently do WACA second grade and hope to umpire first grade soon. Patience is the cheapest thing, but not used enough. I just need to keep being patient and doing what I am doing, and I will keep moving up the ranks. Patience is a virtue and rewards come to those who wait."

Garlett, whose family comes from all over WA, with the Garlett's from the south-west Wheatbelt and Roes, from the north-west, is already a first grade umpire and was also proud to have officiated in a final alongside Principle.

"It was the first time we'd umpired together in WACA grade cricket despite having done a few games together in trial games and at the Imparja Cup," Garlett said.

"On reflection, it was a pretty big thing for both of us but in all honesty, at the time I just wanted to get through the game."

"I'm beginning to see more players in the higher grades and I think competitions like the Imparja Cup and the WACA Indigenous Twenty20 Carnival have brought attention to talented Indigenous cricketers who might have been passed by in the past."

"I remember playing with guys who would have made the grade in high level cricket if circumstances had been different."

"From an umpiring point of view, we could do more with Indigenous umpires. Even if it's just getting involved in your children's games, it's a start."

Not only is Garlett a cricket umpire, but he is also a WAFL goal umpire and officiates as a field umpire in junior football.

Similarities

While there are some difficulties with the seasons overlapping, Garlett enjoys the similarities and diversities of umpiring both sports.

"I began umpiring while still playing as a teenager. I umpired for a few years before work took priority, but I got back into it in 2009 after about a decade away from cricket," Garlett said.

"The last two seasons I've umpired WACA first grade. When I got back into it, I set myself the goal of getting into first grade. Now I suppose the goal is to see how far I can go."

"Football is a nine-month commitment from January to September so there is a bit of a crossover."

"Managing time is a bit of a challenge."

"I goal umpire WAFL football on Saturdays and field umpire junior football on Sundays."

150 games... and more to come

By CHRIS PIKE



FREMANTLE defender Michael Johnson has become the third Indigenous player with the Dockers

to reach 150 Australian Football League (AFL) games and he is one of the game's great success stories with his career still not nearly ready to wind down.

Fremantle has a rich history of Indigenous players since entering the AFL in 1995, including the likes of Dale Kickett, Jeff Farmer, Scott Chisholm, Garry Dhurrkay, Winston Abraham and Des Headland, but Johnson now becomes just the third player to reach 150 games behind Troy Cook and Antoni Grover.

Johnson reached the mark in the opening game of the 2013 AFL season and celebrated in style when the Dockers beat West Coast in the western derby by 28 points.

Admirer

The 28-year-old versatile big man admired and looked up to Cook and Grover when he arrived at Fremantle as a rookie-listed player ahead of the 2005 season, and now couldn't be more proud to be a life member of Fremantle.

"I know that Troy Cook and Antoni Grover got to 150 games before me here at Fremantle, so it's great to join them now," Johnson said.

"I know that when I started, those two boys took me under their wing and looked after me, and to now be up there with them in terms of being a life member is something special.

"When I do finish my football career, I will be able to look back and see that I played 150 games for Fremantle, and am a life member."

Johnson might have had some ups and downs along the way to 150 games, with the undoubted low point being when he was caught in possession of cocaine in 2010, and subsequently suspended for five matches by Fremantle.

However, he is a great success story having been put on Fremantle's rookie list coming through the Clontarf Football Academy.

Outstanding form early in 2005 with WAFL club Perth saw him earn his AFL debut in round four of that year against Richmond, and he has virtually never looked back.

"It has been a great journey so far and there have been ups and



The Fremantle Dockers' Michael Johnson is chaired from the ground celebrating his 150th match and the Dockers' AFL round one win over local rivals the West Coast Eagles in Perth on Saturday, 23 March. Photo by AAP

downs. I know when I started, I always wanted to play one AFL game let alone 150," he said.

"It is a great achievement for myself and for my family, and when I do finish my football, I will be able to look back and say that I played that many games for Fremantle."

Johnson has not missed a game with Fremantle since early in 2010 after he returned from his club-imposed suspension, and the result throughout 2012 in particular under new coach Ross Lyon was perhaps the most consistent form of his career.

Lyon settled Johnson into a role anchored in defence after much of his career had been split between the back-line, the ruck, the wing

and up forward. Johnson has enjoyed that chance to settle into a position and to life under Lyon as coach.

"I thought I have always played consistent footy for the Fremantle Dockers and played my bit for the team," he said.

