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## Flat out enjoying ARMtour



THESE kids at the central Australian community of Ntaria were quick to get involved in a foot race as part of the latest ARMtour visit to the region. Run by the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA), the week-long ARMtours – designed to engage local youth through education and sporting programs – are held three times each year in Ntaria, Papunya Yuelama and Ltyentye Apurte. This month, six Indigenous role models have been working with youth in each of the communities. More of the tours are planned for later in the year. See more coverage in our next edition. *Photo by Wayne Quilliam*



## Black and proud

It was 20 years ago this month that AFL legend Nicky Winmar made this statement that won the hearts of his people. To mark the anniversary, the National Sports Museum in Melbourne is hosting a special exhibition. Find out more on page 102.

*Photo by Wayne Ludbey, HWT image*



THE Federal Government has announced increased funding for Aboriginal health initiatives, placing further pressure on state and territory governments

to also commit funds. Prime Minister Julia Gillard said \$777 million would be spent over three years, once the current national partnership deal ran out in July.

Ms Gillard said the funding amount was an increase per annum on the previous federal allocation, which was \$805.5 million over four years. With the state and territory contributions, the total

## More federal health funds put pressure on states, territories

of the current deal was \$1.58 billion.

So far, despite a chorus of calls from Indigenous leaders and health organisations, only Victoria has announced that its contribution to a new deal would be \$66 million. The issue was not raised at last Friday's Council of Australian Governments meeting, which

focused instead on education reforms.

Nevertheless, Aboriginal health proponents have vowed to keep up the pressure on state and territory leaders to ensure important health initiatives and momentum are not lost.

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# My FAMILY

MARLEENA McINTOSH, Kellerberrin, WA



● Above: Geraldine McIntosh, Malakai Fitzgerald-McIntosh, Shenice Wells, Nevaeh McIntosh, Leonard Wells, Madison Fitzgerald-McIntosh, Robert Heir, Jerome McIntosh, Grandma Hazel, Anthony Hansen, Tiarna McIntosh, Marleena McIntosh, Katie Wells, Skye Hansen, Blake Wells.

**T**HIS is me, Marleena McIntosh, with all my younger cousins, brother, sister and great great grandmother Hazel Winmar at Kokerbin Rock near Kellerberrin, Western Australia. Kokerbin is the third largest monolith in Australia. It's a very spiritual place for the Noongar community.

Grandma Hazel is the oldest Aboriginal lady in the Wheatbelt, she is 97 years old.

This photo was taken at a project for Community Arts Network WA (CANWA) bush babies day, looking at landmarks around the area. Everyone came out and wanted to get a group photo with Hazel. Grandma Hazel is a well-respected lady in Kellerberrin community, especially to her family. Everyone looks up to her and would do anything for her. She speaks fluent Noongar and used to be an expert kangaroo skinner.

Family is very important to me because without my family I don't know where I would be or what I would be doing.

My family is a very big family but we are

very close-knit. We love to go out and do things together all the time such as sports days on the weekend, trips out to the bush and every now and then a trip down to Perth to visit more family.

Sometimes we'll go out bush for the day, and a family member will say this is where we grew up, this is where we used to sleep. We'll play games and have a barbecue.

One of the great things about having a large family is you've got a lot of people to talk to, a lot of people to support you and we're really close, so you've always got someone to go to. You have your own personal jokes with family because there's a special understanding. When you talk to family they understand exactly where you're coming from.

We're a sporty bunch – I don't think we've got one member who would say no to playing sport, whether it's footy, basketball or netball.

Grandma Hazel will be honoured at a photo exhibition in Kellerberrin on 26 May.

## Share your family with our readers

If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to [myfamily@koorimail.com](mailto:myfamily@koorimail.com) along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Looking deadly at this month's Clarence Valley Aboriginal Debutante Ball held in Grafton, northern NSW, were page boys Joshua Laurie and Damon Kirby and debutante partner Ike Kennedy. See our report on page 40. Photo by Theresa Dalton

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THIS month's Nayri Niara festival on Bruny Island, Tasmania, was aimed at strengthening personal relationships and encouraging cohesion between diverse communities through the expression of arts. And feeling the love more than most was James Milner, who proposed to fiancée Sinsa Mansell at the festival. Just look at this picture and you'll know her answer. See pages 38-39 for more on the festival. Photo by Jillian Mundy

# Offensive WA publication condemned



AN offensive horoscope published in the University of Western Australia's Student Guild newspaper

*Prosh* has been widely condemned. The guild has apologised for the publication, which included the 'star signs' Mabo, Rainbow Serpent and Winfield Blue, and made 'jokes' about issues including petrol-sniffing, alcohol and tent embassies.

The Indigenous Communities Education and Awareness Foundation (ICEA), which was to have benefitted from funds raised through *Prosh* and the guild, has ended any association with the UWA organisation.

And the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) labelled the racist material a disgrace, and are calling for the university to take action against those responsible.

Also angry was Western Australia's Shadow Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Ben Wyatt, an



BEN WYATT

Aboriginal man. He said the editors of *Prosh* should reflect on whether racist and deeply offensive content contained in the publication did anything to advance reconciliation.

"It is extremely disappointing that students from what is one of Western Australia's most prestigious institutions have resorted to this kind of content, which has done nothing to advance reconciliation in this state or advance the interests of its Aboriginal people," he said.

ICEA founder and CEO Lockie Cooke said the organisation could not accept funding from any organisation which made disparaging or racist comments about Indigenous Australians.

"We are appalled and disgusted at *Prosh*'s editorial content and direction," he said.

ICEA was one of four charities selected to receive part of the money raised from *Prosh*'s tin-shaking and newspaper sales this year. Funds received by ICEA from the UWA Guild were earmarked for initiatives to build stronger relationships amongst all Australians through experiences and understanding of Indigenous culture and history.

NSWALC chairman Stephen Ryan said he was disgusted to read the racist comments aimed at Aboriginal people. "Perhaps by donating the fundraising dollars (an estimated \$160,000) to the very worthy ICEA, it might go some way to re-building relations that have been so completely trashed," he said.



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## NAISDA celebrates



Hans Ah Wang is joined by top students Thomas Kelly and Beau Dean Smith in a rhythm dance from Saibai Island at this month's NAISDA Dance College graduation ceremony. More than 40 awards – a record number – were made by the college, based at Mt Penang, north of Sydney. College founder Carole Johnson was also honoured. See page 68 in our education feature for the full story. Photo by Lisa Haymes

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# Sign-up call by Congress



THE National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (Congress) is encouraging

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 18 to join up for free by 10 June so they can vote in the elections for female and male co-chairs.

Congress is made up of 120 delegates, comprising 40 individual delegates, 40 from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander member organisations and 40 from Indigenous peak bodies.

An independent, not-for-profit organisation, it is governed by an elected national board of eight, including the two co-chairs.

Congress CEO Lindon Coombes said open membership and elections were at the heart the organisation's independence.

"Congress enters this election cycle proud that we are a robust and efficient organisation," he said.

"We are proud of what has been achieved from our start-up less than three years ago.

"An impressive field of



**LINDON COOMBES**

candidates is expected for the co-chair elections and once again every member will have their chance to have a say in who leads Congress.

"There is also a groundswell of enthusiasm about applications for the 120 Congress delegates that represent our diverse membership of individuals and organisations. Delegates attend the July National Congress meeting in Cairns to

elect directors to the national board and shape our agenda for the year ahead.

"We expect to see an increase on the impressive numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who previously put themselves forward as Congress delegates, directors or co-chair.

"Only members can stand or vote and our membership remains free and open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations."

"Congress stands for unity and working together to improve the lives of our peoples.

"More than 5000 individuals and 150 national and state based member organisations make up the Congress.

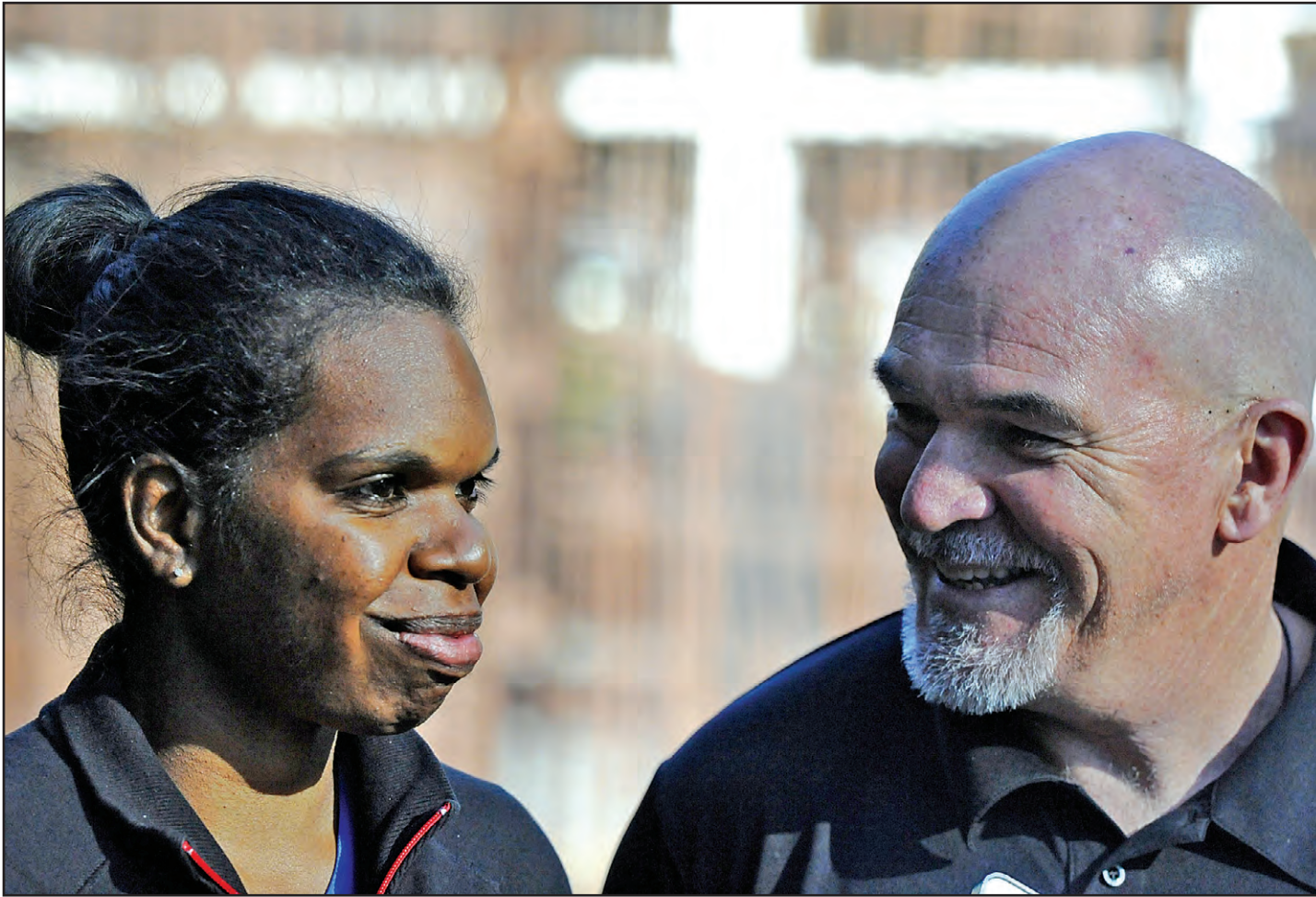
Collectively that means tens of thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are part of a national voice.

"Now is the time to get involved and make your own personal commitment to what Congress will achieve."

For membership applications and a timetable for open and close of nominations go to [www.nationalcongress.com.au](http://www.nationalcongress.com.au)



# Marathon team home safely



THE Australian Indigenous team that took part in the Boston Marathon has come home safely after surviving twin bombings that killed at least three people and injured about 180 in the United States city last week.

Aboriginal athlete Emma Cameron, from the Northern Territory, was at the 41km mark of the course and about 1km from the blasts when they occurred.

The 31-year-old runner was competing as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) and was in Boston with the head of the IMP, Tim Rowe, and its founder, marathon great Robert de Castella.

She's more than a little relieved everyone returned home safely.

"When I heard the bomb had gone off at the finish line, I knew that Rob and Tim and some of the IMP supporters would've been in that area, so I started to panic. I didn't know if they were okay," she said.

Cameron said she was confident the people of Boston would pull through the tragedy.

And she said she would definitely run in the Boston Marathon again. — AAP

● Full steam ahead for Indigenous Marathon Project — Back page

● Left: Marathon great Robert de Castella and his latest graduate from the Indigenous Marathon Project Emma Cameron, 31, safely home at Sydney Airport last Friday. Photo: AAP

# Funding stand-off hits legal service

By RUDI MAXWELL



INDIGENOUS people who are arrested in New South Wales will no longer have access to the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) 24-hour custody notification service (CNS) from this July.

At present, Aboriginal people arrested in NSW have access to a solicitor at any time, day or night.

But a funding stand-off between the federal and state governments means the ALS will be forced to cut the CNS at the end of the financial year, which chief legal officer John McKenzie said would mean already vulnerable people don't get valuable assistance.

"They're going to feel hopeless, going to panic, and two things happen when people panic," he said.

"Firstly they're likely to say anything that will get them released then and there on bail and sometimes that means making a false confession. The other really serious aspect is that sometimes people self-harm.

"The real value of what we do is much bigger than just a legal service; we keep them safe and sound."

Since its inception in 2007, the CNS has been funded by one-off grants from the Federal Government. It costs about \$500,000 a year.

Last year the Federal Government refused to fund the service, saying it was a state issue. A spokesperson for Federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said in a statement that 'the reality is that the failure of the NSW Government to commit the funds required to maintain this important

NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith said the Attorney does not allocate funding for services.

"Funding is allocated by Legal Aid after a formal process, and ALS may apply to Legal Aid for such funding," the statement said.

"However, given this service has been until recently funded by the Federal Government, we question why the Commonwealth cut the funding and urge them to reinstitute funding for this service."

Mr McKenzie said the

the police and won't tell an officer that they are, say, a serious diabetic and need medication, but quite often they will tell a lawyer, who will then ensure that they get insulin, or whatever it is they need, quick-smart — there's not a week that goes by where we don't have an instance like that."

Last year, ALS staff agreed that to keep the CNS running, no staff member would get a pay increase or go up a pay grade. Mr McKenzie said it wasn't fair to

running there have not been any Aboriginal deaths in police cells," Mr McKenzie said.

"Aboriginal prisoners are still dying in jails because they are in there in such numbers, but to our knowledge, there haven't been any Aboriginal deaths in police cells.

"There's no magic wand, but we have a red-hot go of getting people out on bail and we've got a much better chance negotiating with police than a distressed

Aboriginal person does."

No NSW Government has given funds to the ALS since its inception in 1973.

"There are examples in other states, that do give good funding, particularly Queensland," Mr McKenzie said.

"What we're seeing here is a result of



**'What we're seeing is a result of federalism, where the states and Commonwealth are always trying to get the other to pay. We don't care which, we just need the funds.' — John McKenzie**

legal service on an ongoing basis means that it has been forced to run on annual one-off grants of uncommitted Commonwealth funds'.

"This isn't a case of the Commonwealth cutting funds to a service; it's a case of the NSW Government continually refusing to fund a service required by its own statutory obligations," the spokesperson said.

However, a spokesperson for

buck-passing wasn't going to help people who were arrested.

"Our solicitors are trained in great depth about dealing with Aboriginal people in stressful situations, so not only do we assist the person under arrest in the police station, giving them a friendly ear and legal advice, we inquire about their medical welfare," he said.

"Aboriginal people under arrest in a police station often don't trust

keep freezing pay and would lead to loss of the ALS's greatest asset, its staff.

Police in NSW are required by law to contact the ALS when an Aboriginal person is taken into custody, a recommendation made from the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

However, a fax sent to an empty office over the weekend meets the legislative requirement.

"Since the CNS has been

federalism, where the states and Commonwealth are always trying to get the other to pay. We don't care which, we just need the funds.

"Our staff go over and above what we're funded to do, but we believe the situation to be so serious, given the huge proportion of Aboriginal people who are put through the criminal justice system, we think the 24-hour service is an absolute necessity."



# Art centres wait and see on CIAF

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MAJOR changes to the annual Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) have been cautiously welcomed by the peak body representing art centres from the Torres Strait and across the Cape York and Gulf regions of Queensland.

In January the Queensland Government announced the award-winning event would move to a new delivery model this year.

Then Arts Minister Ros Bates said a report commissioned by Arts Queensland and Events Queensland outlined what was needed to ensure CIAF remained a success. The report recommended moving CIAF out of Arts Queensland.

Ms Bates said 2013 would be a transition year for CIAF, with planning in place for a smaller scale event.

Earlier this month, new Arts Minister Ian Walker said a six-member task force would steer the event through the transition, with the new arrangements in force by December.

"In the meantime, CIAF Presents (15-18 August) will partner with local arts and cultural organisations, Cairns Regional Council and Indigenous communities to promote Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture," he said. "There will be a free concert on 16 August and three forums – the National Indigenous Festival Forum, National Indigenous Curators Forum and Indigenous Textiles Forum – as well as other events that will share and showcase the dynamic arts and culture of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists."



Indigenous Art Centre Alliance admin assistant Emma Fowler-Thomason; board members Jeannie Heynatz, Anthony Murphy, Solomon Booth, Harold Bowen, Tara Zaicz (front), and Brett Evans; manager Pam Bigelow (front) and board member Laurie Nona.

Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA) chair Solomon Booth said his members would wait to see what the task force came up with.

"It does have a big impact on their overall sales annually, and I think a lot of arts centres really look forward to CIAF," he said.

IACA manager Pam Bigelow said the

alliance was looking forward to new opportunities.

"We've had our input and we hope we've got through to them that IACA is an important stakeholder," she said.

Mua Island's Ngalmun Lagau Minalar Arts Centre manager Anthony Murphy, also a board member of IACA, said his members had no doubt art centres were

the main stakeholders in the art fair.

"We provide the product and look at it basically as that, and they need to listen to us," he said.

"So we are welcoming when we hear from the task force and we hope we'll be given a proper, effective hearing and they take on our concerns."

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# Heat on states to help Close the Gap

By DARREN COYNE



THE pressure is on state and territory governments to commit further funding to enable Close the Gap

programs to continue.

The Federal Government announced last week that it would contribute \$777 million over three years towards a renewed Indigenous health funding deal and urged the other government leaders to chip in the remainder.

However, despite a Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on Friday, the topic of Indigenous health funding was not raised.

In announcing the \$777 million, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the renewed Federal funding was an increase per annum over previous expenditure.

The original national partnership deal that was reached in 2008 and runs out in July was worth \$1.58 billion over four years, with the Federal contribution set at \$805.5 million.

Only Victoria has announced



MICK GOODA

that it would contribute to the new deal, pledging to spend \$61 million on health initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Close the Gap campaign co-chair Mick Gooda said the \$1.6 billion pledged under the previous agreement had already reaped 'demonstrable benefits'.

"The campaign, along with the 200,000 Australians who have pledged their support, is hoping for the goodwill to continue well into the future."

"The 2008 COAG commitment



JUSTIN MOHAMED

marked a turning point in our efforts to end the health inequality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which sees Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples die, on average, between 11-17 years younger than the broader population.

"The issue is well and truly on the agenda for the Australian community."

Co-chair Jody Broun said all parties had shown since 2008 that Indigenous health funding was above politics and 'we're confident that this will continue'.

"We now need all Australian Governments to sit down and forge a renewed National Partnership Agreement to drive national, coordinated efforts to close the gap in Indigenous health," she said.

"State, territory and federal governments need to continue working together to fund more services and programs that make a real difference to health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"We have to maintain our efforts to improve access to critical chronic disease services and to deliver anti-smoking measures, more affordable medicines and healthy lifestyle programs. We need to support and build capacity in our Aboriginal community-controlled health services and we need to build on the inroads already made by our child and maternal health services," she said.

"We need more Aboriginal health workers, allied health professionals, doctors, nurses and health promotion workers."