Good streak

"I guess over the past couple of years I have been on a really good streak of consecutive games played, and the way I've looked after my body, after myself outside of the footy club, raising a nice family with three beautiful kids with my partner has all helped," he said.

"I guess you get a bit wiser when you get older. I know a

couple of years ago I was playing a number of roles and I was a swingman playing forward, ruck and a bit on the wing, but when Ross came on board, he sat me down and we decided where the best position was for myself and for the team.

"We agreed in the back-line and I remember a few years ago, in the 2006 season, I played the majority in the back-line. It was one of my better years.

"I enjoyed going down back again last year and we have grown as a group back there, and hopefully we can keep working on getting better."

While Johnson is the fourth most experienced current player at Fremantle, he still feels he keeps

learning and developing, especially from those still his senior like captain Matthew Pavlich, and All-Australian stars Luke McPharlin and Aaron Sandilands.

He does feel himself becoming more of a leader the longer he continues to play.

"I'm still learning, but having a lot of young players come through the system these days, I do try to give them a couple of good pointers," Johnson said.

"That might help give them something to work on with their game and that's what I try to do. We are here to help each other because as a club we want to succeed, so anything we can do to help each other we will do it."

NT Thunder's unwanted start to football season



NORTHERN Territory Thunder started the 2013 North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) season with a two-point loss to the Broadbeach Cats at TIO Stadium, Darwin, on 23 March.

An afternoon downpour led to a

scrappy match and it was the Queensland-based Broadbeach that handled the greasy conditions better.

The Cats led at every change and despite NT Thunder getting in front by two goals early in the final quarter, Broadbeach fought back and won their third consecutive game in the

Territory and first in Darwin.

Scores: Broadbeach 18.8 (104), NT Thunder 15-12 (102).

Austin Wonaeamirri was one of Thunder's best.

After the loss, the NT Thunder were in fifth place on the NEAFL Northern Conference ladder after Southport, Morningside and Redlands also started

their seasons with wins.

The Thunder followed up that loss with another defeat, this time in Brisbane at the hands of Aspley.

Thunder went down 20.8 (128) to 14.6 (90).

Last Saturday the Thunder was drawn to play the Mt Gravatt Vultures at TIO Stadium. — With AAP

Dockers rule out Franklin bid

LANCE FRANKLIN
Photo by AAP



IF Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson was worried about Fremantle poaching star AFL forward Lance Franklin, he can rest easy.

Rumours were building that the Dockers were preparing to offer Franklin a multi-million-dollar deal in a bid to lure him to Perth.

A Melbourne-based newspaper report added further fuel to the fire when it claimed Dockers coach Ross Lyon wanted Franklin with a 'burning passion'.

But Lyon rubbished the claims, saying he had even sought out Clarkson at a Coaches' Association meeting to tell him Fremantle weren't the club chasing Franklin.

"I said to him, 'This is not us – just to let you know so you don't have to worry. It is not us,'" Lyon said.

"That's on the public record, and that hasn't changed.

"I can't be any clearer than that.

"We've got some real emerging, leading players of the competition. Our number one priority is to sign and manage our list."

Franklin – a restricted free agent – has put contract

negotiations with Hawthorn on hold until the end of the season, sparking suggestions that he is keen to test his value on the open market.

Greater Western Sydney have been heavily linked to the 26-year-old, while West Coast were another club rumoured to be in the frame, given Franklin's WA heritage and the fact he used to share a house with Eagle Sharrod Wellingham.

Spearheads

However, West Coast will find it hard to squeeze Franklin into their salary cap, and they already boast two formidable spearheads in the form of Josh Kennedy and Jack Darling.

Fremantle, on the other hand, are desperate to find someone to succeed 31-year-old skipper Matthew Pavlich in coming years.

Earlier, Hawthorn president Andrew Newbold said he hoped the 'privilege' of representing the AFL club meant more to Franklin than a bigger pay packet elsewhere.

Greater Western Sydney coach Kevin Sheedy wants the Giants to make a big-money play for the Hawks star.

Sheedy, who will hand the reins to assistant Leon Cameron next season, says Franklin could be worth as much as \$1.3 million a year.

Hawthorn have already made Franklin what Newbold terms a 'respectful' offer, but Franklin has put off a decision until post-season.

Newbold doubts the Hawks can match what GWS can throw at Franklin financially, but says there is more at stake than money.

"There's more to playing for Hawthorn than just the dollar amount," Newbold told Melbourne's 3AW radio.

"We're trying to create a culture where we provide a holistic sort of experience for a player and that's looking after them well and truly when they've finished football as well."

He said the Hawks were comfortable with how they were handling the situation.

"The other thing that the leadership of the Hawthorn footy club is at one on is that it's a privilege to play for our club," Newbold said.

"And we hope that he feels that way some time during the year."

– AAP

Coach hails classy half-back



NEWCASTLE National Rugby League (NRL) coach Wayne Bennett was full of praise for

young Indigenous half-back Tyrone Roberts, but refused to anoint him as the Knights' first-choice half-back.

For the second successive week the 21-year-old produced an outrageous show-and-go that wrong-footed the Canberra defence, allowing him to score as the Knights sealed a come-from-behind 28-12 NRL win at Hunter Stadium on Sunday 31 March.

Roberts pulled off exactly the same move in his side's win over North Queensland a week earlier to justify Bennett's decision to keep him in the No 7 jersey, despite Kurt Gidley recovering from a calf injury.

The Knights captain started the game at hooker before being forced off with concussion at half-time.

But the seven-time premiership-winning coach said Roberts was likely to keep his spot – for now.

'Little bit of class'

"He sold one dummy there and I was waiting to see someone else running and he got to the line before I realised he still had the ball," Bennett said of Roberts' 51st-minute try.

"He does that well, Tyrone. He has that little bit of class.

"It's a great show and go he's got and it works for him. It confuses defenders.

"But no-one is No 1 for

anything. He's doing a good job there at the moment and Kurt has got a head knock.

"Kurt only made himself available yesterday (30 March). No-one thought he was going to play and I wasn't going to change the team at that late notice."

The 177cm 85kg Roberts is a product of the Newcastle Western Suburbs club.

He was a Junior Kangaroo in 2011 and also played for NSW at under 15 level and for the Australian and NSW Under 16 Indigenous teams.

Debuted in 2011

Roberts made his first grade debut in 2011 against the Sharks.

The Knights' win over the Raiders was the third from four games this season – all at home – and the coach said it was a performance his side would have failed to produce last year.

"We wouldn't have done it last year, we lost our way in the first half but regrouped at half-time," he said.

"The most pleasing thing is we've backed it up two weeks in a row with a pretty decent performance. It was not as good as last week but it was good enough."

Raiders coach David Furner was seething at his side's insipid second half display and slammed the kicking game of his halves combination Josh McCrone and Sam Williams.

The Raiders mentor was also upset about a shoulder charge by Danny Buderus on Blake Ferguson that went unpunished.

The Knights hooker poleaxed the centre, but referee Brett Suttor



Tyrone Roberts scores a try for the Knights during the NRL round four match against the Canberra Raiders at Hunter Stadium, Newcastle, on Sunday 31 March. Photo by AAP

ruled the incident was merely a collision and allowed play to continue.

"I just saw it again on the

video, and I was very surprised," he said.

"There's been a lot of hoo-ha about this recently, and what I saw

summed it up.

"Going off what we've been going off it was most certainly a mandatory penalty." – AAP

More Marlon magic



A fit and excited Marlon Motlop is looking forward to a big year at Peel Thunder.
Photo by Peter Argent

By PETER ARGENT



MARLON
Motlop's fourth State League Australian rules football club in four years is

more about circumstance than restlessness.

When Cameron Shepherd was awarded the position as senior coach at perennial WAFL cellar-dwellers Peel Thunder late last year, one of the players he head-hunted was Motlop.

"My midfield coach at Swan Districts last year was Cameron," Motlop said.

"I had a close working relationship with 'Shep'.

"Also, I still have a desire to return to AFL football and the Fremantle-Peel alignment also interested me.

"A player can take some heart from the fact that blokes are getting picked up into their mid-20s."

From the Wanderers Football Club in Darwin, from where many of the Motlop clan, including cousins Daniel, Shannon and Steven, along with sibling Thomas, came, Marlon confessed that when he arrived in Adelaide

at the start of his AFL career as a 17-year-old he'd never done a pre-season and went to the Power with stress fractures in his back.

A consistent string of injuries

had an impact at the least convenient times over the next four years.

"My body was a bit young and the workload caught up with me," Motlop said.

"While I'm still around the same weight as I was back then, my body is now a lot stronger and I'm able to wrestle with bigger players.