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

spokesman Justin Mohamed said the ability to improve shocking Aboriginal life expectancy rates was at risk if there was a delay.

"It is unacceptable that Aboriginal people who rely on health programs funded through the agreement don't know if they will still be there come July," he said. "Improving Aboriginal health is not a quick fix, it requires a long-term commitment above party politics."

"This is not just a matter for the Federal Government. It has been proven that, only by all levels of government working together, will we see improvements in Aboriginal health."

"There have been five years of good work on Closing the Gap programs and we must maintain the momentum. We must maintain our commitment and build on the inroads the 150 Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations are making in their communities."

"Aboriginal comprehensive primary health care provided by Aboriginal communities is the key to making a difference to Aboriginal health outcomes."



# Woodside urged to pay compo

By DARREN COYNE with AAP



THE MAN who brokered a \$1.5 billion deal with multinational company Woodside to develop a gas hub at James Price Point in Western Australia believes the mining giant has a moral responsibility to provide benefits to traditional owners.

Woodside announced this month that it was shelving plans to develop the \$40 billion gas hub, but would consider a smaller option, or offshore processing.

The company said the proposed gas hub, which had been years in the planning, was not commercially viable.

The plan had divided the community, with many local people including a group of traditional owners opposing the massive development.

The Western Australian Government had also thrown its support behind the now scrapped project.

While opponents – and there were many of them – celebrated the gas hub collapse, Mr Bergmann, who was chief executive of the Kimberley Land Council when the deal was made, spoke out last week, saying Woodside had a moral obligation to compensate Traditional Owners.

He said Woodside would save billions of dollars if it chose to develop the project offshore, and could therefore afford to pay compensation.

He said traditional owners had spent a lot of time on the benefits deal, which had put them under great pressure.

“For Woodside and joint venture partners to pull out after everything we’ve been through is unacceptable,” Mr Bergmann said. “We’re extremely disappointed.”

“They should implement the benefits package to the full extent possible ... as if they were developing at James Price Point.”

“I believe they have an obligation morally. It’s not about our legal rights. It’s about their social licence to operate.”

Mr Bergmann said the joint venture needed to hold up its end of the bargain.

“Otherwise, why should

## Miner scraps plan for James Price Point development

Aboriginal people in the future support these big companies when you cannot trust their word?” he said.

Kimberley Land Council chief executive Nolan Hunter said it was disappointing that the project had proved economically unviable, and that Kimberley Aboriginal people would not get to benefit from it.

“The Browse LNG project was about Aboriginal decision-making and the right of Aboriginal people to make

the lives of Kimberley Aboriginal people.”

The decision to walk away from the gas hub was met with celebrations by environmental groups and some traditional owners who had opposed the project. They warned they would watch the options very closely.

World Wildlife Fund spokesperson Paul Gamblin said the decision spared the coast from significant land clearing and habitat destruction.

He said careful assessment was now necessary for any other development options for Browse Basin gas fields.

“Whether it is floating or piping to existing facilities in the Pilbara, each alternative carries environmental risks, but we believe they would be significantly less serious than a Kimberley development,” he said.

Wilderness Society national director Lyndon Schneiders said Australians had woken up to the threat that mining and industrialisation posed to the environment.

“This development was opposed by people all around Australia and the world, but nowhere stronger than by the brave Broome community who stood up to hundreds of police alongside the traditional custodians who wanted to treasure their cultural heritage,” he said.

The *Koori Mail* attempted to speak with Goolarabooloo

traditional owners who had opposed the gas hub, but was told they were involved in sorry business.

Meanwhile, WA Premier Colin Barnett’s office has confirmed it’s persevering with plans to compulsorily acquire the site in case another developer steps forward.

WA Greens MP Robin Chapple said the Government should relinquish the land.



Wayne Bergmann: “(Woodside) should implement the benefits package to the full extent possible ... as if they were developing at James Price Point.”

informed decisions about what happens on their country,” he said.

“One of the positives of this project was the strength of Kimberley Aboriginal people to stand up and make tough decisions, especially in the face of adversity and immense pressure.

“We have learned a lot from being involved in this project and will continue to work to improve



To the rescue – Jordon Remfrey and Jarrod Lymburner.

## Brave teens save woman from attack

By ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL teenagers Jordon Remfrey and Jarrod Lymburner didn’t think twice about their own safety when racing to

the aid of a woman who faced being burnt alive.

But in hindsight, the 16-year-old Townsville Ignatius Park College Grade 12 students realise they could have been in severe danger themselves.

Jordon and Jarrod reject any suggestion they are heroes after they helped fend off a man who allegedly tried to set a woman on fire in NSW.

The friends had been visiting former school mate Jarrick Smallwood, 16, during the Easter break when they raced to the aid of the terrified woman.

A NSW police statement said the woman had arrived at her home at Daley’s Point on the NSW central coast on 5 April when she was allegedly pulled from her car by her ex-partner, punched in the face and then had petrol poured over her.

Jordon and Jarrod told the *Koori Mail* about the incident.

“At the time we didn’t think about ourselves, but you just try and help somebody in trouble and the lady had petrol poured over her and the man looked like he was going to light it,” Jordon said.

“It was over in about 10 minutes and after that I thought something could have happened to us.”

Jarrod said the man also

started to pour petrol on the driveway but fled as the youths intervened. One of the youths phoned 000 and the other comforted the woman who was crying and said her face was stinging from the petrol.

An ambulance arrived soon after and rushed her to hospital.

After she left hospital the woman thanked the youths.

A 57-year-old man was charged with maliciously throwing an explosive substance with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, stalking, property damage and two counts of contravening an apprehended violence order. He faced Gosford Local Court on 6 April and again the following Monday. He has not entered a plea and will front the same court on 7 June.

### Blistering

The 55-year-old woman suffered blistering to her torso, scratches on her nose and eye irritation.

“I don’t look at myself as a hero when we were just helping people out. But people have been coming up to us and offering their congratulations. Our school gave us an award as well,” Jarrod said.

Jarrod’s family comes from Palm Island and Lockhart River, while Jordon has Kalkadoon and Northern Territory bloodlines.

Jordon wants to be an NRL footballer when he leaves school. He plays with Townsville club University in the under-19 grade.

If that doesn’t eventuate he would like to be a mechanic.

Jarrod said he was keen to become a tradesman.



# ABA funds to benefit 27 NT projects



A TOTAL of 27 projects across the Northern Territory will receive funding of more than \$4.4 million from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the projects would be funded because they created new jobs, strengthened remote communities and improved the lives of Aboriginal

people in the Northern Territory.

New projects funded under the ABA include:

- \$250,000 for the Keeping Mum On-Country program to provide midwifery and maternal health training for Aboriginal health workers;
- \$225,000 to Corrugated Iron Youth Arts to run Indigenous arts programs for young people in Darwin, Palmerston, Gunbalunya and Maningrida;
- \$118,900 to the Tiwi Islands

Training and Employment Board to refurbish a commercial kitchen for the community; and

- \$55,000 for the school in Pigeon Hole to build a multi-purpose sports court.

Local MP and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said he was pleased to see new investments in remote Territory communities.

"The funding will also go towards supporting local groups," he said.

"These grassroots projects –

developed by the community to benefit local Aboriginal people – make a significant contribution to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage."

The benefits account was established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. It is funded by payments from the Federal Government equivalent to the value of royalties paid by mining interests on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.



WARREN SNOWDON

# Stolen Gens group in apology copy battle

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A LEADING advocacy body for the Stolen Generations is embroiled in a stoush with its former Indigenous co-chairperson over a framed, signed copy of the National Apology.

In February 2008, then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the Labor Government to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially Stolen Generations survivors, for past policies that saw thousands of Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their families.

On Sorry Day (26 May) three months later, an ornate calligraphy version of the apology signed by Mr Rudd was unveiled in Parliament House. At an official dinner that night, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin handed framed copies to Indigenous co-chair of the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) Helen Moran and Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) counterpart Christine King.

Ms Moran, herself a Stolen Generations survivor, continued on as the NSDC's Indigenous co-chair for the most part until November last year, when a new executive was elected at the organisation's annual general meeting.

After that, the NSDC sought to recover from Ms Moran a number of items believed to include office equipment, original pledge books, artwork and music sticks.

All items have since been returned except for the framed copy of the apology, which Ms Moran reportedly insists was presented to her personally. But the NSDC maintains it is the rightful owner and is pursuing in court the return of that particular copy of the document.

The ACT Supreme Court was expected on Monday this week to ascertain the likelihood of a negotiated settlement and, failing that, set a date for a hearing into the dispute.

It is all part of a bigger bitter battle that has seen opposing factions emerge within the NSDC; the legitimacy of the annual meeting-elected executive challenged; the organisation's bank accounts temporarily frozen and the locks at its Canberra premises changed; restraining orders issued; and the annual meeting-elected executive lodge (and subsequently withdrawn) an application for the NSDC to be wound up on the basis it was unable to function as an organisation and commit to future expenditure.

Based on that initial application, the NSDC's core funder, the Federal Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), withheld funds for three months until March after the Supreme Court issued interim orders recognising the legitimacy of the annual meeting-elected executive.

Mediation between the NSDC's opposing



Pictured on Sorry Day 2008, then NSDC co-chair Helen Moran with a framed copy of a calligraphy version of the National Apology.

camps has also failed, and frustration is growing among the organisation's broad Stolen Generations constituency.

Adding to the sensitivity of the matter is the fact that the NSDC's executive officer – and only ongoing staff member – is Ms Moran's estranged daughter Siani Jones.

Ms Moran, whom one of the country's biggest law firms Minter Ellison is understood to be representing on a pro bono basis,

declined to comment at the weekend.

But Ms Jones and the NSDC's lawyer, Bede Webster, told the *Koori Mail* the court action over the framed apology was a last resort.

"We have been attempting to deal with this non-litigiously since November last year so it's getting close to six months but we've been forced unfortunately to take legal action," Mr Webster said on Saturday.

"...Unfortunately, I did receive a letter from Minter Ellison (last) week that Helen has no interest in further negotiation."

Ms Jones said that one of Ms Macklin's advisers had said the Minister's office could provide a further framed copy to Ms Moran, in an attempt to end the stalemate.

"We suggested they pursue that in the interests of resolving the matter, but my understanding is that that wasn't taken up (by Ms Moran)," Ms Jones said.

Neither she nor Mr Webster would reveal the cost of the ongoing legal action or who was paying for it.

"Unfortunately the best answer is that it's a matter for active negotiation with the department," Mr Webster said.

The *Koori Mail* contacted Minister Macklin's office and a spokesperson said that as the matter was before the court, it was not appropriate to comment.

It's not known how much Federal funding the NSDC receives, but it's believed to be considerably more now than before the national apology.

A spokesperson for DoHA said that the department was 'liaising closely with the organisation to ensure that the governance and management issues are being addressed and that there is minimal impact on the services provided by NSDC to members of the Stolen Generations'.

Ms Jones said it was in the NSDC's interests to resolve the dispute with Ms Moran as soon as possible, so the organisation could focus on a range of projects and initiatives including Sorry Day next month, various partnership events in Canberra, and the upcoming launch of a new resource for its schools network currently comprising about 500 schools.

The past six to 12 months had seen the NSDC subjected to 'a huge learning curve', she said.

"There are legal costs to that but it also shines a light on areas where we can strengthen our internal governance and be as active as we can and continue providing service to Stolen Generations members," Ms Jones said.

She conceded the NSDC's dispute with Ms Moran was 'not ideal' but said there were 'certain sensitivities' associated with the NSDC's key stakeholder group of Stolen Generations survivors that were 'always going to be difficult to navigate and it is tricky'.

Ms Jones would not comment on the familial relations involved other than to say 'You love your family, no matter what'.

A hearing to finalise the Supreme Court interim orders recognising the NSDC's annual meeting-elected executive was also scheduled for Monday this week.

The organisation's current co-chairs are Michael West, a Sydney-based Aboriginal man and Stolen Generations survivor, and Maryann Allan, a Canberra-based non-Indigenous community sector worker.



# Natalie rises to the challenge



Mildura Aboriginal Corporation healthy lifestyle worker Sarah Carn with Natalie Pryor. Photo by Luke Gange



LOCAL woman Natalie Pryor says she's feeling on top of the world after taking out the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation's inaugural Healthy New Year Challenge.

About 80 people signed on for the 12-week challenge in January to try to start 2013 on a healthy note – and win a share of a \$3000 first prize.

Final weigh-ins, measure-ups and testing were held this month, and the major prize winner was calculated through the greatest overall reduction in body fat, improvement in fitness and nutritional habits, as well as stress reduction and other positive lifestyle modification such as quitting smoking.

Ms Pryor was declared the winner during a presentation ceremony at Buxton-Sobee Park last Friday, as part of the East End Health and Wellbeing Day. She finished narrowly ahead of Graham Kirby and Natalie's mum Melissa.

## Rivalry

There was no shortage of encouragement and rivalry within the Pryor family. Denzil and Gwen Pryor won the partner/couple challenge, and Natalie's sister Mikayla and aunty Zina were also close behind.

"The Pryor family have been the absolute stars of the challenge," said corporation healthy lifestyle worker Sarah Carn.

"Their persistence has been awesome to watch. I am very proud of them and believe they will never go back."

The challenge was supported by a program of weekly organised health and fitness sessions, and other schemes aimed at healthy eating and lifestyle.

Boot camps and fitness activities drew between 30 and 60 participants each session to the Mildura Riverfront.

# Action urged on nutrition



A NEW study has called for more to be done to improve the diet and nutrition of Aboriginal people in remote areas. The study by the Menzies School of Health Research, published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*, linked the high intake of sugar-sweetened drinks and low consumption of fruit and vegetables with extreme levels of preventable chronic disease.

It found that people in some remote Indigenous communities were spending as little as 2.2 per cent of total food expenditure on fruit and 5.4 per cent on vegetables.

Menzies senior research fellow Julie Brimblecombe and her co-authors found that a poor diet of mostly processed foods, high in sugar and salt and low in fruit and vegetables, continued to plague Indigenous centres.

The study collected data on food and drinks bought in three remote Northern Territory communities over 12 months.

A quarter of total food expenditure was on non-alcoholic beverages, with

sugar-sweetened soft drinks contributing 15.6 per cent.

Dr Brimblecombe said that in all three communities the diet was insufficient in calcium, magnesium, potassium and fibre but high in sodium.

"A further disturbing aspect of the study is that white bread is providing a large proportion of dietary protein, when it is a poor protein source," she said.

"Good nutrition throughout life is fundamental to the

"While there are important programs in place, more is needed to support the demand for healthy food."

Dr Brimblecombe said poverty was a key driver of food choice and, although most Indigenous people in remote communities were in the low-income bracket, a standard basket of food cost, on average, 45 per cent more in remote Northern Territory communities than in Darwin.

"Further evidence regarding the impact of the cost on food purchasing in this context is urgently needed and the long-term cost benefit of dietary improvement needs to be considered," she said.

"Growing evidence indicates that incentives are needed to support healthy eating such as price subsidies. Nutrition promotion programs that build people's skills and confidence are also needed to encourage people to make healthy choices.

"Menzies has partnered with store owners in the NT and two store associations to provide evidence on the role of price subsidies in remote Australia."

maintenance of wellbeing and the prevention of disease. It plays a vital role in pregnancy and early childhood, prevents obesity, type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

"However, remote communities face many barriers to healthy eating, including inadequate food delivery systems, short-term interventions, limited access to resources and information to improve decision making and the high cost of food.

**'While there are important programs in place, more is needed to support the demand for healthy food'**

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# Girls get a taste of air force life



Shakiah Tungai, Marnya Butler, Tanika Davis-Lonesborough and Acacia Toomey, students from the Royal Australian Air Force Indigenous Youth Program, in the air traffic control tower at RAAF Base Richmond.



THE sky is the limit for nine female Indigenous students who have now had a taste of life in the Royal

Australian Air Force.

The students were part of an RAAF Indigenous Youth Program held this month, and had the opportunity to explore RAAF Base Richmond, near Sydney.

They were welcomed to the base by Air Commander Australia, Air Vice-Marshal Mel Hupfeld.

"It is a great privilege for me to meet young Indigenous people so passionate about aviation, and this program provides them with the opportunity to experience air force life in general," AVM Hupfeld said.

During the program, the students took part in activities and were given the chance to explore the different trades available should they want to pursue an air force career once they complete their schooling.

The Indigenous youth program is a collaborative effort between the RAAF and Boorwa

Aviation (BA), an Indigenous employment program operating through the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation.

BA selects program participants through its connections with Aboriginal communities in eastern Australia.

Last year, Uncle Harry Allie was appointed as the first RAAF Indigenous Elder, having served in the air force from 1966 to 1989.

"We are honoured to have Uncle Harry represent the air force on official occasions and appreciate his advice on ways to increase participation of Indigenous people in Air Force," AVM Hupfeld said.

He said it was the third RAAF Indigenous Youth Program to be held and aimed to encourage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people towards career opportunities associated with aviation and the air force.

Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon visited RAAF Richmond to meet the students and staff taking part in the program.

## Bendigo woman named Vic mother of the year



A BENDIGO mum who boosted the number of Indigenous children at a local school has been named Victoria's mother of the year.

Donna Widdicombe, 51, has more than quadrupled the number of Aboriginal students attending St Peter's Primary School since taking on the role of Koori educator in 1985. There were only nine Indigenous students when she joined the school. Now there are 38.

Nominated by her son Tyler, Ms Widdicombe will now go into the running for Barnardos Australia's Mother of the Year 2013 award, to be presented in Sydney next month.

# Racist incidents in the spotlight

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A RECENT spate of racist incidents speaks of a sharp rise in the number of racial vilification or discrimination complaints to the Australian Human Rights

Commission (AHRC), its president says. But it's not all bad news, says Professor Gillian Triggs, with evidence that people are increasingly willing to expose racist behaviour.

Prof Triggs, who is also the Race Discrimination Commissioner, says the level of public abuse attracting attention and some form of bystander response – even if it is just to record such incidents on their phones – is growing.

Complaints to the commission have risen by 36 per cent over the past three years and Prof Triggs says that, while it's impossible to pin down the exact reason, a lack of positive leadership by politicians around issues such as asylum seekers isn't helping.

"I think it is fear driving this instead of racism," she told the *Koori Mail*. "The asylum seeker response by many is driven by a strong sense of order and control, and I think Australians are becoming very unnerved by something they don't feel is being managed well."

Prof Triggs spoke to the *Koori Mail* the day after footage emerged of a racist incident on a Melbourne train, and West Australian university students were condemned for a prank newspaper featuring fake horoscopes vilifying Aboriginal people.

A 38-year-old woman from the Melbourne suburb of Clayton was last week being interviewed the Victorian Police Transit Crime Investigation Unit after mobile phone footage from a Dandenong-bound train hit the news.

In the footage, a blonde woman on the train is seen deriding another woman, of



GILLIAN TRIGGS

Asian descent, who had asked her to free up a seat next to her.

"If my son doesn't want to sit near someone of your race, that's totally his opinion, and neither do I," the woman said, as other passengers told her to be quiet. "I'm allowed to have my bag here...you don't own the public network, do you? No, you don't. And I'm not racist, I hate everyone equally."

There had been speculation the woman worked for the state's Department of Justice (DoJ) because she was wearing a lanyard with the word 'Justice' on it. But, while police wouldn't say how they identified the Clayton woman, they said she wasn't a DoJ employee.

Earlier this month, another woman was charged after she allegedly abused an African man on a Melbourne train, screaming "My grandfather was a sergeant in the Second World War ... This is what us original Aussies fought

for, to keep you black c\*\*\*\* out."

Some fellow passengers defended the woman's target, telling his abuser to stop.

Last year, the AHRC launched the 'Racism. It stops with me' campaign, which encourages Australians to reflect on what they can do to counter racism.

Prof Triggs says most Australians are appalled by racist behaviour but face a dilemma. "They don't want to pass by and ignore it but they don't want to stop and provoke a confrontation with someone who might be drunk, on drugs or mentally ill," she said.