"It (his body) is holding up a lot better simply because it's a lot more mature and I have been pleased with my pre-season this summer."

Having played with North Adelaide and having a short stint with the Bloods in the SANFL, along with a successful season at Swan Districts last year, Motlop has a good handle on both competitions.

Similar to AFL

"The WAFL in terms of structures is similar to the AFL, with full ground presses and being free-flowing," he said.

"In the SANFL it is a lot more contested and close footy."

Known for his use of the football, decision-making skills and ability to read the play, Motlop has set a goal to improve on the contested side of his game for 2013.

"I am a bit of a goal-setter," he said. "My initial aim was to be one of the best runners at the club through the pre-season."

"Also, I want to lift the number of contested possessions by eight

or nine per game.

"By doing this, I will become equally effective as an inside or outside player."

Motlop moved across to Western Australia for the 2012 campaign to play alongside best mate and former Adelaide Crow Jarrhan Jacky at Swan Districts.

At AFL level, Motlop debuted at the end of 2008 against Melbourne in round 21 and played five senior games before being delisted at the end of the 2011 winter.

He also played SANFL with North Adelaide, starting as a 17-year-old under Andrew Jarman.

A number of the Motlop clan have had stints at the Roosters, including Daniel, Shannon, Marlon and Thomas. This came about when Adelaide Crows inaugural captain Chris McDermott coached the Roosters.

"Chris played with Uncle Mark in the 1980s at Glenelg," Marlon Motlop said.

"He initiated the contact and North Adelaide has become the SANFL club of this generation of the family.

"Uncle Paul, who coached the Wanderers to the 2010-11 flag, also spent a little time at Norwood."

Outside of Marlon Motlop's football commitments, he works with the David Wirrpanda Foundation as a player development officer.

Kevin's piece of history on display



THE blazer pocket of wheelchair basketball player Kevin Coombs – Australia's first Indigenous Paralympian – has gone on display at the National

Sports Museum in Melbourne.

Coombs competed in the first Paralympic Games, in Rome during 1960.

The pocket is part of an updated Paralympics display in the museum, which is at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The new material is on loan from the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) and includes historical medals and memorabilia from the 1960 Rome Paralympics.

The updated showcase includes the arrows that Australia's first Paralympic gold medalist, archer Ross Sutton, used to secure his victory, the first Paralympic gold medal won by an Australian, and three of the six medals won by Daphne Hilton at the Games, where she was the only female in the Australian team of 12 athletes.

"We're honoured to accept this collection of treasured items from the Australian Paralympic Committee," said National Sports Museum manager Jed Smith.

Australian Paralympic Committee chief executive Jason Hellwig said the APC was committed to preserving the proud history of the Australian Paralympic movement and that the National Sports Museum was the perfect place to do just that.

"On behalf of the athletes and their families, the APC is delighted we can now share these pieces of history with Australia," he said.

The National Sports Museum is at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



● ABOVE: A July 2003 picture of Victorian Koori Court Elder Kevin Coombs at the Broadmeadows Magistrates Court, where the new Koori Court dealt exclusively with Aboriginal cases where the defendant pleaded guilty. Coombs was Australia's first Paralympic athlete, competing in basketball in Rome in 1960. His daughter Rose Falla also is a trailblazer, recently becoming the first Indigenous magistrate in Victoria.

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● LEFT: Kevin Coombs taking part in the 1960 Paralympics opening ceremony in Rome. Photo supplied by Melbourne Cricket Club

● ABOVE RIGHT: Kevin Coombs' 1960 Rome Paralympic blazer pocket.



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Dead-eye Kyle targets world titles

By GRAHAM HUNT



NOONGAR man Kyle Anderson has another target to aim for – the world darts championships in London this December.

The 26-year-old Anderson, who now lives at Mt Morgan, west of Rockhampton in central Queensland, is the top-ranked darts player in Australia, and if he keeps that ranking he will be an automatic qualifier for the world tournament, which is restricted to a field of 64.

The former Perth man moved to Queensland last July and works as a supermarket packer at Gracemere, about 40 minutes' drive west of Rockhampton.

Anderson competed in the world titles in London last December, where he was eliminated in the first round.

He aims to improve on that if he makes it to London this year.

He said England and The Netherlands were the world's power darts nations.

Anderson qualified for the



Kyle Anderson with one of his trophies.