"You don't want to make too many generalisations and I don't want to comment on particular cases, but someone who does this kind of thing very often does have problems. Perhaps they're mentally ill or disturbed or had an awful day and lashed out."

"We don't want to pillory the person but we need to name racism and respond to it when it arises."

Prof Triggs says the response of bystanders in the earlier train incident was encouraging; especially that of one man who leant across afterwards and shook the African man's hand.

"He's the Commission's hero of the year, whoever he is, by getting involved in a non-confrontational way, by being proactive in a way that didn't increase tension," she said.

"Labor Senator Penny Wong has been very supportive of our campaign and, as she has said, one thing to do is to go and sit next to someone who is being abused. Things like that can really take the sting out of the trauma for that person."

● *Editor's Note: The woman shown in footage on the Dandenong-bound train was reading a copy of the Koori Mail during her tirade. We're surprised and disappointed that anyone who reads our newspaper could hold the abhorrent views reported. Racism expressed by and towards anyone is unacceptable.*



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Application forms, guidelines and other relevant information are available on the WELL website at [www.innovation.gov.au/well](http://www.innovation.gov.au/well).

For further information, please contact the WELL Resource Coordinator on 1300 303 544.

Applications must be submitted online. Late and hardcopy applications will not be accepted.

Resource project applications must be received by 2pm AEST, Monday 6 May 2013.

Applications for funding for strategic projects will be accepted on an ongoing basis.





# Trailblazing politician laid to rest



Gidja Elders from the Kimberley's Warmun community perform a traditional ceremony at the state funeral of the late Ernie Bridge. AAP image



HIS casket was carried in to the tune of *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, reflecting the role Ernie Bridge played in reconciliation and how he lived his life.

The Indigenous politician and mesothelioma victim was farewelled by about 800 mourners at a state funeral in Perth last Friday.

Western Australian Governor Malcolm McCusker told the gathering Mr Bridge was never deterred by the obstacles and prejudice that came his way, but overcame them with good humour.

As the state's first Aboriginal MP and the first Indigenous cabinet minister in any Australian government, he would be remembered for his achievements.

But Mr Bridge would be remembered also for his warmth, friendliness and grace, Mr McCusker said.

The Kimberley MLA from

1980 to 2001 died in Perth from asbestos-related diseases on Easter Sunday, aged 76.

Former premier Peter Dowding, under whom Mr Bridge served as a minister, was overwhelmed with emotion as he delivered the eulogy for his friend at the Arena Joondalup.

He said it was an incredibly tough journey for Mr Bridge to achieve his professional success and his work for reconciliation.

## 'Feel proud'

"He made us feel proud," Mr Dowding said.

Two of Mr Bridge's granddaughters reminisced about their grandfather, their Saturday night family dinners and how he always forgot their names.

"He was like our protective blanket," Holly Cattermole said.

Mr Bridge's daughter Cheryl said her dad was a 'soft touch' when he came to discipline and was always kind.

He was more inspirational than ever when he was diagnosed

with mesothelioma, she said.

Holding back tears, his son Kim told of how his father was good to talk to during tough times.

Mr Bridge believed he was exposed to deadly asbestos while overseeing the closure of mines and withdrawal of government services from Wittenoom in the Pilbara in the late 1980s.

In March, the father of four lodged a writ in court seeking damages from companies including Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting and Angela Bennett's Wright Prospecting for his malignant mesothelioma, asbestosis, pleural disease and respiratory degeneration.

Mr Bridge's family has vowed to continue his legal fight.

Rather than bring flowers, mourners were asked to donate to the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia.

Mr Bridge was buried at a private ceremony at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park in Padbury. — AAP

# Report focus on sniffing

By RUDI MAXWELL



AN INDEPENDENT evaluation of the Federal Government's Petrol Sniffing

Strategy (PSS) has found that while it is making good inroads in remote communities due to low aromatic fuel (LAF), there is still a desperate shortage of treatment options for severe sniffers.

The independent report by Origin Consulting said researchers had 'heard of the frustration of families, communities and service providers at the lack of appropriate options' for sniffers.

The report also said there was difficulty in co-ordinating a response to help younger or experimenting sniffers, and a lack of understanding of the best approaches to educating youth.

The evaluation said that while the PSS has lowered the incidence and frequency of sniffing, it 'will not be fully controlled until the deep social, economic and cultural disadvantages faced by young Indigenous people in remote areas are addressed'.

The report made a number of recommendations about the PSS, including a further roll-out of LAF, funding alternative activities for young people and broadening the scope to include other volatile substances (glue,

solvent, paint and so on) but to ensure that the focus on disengaged youth in remote areas remained.

"A major rationale for the establishment of the PSS was that delivery of LAF would be supported by a coordinated provision of other services, and evidence from both the case studies and evaluations suggests that this does not routinely occur," it said.

In order to improve the PSS the report said resources should be allocated on a needs-based approach, with better data collection. The report called for the formation of a nationwide multi-agency strategic plan, continued information campaigns and extra resources.

## National strategy

It said the Government should establish a national remote Indigenous youth strategy and facilitate better access to treatment including the need to provide a safe environment for people who have brain damage from sniffing.

"The responsibility for trying to provide appropriate support for these people falls on their families and on other services and organisations which are not necessarily resourced or equipped to provide it," the report said. "Despite some progress, limited access to treatment is a major and continuing gap in the PSS. "Developing an effective

treatment system to deal with multiple types of sniffers in various circumstances requires a broadening of treatment and respite facilities to encompass a range of measures to help sniffers including but beyond, residential care."

In the wake of the evaluation, the Federal Government promised more than \$1 million for 13 projects to help tackle petrol sniffing and substance abuse in remote communities.

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the money would fund youth activities, health promotion resources, and prevention and education activities.

"Petrol sniffing and alcohol and drug misuse continues to devastate the lives of too many Indigenous people and their families," she said.

"Having healthy and positive activities available to keep young Indigenous people engaged is vital, particularly in remote communities."

"We have worked directly with local organisations and the community to identify projects that will help tackle substance misuse, particularly among young people."

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said there were 129 sites supplying low aromatic fuel in Australia, with plans to expand the roll out to at least 39 new sites across northern Australia later this year.

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# Twitter use 'not the best choice': MP



FEDERAL Liberal MP Dennis Jensen says Twitter may not have been the best forum for his views on 'Indigenous advancement', after he called an Aboriginal

woman a 'victim' during a robust exchange. The Member for Tangney, in Perth's southern suburbs, told @TheKooriWoman to 'get over' colonialism, saying 'every country in the world has been successfully invaded in the past!' in a tweet last Wednesday.

"Do I snap my fingers and forget 213 years of oppression Mr Jensen?" she replied.

His comeback was: "So you have personally lived 213 years? Work out ways to maximise your own life experiences, you can't for deceased ancestors."

"I don't expect people to forget, but I do expect people to move one (sic) in life, rather than simply being victims."

Mr Jensen also said Abstudy was discriminatory and racist because it was 'a program not available to all'.

In a statement on Thursday, Mr Jensen stuck to his guns, saying pursuing policies aimed at 'true equality' was a personal passion.

However, he conceded he probably shouldn't have aired his views on social media.

"In expressing my desire for true Indigenous advancement, I may have used inappropriate channels of communication," he said.

"I will in future look to use more appropriate channels."

Mr Jensen said Australia's current system to advance Indigenous people was 'not working' and should end.

"It is outdated. It is uncompetitive. It is out of time," he said.

"There are better ways forward."

Mr Jensen, known for his advocacy of nuclear power, said he wanted to engage with the Indigenous community constructively to unleash its 'obvious potential'. — AAP



Maurie Ryan, left, is congratulated by CLC delegates at the meeting in Tennant Creek.

## Ryan is new CLC chair



LONG-TIME Aboriginal rights campaigner Maurie Ryan has been elected the new chair of the Central Land Council (CLC). He was given the nod by delegates at the council

meeting in Tennant Creek this month.

Mr Ryan, 64, is a member of the Stolen Generations who was born under a tree at Wave Hill Station and taken away to Croker Island where he lived until he was eight before being sent to an orphanage in South Australia.

He is a former schoolteacher who has also worked at a number of jobs including building roads and working for Arrernte Council in Alice Springs.

Mr Ryan is a former deputy chair of the CLC and has served on the CLC

executive and been a CLC delegate for a number of years. He is also the founder of the First Nations Political Party, although he stepped down as leader recently.

He lived in many places around Australia before returning to his grandfather's country in Kalkarindji.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Mr Ryan said.

### Proud Australian

"I am a proud Australian and I hope I can achieve everything I have hoped for. I want to have a voice for people for issues like the discriminatory BasicsCard, banned drinkers, economic bases for remote areas and outstations and bilingual education."

"Education is extremely important. I am supportive of bilingual education. I am a

schoolteacher so I am supportive of many things to do with education. Education is the key. It opens doors. It opened the door for me."

Mr Francis Kelly, from Yuendumu, was elected deputy chair at the meeting.

Delegates to the council are elected by their communities from each of the CLC's nine regions. The delegates vote for the chair and executive members at elections conducted by the NT Electoral Commission.

Voting is by the preferential system and is for a three-year term.

Mr Ryan replaced Phillip Wilyuka who was elected at a meeting in Tennant Creek in May last year when Mr Bookie was not re-elected to the position after he gave a conditional resignation before his term was complete.

**Australian Government  
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### 2013 Indigenous Legal Professional and Indigenous Law Student of the Year

**The Attorney-General of Australia, the Hon Mark Dreyfus MP, is pleased to announce the Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award and the Indigenous Law Student of the Year Prize.**

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Nominations for the Indigenous Law Student of the Year are open to any Indigenous person enrolled in an undergraduate Law Degree in Australia. The Award recipient will receive \$2,500 to further their studies.

Nominees must address the selection criteria that can be accessed by:

- Visiting: [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au)
- emailing: [IndigenousLegalAward@ag.gov.au](mailto:IndigenousLegalAward@ag.gov.au)

**Nominations close on 16 May 2013**

# Police in court over taser

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



TWO Western Australian police officers charged over the taser of Aboriginal man Kevin Spratt in 2008 will appear in the Perth Magistrates Court on 10 May. Senior Constable

Troy Tomlin, 33, and Sgt Grant Strahan, 46, were charged with three and four counts of common assault respectively for taser Mr Spratt after he refused a strip search.

The conduct of the two police watch house officers, caught on closed circuit TV, was referred to the WA Director of Public Prosecutions after a Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) inquiry in 2011.

Watch house officers had claimed that Mr Spratt had obstructed and violently resisted them when they tasered him on 31 August, 2008.

The CCTV footage released during the inquiry disproved the police



KEVIN SPRATT

statement used in Mr Spratt's 2009 conviction, and in 2011 he was subsequently exonerated.

The footage initially came to light as

part of a CCC report into taser misuse. It showed Mr Spratt being tasered four times by Const Tomlin, and up to ten times by Sgt Strahan.

The inquiry heard Mr Spratt was tasered up to 41 times by several police and prison officers over the week he spent in custody in 2008.

Mr Spratt has since been back in jail, and has struggled with homelessness and mental illness.

In 2009, Const Tomlin was penalised \$1200 and Sgt Strahan \$750 after a police internal disciplinary procedure over the incident.

WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan told the inquiry he had opted to deal with the matter internally because he thought that is what Mr Spratt wanted. Mr Spratt said he would have preferred them to have been criminally charged, but was afraid of upsetting the authorities.

Const Tomlin is now an auxiliary officer, while Sgt Strahan remains on operational duties.



# Hakea case in court



**JUVENILE** offenders being kept at the adult Hakea Prison in Perth will return to their usual facility by the end of June

once repairs from a riot are complete, according to Western Australia Commissioner of Corrective Services Ian Johnson.

More than 100 young offenders from Banksia Hill detention centre, most of them Aboriginal, are being held at Hakea after a riot at Western Australia's only juvenile detention facility in January left 108 of 240 cells trashed.

Several inquiries into the matter are under way, while Mr Johnson gave evidence at a Supreme Court hearing into conditions at the adult prison.

The action was brought by parents of the young detainees following claims they were not being properly cared for and in some cases mistreated, and the Human Rights Commission has intervened in the case.

The Noongar community, the Uniting Church, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) and the Youth Affairs Council of WA are supporting the parents, who have not been named.

Mr Johnson said testing of the repaired facilities would start soon and the juveniles would start to be brought back to Banksia Hill by mid-May.

Assuming the testing goes well, they would all be back by the end of June, he said.

Mr Johnson said he was satisfied work to return the offenders was being done as quickly as possible.

Chief Justice Wayne Martin, who is presiding over the case, observed that chronic

## Inmates missing classes

By GEOFF VIVIAN



**Lewis Abdullah:** "For now I think we're just going to wait until they get transferred back into Banksia Hill."

A YOUNG Nyoongar man who has just won an award for his work with juvenile offenders says he has been unable to see boys on the inside since January.

Western Australian Young Person of the Year Lewis Abdullah said the mentoring and coaching sessions he conducted at Banksia Hill juvenile detention centre stopped when the facility was badly damaged in a riot.

Since then the 100-plus young inmates have been detained at Hakea, an adult prison.

"We haven't been in there yet because we had to fill out some paperwork to tell them that we do a program with the boys," Mr Abdullah said. "For now I think we're just going to wait until they get transferred back into Banksia Hill."

Two judges have criticised the moving of the youths to the adult prison, where juvenile offenders have been confined to cells for up to 24 hours each day.

Media reports say counselling services and education for the boys have also been suspended or stopped.

Mr Abdullah said his sessions with young prisoners were largely about helping them work out what they wanted to do when they got out.

"Last time ... all the boys were talking about they wanted to become a brickie and

it's not hard to become a brickie," he said.

"I know one boy who was in there, he wanted to be a brickie as well and he's actually doing a course now, doing bricklaying. It's good to hear their life story of how they got in there, what they used to be before they went in there."

"What I really like about the job is that ... they come in with a smile on their face."

Mr Abdullah said his classes at Banksia Hill were frequently delayed by lockdowns.

"They've got to sit back in classroom and wait," he said. "Bosses got to go around and have a count with them all, make sure they're all in there."

Mr Abdullah said this could cut into class time, because the course for sentenced prisoners had only three two-hour sessions, and for remand prisoners just two.

Mr Abdullah, 19, has worked for the Halo Foundation, a WA Government-funded youth diversionary and rehabilitation service based in Perth's southern suburbs, for three years.

He continues to work as a youth mentor and coach, and to conduct classes at the foundation's facility in Spearwood.

"Boys here do a Certificate II in Community Services. That's a qualification of Year 10 or 12," he said.

"It gives them the chance to work on their own issues as well ... to build up confidence and go out to the workforce and learn the skills."

understaffing had been the main problem at Banksia Hill before the riot and afterwards, forcing inmates to be locked down for up to 23 hours a day.

Mr Johnson agreed staffing issues were a problem that urgently needed to be addressed.

Assistant commissioner for

youth services Brian Lawrence told the hearing that out of the department's 199 youth custodial officers, only 60 were available.

### Sick leave

Almost one quarter of the workforce was not available because many were on workers

compensation leave, including 35 on long-term sick leave.

The level of workers compensation cases in the WA youth custody system was 10 times higher than the national average, Mr Lawrence said.

"If we don't have the appropriate number of staff ...

we're unable to run the full suite of structured activities," he said.

And the ratio of officers to inmates was one-to-eight, compared to one-to-four in other Australian states and territories.

The food quantity and quality, which detainees had complained about, had improved. —AAP

## Ambassador job for Barba



**RUGBY** league star Ben Barba has been named as the 2013 ambassador for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC).

Barba will work towards the promotion of land rights across the state as well as in educational and community programs.

The Canterbury Bulldogs NRL star who has been a member of the Queensland State of Origin squad said he was keen to work on self-determination for Aboriginal people across the state.

"I'm pleased to be on board with the state land council," he said.

"I've always been interested to learn about different factors affecting my people; I'm looking forward to being part of it."

"I'm a younger guy and am still learning every day about land rights and what it means to Aboriginal people, especially in NSW."

"It's got a really interesting and important history."

"I think it's essential that I learn as much about the many issues NSWALC deals with,



**BEN BARBA**

so I can hopefully make a positive difference."

NSWALC chair Stephen Ryan said the partnership with Barba would mean land rights in NSW would have a truly public face for the first time and a chance for promotion on the national stage.

"Land rights in this state were hard-fought," he said.

"Nearly every week we are honouring those warriors who've passed into the Dreaming, warriors that fought on the streets to make land rights a reality."

## Expression of interest CityArt

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Reunited after half a century – Cade Haines (Garry's son), cousin Edwina Shaw, cousin Porky Smith and siblings Sharon Holbrook, Roseanne Davenport-West, David Farley Jnr and Garry Haines. Sharon, who found her true identity and family late last year, says she is 'proud as punch to be Tasmanian Aborigine'.

# Family reunited after more than 50 years

By JILLIAN MUNDY



WHEN Sharon Holbrook (nee Haines) returned to Tasmania earlier this month after 54 years to be reunited with some of her 14 siblings and many, many cousins, they invited the *Koori Mail* along to share their story.

"It's a sad story but a good one. It's about not losing faith," Sharon's sister Roseanne Davenport-West said.

It's about the sadness of profound and devastating loss, and goodness in finding family, and the hope for future.

"We're not the only family. Everybody's got to know what the Government did," Sharon's brother Garry Haines said.

Roseanne hopes their story will offer strength to other people removed from their families to keep searching for them.

Sitting around a table in Launceston with Roseanne, Sharon, Garry and their brother David Farley, there's striking physical similarities and the obvious ease of family, yet there's also few shared experiences and the constant piecing together of family and past events.

Listening to their story of removal, struggles, search for each other and reunion half a century

later is somewhat confusing. One can only imagine the enormity of the task of piecing back together the family, who now live in three different states.

It has taken Roseanne 27 years of obtaining state ward files and police records through freedom of information, deciphering lies from truths, a chance meeting in Melbourne with a child carer from Flinders Island, long distance phone calls and Facebook to pull those pieces together.

Over the past two decades the siblings have been reunited, slowly putting together the puzzle that is their family. For Sharon, it

stories and their identity, Roseanne has now created a private Facebook group for her family, to share what she has found out and for their future family generations.

The family's separation began when their mother Ella Jane Haines (nee West) travelled from Flinders Island to Melbourne with seven young children to be with her new partner, only to be abandoned, left heartbroken, seven months pregnant, away from her island home and community in the Bass Strait, and homeless.

In desperation the young mother went to the police for help.

on to have another seven children.

But tragedy struck again, when Garry, then 13, was caring for the kids one night and the police removed him and his seven younger siblings, saying they were neglected.

The family vehemently deny this.

Ella Jane's children grew up in institutions and foster homes scattered throughout Victoria and Tasmania. They were led to believe they were unwanted and unloved by their parents.

"Mum died a broken woman; broken hearted, broken spirited and beaten down," David

admitted that the allegations of child neglect were lies and the subsequent incarceration of their mother was to keep her away from her children – part of an assimilation policy. Ella Jane was never charged.

"All our lives we were told we were no good and our Mum was a no-good woman," he said.

"We were persecuted. She was persecuted as a half-caste and the Government also hated white men with half-caste women," David Farley Jnr added.

They are calling on the Government to provide a headstone.

"The saddest part is the Government broke Mum's heart, then buried her with no name.

"Let them apologise to her," Sharon said.

Garry encourages his siblings to share their story as a form of

therapy and also so that this may never again happen to another family.

"Let it come out. It's the truth. The more you talk, the better you will feel," he said.

Ella Jane's children now have children and grandchildren of their own and are determined to minimise the effect of their separation on future generations.

"There's a lot of anger and healing to be done. We've got to step up for the next generation, so the buck stops with us," Roseanne said.

**'There's a lot of anger and healing to be done. We've got to step up for the next generation, so the buck stops with us' – Roseanne Davenport-West**

was over half a century.

"We were scared (meeting again)," Roseanne said. "You don't know what to expect. Will they accept me? Will they reject me? Are they going to like me? You build a wall up. We've all had different lives. It's a struggle to reconnect."

"Our family memories have just started," Sharon added.

"We're going to get stronger and stronger.

"It's been a big world for 54 years. Now it's a small world."

So long denied her family, their

Denied help from charities she had been directed to, within four days four of the children were made wards of the state of Victoria.

The siblings have no doubt that events would have been different had their mother been a white woman.

After the birth of her baby David Farley Jnr in Melbourne, Ella Jane returned to Flinders Island with her then remaining children John, Garry, Julie, baby David, and again reunited with her partner.

In an era of large families, and as a strict Catholic, Ella Jane went

Farley Jnr said.

"She was only 47. Family should be stronger than government departments, and we are working on it."

Last week some of the siblings visited their mother's grave in Launceston, hoping to find some closure.

Instead, they found an unmarked pauper's grave.

Garry said the Tasmanian Government had apologised and compensated him and some of his siblings who were removed from Flinders Island and had



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# Celebrations in 'Bre'



A SPECIAL acknowledgement of country was held last Friday at the start of events marking the 150th anniversary of the western NSW centre of Brewarrina's proclamation as a town.

Local Aboriginal people were joined by others for the event, which came about after local Aboriginal concern over the anniversary.

Many believed the planned celebrations on Nguyambaa country did not cater to them – and they resolved to do something about it.

"We've been here for more than 150 years. We have been here for 40,000 years, and while it's fine to have a celebration of proclamation, it has to be done in a way that includes the whole town," local Elder and land council adviser Feli McHughes said.

He said events organised included horse races and cocktail parties.

"This is not what our people are about," Mr McHughes said.

"I love Bre. It's my home town and it's incredibly important that we recognise Elders past and present through a welcome to country ceremony."



**FELI McHUGHES**

With the official celebrations scheduled to kick off at the annual race meeting on April 27, local Indigenous groups decided that there needed to be an acknowledgement of country beforehand in an effort to diffuse any possible resentment.

Mr McHughes said there needed to be a broader understanding of the

importance of the welcome to country ceremony.

"It's an integral part of Aboriginal culture, and a lot of non-Indigenous are starting to appreciate this," he said. "These kinds of ceremonies function as a bridge between cultures; important pavers on the road to reconciliation."

Mr McHughes said it was also important to teach the next generation about their culture.

"It's important to understand (Aboriginal people's) place in the economics of our community," he said.

"They are our biggest commodity in Bre. Should the Aboriginal people pull their dollar, the town would most probably go under."

"It's important the kids know that. In the lead-up to the day there were rumours around that some of the more disgruntled members of the community would use the event as a platform for protest."

"But (this) event (is) working towards showing recognition of the contribution our people past and present have made to the community and to reconciliation in the future in a positive and inclusive manner."



**Bre dancers perform. Photos by Katherine Matts**



**Di Hardy, Mary Waites and Eva Boney make up the Bre Sisters, part of the Brewarrina Christian Fellowship. They're with Elder Joyce Doole.**



**Local Elder John Frail with Wendy Finlayson, Trisha Smith, Debra Gilchrist and Rocko Coleman.**



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# Language first for WA Parlt

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN her maiden speech this month to the Western Australian Parliament, Gidja woman Jarlbinyimiya Josie Farrer has thanked in her own language the people of the Kimberley for electing her.

"To speak in my own Indigenous language I had to get permission because no language other than English had ever been spoken in Parliament, so for me to ask for permission, it made people stop and think because this is my first language. It comes from this country and it belongs to this country," Ms Farrer told the *Koori Mail*.

She also thanked Perth's local Noongar people in Kriol because she does not speak Noongar.

In an emotional and well-received maiden speech, Ms Farrer, a Labor MP, spoke about her upbringing, racism, Indigenous disadvantage and forcible removal of Aboriginal people.

She also spoke about the trauma to her family when one of her grandsons took his own life.

"In the Kimberley, at the time when my grandson's life was taken, there was an inquiry into 20 suicides in Fitzroy Crossing, and others followed suit," she said.

"In the lead-up to me being sworn in, there were six or seven suicides, including two females who were both mothers. I had to speak about my grief because I can understand what those families are going through and I certainly believe that talking is one way to start that process in healing because it allows for you to talk about the pain and trauma.

"Because the Parliament belongs to everybody, it's not just a place to make laws. I think there has to be

open discussion on ways to implement laws that help to create ways to help; to provide an avenue for people to study to become doctors, mental health, psychologists; to come up with ways to combat the things wearing our young people down.

"Families who have suffered through suicide, maybe their younger ones taken, they need to understand for themselves that they won't be seeing that son, daughter, grandchild again and that can be a really hard one for Indigenous people."

Ms Farrer said she would like to see more career opportunities for all the young people of the Kimberley.

She said that while the mining industry had opened doors to Aboriginal people, more industries needed to do the same.



JOSIE FARRER

Last Thursday, WA Deputy Opposition Leader Roger Cook took WA Governor Malcolm McCusker to task for comments he had made opening the Parliament, when he said that Australia's democratic system was 'achieved without civil war or bloodshed'.

Ms Farrer said she had congratulated Mr Cook for criticising the Governor on the record. "Australia needs to look

at democracy as to how Indigenous people were treated, because we do have a dark side in Australia," she said.

In closing her first speech to the Parliament, Ms Farrer again used her native tongue.

"Please listen, listen to the words I am saying," she said, first in Gidja, then in English. "We need to stop what's happening to our young people because they are our future."

● If you or anyone you know needs immediate assistance contact Lifeline 13 11 14, the Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467, Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or your local Aboriginal Medical Service – available from [www.vibe.com.au](http://www.vibe.com.au)



Narrandera Shire Council eco-tourism officer Lee Reavley is working to promote her home town's natural beauty.

## Wiradjuri woman Lee at home in Narrandera

By LINDSAY HAYES



WIRADJURI woman Lee Reavley is passionate about her job, which she says has opened up a whole new world for her.

Ms Reavley is the eco-tourism officer for Narrandera Shire Council, trustee of some of the greatest natural treasures in southern New South Wales.

Her role is to help promote the historic Murrumbidgee River town's attractions. This includes leading groups tourists on walks through the Native Flora and Fauna Reserve, home to Narrandera's free-ranging koala colony, and the Narrandera wetlands, termed by a visiting ecologist as the 'crown in Narrandera's jewel'.

A boomerang factory operated by a Wiradjuri Elder is also on the tour itinerary.

Ms Reavley was appointed to the then new position three years ago and counts herself lucky to have landed a job that combines her two great loves of

nature and Wiradjuri culture.

"I didn't think it was a line I'd go down, but I am enjoying the job so much and learning something new every day," she said.

"Before this I had just fumbled around in office work, which wasn't me.

"Being born and bred here, I always knew Narrandera was a beautiful place, but I took it for granted; it's only now that I can appreciate it.

### 'Teaching myself'

"I was one of eight girls and growing up I didn't have the opportunity to learn about our culture so now I'm teaching myself.

"The Elders didn't talk about it much in those days."

Today, Narrandera's Aboriginal heritage is proclaimed in the Wiradjuri Country entrance signs to town and a welcome to country is performed at all major civic functions.

Narrandera Council is believed to have been the first in NSW to publicly

acknowledge the traditional owners of the land at the beginning of its monthly meetings.

Ms Reavley said the council put her through a week-long Aboriginal tourism course at Gunnedah.

In a quest to further her knowledge, she enrolled this semester in an eco-tourism diploma course at Charles Sturt University's Wagga Wagga campus, which will take three years to complete in her own time.

"I am doing it for my own benefit and self-development," she said.

With this goal in mind, she also joined the local koala, wetlands and Landcare committees and is actively involved in their activities.

Ms Reavley says a bonus of her job is 'meeting great people, many from overseas, and learning about their countries'.

She acknowledges the support of local Aboriginal education group stalwart Joy Ingram in her work.



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## SENTENCE ADMINISTRATION BOARD

### Call for Expressions of Interest

The Sentence Administration Board (the board) is established under s171 of the Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005 (the Act) and is responsible for supervisory and advisory functions related to offenders on parole, periodic detention and release on license.

Board members are required to have high standards of integrity, impartiality and objectivity, as well as a sound understanding of administrative law principles.

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified persons with interest in appointment to the following:

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#### BOARD MEMBERS – non judicial

Applicants for appointment as non-judicial Board Members should also have appropriate experience in the operations of the criminal justice system, sentencing or in the management of offenders.

A fee of \$675 per diem is payable to Board Members.

All appointments to the Board are for a period of up to three years and remuneration is in accordance with Australian Capital Territory Remuneration Tribunal, Determination 9 of 2012.

Selection documentation and further information regarding the vacancies can be accessed at <http://www.justice.act.gov.au/review> or by contacting Ms Bernadette Mitcherson, Executive Director, ACT Corrective Services on 02 6207 0847.

Expressions of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience and addressing the selection criteria should be forwarded by **13 May 2013** to the:

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# National Indigenous Music Award nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for the National Indigenous Music Awards, which honour contemporary and traditional artists. The categories include Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, New Talent of the Year, Cover Art of the Year and Film Clip of the Year.

Organisers said NIMA would again partner with triple j unearthed to undertake the only such national Indigenous competition.

The competition unearthed singer Thelma Plum in 2012. Chugg Entertainment founder Michael Chugg said NIMA had come a long way in a short time.

He described the awards as 'fertile ground for finding and breaking new Indigenous artists'.

"NIMA is gathering much respect both nationally and overseas for the professionalism it is bringing



**Singer Thelma Plum was 'discovered' as part of the triple j unearthed competition last year.**

to the Indigenous music scene," he said.

Former winner of the best female musician category, Shellie Morris, said the awards were becoming more significant every year.

"It's a great time for Indigenous talent to gain recognition for their efforts. Artists and their management should use this as an opportunity that is knocking on

their door right now," she said.

Meanwhile, NT artists will continue to be recognised and nominations are open for School Band and Traditional Music sections and the GR Burarrwanga Memorial Award.

As well, a new category introduced this year is the NT Community Music Project Award to acknowledge the role music plays in Indigenous communities. This year the genre is 'community music clip', where innovation and merit in the musical performance of the video are the major criteria for the award.

The director/producer does not have to be resident of the Northern Territory. For more information on general eligibility criteria, go to [nima.musicnt.com.au](http://nima.musicnt.com.au)

Award nominations close on 15 June and finalists will be announced on 17 July. The awards ceremony will be held on 10 August in the Darwin Ampitheatre.

# Anzac Day 'a time to remember'



ABORIGINAL people are being urged to remember those killed during massacres this

Anzac Day.

Aboriginal Tent Embassy founder Michael Anderson will lead a march in Canberra tomorrow, behind the official Anzac Day parade, to highlight the massacres.

"Our country was taken by superior force at gunpoint," he said.

"Blood has been spilt on the wattle and this war of attrition against Aboriginal people is continuing."

Mr Anderson led a similar march in Canberra last year.

"We received enormous support from the public at the time; now we intend to keep it growing," he said.

Mr Anderson urged Aboriginal people who cannot travel to Canberra to stage similar marches at Anzac commemorations in their own home towns and communities.

"We are subject to continued war of attrition, including urban warfare. Our people are dying in custody for crimes white people don't usually go to jail for, minor



driving offences," he said.

Meanwhile, in Sydney the annual Coloured Diggers march will again take place in Redfern, beginning at 1.35pm in Redfern Park with a wreath-laying ceremony.

There will then be a march to the Redfern Community Centre at 1.45pm, followed by an afternoon of entertainment.

Special tribute is being paid this year to Uncle Percy 'Gunner' Suey, of Moree, who served in the 2/15 Field Regiment in World War II.

Uncle Percy was a prisoner of war for 1370 days in Changi Prison, Singapore, and sustained serious head and other injuries using his body to protect another prisoner from a beating by Japanese prison guards.

He never recovered from his

war injuries and went missing in 1976. It was only recently that his life and service was recognised with a plaque in the Moree cemetery.

He will be represented by one of his daughters at the Redfern march.

Pastor Ray Minniecon, an organiser of the Coloured Diggers march, said Aunt Noeline Briggs-Smith would also be recognised for her work identifying lost graves of Aboriginal servicemen at the Moree Cemetery.

She worked for many years with family members to secure funding for headstones, and the creation of the Ngindi Baabil Tubbibri tranquility area in the cemetery.

Pastor Minniecon also renewed a call for a memorial to be established in Sydney, as well as a plaque on every war memorial around the nation, acknowledging the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in overseas conflicts since the Boer War.

For anyone in Canberra, a ceremony will be held after the Anzac Day dawn service at the Aboriginal Memorial plaque on the side of Mount Ainslie, beginning at 6.30am.



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When: Thursday, 30th May 2013

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Where: Adelaide Hilton - 223 Victoria Square, Adelaide  
When: Tuesday, 11th June 2013

#### Western Australia

Where: Hyatt Regency Perth - 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth  
When: Wednesday, 19th June 2013

Attendance at the Forums is free, but attendees will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. If you are not a member of NATSIHWA, you will be required to join.

Further information and Registration Forms can be found at: [www.natsihwa.org.au](http://www.natsihwa.org.au)

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#### Become a member of NATSIHWA?

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#### How to become a Member?

There are four types of membership of NATSIHWA. You can either be a Full Member, Associate Member, Student Member or Friend of NATSIHWA. Further information can be found at:

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# Festival will be huge



SYDNEY is set to host the largest annual national Indigenous arts and cultural festival in Australia's history from 14 to 24 November. Called Corroboree, the new festival is being put together by nine of Sydney's major arts and cultural institutions that have strong Indigenous programs.

NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir joined Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello and Arts Minister George Souris for the announcement last week.

They said the new festival would find a home in Sydney for at least the next three years.

Governor Bashir said Corroboree would give people the chance to 'understand and celebrate the true culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the original inhabitants of this great land'.

The festival will open with a kids' parade and Aboriginal Elders' firelight ceremony.

It will include workshops, tours, exhibitions and performances by Sydney's diverse cultural, arts and heritage institutions, as well as educational culture camps for secondary students across NSW.

There will be film, music and dance at Cockatoo Island, a youth career day for young people, an arts and craft market at Walsh Bay and a fashion and design showcase bringing together the best of Indigenous design from



Hetti Perkins, Tourism and Major Events Minister George Souris, NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Charles Madden, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, Millie Ingram and Michael McDaniel.

across Australia, as well as a First Nations conference.

Mr Souris said the festival was expected to provide NSW with a direct economic impact of approximately \$21 million over the three years, with an expected 55,000 visitors to attend.

He said it would become one of

Australia's major cultural events.

"The NSW Government is very pleased to be supporting a festival of such national importance, not only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, but for all communities across Australia," he said.

"Interest and participation in

Indigenous culture continues to grow and, with NSW having the largest population of Indigenous people in Australia, our state is the right place to host this significant event.

"It will deliver on the recommendation contained in the Visitor Economy Taskforce Report

to establish a major Indigenous cultural festival in Sydney to raise the profile of NSW's Aboriginal heritage and contemporary culture."

Mr Dominello said the event would demonstrate and celebrate the diversity and strength of Indigenous art and culture.

"Art and culture is a crucial part of the social fabric of Aboriginal people and communities throughout Australia," he said.

"This event will help provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their important and vibrant cultures with all Australians as well as visitors from overseas."

The Corroboree working group includes predominately Indigenous staff from Bangarra Dance Theatre, Blackfella Films, Australian Museum, Gadigal Information Service, the Art Gallery of NSW, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, the State Library of NSW, Sydney Opera House and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Bangarra deputy chair and Corroboree working group chair Michael McDaniel said the festival would provide people the chance to experience existing collections and activities in the city and provide opportunities for cultural expression and pride within the community.

A council of Aboriginal Elders has also been established to guide the event.

## TIME FOR UNITY

### CONGRESS NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS



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**3 MAY - 10 MAY**  
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



## VANESSA CULBONG

Noongar activist  
Perth, WA

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Kangaroo tail, roasted or boiled – boiled, it's lovely and soft.

**Favourite other food?**  
Indian and Chinese. Curries are nice.

**Favourite drink?**  
A cup of tea.

**Favourite music?**  
Blackfella music – *Coloured Stone*, that sort of music.

**Favourite artist?**  
*Brown Sugar*, a local group that was my uncle's band.

**Favourite sport?**  
Basketball.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Home to the Dreaming Trails – Narrogin, Albany or up to Carnarvon.

**What are you reading?**  
Newspapers.

**What are you watching?**  
*Big Bang Theory* and NITV.

**What's the greatest highlight in your life?**  
The kids.

**What do you like in life?**  
Seeing my family excel in anything.

**What do you dislike?**  
I don't like seeing what drugs are doing to the community.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
Get rid of drugs. And the next thing would be taking everyone back to country, where they all come from – especially the city mob. It revitalises the spirit, keeps us strong.

## Quote



**'Let's start thinking tomorrow what we're going to do for the next 40 years'**

– Qld Aboriginal Islander Health Council chief executive Selwyn Button

● See page 35

## Unquote

## Time for leaders to take the lead

Sometimes it's a little embarrassing living on this side of the Tasman Sea. The Kiwis really do have a much better track record when it comes to adopting progressive social policies. As far back as 1840, representatives of the British Crown and various Maori chiefs from the North Island of New Zealand signed the Treaty of Waitangi, which established a British governor of New Zealand, but also recognised Maori ownership of their lands and other properties, and gave Maori the rights of British subjects.

Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are still waiting for such a show of respect.

The New Zealand Parliament also has dedicated seats for Maori, and has done since 1867. Again, Australia is still lagging in this regard.

Of course, New Zealand has its own issues, but it was heartening to see the majority of its parliamentarians join together in song last week in celebration of the passing of their marriage equality act. At the same time, over here on this side of the ditch, our leaders continue to squabble, and are more likely to draw their proverbial swords on such issues, rather than join in with the growing chorus for inclusiveness and respect. Politics overrides the common people all too often in this country.

The current impasse over funding for Indigenous health initiatives is a classic example. Why, with the current national Indigenous health funding deal about to run out in July, cannot the state and territory leaders show a little leadership



and vision on this, the most basic issue facing Indigenous people – poor health?

Why must Aboriginal leaders and community controlled health organisations have to go cap in hand to governments again and again in search of funds? Funding should be long-term, not just for a political cycle or advantage. You would have to be dim to not recognise that good health is everyone's business.

Full points to Victoria for not dragging the chain. Leaders of the other states and territories should, however, hang their heads in shame for holding out.

The statistics are real. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people do die on average earlier than their non-Indigenous counterparts. The history of post-colonial trauma runs deep in this country, and has been passed from generation to generation because of the continued lack of true leadership.

Make no mistake. Australia is an extremely wealthy country, with rich resources and natural wealth. It can afford to look after each and every one of its citizens, white and black. But for this to happen, greed must be replaced with compassion, and our leaders need to do what they are paid to do. Lead.

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# Pastor Ray has huge hopes for the future

By DARREN COYNE

PASTOR Ray Minniecon has reached the age in the popular Beatles' song, *When I'm 64*, and is lucky to have plenty of positives to reflect upon.

"One of those things is the positives to have come out of the Aboriginal communities around the country," he said.

"When you consider in my lifetime, before 1967 we were locked away in communities, out of sight, out of mind, but in those 46 years since we've seen so much happen it's like a highway to the future for Aboriginal people.

"There's been the establishment of legal services, health services for Aboriginal people. We're at the heart of politics in this country. There are the land councils, land rights ... all those kinds of things.

"There's so much to reflect on.

"When you look at all the significant change that Aboriginal people have done, it just astounds you at the amount of energy and work that people have put in.

"Admittedly, there's a lot more to be done but there has been a setting in place of a pathway to the future for us and this comes from our Aboriginal leadership.

"I like to go back to my heroes and one who stands out strong and tall is William Cooper (Victorian political activist and community leader). It inspires me even to say his name.

"When you see what these guys have done, and they were under the old welfare system, the protection boards, you just cannot not be impressed.

"If I was to die right now I'd prefer to come back as an Aboriginal. It's the most exciting thing; the most exciting life to live is to be a Koori, an Aboriginal in our own country.

"I get really excited about being an Aboriginal."