2012 Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) world championships by winning the Oceanic Masters in Australia.

He is the Dart Players Australia (DPA) number-one ranked player on the Australian circuit and recently has competed in Goulburn, Mittagong, Albury, Redcliffe and was in Dandenong last weekend.

Anderson is in need of a major sponsor. His manager,

Heath Daley, said costs were high and upcoming travel included New Zealand and possibly Japan and Britain.

Daley said Anderson was the hottest commodity in Australian darts. "We are urging businesses and Indigenous organisations to sponsor Kyle as he is at world standard and needs help to be able to compete at this level," Daley said.

"Kyle would love to be the

face of Indigenous organisations and health as he is passionate about success, health and positive living."

Anderson has an expanding trophy cabinet and his achievements include many Australian representative caps.

He won the Japan Open in 2010 and took out a world junior championship in 2003.

Last year he threw a perfect game of nine darts (six

successive triple 20s, finishing with a check-out 141, consisting of a triple 20, triple 19 and a double 12.

It was the first time he had thrown the perfect game, although he said he had been close several times.

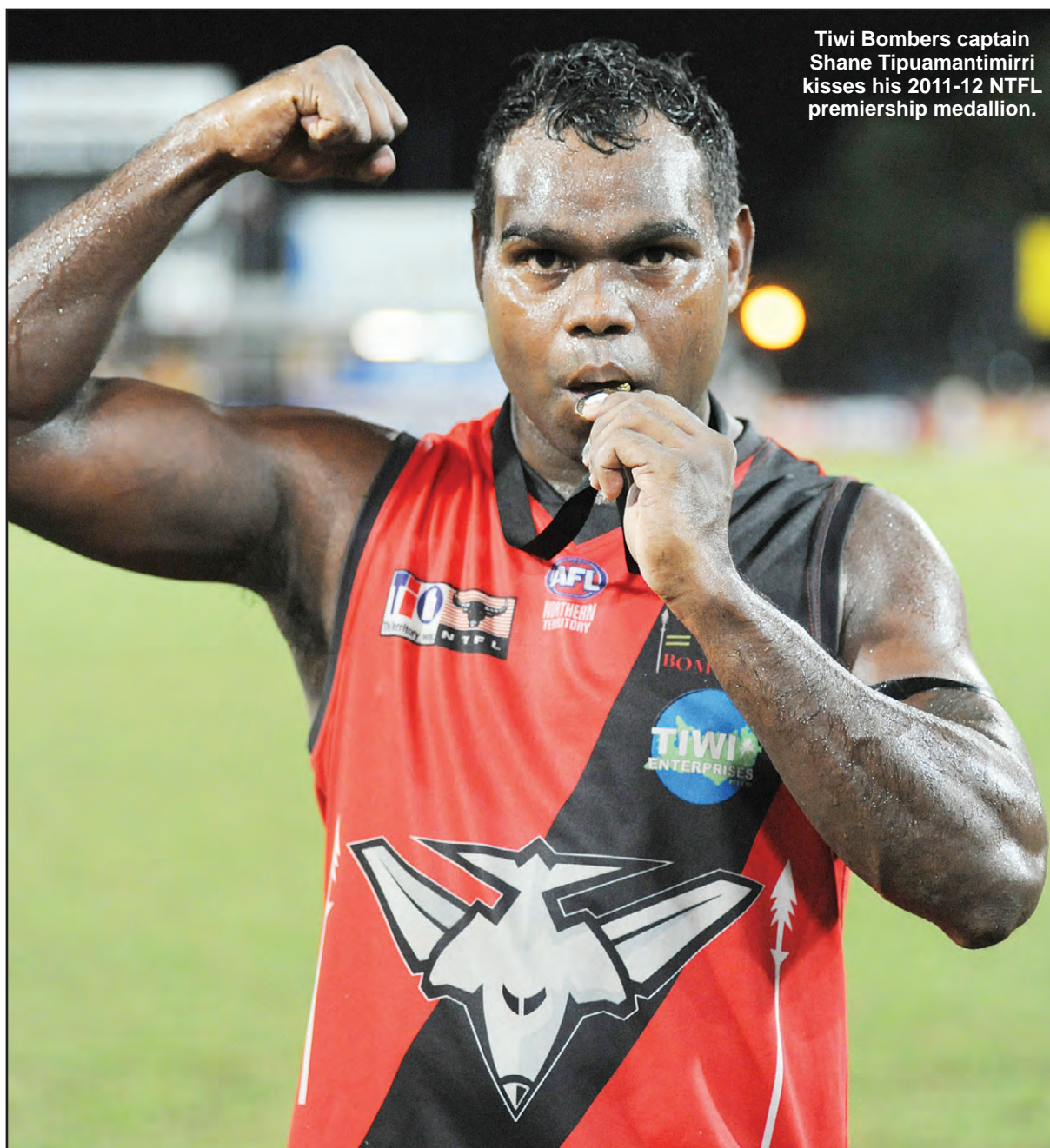
Anderson started playing darts at the age of nine and began touring when he was 12.