For pastor Ray, that excitement is evident in his approach to life, family, and community.

Apart from his ministry, he is also married, has three children and a large extended family stretching throughout Australia, and overseas. He is heavily involved in the Babana Aboriginal Men's group in Sydney, organises the Coloured Diggers march on Anzac day each year, and, with his wife has helped establish a private school for young Aboriginal kids. He also regularly takes part in gatherings of Indigenous religious leaders in various parts of the world.

## Early days

Although he grew up in Queensland, Pastor Ray is now firmly entrenched in the social fabric of Redfern, Sydney, which boasts the largest urban population of Aboriginal people in Australia.

"Before 1967 we lived in our



Pastor Ray Minniecon, at The Block in Redfern, Sydney.

own little community up in the Atherton Tablelands, at Pinnacle Pocket. I am from the Kabi Kabi people of the south east but we've moved off that land, but we'd always go back and connect with family back home at least once a year.

"So in my lifetime I've gone from that small community into the global community, and the pace of that has been astronomical."

He recalled making his first trip to Sydney in 1971, when he and a mate from Mossman hopped in a 'Volkswagen with flower power paintings all over it', and set off on a mission to meet mob around the country.

Like many great adventures, however, things didn't go quite according to plan.

"We were going to go around Australia but we ran out of money at a place called Muswellbrook, NSW, and had to sell the van. The good thing was he was a boxer and went in those Jimmy Sharman boxing troupes and made a few dollars.

"Then we got a job in construction, made enough money to buy another car and got home, back to the sunshine.

"Then I got married to Sharon

(a Torres Strait Islander) and came back down here and entered Bible College at Katoomba."

Being the son of an 'itinerant evangelical pastor', Pastor Ray's upbringing was heavily influenced by the strong Christian movement sweeping through far north Queensland.

## Influences

"It was everywhere, on communities and missions. In our family it really came from grandma to our father.

"Wherever we would go we would have church so I grew up under that black leadership and every person we met was part of that spiritual movement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian people so we were deeply influenced by that.

"Well I was, anyway.

"My father Sterling was the first Aboriginal pastor in our community. There was no money in it, but at least he had a church.

"Those times were powerful times for me in terms of the spirituality that was there, and throughout far north Queensland."

They were also the times that taught Pastor Ray that black

people were treated differently in wider Australian society.

"We were still being brought up under the Protection Board and Welfare could come and take the kids away.

"I remember the black car coming in and women screaming to run and hide. We were taught young ... if the police try to pick you up, run for hills, just run."

After completing Bible College at Katoomba, Pastor Minniecon started his ministry as a youth pastor at La Perouse. That posting, in the place Christianity first arrived in Australia, was the beginning of a spiritual quest that has taken him throughout Australia and overseas.

He even travelled to Rome and met Pope John Paul II.

"It was an opportunity to speak at a conference that he organised in the early 1990s when the notion of globalisation became a buzzword across the planet," he recalled.

"My topic was something about small communities and globalisation, which was an easy topic because the first thing I said was that for Aboriginal people, globalisation began in 1788 so it was nothing new to us.

"We know the effects and impacts on people and culture.

"I also took a didgeridoo over, played it and said our culture hasn't died. It's still there in the people and the land. Regardless of what goes on around the planet, the wars and rumours of wars, Aboriginal people will continue to survive through all of this, in our own land, our own country, regardless of health issues, regardless of politics, we will survive."

## Got to have faith

Central to that survival is having faith in the future, and that's something Pastor Ray has in abundance.

"There's so much today that we never had or even understood. So if there are two things I'd want to say to the younger generations, the first is this whole notion of what faith is. You've got to believe in yourself, and you've got to believe in your future.

"When I look back at our old people I understand that faith is, as the scripture says ... faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.

"Our people have had that faith to believe that things could change. And then you fast track from 1967 onwards and you have a good demonstration of where that faith has taken us. Young people should look at our history and understand that it was the faith of these people that we would have a better future that has brought us to this point.

"The second thing is that of course they should get a good education. But as my father said when I had completed my studies ... 'Ray, knowledge puffs up; love builds up'.

"It took me a while but I got what he was saying. You can be the biggest academic but if you can't practise love in your community, what's the use?

"I took that advice seriously and tried to marry my knowledge base, my academic teachings, with how you work in community.

"Today I am the pastor for the Babana Men's group, and for the first time I feel like a real Aboriginal pastor.

"When you are in the Aboriginal community you are what you say you are. I don't need to preach because it's all about actions. Making sure young fellas get a good job, fast tracking kids into university."

Asked what he does to relax, it's not surprising that he answers, spending time with family. But he also plays a mean guitar, and enjoys writing songs.

So is there an album in the future now that you're 64?

"I'd love to put an album out one day so if there's a good producer out there to help me along they'd be more than welcome," he laughed.



# SNAICC conference in Cairns



NEW National Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell will be a special guest at the upcoming fifth national conference Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

Ms Mitchell will officially open the conference — the biggest children's forum in the southern hemisphere — in Cairns on 4 June. She will also participate in a yarning session with state and territory children's commissioners during the three-day conference.

Titled 'For Our Children: Living and Learning Together', the SNAICC conference will bring together Indigenous leaders, practitioners, policy makers, researchers and government

representatives from around Australia and will offer more than 70 concurrent sessions.

Among the keynote speakers will be early childhood expert Kathy Guthadjaka (Gotha), a Gadjirrk Warramiri woman living at Gawa in north-east Arnhem Land.

Ms Gotha worked as a teacher for more than 40 years at Shepherdson College on Elcho Island, and with her family recently established an independent school at Gawa. She is a strong advocate of bilingual education programs and is providing the best education possible for the children at Gawa.

Another keynote speaker is Professor Judy Atkinson, a Jiman and Bundjalung woman who was recently made an emeritus professor by Southern Cross



Conference guest speaker  
Judy Atkinson

University in recognition of her contribution to the area of Indigenous trauma, healing and recovery.

The SNAICC conference will also feature a number of prominent international guests, including Professor Cindy Blackstock from Canada, Marta Murras Perez from Chile, and Professor Cynthia Kiro from New Zealand.

Cindy Blackstock is executive director of First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and an associate professor at the University of Alberta.

A member of the Gitksan Nation, she has worked in child and family services for more than 20 years and has published widely on the welfare and rights of First Nations children.

She proved a popular keynote speaker at the 2010 SNAICC conference in Alice Springs.

Marta Murras Perez is

vice-president of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and Special Rapporteur for Australia.

Conference organisers say her attendance will provide an opportunity to reflect on the UN committee's recommendations concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Associate Professor Kiro is the first female and only Maori to have held the position of Children's Commissioner in New Zealand, between 2003 and 2009.

Registrations for the conference close on 17 May.

For more information, visit the SNAICC website — [www.snaicc.org.au](http://www.snaicc.org.au) — or contact Poppy Bervanakis at SNAICC on (03) 9489 8099.

## Answers to our Edition 548 Crossword. How did you go?

### ACROSS

5. Author  
6. Elders  
7. Twelve  
11. Senator  
13. Northern  
15. Smoking

16. Eels

17. Degree

18. Murri

DOWN

1. Director

2. York

3. Murder

4. Redfern

8. Executive

9. NAIDOC

10. Logies

12. Volunteer

14. Power

# Our brain-teasers

## Edition 549 Koori Mail Word Search

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### Wotjobaluk Traditional Owners

Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BGLC) as trustee for the native title rights of the Wotjobaluk people will shortly seek to hold a 'full group meeting' for all Wotjobaluk native title holders.

All people who are native title holders following the Wotjobaluk Determination in 2005, whether they are a current a member of BGLC or not, will be welcome to attend.

If you are, or maybe, a Wotjobaluk native title holder and would like to attend the meeting, and you are not a member of BGLC, we kindly ask that you register your interest by contacting BGLC by phone, email or post.

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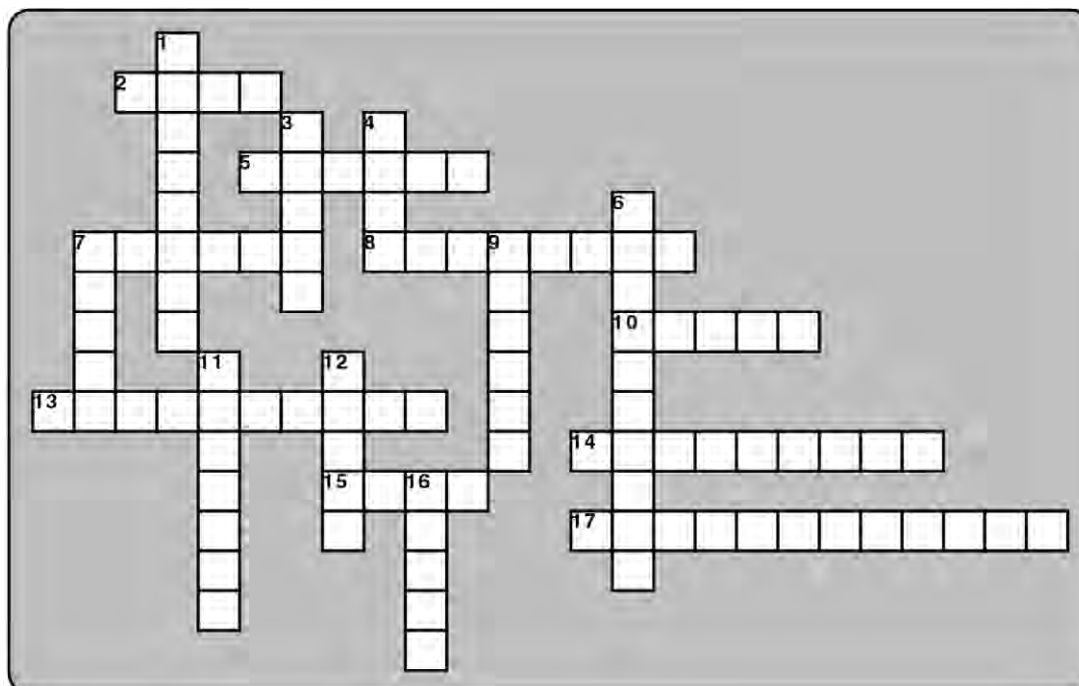
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### ACROSS:

2. Father of native title.
5. Australia's top TV awards.
7. Kimberley town.
8. Deakin University is in this state.
10. Major Arnhem Land Yolngu festival.
13. House where politicians meet.
14. Major Aboriginal group in western NSW.
15. Alice Springs has many of these camps.
17. Gold Coast will host these Games in 2018.

### DOWN:

1. AFL club Lance Franklin plays for.
3. This ant makes good bush



tucker.

4. Indigenous television station.

6. Traditional

wooden instrument.

7. Just-returned NRL champion, Ben ...

9. Sport Evonne Goolagong played.

11. A thousand million.

12. City on Noongar country.

16. Torres Strait Island, Prince of ...



## Refuge is planning march

DURING the 16 days of activism this year (25 November to 10 December) we here at Warlga Ngurra are planning a march based on the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes concept.

This activity is being planned and organised by a subcommittee with representatives from six Aboriginal organisations.

The proposed date for this event is 29 November with the walk starting from Newcastle Police Station and ending at the top of King Edward Park.

Our Aboriginal youth will lead the walk, with any other men to follow.

At the end of the walk the aunts and Elders, and the mothers, sisters, aunts, wives, girlfriends and children of the marchers will be waiting.

The end of the walk is when the men will show their respect to the women in their lives.

The walk will be followed by a concert and barbecue at King Edward Park.

We will be expecting walkers from local sporting and community groups, schools,

government and other organisations, as well as community members.

It is expected that this first walk will have about 1000 participants.

With sponsorship this will become an annual event, and any interest or input would be greatly appreciated.

ANNISSA HOOPER

Women's crisis support worker, Warlga Ngurra Women and Children's Refuge, Wallsend, NSW

## Rally will protest police shootings

A REMINDER to all readers that the Indigenous Social Action Association will have a rally this Friday (26 April) to again highlight the futility of police investigating other police and the absolute need to call for an end to police brutality and corruption.

The rally will be from 4.30pm at the Kings Cross Police Station in Sydney.

We'll be protesting once more at the total abuse of real justice by the governments of Australia in allowing police to allegedly investigate other police over a death in custody, an assault or some other event.

We will voice our collective disapproval over the Kings Cross police shooting of four unarmed youths in an attempt to stop their car driving off.

Many shots were fired in a real haphazard manner into the car. There was no apparent concern from those police using their pistols against the defenceless Aboriginal youths in the car.

Yes, the car was stolen. Yes, the youths were affected by alcohol and drugs. But none of those circumstances are punishable by death.

In the United States, such wild



File photo

and reckless use of armed force by police is an indictable offence against the officers involved. The same law must be introduced by The NSW Government to show some concern for the quite possible loss of life in other such events.

We strongly urge the NSW Attorney-General to work on passing such a law.

Since 1 January, 1980, police nationally have been involved in the deaths of more than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

That death in custody total could easily have been increased by another four fatalities.

To our great relief none were killed, but the driver and front-seat passenger were wounded and

bleeding heavily.

That shooting by Kings Cross police happened about 12 months ago. So what has happened since then?

Fellow police from another police station, allegedly independent, 'investigated' what had happened on that Sunday morning.

That investigation report was not made public, but it did find its way to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

The NSW DPP found no case to answer for the Kings Cross police. No surprises there!

We and our supporters call on NSW Police Minister Mike Gallagher to make public all reports, documents, files, police notebooks and any other documentation relative to the events some 12 months ago at Kings Cross.

We also call on NSW Attorney-General Greg Smith to order the DPP to publicly release the full legal reasoning behind the decision not to prosecute.

RAY JACKSON

President  
Indigenous Social Justice Association

### POETRY

## Marilyn Lowe – 'A Special Lady'

You came from a different 'Country',  
A vast red 'Country',  
Long, long way from home,  
You came to 'Awabakal Country',  
To this called Newcastle  
But there was no new castle.

You were fostered by the Reids,  
When you came here in the 60s,  
At what age you arrived?  
You must have been a bit surprised.

The years you lived in this 'Country'  
To gain schooling and satisfactory  
You entered the nursing field,  
It must have been a great deal.

You set a precedent here for all,  
In those years of Aboriginal turmoil,  
After many years of nursing.

You decided to travel a lot.  
You ended up in Manitoba, Canada  
A long way from 'Country'

Did you come Home to 'Country'?  
It would have been sad if you did not,  
At least you are not forgotten.

It is hoped a scholarship to honour you,  
When it comes to the attention of the powers that be!  
For all people to recognise, know and see  
What you had achieved!

Uncle Harry Mumbulla  
March 2012

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

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

– EDITOR



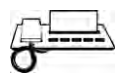
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# Her legacy lives on

**AMY LEVAI**  
(nee O'DONOGHUE)  
(1 November, 1930  
– 29 March, 2013)

THEY say that, when an old person dies, a library disappears. And this might be so of South Australian Aboriginal Elder Amy Levai, who passed away in Adelaide on Good Friday, aged 82.

But so fierce was the Yankunytjatjara woman's lifelong commitment to education that her legacy will live on in countless children, black and white.

By all accounts, Amy Levai – or 'Aunty Amy' as she was widely known – didn't so much break down barriers as calmly and determinedly step over them.

Born at Granite Downs in what is now the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, she was one of five children taken from their Aboriginal mother to be raised at Colebrook Home in Quorn.

Amy became the first Aboriginal teacher to be trained and permitted to teach in South Australia. She completed her Early Childhood Certificate for kindergarten in 1950, applying that same year to attend the Adelaide Teachers College. She was rejected and told 'we do not have Aboriginal people in teacher



The late Amy Levai and, right, Amy in class during her early years of teaching.



training'. Not to be put off, while working as the kindergarten director at Western Australia's Mt Margaret Mission, she continued to 'pester' the SA Education Department and was finally accepted in 1957.

Amy went on to teach in many schools throughout the state including Parkside Primary, Williamstown Primary, Eden Hills Primary, Kaurna Plains Aboriginal School, and her beloved North Adelaide Primary where she taught for 14 years. Former SA Premier Dean Brown, singer Sia (Furler) and model Emma Balfour were amongst the thousands of students to have been taught by her.

"She never had enough arms or knees to hold them all at the

beginning or end of each school day," said Amy's younger sister Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue during a moving funeral service on 8 April. Dr O'Donoghue was herself the first Aboriginal trainee nurse at Royal Adelaide Hospital and ATSIC's inaugural chairperson.

Such was Amy Levai's love of children and teaching that, for five years after her retirement in 1993, she found it too emotionally painful to even walk past a school. But life went on and amongst her many accolades was SA's NAIDOC Aboriginal of the Year award in 1989 and NAIDOC Aboriginal Elder of the Year award in 1998.

Late last year, the State Government announced that ten annual scholarships awarded by

the SA Department for Education and Child Development would carry Amy's name. The scholarships provide financial assistance and a way to employment for Aboriginal people studying to become a teacher. Typically, Amy responded to this further tribute by giving thanks of her own, declaring, "Teaching has been my life. It has been the thing that I loved doing the most. To be able to give to children and help them to learn, grow and move forward is a very special opportunity."

Amy's warm approach and gentle encouragement were recurring themes in the many tributes paid upon her death from cancer. Farewelled by hundreds at the Hope Valley Uniting Church in

Adelaide before being buried at Quorn, the devout Christian was remembered by son Paul, daughter Deborah and others as kind, generous, strong, fiercely protective, humble, and 'the funniest person we knew'.

Afterwards, family and friends stayed on for one of Amy's favourite tipples, 'a reconciliation cup of tea... black and white together'.

Amy Levai's passing was preceded by that of her siblings Eileen, Violet and Geoffrey; and former husband Matyas. She is survived by her sister Lowitja and some members of her 'Colebrook family'; children and children-in-law Deborah, Paul and Annika, Kristine and Les, Robert and Nina, and Stephen; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and friend Tony.

– By KIRSTIE PARKER, with input from Amy Levai's family

● In her family's words, "Amy would have liked nothing better than to know that Aboriginal children will always have the opportunity to read books", so it is fitting that a fund established in her memory will contribute to the Indigenous Literacy Fund. To donate to the Amy Levai Memorial Fund, go online at <http://inmemory.gofundraise.com.au/page/AmyLevai>



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Sue Harris (nee Davis) in recent years.

## Bundjalung country was in her heart

BUNDJALUNG woman Susanne Harris (nee Davis) passed away at Wodonga recently.

Sue was born in Kyogle on 19 April 1943, the first child of Sidney Jones Davis and Kathleen McBride.

Her sister Pat Brand said Sue had been a wonderful example of utilising talents and following them through.

"She was physically a small woman, but she was huge in stature – and she had a mouth that could cut you down to her size without thinking about it," Mrs Brand said.

Mrs Harris spent most of her childhood in and around Casino, northern NSW, including time with the Freeburn and Randall families, to whom she remained close all her life.

In 1962 the Casino Apex Club sponsored Mrs Harris in the Casino Floral Fiesta Queen competition, the first time a young Aboriginal woman had entered.

"The team raised the most money and to our surprise, delight and overwhelming pride, she won," Mrs Brand said.

"She was beautiful." A talented athlete and hockey player at school, after completing her Intermediate Certificate at Casino High School, Mrs Davis enrolled in a stenographer's course at the technical college.

When she graduated she worked with legal firms in Casino and Lismore.

Sue married George Webb in 1967 and had three children, Elizabeth



A newspaper clipping of Sue Davis when she was crowned Floral Fiesta Queen in Casino in 1962.

Louise (1968-1969), Michelle and Stewart.

"George passed away suddenly in 1977, leaving Sarcie (Sue) with the care of their two remaining children," Mrs Brand said.

"She did this with capability and caring, ensuring always that there was a roof over their heads, clothes on their backs and food on the table."

In the 1980s she met and married Wayne Harris,

a soldier, who, unfortunately, also died.

In 1987 she met Ken Schulz and they enjoyed a loving partnership until his death seven years later.

She loved rugby league and was quite vocal in her support of the Casino Cougars, Mallanganee, and Casino All Blacks.

Mrs Brand said that although Mrs Harris lived a long way from Casino, she always had Bundjalung country in her heart.

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# 1000 farewell loved and respected Elder

By DARREN COYNE



HE was a former Australian middleweight champion, known for his distinctive whistle – and dedication to his community.

Richard Carl Phillips, widely known as Dick Blair, was farewelled by family and friends in the heart of his adopted community, Redfern in Sydney, last Tuesday.

About 1000 people gathered at the Block in a moving tribute to a man widely loved and respected.

Born in 1937 at Fingal Head in New South Wales, Dick made a name for himself as a boxer during his younger days, having his first professional bout in August 1963.

During a 12-year boxing career he fought 73 bouts, taking the middleweight title in 1969 when he stopped Bobby Murdoch in ten rounds at Manly.

While he was a tough guy in the ring, later, as an ordained pastor in Redfern, he became better known for his generous community spirit.

His son Shane Phillips, who was this year named Australia's Local Hero for his community work, told the gathering in Redfern that he and his family could not have asked for a better father.

"We're going to miss Dad. He was the bravest man I ever met. He was a gentleman, and a strong man," an emotional Mr Phillips said.

**'He was the bravest man I ever met. He was a gentleman, and a strong man'**

"He disciplined us when he had to, and he always cared for people. He particularly didn't like racism."

Mr Phillips also recalled the openness of his family's life and home.

"We shared with a lot of people and there were a lot of kids who came in who became brothers and sisters.

"And we couldn't have asked for a better departure," Mr Phillips said, recalling how his father let out of a few of his distinctive whistles to his grandsons just before passing away peacefully.

"I'm proud to say, Dad, you were the best father," Mr Phillips said.

Pastor Ray Minniecon said Dick had strong values instilled in him by his parents, Langus and Gladys, and also by various momentous world changes that happened throughout his lifetime.

His favourite verse from the Bible (Hebrews 11:1) summed up his approach to life.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen."

Following the memorial service, which included Aboriginal dancers and a didgeridoo player leading the casket to the hearse, a contingent of local police officers formed a guard of honour.

The burial took place at Botany Cemetery, where the Elder of Redfern was laid to rest alongside his wife Yvonne.

A large community gathering followed at the Redfern Community Centre.



Aboriginal dancers and a didgeridoo player cleared the way for the casket.



Redfern police turned out to provide a guard of honour.

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# Torres Strait rangers in Solomon Islands



Solomon Island exchange program members from the Torres Strait David Baragud, Frank Loban, Joseph Elu, Troy Stow and Don Whap.



FIVE Torres Strait Islander rangers and traditional owners have been in the Solomon Islands

as part of a major ranger exchange program.

The week-long Solomon Islands trip was the second in a series of six international Indigenous and community ranger exchanges in the lead-up to the World Indigenous Network Conference in Darwin next month.

Under the program, a

Solomon Islands delegation will visit the Torres Strait next month.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Joseph Elu was accompanied on the trip by TSRA ranger supervisors Don Whap and Troy Stow, lama ranger David Baragud and sea program manager Frank Loban.

Mr Elu said the exchange was an opportunity to share regional approaches and experiences using contemporary and traditional knowledge and local practices

to better manage the environment and support sustainable livelihoods.

"These exchanges will enable land and sea managers to improve their knowledge and skills and consolidate genuine partnerships, essential to the ongoing success of the network," he said.

The Torres Strait delegation visited the Solomon Islands' Arnavon Community Marine Conservation Area (ACMCA), which Mr Elu said shared many similarities with the Torres Strait.

## Library post for archivist



KRISTEN THORPE, the first Aboriginal person to qualify as an archivist in New South Wales, has been appointed to head up the Indigenous unit at the State Library of NSW.

Ms Thorpe, a descendent of the Worimi people of Port Stephens in NSW, will be tasked with archiving the records of Indigenous people.

NSW State Librarian Alex Byrne said Ms Thorpe would bring extraordinary talent, depth of experience and her strong roots in Aboriginal culture to a significant leadership role.

"Ms Thorpe's proven ability to connect present generations of Indigenous people creatively to archived records on their history and culture will enrich the library's vital work," Dr Byrne said.

Ms Thorpe described her appointment as an 'incredible opportunity'. "I'm particularly interested in the library's ongoing digitisation of its collections and the opportunities it presents for creating online spaces of engagement for Indigenous communities," she said.



KIRSTEN THORPE

Meanwhile, Dr Byrne said Ms Thorpe's appointment would enable the Indigenous unit to continue vital work.

"Currently staffed by Indigenous librarians, Melissa Jackson and Ronald Briggs, this team has built a remarkable service supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; linking communities with information and stories from their history and traditional heritage," Dr Byrne said.

He said that in 2011 the State Library had launched a project to identify and preserve surviving records of Indigenous vocabularies and word lists found in the library's collections, with major findings to be announced later this year.

Dr Byrne said the State Library would also host an Indigenous librarians symposium on 26-27 August to discuss the role of libraries and archives in the revival of Indigenous languages.

"Ms Thorpe's appointment adds significant strength to the unit's ability to capture meaningful Indigenous material from our collection of records, diaries, photographs and artworks, as well as providing guidance in preserving contemporary Indigenous content for future generations," he said.



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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 (Ent)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
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8:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:30 Rock Art And Yingana PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Doc)  
12:30 Blekaba PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)  
2:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (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)  
7:30 Caritas G (Documentary)  
7:45 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)  
7:50 Music Videos G (Entertainment)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)  
8:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Aeroplane Dance M (Documentary)  
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 25TH 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 (Ent)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Caritas G (Documentary)  
11:15 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)  
11:20 Music Videos G (Entertainment)  
12:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary)  
12:00 Aeroplane Dance M (Documentary)  
1:00 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
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7:50 Music Videos G (Entertainment)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)  
8:30 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)  
9:00 Aeroplane Dance M (Documentary)  
10:30 Defining Moments G (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

12:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
1:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 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 (Ent)  
6:00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
12:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
1:00 The 42nd Koori Knockout: The Documentary G (Sport)  
1:30 Surfing The Healing Wave PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (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 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
6:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 Last Yolk In The Sami Forest PG (Documentary)  
10:00 The Forgotten PG (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## SATURDAY 27TH 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 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Series)  
2:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)  
2:30 Big Girls Don't Cry PG (Documentary)  
3:00 Tag 20: The Documentary G (Sport)  
4:00 Gamarada: A Spiritual Awakening PG (Doc)  
4:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Documentary)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)  
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 Toomelah MA (Documentary)  
11:00 Wind M (Documentary)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)  
**SUNDAY 28TH 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 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)  
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
7:00 Whare Maori PG (Documentary Series)  
7:30 Moose TV PG (Comedy)  
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Mataka M (Series)  
9:00 Blackstone M (Series)  
10:00 On The Ice MA (Documentary)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## MONDAY 29TH APRIL

12:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
1:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
4:00 Roots Music M (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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9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
12:00 Whare Maori PG (Documentary Series)  
12:30 Moose TV PG (Comedy)  
1:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Last Call Indian PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
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4:15 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 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
8:30 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)  
9:00 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)  
10:00 Mataka M (Series)  
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## TUESDAY 30TH 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)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
11:30 Love Patrol PG (Drama)  
12:00 The Massie Affair PG (Documentary)  
1:00 Women Of The Sun: 25 Years Later PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Bobtales G (Kids)  
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4:15 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 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
8:00 Knowledge, Painting And Country PG (Documentary)  
8:30 Frontier PG (Series)  
9:00 The Lore Of Love PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Rural Health Education PG (Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

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 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
6:30 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
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7:45 Winanga-Li PG (Kids)  
7:50 Bobtales G (Kids)  
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8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
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9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
11:30 Knowledge, Painting And Country PG (Documentary)  
12:00 Frontier PG (Series)  
1:00 My Mother, My Son PG (Documentary)  
2:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
3:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
3:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
3:45 Winanga-Li PG (Kids)  
3:50 P-Culture G (Kids)  
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)  
7:42 Through Our Eyes PG (Documentary)  
7:45 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Doc Series)  
8:30 Oh My God PG (Documentary)  
10:00 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
10:30 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Tales Of Oceania G (Documentary Series)

## THURSDAY 2ND MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
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2:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
3:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
4:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
5:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
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11:00 Wrong Side Bala PG (Documentary)  
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11:15 Playing With Fire PG (Documentary)  
11:30 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Oh My God PG (Documentary)  
1:30 Intervention PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Defining Moments PG (Documentary Series)  
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6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
8:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
9:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)  
10:00 Hunting Aotearoa MA (Series)  
10:30 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
11:30 NITV News NC (News)

## FRIDAY 3RD MAY

12:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
1:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
2:00 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
5:00 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
12:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
1:00 Building Legends G (Documentary)  
1:30 Destiny In Alice PG (Documentary)  
2:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
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4:30 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
5:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
6:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
8:00 Cookin' At Jacko's G (Lifestyle)  
8:30 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 Bougainville: An Evergreen Island G (Documentary)  
10:00 My Life As I Live It G (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)

## SATURDAY 4TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
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8:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
10:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
11:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
12:00 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
12:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
1:30 Rural Health Education PG (Sport)  
2:30 Hypothetical: Closing The Gap PG (Documentary)  
3:30 Sitting Bull: A Stone In My Heart PG (Documentary)  
4:30 The Marnbrook Footy Show NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Barefoot Sports 2013 NC (Sport)  
7:30 Ravens And Eagles G (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Nganampa Anwernekenhe G (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Fusion With Casey Donovan PG (Entertainment)  
9:00 The Land Has Eyes M (Documentary)  
11:00 Mataka M (Sport)  
11:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)



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## SUNDAY 5TH MAY

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4:30 NATSIBA NC (Sport)  
5:30 NITV News In Review NC (News)  
6:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)  
6:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
7:00 Whare Maori PG (Series)  
7:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affair)  
8:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Mataka PG (Series)  
9:00 Blackstone M (Series)  
10:00 Backroads MA (Documentary)  
11:00 The Widower M (Documentary)

## MONDAY 6TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
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8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
8:30 Inuk G (Kids)  
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9:00 Waabiny Time G (Kids)  
9:30 Bizou G (Kids)  
10:00 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Te Kaea 2013 NC (News)  
11:30 Awaken NC (Current Affair)  
12:00 Whare Maori PG (Series)  
12:30 Moose TV PG (Current Affair)  
1:00 Colour Theory PG (Documentary Series)  
1:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
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5:30 NITV News NC (News)  
6:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
6:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
7:00 NITV News NC (News)  
7:30 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
8:00 Ravens And Eagles -Series 2 PG (Documentary Series)  
8:30 Bougainville: An Evergreen Island G (Doc)  
9:00 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)  
10:00 Mataka M (Series)  
10:30 Moccasin Flats MA (Drama)  
11:00 NITV News NC (News)  
11:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)

## TUESDAY 7TH MAY

12:00 Volumz PG (Entertainment)  
6:00 Move It Mob Style PG (Kids)  
6:30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids)  
7:00 Go Lingo G (Kids)  
7:30 Tipi Tales G (Kids)  
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8:00 Move It Mob Style G (Kids)  
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10:00 Grounded G (Lifestyle)  
10:30 Chocolate Martini G (Entertainment)  
11:00 Down 2 Earth PG (Documentary Series)  
11:30 Ravens And Eagles -Series 2 PG (Documentary Series)  
12:00 Bougainville: An Evergreen Island G (Documentary)  
1:00 By The Rapids PG (Entertainment)  
1:30 The Last Explorer PG (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 G (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 Rhea 2013 (Series)  
9:00 Frontier PG (Series)  
10:00 Lonely Boy Richard M (Documentary)  
11:00 NITV News NC (Series)  
11:30 Grounded G (Lifestyle)





# Trailblazing nurse out of the shadows



**GUMBAYNGGIRR**  
Elder Harry Mumbulla was walking along a quiet corridor of

Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital last year when he came across an old photo of an Aboriginal nurse.

It was a portrait of Marilyn Pollitt-Smith (nee Lowe), the first Aboriginal trainee and graduate of the Nurses' Training School of the Royal Newcastle Hospital.

Mr Mumbulla contacted the hospital's Aboriginal liaison officer Donna Meehan and they felt the photo should be displayed in a more prominent place so more people could see it.

Earlier this month there was a celebration to mark the hanging of an enlarged copy of the photo in the main hallway of the hospital.

At the opening, Royal

Newcastle Hospital Heritage Trust secretary Dr Betty Cooper spoke about knowing Marilyn when she was a nursing sister in the operating theatres and a poem written about about her by Mr Mumbulla was read out. (See page 23.)

The opening was attended by Marilyn's brother, Norman Hutchison, and Robin Gordon who, with Marilyn, wrote her history.

## Graduation

The studio portrait was taken in 1963, when Ms Lowe graduated.

She was born in Katherine, Northern Territory, and came to the Hunter Valley as a teenager in 1954, to be fostered by Mr and Mrs Reid.

She attended Belmont High School and began her nursing

training in 1959. On completion of her training in 1963, Ms Lowe worked in the operating theatre, before moving to Lidcombe Hospital, then Brisbane to complete her midwifery training, in 1964.

She then travelled for two years to Canada, the United States and Europe.

Ms Lowe completed her Tresillian training in Melbourne during 1967 and then worked at the Peter MacCallum Hospital.

In 1969 she travelled to Canada, where she met her husband, Michael Pollitt-Smith.

They have three grown-up children.

Mrs Pollitt-Smith worked until November 2005, when she retired.

She now lives with her husband in Crystal City, Manitoba, Canada.

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# Mowanjum church has centenary



THE Mowanjum Uniting Church is celebrating a century of the relationship between the Mowanjum people of Western Australia's Kimberley and the Presbyterian/Uniting churches with a series of events early next month. The mission formally began in October 1912 and continued with missions at Kunmunya and Wotjulum on the Kimberley coast then at Old Mowanjum from the mid 1950s to late 1970s.

The community became an incorporated body with its own council in 1974. It was moved to a new site in 1980 by the Government, where it remains today.

The Worrorra, Wunambal and Ngarinyin language groups who formed the community have continued to relate to their lands and practise their culture, leading to native title recognitions in 2004 and 2011 for substantial parts of the Kimberley.

The Mowanjum Uniting Church is inviting people to a special occasion to mark the history. The event will include:

Welcome and meal on Friday, 3 May, at Mowanjum Uniting Church; films of the past (Lai Lai) on Saturday, May 4, with a gathering at Old Mowanjum to recognise and remember the contribution and stories of those who have helped form the community; and on Sunday, 5 May, ecumenical worship at Mowanjum and an exhibition of memorabilia.

These gatherings will include the sharing of many stories, including the loss of leaving land and cultural environs, life in new communities and the importance of culture and faith.

Contact Robert Hoskin (Rev Dr) on reh1@optusnet.com.au or 0478 549 165 or Steve Orme on steve.orme@ns.uca.org.au for more information or to register.



Cathy Freeman with students from Palm Island, Annabelle Ketchup and Moira Murray.

## Freeman wants deadly runners to join her team for City2Surf



OLYMPIC gold medallist Cathy Freeman is challenging Sydneysiders to join her in this year's City2Surf on 11 August.

And for a limited number of people willing to pay a \$100 minimum donation to the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF), there will be a place in Cathy's Deadly Runners team.

Team participants will get to run with former Sydney Swans champion Michael O'Loughlin and actor Luke Carroll.

The money raised in the 14km event will go to CFF Indigenous education programs.

Each year the foundation supports more than 600 Indigenous children on Palm Island.

"I believe all Australian children deserve the same education opportunities and that's why I've joined Cathy's Deadly Runners," Mr Carroll said.

For those joining the team, they will start at the front of the pack, have their own 14km

training program, and will receive motivational and training emails from Freeman, along with running gear.

There will also be other incentives, including an iPad for the top fundraiser and AFL tickets for the runners-up.

According to ABS data, Palm Island is ranked as the fourth most disadvantaged community in Australia.

Less than 10 per cent of Year 7 students on Palm Island meet the minimum national standard for reading and writing, and truancy rates

sometimes reach 55 per cent.

"There is still a lot of work to be done in closing the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, but with the support of the Deadly Runners, CFF can continue to make an even bigger difference, not just today but in generations to come," Ms Freeman said.

For more details and to register for a CFF Deadly Runners Gold Charity ticket, contact CFF on deadlyrunners@cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au or 03 9686 4813.



### The NSW Environmental Trust invites applications to the Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available  
(Total program \$500,000)

For more information about the program contact the  
**Aboriginal Programs Officer on (02) 8837 6399**

Applications open on 16 March 2013 and close at 5pm on 31 May 2013

#### Workshops and Webinars

Available to help you prepare a quality grant application.

#### Webinar dates

22 April, 23 April, 24 April and 20 May at 10am - 11am

#### Workshop dates and locations

**Tweed** (21 March) **Batemans Bay** (26 March) **Sydney - Penrith** (4 April)

**Coonabarabran** (9 April) **Bourke** (11 April) **Condobolin** (30 April)

**Balranald** (2 May) **Deniliquin** (7 May) **Bowraville** (14 May) **Newcastle** (16 May)

To register please contact the Trust on (02) 8837 6093 or  
email [info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au)

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website:

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au)

# No way to get licence on Palm

By ALF WILSON



THE lack of an officer on the north Queensland community of Palm Island to conduct driving licence tests is causing problems, according to locals. Resident Maggie Blackley (pictured) told the *Koori Mail* a testing officer had not been at the island's police station for several weeks.

"There is no way to get a licence on Palm and it is a real concern. Having a driver's licence here is important," she said.

Mrs Blackley said many people were waiting for a licence test and their only option was to travel to the mainland.

"We have quite a few young people waiting and it is very expensive to get to Townsville," she said.

There is about 8km of bitumen road on Palm Island, which has a population of about 3000.

A Queensland police spokesman



confirmed the situation, but said it would only be temporary.

"Somebody has to be trained up and must be able to use the computer system. It should be sorted out soon," he said.

The spokesman said Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey had been briefed on the matter.



# OCHRE plan for NSW welcomed



THE NSW Government's new plan for Aboriginal Affairs, OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Employment), has been given a ringing endorsement by First Languages Australia, a national advocacy group for Indigenous languages. First Languages education spokesman Kevin Lowe said NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello had taken significant steps towards a strategic and coordinated approach to Aboriginal language education.

"Past proposals targetting language education have suffered from a failure to plan for progression through school or community education to employment, broader engagement and capacity building," he said.

"With this whole-of-community approach, people involved in the areas of education and employment can now plan for successful and clearly measurable outcomes."

Five language areas are nominated for support through the OCHRE plan – Wiradjuri, Paakantji, Gamilaraay, Gumbaynggir and Bundjalung.

"People in these communities have been investing enormous effort over many years to keep their language programs operating," Mr Lowe said.

"This has been, for the major part, with



Lionel Lovett teaches a Parkes Public School class in Wiradjuri, one of the five targetted language regions in New South Wales.

little or no payment for their skills and commitment.

"We are keen to continue talks with the minister's office to see the language education plan backed with structured pay and employment conditions and accredited training for language professionals, to quickly correct the past imbalances.

"It's a great outcome to see NSW

setting the pace for other states and territories."

Mr Lowe said the plan to teach language in the five regions would link in with the Federal Government's recent announcement of funding to support the creation of language teaching resources by communities through the Creative Australia policy.

## Doctors' group initiative is Alive and Well



AN initiative of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students to pursue a career in health.

AIDA president Tammy Kimpton said 30 Indigenous senior high school students had been chosen to be part of Murra Mullangari – Pathways Alive and Well.

"It is extremely important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to know the wide range of rewarding careers in health that are open to them from a very early age," she said.

"Murra Mullangari is one way of empowering our young people to achieve their goals."

Annie Ingui, a 17-year-old Torres Strait Islander student from Queensland, said she was interested in a health career because she wanted to make a difference in Indigenous communities.

"I think it is important to make other Indigenous mothers comfortable while they are having their baby, and Indigenous women are most likely going to want an Indigenous midwife," she said.