● Heath Daley can be contacted on 0432 557 892.



Kyle Anderson in action.

Tippa's big accolade



Tiwi Bombers captain Shane Tipuamantimiri kisses his 2011-12 NTFL premiership medallion.

By PETER ARGENT



NT TIWI Bombers captain Shane Tipuamantimiri may have missed the big Australian football grand final against St Mary's,

but he has collected the Northern Territory Football League's (NTFL) highest individual honour.

"It is a great honour to be the first Tiwi Bomber to win the Nicholls Medal," Tipuamantimiri told the *Koori Mail* from Melville Island, after St Mary's beat the Bombers 16.6 (102) to 11.5 (72) in the NTFL decider.

"The grand final week was a real roller-coaster ride."

'Tippa' missed the NTFL grand final against St Mary's because of suspension.

"Obviously, the suspension was very frustrating as I see myself as a ball player," he said.

Breeding ground

Tipuamantimiri comes from Garden Point, on Melville Island, like a number of the stars of Australian rules, including Michael Long, Basil Campbell, Ronnie Burns, 'Junior Boy' (Cyril) Rioli and Dean Rioli.

He spoke emotionally about his connection with the late Tiwi Islands legend Maurice Rioli.

"Maurice was a huge mentor for me and a keen supporter of mine," Tipuamantimiri said.

"He'd collect me from the airport when I'd come across to play with the Waratahs as a teenager.

"We'd go out hunting together and he taught me a lot about football.

"Sibby Rioli was my first coach at Waratahs and they were great role models for me."

While missing out on the NTFL season decider with the Tiwi Bombers against St Mary's, the team Tiwi Islanders have a spiritual connection with, Tipuamantimiri, at 32, believes he has a couple of seasons left in Darwin's premier competition.

After that, he is keen to get involved in coaching.

Tipuamantimiri started at premier league level with the Waratahs as a 15-year-old.

Went interstate

He has also played State league football in South and Western Australia.

Tipuamantimiri played 20 senior games at Glenelg in the SANFL in 1999-2000, before moving to South Fremantle.

There, he enjoyed premiership success in 2005, playing 67 games with the WAFL's perennial powerhouse.

He has now played 73 games with the Tiwi Bombers after 59 games with Waratahs and an NTFL premiership with them in 1998-99 under the mentorship of Bill Martin.

Tipuamantimiri has been captain of the Tiwi Bombers since the start of the 2011-12 northern summer, and is noted for his inspirational leadership.

With his wife Tammy and children Tyson (9), Talima (4) and Taiturn (2), Tipuamantimiri is back where it all started, at Garden Point.

He's working in the AFLNT Academy at Tiwi College, Pickataramoor, previously being employed at the Tiwi College by the Clontarf Academy.

An amazing year

Indigenous athlete loves a challenge



CANBERRA sportsman Adrian 'Ade' Andrews seemingly knows no

boundaries when it comes to accepting challenges.

After focusing for 14 years on boxing, he has embraced another two physically challenging pursuits – dragon boat racing and Tough Mudder.

We'll get to that Tough Mudder bit later, but the best way to tell the Ade Andrews story is to start with boxing.

Just over 12 months ago, Andrews collected a silver medal in the light heavyweight division at the Australian Amateur Boxing Championships.

His proud mum, Jaggera Elder Christine Andrews, said that achievement came after months of gruelling training with the ACT team at the Stockade Training Centre, months of dieting and months of coming home after training with black eyes and swelling.

Took their toll

Two tough elimination bouts against Tasmanian and Queensland opponents took their toll on Andrews in the final, but his mum regarded his silver medal as a mighty achievement.

Christine Andrews said that at the age of 16 her son turned to boxing after his older brother committed suicide.

"It was a way to assist in his healing and a way to cope with the pressure and grief that so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have experienced after such a tragic loss," she said.

"It also kept him from heading down the wrong track of substance abuse that so many of our youth take.

"Leading up to 5 February 2012, my son had had a good career, and had probably stayed in the game far longer than his



Competing in the Tough Mudder in New Jersey in 2012, Andrews (No 97) is pleased to come through one of the mud obstacles.



Adrian Andrews was still smiling at this stage of the US Tough Mudder.

peers who started at the same time.

"However, despite competing internationally in 2001 and 2007, winning the best boxer award at the inaugural 'Murriss v Kooris' in 2007, and adding a Queensland light heavyweight strap to his trophies in 2009, my son felt he was capable of achieving more, and deserved to be amongst the elite of Australian amateur boxing. For that reason he never felt fine with walking away from the game – not until he knew that he had achieved what he knew he was capable of.

"Winning his way into the gold medal match at the 2012 Australian titles was exactly that."

With that behind him, Andrews thought about leaving boxing after 14 years and looking for new challenges.

"I don't think anyone in our family imagined the amazing 12 months that would follow for Ade," Christine Andrews said.



Carrying car tyres was just one of the challenges in the New Jersey Tough Mudder.

She said her son was introduced to dragon boating in late 2011, and although he enjoyed it, he could attend only one training session a week due to his boxing commitments.

With boxing behind him, he became a full-time paddler.

After competing in local regattas, Andrews was asked if we would like to be part of his Komodos club's annual three-week trip to China to compete in an international dragon boat festival in June.

It was while in China that one of Andrews' Komodos team-mates asked if he would be interested in joining a team he was submitting for the growing Tough Mudder, a gruelling 20km obstacle course designed by the elite British Army SAS Regiment. Competitors must overcome varying challenges, including being shocked by 10,000 volts of electricity.

True to its name, the course also has a lot of mud, with quicksand-like mud pits that drain energy from competitors as they wade and crawl through it.

After being excited by the challenge Tough Mudder presented, Andrews accepted his friend's offer and on their return to Australia they began training for it.

First, Andrews had to become an endurance athlete.

His aim was to finish in the top five per cent in Australia to qualify for the world's toughest Mudder in the United States on 18 November.

Last September he took part



Adrian Andrews competing in a dragon boat race.

in a 20km Tough Mudder in Sydney and finished in the top five per cent to qualify for the bigger and much, much tougher US event, which last year attracted 800 competitors from around the world.

The US Tough Mudder, held in New Jersey at a very cold time of the year, is a 24-hour event. Competitors must complete as many laps as possible in the allocated time. They are not allowed to leave the course during the 24 hours, and can only rest in the pit area to refuel and change gear, apply medical dressings to wounds, and treat injuries.

The temperature in New Jersey can be so cold that competitors wear full body wetsuits at the 10am starting time.

Next challenge

And so began the planning for this next mountain to climb.

He had two months to get ready for the New Jersey event, but first he had a world record in another sport to break.

It was around the same time that Andrews and his friend were preparing for the Sydney Tough Mudder that his dragon boat club announced it had been given approval by Guinness World Records to attempt to break the mark of 175.5km (held by a British team) for the most kilometres paddled in 24 hours.

The Komodos Dragon Boat Club challenge took place on Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin on 9 November – just eight days before the US tough mudder.

From the 16th hour onwards the 20 mixed Komodos were down to 16 paddlers, having lost four to injury. The rules state there can be no substitutes.

At the 22 hour, 30 minute mark they broke the world record by 10.5 km and called it a day.

After receiving treatment for his left shoulder and coming up to two days, Andrews headed off to the United States.

Lining up with just under 1000 competitors, Andrews battled on to complete three laps of the 20km course in 12 hours and 20 minutes before injuries forced him out.

Back in Australia, he is now preparing to compete with the ACT team at the Australian dragon boat titles at Penrith, in Sydney's west.

Christine Andrews said her son always believed that Johnny Lewis, the famous boxing trainer, was right in saying Aboriginal people belonged to the greatest sporting race on Earth.

"My son believes that we cannot only dominate the football fields and boxing rings, but also other sporting arenas as well," she said.

"My son is a perfect example of this – and he is working towards being a pioneer for our mob."

Away from the sporting arenas, Andrews is a volunteer with the RSPCA and regularly visits the Aboriginal Test Embassy in Canberra to split blocks of wood for the embassy's sacred fire.