"Murra Mullangari will be an important experience for me because it's going to help me go further in being a midwife."

Murra Mullangari has a five-day residential program and a follow-up mentoring component.

AIDA CEO Romlie Mokak said 200 applications were received for the 30 places.

"The high demand reflects the fact that Murra Mullangari is a program run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people," he said.

For further information visit [www.aida.org.au/murramullangari](http://www.aida.org.au/murramullangari)

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## 2013 Long Walk campaign starts in Alice Springs



THE Long Walk 2013 campaign started in Alice Springs on Easter Saturday with former AFL star Michael Long speaking about the importance of putting the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people back on the national agenda.

Local students organised the walk from the town council lawn to Traeger Park, after being inspired by The Long Walk's schools program Walk the Talk and to show how the students of Alice Springs care about the level of violence, substance abuse and poverty in their community.

● Left: Michael Long speaking in Alice Springs with Long Walkers.

● See our calendar on page 75 for more

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### WESTERN KANGOULU NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP

#### NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Queensland South Native Title Services ('QSNTS') has received requests from people identifying as Western Kangoulu to assist with the authorisation and lodging of a native title determination application pursuant to its functions under section 203B(a) of the Native Title Act 1993.

The **WESTERN KANGOULU NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP** is provisionally described as the descendants of the following persons:

- Polly aka Polly Brown aka Polly McAvoy
- John 'Jack' Bradley
- Hanny of Emerald
- Nannie, mother of Nelly Roberts
- Annie/Nanny Duggan and Ned Duggan

This map is a depiction of the area of land and waters over which the Western Kangoulu Native Title Claim Group asserts native title rights and interests:

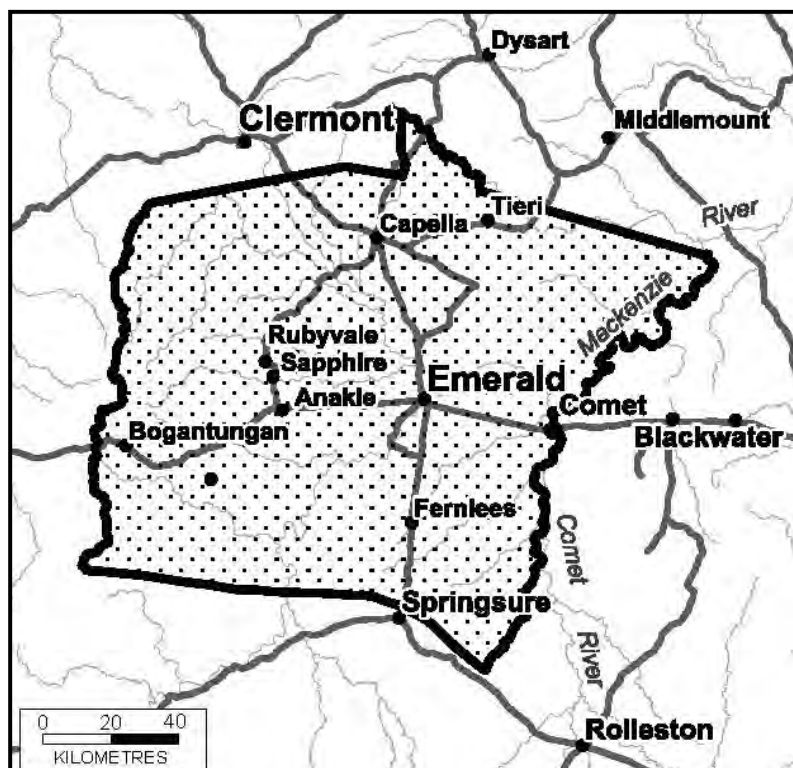
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**This Notice** invites all members of the **WESTERN KANGOULU NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP** (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday 4 May 2013  
**Venue of Meeting:** Emerald Maraboon Tavern. Cnr Hospital Rd. & Esmond St Emerald Qld 4720  
**Time of Meeting:** Registration 9:30am  
 Meeting Open 10:00am SHARP

**The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting on Saturday 4 May 2013 is to:**

1. Consider whether to authorise one or more native title claims in relation to the land and water in the areas depicted in the map;
2. Determine terms and conditions for the appointment of an Applicant to represent that native title claim group in any authorised application; and
3. Authorise an Applicant to represent that native title claim group in any authorised application.



Queensland South Native Title Services regrets that it is unable to assist attendees with travel or accommodation assistance.

**All members of the Western Kangoulu 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

# Joanne named for top honour



A CHANGE of career has led to Joanne Rayner being named 2013 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the

Year at Perth's West Coast Institute. The mother-of-three spent several years working as an Aboriginal and Islander education officer at a Perth primary school.

But nursing had always interested her and, at the age of 50, the Bullsbrook woman became one of the first students to complete a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at West Coast's Aboriginal Academy of Sport, Health and Education.

"I gained a lot of knowledge in the nursing assistance course through a practical placement at Kalamunda Hospital which got me full-time employment at the end, which was fantastic," Ms Rayner said.

She now works as a nursing assistant on the west wing medical ward at Swan District Hospital in Midland where she is responsible for caring for patients and assisting doctors and nurses.

"It can be fast and overflowing and I get to meet all sorts of patients," Ms Rayner



Joanne Rayner accepting her award from sponsor Tjorn Sibma, of the Yanchep Beach Joint Venture.

said. "They don't see many Aboriginal people working in a nursing environment so I've gained a lot of respect from patients as well as my fellow workers."

"I like doing things by the book and following correct practices and procedures and

I'm not afraid to pull people up on things, even the doctors!"

Ms Rayner plans to return to West Coast Institute to complete a Diploma of Enrolled Nursing course.

Her ultimate goal is to attend university to become a registered nurse.

## Wellbeing framework call



AUSTRALIA should focus on the strengths, resilience and achievements of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people rather than the negatives. That's according to a study carried out by the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation, which found that a new way of viewing health and wellbeing was needed.

The review explored links between education, employment, health and wellbeing, and found that nationwide research into Aboriginal issues tended to

describe them in terms of disadvantage and dysfunction.

But the researchers believe there is a better way.

They argue that there is a need to develop a wellbeing framework that accurately reflects education, employment, health and wellbeing, and the interplay between them.

"This framework should recognise the strengths and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and clearly represent their own values and local perspectives," the report said.

These include issues such as kinship, empowerment, inclusive communities and resilience,

which their report finds to be of particular importance to wellbeing in Aboriginal society.

Project leader Associate Professor Sheree Cairney said the evidence suggested that wellbeing was more often achieved when strong cultural identity and empowerment was combined with relevant education and available jobs.

She said research aimed to develop a wellbeing framework that represented what was important to Indigenous people in remote communities in relation to education, employment, health and wellbeing – and use those indicators to measure progress.



# Arts alliance meets

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE latest developments in the industry were on the agenda when far north Queensland's Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA) held its first meeting as an incorporated association in Cairns last week.

Chair Solomon Booth, from Mua Island in the Torres Strait, said there had been several meetings over the past few years, but this was the first to involve both art centre managers and board members.

"Board members came down with the managers so they could also have an insight into the industry and what's happening," he said.

"A majority of the board members are actually traditional owners who live in the community and some work for the arts centre.

"IACA was a few years in the making to where we are at the moment, and I was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right

time when votes went out for an Indigenous person to lead this organisation.

"I was pretty proud and honoured to be nominated to run as a young Indigenous man.

"I thought I would like to take on that leadership role, not only doing it for myself but for my people as well – across Cape York, from Cardwell to Mornington Island and the Torres Strait. Currently, we have 13 members representing about 250 artists."

Mr Booth said that as a peak body for the arts centres, IACA meetings were about anything new in the Indigenous arts industry.

"It's about what's happening around the market scene, issues that come up in arts centres, and arts law, so each arts centre can run more successfully," he said.

The Cairns meeting had been a success despite several concerns raised about the future of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Mr Booth said.

"CIAF took up most of the second day of the two-day meeting," he said.



Charlie Street, from Weipa's Wei'Num Arts, Murray Upper artist Debra Murray and Badu Island's Laurie Nona.



Mua Island artist David Bosun, IACA chair Solomon Booth, and Mua Island's Ngalmun Lagau Minaral Art Centre manager Anthony Murphy.



From left, Erub's Ida Wano, Gab Titui/Torres Strait Regional Authority's (TSRA) Diat Alferink, Erub's Dianne Lui, Gab Titui/TSRA's Mary Bani and Erub's Racy Pitt at the meeting.



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## Aboriginal Heritage

Richmond Road upgrade  
Between Townson Road and Grange Avenue,  
Marsden Park

In March 2010, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) invited Aboriginal people and Aboriginal groups to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Richmond Road upgrade between Bells Creek and Grange Avenue, Marsden Park.

Due to recent changes to the alignment near the Transgrid high voltage electrical transmission tower north of Townson Road, the proposed footprint has changed. Due to this change RMS has identified additional impacts.

A number of persons and organisations have already registered in the consultation process.

Roads and Maritime Services now wish to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal people not already registered to join in the continuing consultation process.

To register your interest, please contact:

**Barry Gunther**  
RMS Senior Aboriginal Cultural Heritage  
Advisor, Sydney  
PO Box 973 Parramatta CBD, NSW 2124  
T: (02) 8849 2006 F: (02) 8849 2886

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 10 May 2013**.

The proposal may result in the Roads and Maritime Services:

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



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## Apply Now – NRM Community and Volunteer Support Grants

The Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon Ian Hunter MLC, invites community groups to apply for a Natural Resources Management (NRM) Community Grant for their local land care, coast care, water care or Volunteer Support Grant for on-park activities. Up to \$1.5 million is available for NRM Community Grants which is part of the South Australian government's 2013-14 State NRM Program. Up to \$60,000 is available for Volunteer Support Grants.

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**Applications close 5pm Friday 17 May 2013.**

To apply for a grant, visit [www.nrm.sa.gov.au/Funding/CommunityGrants.aspx](http://www.nrm.sa.gov.au/Funding/CommunityGrants.aspx) or contact Liz Matthews on (08) 8124 4923 or [dewnnrmprogram@sa.gov.au](mailto:dewnnrmprogram@sa.gov.au)

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Applications for 2012-2013 financial year close **5pm, Friday 14 June 2013**.

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NSW Trade & Investment  
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Sydney NSW 2001  
Fax: 02 8281 7799



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# Stolen wages push from Katter's Party



KATTER'S Australian Party (KAP) is calling for Queensland's crime watchdog to investigate why more than \$20 million in stolen wages has not been paid to Indigenous people.

In 2002, the Beattie Government in Queensland offered more than \$50 million in compensation to Indigenous people who had their wages stolen from the early 1900s to the 1970s.

But not all that money was paid out, and the Bligh Government spent about \$21 million from the fund on schools, Indigenous stolen wages campaigners said.

KAP MP Shane Knuth says the party wants the Crime and Misconduct Commission to investigate the previous Government's use of the fund and for the money to be paid to the rightful people.

"We are calling for the CMC to investigate the money that was given, and the money that was taken away that should have been rightfully theirs," he said.

## There's 23 million Australians now



AUSTRALIA'S population hit 23 million about 10pm yesterday, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The bureau says Australia's population reached 11.5 million in 1966 and so it has taken less than 47 years to double to 23 million. The global population doubled at a slightly faster rate, hitting 3.5 billion in 1968 and reaching seven billion in late 2011, a period of just over 43 years.

The bureau says Australia's Indigenous population was about 550,000 in 2011, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people making up 2.5 per cent of the population. — AAP

## Coodanup Academy a winner for boys



ABORIGINAL boys in the Mandurah region south of Perth are being helped by recently established Coodanup Clontarf Academy.

Clontarf academies use Aboriginal boys' passion for Australian rules football to attract them into regular school attendance.

Coodanup, which has received a \$112,000 Western Australian Government grant, already has 37 students from Year 8-12.

WA Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said there were eight Clontarf Academies across regional Western Australia.

"This is an important program because it supports students to develop strong values, skills and abilities which help them stay on track and achieve life goals," he said.

"The Clontarf boys undertake activities based on the areas of education, leadership, employment, healthy lifestyles, life skills and football."

In order to remain in the program, students must continue to work at school and embrace the objectives of the Clontarf Foundation.

## Youth urged to look after sexual health



YOUTH and sexual health services from Sydney Local Health District have urged young people to look after their sexual health and get checked for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's Associate Professor Catherine O'Connor said sexual health was an essential component of staying healthy, but it was often overlooked.

"We want to remind young people that getting tested for STIs is easy to do and can be as simple as providing a urine sample," she said.

Some tips for youth include:

- Carrying and using condoms;
- Not all STIs have symptoms;
- Getting a test for STIs as part of any GP consultation;
- Friends and peers should be supported around sexual health.



Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge participants at Angledool Station including representatives of the Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council, Western Catchment Management Authority and Lightning Ridge Central school.

# Ridge fires up at workshops



REPRESENTATIVES from the Lightning Ridge Local Aboriginal Land Council met recently with members of the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group to discuss traditional land management practices for use in north-western NSW, including the use of fire.

The workshop was the second in a series organised by the Western CMA, to collect traditional knowledge for use in the Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge System, a web database with links to relevant organisations, documents, audio and video files about Aboriginal cultural heritage in the region.

Discussion topics included the uses of local plants, techniques for caring for

different land types but the main focus of the workshop was the use of fire in traditional land management practices.

The group discussed the way Aboriginal people traditionally used low intensity, cool fires in a mosaic pattern to clear and encourage native vegetation growth. These fires encourage soil health and biodiversity, which are at risk during a bushfire.

The group took a tour of Angledool, a property owned by Rory Treweweke, and examined an area of pine country that had previously been burnt to see how it affected regrowth and control of invasive native scrub.

CMA Officer Aboriginal Knowledge Ricky Archer said the attendance of five Aboriginal Studies students from Lightning Ridge Central School was encouraging.

"These workshops are not only about

collecting traditional ecological knowledge, they're also about sharing it across communities," Mr Archer said.

"Having the next generation here to learn about these practices is really important because, along with the Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge System, it means the traditional knowledge and practices will be kept alive.

"That means more sustainable farming practices in our catchment, both now and in the future."

The workshops are funded by the Australian Government's Caring for Country program.

Meetings are also scheduled for Bourke and Brewarrina, with further workshops to be held in Menindee, Wilcannia, Cobar and Collarenebri.

Follow-up field day demonstrations with a focus on fire methods are planned for May and June.



Mutthi Mutthi Elder Mary Pappin speaks about water on the banks of the Murrumbidgee.

# The importance of water highlighted



TWO new documentary films made in collaboration with Traditional Owners (TOs) in southern NSW highlight the importance of Indigenous knowledge in water management.

Project coordinator Mutthi Mutthi Elder Mary Pappin said the Cultural Flows films, produced by members of the Wadi Wadi and Mutthi Mutthi nations, will premiere on 27 April at the Tooleybuc Sporting Club, beside the Murray River.

Project coordinator Wadi Wadi man Cain Chaplin said the films were the result of nearly two years' work.

Members of the Wadi Wadi and Mutthi Mutthi nations worked with staff and volunteers from Friends of the Earth Melbourne to produce the two 25-minute documentaries.

"They are a wonderful accomplishment for the community and a powerful tool to use in our efforts to share knowledge and restore our rights as custodians

of country," Mr Chaplin said.

The films explore the connections that communities maintain with rivers and waterways, as well as the need for reforms that allow TOs to care for their country, culture and communities.

The films present a compelling argument for Indigenous water allocations and better engagement between water managers and TOs.

"Water and land are two things that are vital for Aboriginal people; the two things that sustain us in our traditional way," Ms Pappin said.

"This is our supermarket. If it doesn't get the water that it needs, it's not going to be any use to us at all.

"It's very important that this message gets out to Australia right across the board, because it tells us about the struggle for Aboriginal people to maintain and preserve their culture and heritage, no matter what tribe they are from. We have to make sure that these stories are told for our younger generations."

All are welcome to this free event.





Matthew Mancktelow (ATSILS), David Collins (Brisbane Natives Rugby League Club), Tiga Bayles (BIMA), Jody Currie (Institute of Urban Indigenous Health, or IUIHs), Adrian Carson (IUIH), Lizzie Adams (QATSICPP), Selwyn Button (ATSICHS) and Justin Saunders (Black Housing) were on the committee that organised the celebrations.



Auntie Ruth Hegarty hit the dance floor with her daughters Mayleah Bemrose and Moira Bligh.

# 40 years of service

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FOR years they've supported and enriched the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in south-east Queensland with little recognition.

But that changed earlier this month when hundreds of people turned out to celebrate what for some in the Indigenous housing, media, health, legal, aged care, sports and child protection sectors amounted to four decades of culture, heritage and hard work.

The 'Forty years of service and going strong' gala dinner held at Rydges Hotel in Southbank on 12 April reflected on the Indigenous community movement in south-east Qld, especially the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (ATSICHS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service (ATSILS), Brisbane Indigenous Media Association (BIMA), Black Housing, Qld Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSICPP), and the Brisbane Natives Rugby League Club.

Video segments looking back on the volunteer-driven fight for Indigenous rights honoured the likes of Auntie Janie Arnold, Uncle Dennis Walker, Uncle Les Collins, Auntie Pam Mam and Uncle Steve Mam.

"None of them did what they did to line their own pockets," ATSICHS chairperson and Qld Aboriginal Islander Health Council (QAIHC) CEO Selwyn Button said of the dozens of Elders acknowledged.

## Rolled up sleeves

"They just rolled up their sleeves and did it for our families, organisations and communities."

However, Mr Button said the celebrations needed to reflect on the failures of the past as well as the successes.

"If we want to build strong organisations, families and communities, we have to take ownership of it all," he said.

"Let's start thinking tomorrow what we're going

to do for the next 40 years."

Keynote speaker for the night was long-time activist, artist and academic Auntie Lilla Watson, who declared to cheers: "We are a strong people; we are a cultured people; we are the first people of this land."

"We've come together to celebrate and it is a celebration for all of us," Auntie Lilla said. "I can't remember the names of everybody who contributed but I know it was a whole mob, a whole community, that have done it together."

Other highlights of the dinner included performances by the Nunukul Yuggera Dancers, young slide guitarist and Beenleigh high school student Chris Tamwoy, and comedian Stephen Oliver.

Federal Member for Griffith and former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was a last-minute RSVP and proved popular with the crowd. Other VIP guests included Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking Tom Calma, and Logie-winning filmmaker Wayne Blair.



Nathan Appo and Kirrily Phillips rubbed shoulders with MP and former prime minister Kevin Rudd.



Keynote speaker Lilla Watson, on right, with her husband Richard Buchhorn and sister April Wilson.



Brisbane's Billy Gorham and Jody Jackson, with Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.



Nunukul Yuggera Dancers.



Honor Cleary, in front, with Selena Seymour, Honor's grandson Frank Malone and Valda Coolwell.



Tricia Button, from the Red Cross, and anti-smoking campaigner Tom Calma.



Sue Morgan, Albert Bowie, Benaiah Bowie, Mareshah Bowie, Talitha Bowie and Monica Bowie with filmmaker Wayne Blair.



Young Chris Tamwoy with Pam and Steve Mam.



## Website promotes black businesses



THE Queensland Government has launched a website, called Black Business Finder, to help promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses. Education, Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek said the free website

would give Indigenous businesses more opportunities to connect with industry.

"By promoting and strengthening Indigenous business we are creating opportunities to reduce Indigenous unemployment," he said.

"If a Queensland business has at least 50 per cent Indigenous ownership, or hires at least 75 per cent Indigenous workers, they'll be eligible to be on the Black Business Finder."

More than 130 businesses are listed on the website – [www.bbf.org.au](http://www.bbf.org.au)

## Computers a boost for Darwin group



THE Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties (FORWAARD) in Darwin has just received a welcome boost.

The organisation, which works to help people regain control of their lives and manage substance

misuse, now has six laptop computers made available under the Northern Territory Government's Computers for Community program.

FORWAARD said the ex-government computers would be put to good use by program participants in residential rehabilitation, including sessions in a classroom.

NT Business Minister David Tollner welcomed the work of FORWAARD.