He works in the National Security Capability Development Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.



In the boxing ring, Adrian Andrews on the attack.



Adrian Andrews at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, where he chops wood for the sacred fire.



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Never too old!



The Bulldogs' Brett Goodes marks the ball against Josh Green during the round one AFL match against the Brisbane Lions at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, on 30 March. Goodes, 29, was making his AFL debut. Photo by Getty



BRETT Goodes looked more like his famous brother than a nervous newcomer as he finally made his Australian Football League (AFL) debut. Four years after thinking no league club would recruit him, the 29-year-old was high among the Western Bulldogs' best in the 68-point win over Brisbane on 30 March.

The younger brother of Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes was outstanding at half-back against the Lions, rarely wasting a possession and hitting the ball hard.

Goodes readily admits it is partly his fault he is such a late football bloomer. "I was probably lazy and didn't work hard," he said.

"The penny did drop when I was 23 and... I got myself fit."

But despite strong form for VFL team North Ballarat from 2007-09, no AFL team wanted him.

"That's when I thought it was never going to happen," he said.

"But it's funny how it all works out."

Goodes eventually started working at the Bulldogs and played for VFL team Williamstown.

The 'Dogs recruited him as a player through the rookie draft and after a solid pre-season, he is now realising his AFL dream.

Goodes is far from the oldest first gamer.

But he is certainly at the upper end as clubs increasingly look to mature-age players as a way to add depth to their lists.

He is the oldest Aboriginal player to debut in the AFL.

"We were watching a lot last year at Williamstown and ... every time the ball was near him, he went straight at it," said Bulldogs coach Brendan McCartney.

'Terrific ability'

"He didn't get knocked off the ball and he has a terrific ability to know where his numbers are and where his mates are and go looking for them, to use the ball that way.

"His fundamentals of the game are very good.

"We're pretty proud of Brett, the person, to be honest – what he offers our club on and off the field has just been terrific... a brilliant person."

While his older high-profile brother Adam is renowned for his durability, Brett Goodes' mantra is his persistence and perennial self belief.

Aged 29 years, one month and 13 days, he was best on ground in the Bulldogs' upset 68-point victory.

"The only indication I had about making my debut was informal, as the coaching staff said we'd play strong sides in the NAB Cup," Goodes told the Koori Mail.

"I was the only rookie to play in the three NAB Cup matches.

"Then just before the season started, I was elevated as the club's nominated rookie player.

"There was an aspect of being in the right place at the right time, but I kept persevering as a footballer.

"It takes a lot of effort to work and play state league football.

"Playing well in the first AFL game is confirmation that I could play at this level and know the work I've done during the pre-season has been worthwhile

"While it's nice to play well, I received more satisfaction from the team success."

Born in Wallaroo, South Australia, like his brothers Adam and Jake, football started as an 11-year-old at Horsham Tigers for Brett Goodes before the family moved to Dimboola, where he played at under 15 and under 17.

There were three years in the TAC Cup under 18 competition with the North Ballarat Rebels and a season with SANFL club Port Adelaide in 2003, which he enjoyed, and played one senior game.

"Mum (Lisa) was crook at the time, so I moved to North Ballarat in the VFL competition, to be closer to her in 2004," Goodes said.

"At North, Gerald Fitzgerald and the leadership group helped my development in football and life skills.

"We enjoyed premiership success in 2008 and 2009 with North – against Port Melbourne the first year and the Northern Bullants in the second one.

Worked in Darwin

"By 2010, I started to think about a career outside the game, working in the Indigenous program in Darwin, as well as playing with the NT Thunder who were then in the QAFL.

"I moved back to the Western Bulldogs as the player welfare officer and played with Williamstown Seagulls from the start of 2011."

Goodes also paid an accolade to development coach Chris Maple for his help and support at the Bulldogs.

A number of Goodes' family, including his brother Jake, mum Lisa, and a couple of aunties came across for his debut. His father Graham also flew down from Mackay.

The football public will have to wait till round 19 for the Goodes siblings to face off against each other at the top level. On Sunday 4 August, the Western Bulldogs have an early game at Etihad Stadium against the Swans.

Footnote: Under the Nominated Rookie Rule, an AFL club is eligible to nominate a rookie player who can play during the premiership season and finals series if a club has 38 players on its list (not including veteran players) and it satisfies the Total Player Payments requirements. – AAP and Peter Argent

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