"This is an important life skills program that will help people recovering from problems with alcohol and other drugs to build confidence in using computers," he said.

"It will provide them with skills they can use to make themselves more employable upon graduating from this important program."

## Emergency surgery rate much higher



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are twice as likely as other Australians to be admitted to hospital for an emergency involving surgery, a new report has found.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report 'Australian hospital statistics 2011-12', showed that 25 Indigenous people in every 1000 were emergency admissions, compared with 13 per 1000 people for other Australians.

In contrast, Indigenous Australians had a much lower rate of elective admissions involving surgery compared with other Australians, 54 per 1000 people compared with 87 per 1000 people, respectively.

## Link-Up will open office in Mount Isa



LINK-UP Queensland is opening an office in Mount Isa, to help Indigenous people forcibly separated through adoption, fostering, removal and institutionalisation to reconnect with lost families and communities.

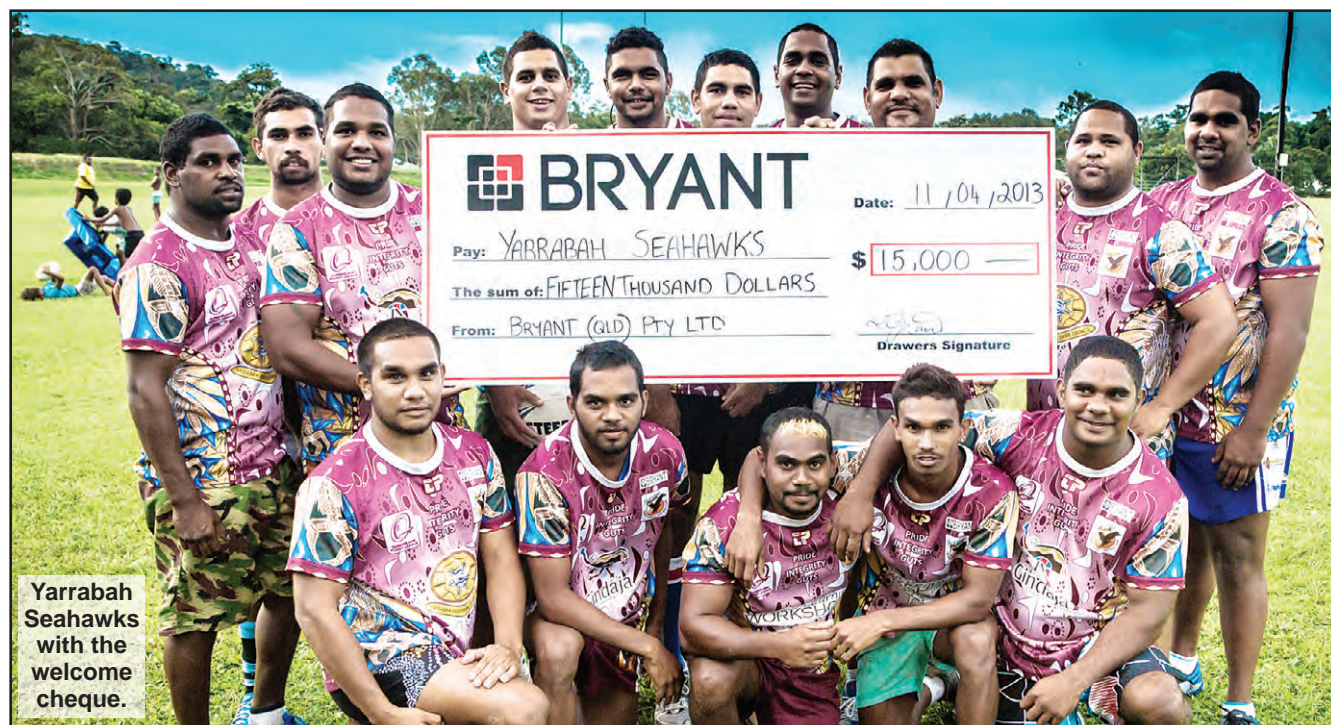
CEO Sheryl Sandy said that in the almost 30 years since Link-Up Qld was founded, counsellors and caseworkers had brought about more than 500 reunions.

"The service is not just for Stolen Generation people," she said. "The children and grandchildren of Stolen Generation people can also feel the terrible impacts of forced separations in earlier generations."

The Mt Isa office will be at 1/81 Miles Street and is due to be officially launched just before Sorry Day, on Tuesday, 21 May.

Link-Up Qld's services are available to Indigenous people aged at least 18. Services are free and confidential.

For further information, contact Link-Up on 1800 200 855 or email [contact@qld.link-up.org.au](mailto:contact@qld.link-up.org.au)



Yarrabah Seahawks with the welcome cheque.

# Players score new sponsor

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THEY'VE been flying the flag for Yarrabah in the Cairns and District Rugby League (CDRL) competition for 13 years, and finally this year the Seahawks will be 'doing it in style' with a cash grant and administrative support thanks to construction company Bryant.

The Seahawks have four teams – A Grade, Reserve, Under-18s and C Grade – that have, until now, been supported by community donations.

Last year's Reserves won the premiership, and at least one Yarrabah side has made the finals series in ten of the past 12 seasons.

Yarrabah was runner-up at the 2012 Murri League Carnival in Ipswich, and interim club president Ian Patterson

said the club was aiming to go one better this year.

"The club did really well over the last 13 years. They just had minor sponsors here and there, but nothing near as significant as this one we've signed off on," he said.

"It is a big achievement for the club and for the community as well."

Bryant Indigenous engagement manager Jason Smith said the company, which is building 19 houses in Yarrabah, had always looked for other ways to support the communities they work in.

"Max Bryant, the CEO of Bryant, is a very big rugby League fan and an ex-player who has been following League all his life," Mr Smith said.

"So, when this fell into our lap, he pushed it quite strongly."

The Yarrabah deal includes \$15,000 cash, signage to support the name

change that comes with the deal, support with business plans and an administrative trainee, Shawana Dabah, who spends one day of her working week with club secretary Sondra Lively.

"We've got very, very talented players and we're not in the best financial position. The other teams can throw money at them," Ms Lively said.

"Now our players are coming back and we've always been told that we could win a premiership if we had our men playing for Bryant Yarrabah Seahawks, as we are now called."

Ms Lively said the players had to participate in compulsory programs.

"It's not just about playing football," she said. "If they want to be part of this club now, they have to be part of all this as well and commit."

"That's how we're going to try and look at changing their attitudes, not only for the game but in their homes."

# Students learn respect and culture at camp



EIGHT Aboriginal students from Karratha Senior High School were so inspired by learning about their culture on a

recent camp that they are forming a leadership group to help other students.

The camp, over the Easter weekend, was organised by the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation and attended by family, local Elders and role models.

Camp organiser and local foundation co-ordinator Maureen Carmichael said the camp was based on the theme 'Respect', and aimed to encourage the students to better understand their own culture on a deeper level and



Students from Karratha Senior High School went on a camp with family, Elders and mentors over Easter.

to develop a sense of pride in being Aboriginal.

"We went to some very special places which are significant to the local Aboriginal people and were able to talk about the

harshness of bygone days, acknowledge spiritual connections to place and learn about traditional bush foods, medicines and ways of life," she said.

"The kids got to skin a roo,

hunt lizards, cook and eat roo stew and fresh fish they caught themselves.

"We talked a lot about respect, representing their ancestors and culture, the strength of their bloodlines and how all of that could be applied back at school in their school work, with their teachers and with the other students."

"What ended up coming out of it was this group of students forming a new leadership team, which will aim to advocate cultural awareness, values and respect in the school."

Ms Carmichael said the camp was made possible with funding from Rio Tinto and the Woodside-operated North West Shelf Project and thanked Karratha Senior High School principal Greg Kelly.



# Writers to get festive

By RUDI MAXWELL



THE Sydney Writers’ Festival has a strong Indigenous program this year, including what’s being billed as ‘an explosive investigation of Indigenous Australian literature and identity’, led by Sydney University academic Peter Minter, with prominent Aboriginal writers Lionel Fogarty, Jeanine Leane and Melissa Lucashenko.

Dr Leane told the *Koori Mail* that since 1988 there had been a proliferation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writing, a lot of which related to identity, history and different ways of story-telling.

“Identity is about grounding and placing yourself, knowing what your place is in the country in the bigger scheme of things. When you know that you can write a bit more about the history of those places and relationships,” she said.

“With my own writing, identity is about country and people and where and how you belong and when you know that you can tell other people’s stories.”

Dr Leane, a Wiradjuri woman from south-west NSW, has an Australian Research Council grant for a proposal called ‘Reading the Nation: A critical study of Aboriginal/settler representation in the contemporary Australian literary landscape’.

In 2010, her first volume of poetry, *Dark Secrets After Dreaming: AD 1887-1961*, won the Scanlon Prize for Indigenous Poetry from the Australian Poets’ Union and

‘It’s important to look at situations that arise regarding Aboriginal identity and be aware about what informs the mainstream’ – Jeanine Leane



her manuscript *Purple Threads*, a historical novel, won the David Unaipon Award at the Queensland Premier’s Literary Awards and was shortlisted for the 2012 Commonwealth Book Prize.

Dr Leane said discussions about identity were useful when they addressed diversity.

“There are a lot of different ways to be Aboriginal in Australia and there are a lot of commonalities,” she said. “In terms of these discussions, it’s really important to have them so the public is aware of the diversity of Aboriginality and identity.

“Sometimes when I read other Indigenous writers who are far from my country, I’m not familiar with the country, but I am familiar with the type of connection and stories that people tell in terms of connecting.

“It’s important to look at situations that arise regarding Aboriginal identity and be

aware about what informs the mainstream. I think you have to consider what informs Aboriginality beyond geniality and one positive thing is to keep an open mind and listen to each particular circumstance.”

Dr Leane said she had long felt a passion for discussing the representation of Aboriginal people in colonial literature, and that one of the attractions of writing historical fiction was the freedom within a structure. “I guess the thing is all history is fiction, because it depends on who is telling the story; one person’s truth can be different to another’s,” she said.

“I was raised by older aunties who used to be domestic servants, and so they were well acquainted with the way things were in white society and always critical when things were written as gospel truth.

“Historical fiction has the potential to tell a story from a number of different

standpoints or truths. It’s not cut and dried. There’s a capacity for a multiplicity of views.

“With fiction, you can develop your characters and, if you’re a good writer, you can construct characters that readers build up an enormous amount empathy with.”

Dr Leane said that since 1988, identity had become topical for Australia as a whole.

“We’ve had Mabo, Keating’s Redfern Park address, a change of government, Wik, John Howard’s refusal to apologise to the Stolen Generations, other things that have affected all of Australia, Kevin Rudd and the Apology,” she said.

“I think all of Australia has gone through some quite turbulent times in terms of identity; that the whole of Australia has come to question identity. When you look at things like the history wars, or John Howard’s use of the term ‘unAustralian’ or Kate Grenville’s book – whose secret river was it? – it’s interesting times for the whole country.

“I strongly believe that whatever the country, the literature reflects the imagination, and these things are very much at the forefront of the imagination.”

The discussion by Dr Leane and others regarding Indigenous Australian literature and identity is a free event as part of the Sydney Writers’ Festival. It will be from 2.30-3.30pm on 24 May, at Sydney Dance 2, Walsh Bay.

For more information about the festival and its Indigenous program, go to [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au)



Australian Government  
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Indigenous Corporations

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in breach



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations listed below have not lodged their 2011–12 reports with the Registrar. This means they are in breach of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* or related legislation. Reports are due by the end of December each year.

Failure to comply may result in the deregistration or prosecution of the corporation.

Please contact 1800 622 431 if you need help with your reports or if you believe the corporation has already lodged its 2011–12 reports.

Anthony Beven, Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

ICN	Corporation name
4230	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Gold and Gloves Sports & Recreation Club
7246	All Nations for Christ Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation
7213	All Points Developments and Construction Indigenous Corporation
7302	Badhulgaw Kuthinaw Mudh Torres Strait Islander Corporation
3928	Bana Mindilji Aboriginal Corporation
4666	Barkandji Land Holding Aboriginal Corporation
7473	Barrangoo Wiala Clan Aboriginal Corporation
4100	Batharra Aboriginal Corporation
7090	Bellambi Indigenous Corporation
4570	Bireen Aboriginal Corporation
1830	Bow River Aboriginal Corporation
4601	Braeside Aboriginal Corporation
7540	Bulluluwarra Bushfire Aboriginal Corporation
593	Burringurrah Community Aboriginal Corporation
7292	Burrumburru Aboriginal Corporation
7226	Capital Development Aboriginal Corporation
3381	Carnarvon Community Patrol Aboriginal Corporation
1962	Darumbal-Noolar Murree Aboriginal Corporation for Land and Culture
7357	Dawu Aboriginal Corporation
845	Dillon Springs Aboriginal Corporation
7402	Djaamal Aboriginal Corporation
4731	Djuldjurd Aboriginal Corporation
7424	Doomadgee Rodeo Aboriginal Corporation
2443	Dundalli Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Youth Services
2912	Eidsvold Wakka Wakka Aboriginal Corporation
3786	Emu Creek Bar-Barrum Aboriginal Corporation
7036	Galangoor Duwulami Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation (Primary Health Care Service)
956	Galburring Aboriginal Corporation
3804	Gilgandra Booris Playgroup Aboriginal Corporation

ICN	Corporation name
1999	Gkuthaarn Aboriginal Corporation
4248	Gudjal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
2675	Gunburr Aboriginal Corporation
7371	Huckitta Aboriginal Corporation
7173	Ina Buai Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Corporation (Research and Resource Centre)
4124	Innisfail Community Justice Group (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation)
779	Iragul Aboriginal Corporation
4714	Jajee-warda Aboriginal Corporation
3526	Jilariya Aboriginal Corporation
7452	Jinapi Aboriginal Corporation
4698	Jinna Nudpi Aboriginal Corporation for Arts
4004	"Joining in the Dreaming" Aboriginal Corporation
7459	Jungalla Giniwi widji Aboriginal Corporation
472	Kaltjiti Community (Aboriginal Corporation)
4744	Kamilaroi Development Initiatives Aboriginal Corporation
1563	Kanolu Aboriginal Corporation
3739	Karntimarta Aboriginal Corporation
4387	Karong Aboriginal Corporation
4260	Kokatha Lands Council Aboriginal Corporation
3194	Kuardia Aboriginal Corporation
7436	Kurtjar Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation
4389	Little Burning Mountain Aboriginal Corporation
599	Lundinwarra Aboriginal Corporation
1649	MAAMBA Aboriginal Corporation
1197	Mac Silva Centre Aboriginal Corporation
2261	Mackay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Alternative Care and Foster Care Services
4290	Manbarra Nanggarra Wanggarra Aboriginal Corporation
1397	Mangarrayi Aboriginal Corporation
396	Marralam Darrigar Aboriginal Corporation
4470	Meriba Ya Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Language Professionals

ICN	Corporation name
3827	Minadhu Aboriginal Corporation
7525	MNDBDYSUL Indigenous Corporation
54	Mount Morgan Aboriginal Corporation
2507	Mrangalli Aboriginal Corporation
7351	Mundywadygul Yidindji Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation
4770	Munjumunmun Aboriginal Corporation
7101	Mura Mabai Ghaaw Buai Torres Strait Islander Corporation
2013	Murwangi Community Aboriginal Corporation
4653	Muthi Muthi Nation Aboriginal Corporation
1248	Nalingu Aboriginal Corporation
2879	Namerinni Aboriginal Corporation
7508	Ngama Ngamarda Jajee Warda Aboriginal Corporation
3829	Ngumee-Ngu Aboriginal Corporation
2212	Ngura Urilpa Aboriginal Corporation
7524	Oombulgurri Lands Aboriginal Corporation
3762	Osborne Islands Aboriginal Corporation
7466	Papunya Community Store Aboriginal Corporation
4578	Parrjala Yawarra Aboriginal Corporation
7441	Pepper Corn Avenue Indigenous Corporation
7541	Proserpine Indigenous Reference Group Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation
1260	Quandamooka Lands Council Aboriginal Corporation
4155	Shamrock Hill Aboriginal Corporation
7465	Sisters in Sharing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation
3504	Snowy Mountains Elders Aboriginal Corporation
2467	Tangglun Piltengi Yunti Aboriginal Corporation
3324	Thalngarr Ngarriny Aboriginal Corporation
2476	Thayoree Aboriginal Corporation
442	The Arrernte Council of Central Australia Aboriginal Corporation
1282	The Health Worker Aboriginal Corporation
1350	Tjaliri Aboriginal Corporation

ICN	Corporation name
1572	Ullamulla Pejar Aboriginal Corporation
4324	Urimbirra Aboriginal Corporation
3837	Wahlbrywardu Aboriginal Corporation
1186	Waina Family Aboriginal Corporation
7241	Walbunga Aboriginal Corporation
2957	Waluwarra Aboriginal Corporation
1139	Wangkiyupurnanupurru Aboriginal Corporation
4696	Wanjahnin Women's Aboriginal Corporation
7354	Warraberalgal Fishermen's Torres Strait Islander Corporation
319	Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation
2809	Whyallina Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
229	Williejuddara Aboriginal Corporation
7265	Winjamanu Store Aboriginal Corporation
1215	Wunjuada Aboriginal Corporation for Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Service
7188	Wunkula Training, Education and Business Development Aboriginal Corporation
7201	Yamagu Gumalardi Aboriginal Corporation
7449	Yarrna Widi Aboriginal Corporation
7016	Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation
7453	Yirrungadi Community Aboriginal Corporation
2041	Yubulyawun Aboriginal Corporation
4008	Yuggoo Aboriginal Corporation
7112	Yulluna Aboriginal Corporation
585	Yurmulun Aboriginal Corporation
4261	Yuwaaliaay Elders Aboriginal Corporation

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for an up-to-date list.

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# Good spirit at 2013



Josh Langford capped off Friday night's line-up with some heavy rock.



All hands on deck canoe putting the finishing touches on the bark canoe.



Dancers Danny Gardner, from Launceston, and Leroy Hart Jr, from Hobart, spent much of their weekend dancing. They are pictured here shaking a leg at a performance before the closing ceremony.



Uncle Bob Randall in the speakers' tent where he spoke about his life and philosophy, and showed his documentary *Kunyini*.



Nanette Shaw, Leanne Stephens, Sheralee Armstrong, Patsy Cameron and Wendy Pitchford with some of the circles of offering they created at the Nayri Niara festival for the closing ceremony.



Festival director Ruth Langford joined headline act Xavier Rudd onstage for a bit of a dance.



Choreographer Nikki Ashby, of *Move it Mob Style* fame, leads a group of kids in a hip hop/circus workshop at the festival.



Jude Marcy, Denni Proctor, Janice Ross, Lana Thomas, Niara Mansell and Codilee Spence with their circles of offering.



The Black Arm Band's Deline Briscoe and Emma Donovan, spent some time workshoping with Denni Proctor and Kinny Langford.



# Nayri Niara festival

By JILLIAN MUNDY



GREAT times, music, weather, art and spirit were in plentiful supply at the Nayri Niara (good spirit) festival on Bruny Island, Tasmania, earlier this month. About 700 people turned up, most of them camping onsite throughout the three-day event.

There was no doubt that festival-goers were feeling the love, with one couple's engagement announced at the peak of activities.

Organisers said the event was a powerful opportunity for Indigenous and other people to share knowledge and ceremony, honouring ancient traditions and modern innovation.

It was an open, inclusive, family-friendly festival which showcased the beautiful Bruny Island as well as an array of local, national and international musicians and artists including Dewayne Everetmith, Denni Proctor, OKA, Bobby Alu, Emma Donovan, Deline Briscoe and Xavier Rudd.

"Strengthening personal relationships and encouraging cohesion between diverse communities through the expression of arts is the heart beat of this gathering," organisers said.

There were also spiritual teachers and physical and emotional healers, some from different cultures, including Uncle Bob Randall from Uluru, Native American man James Medicine Tree and holotropic breathwork practitioner Tav Sparks, of the United States.

There was a large turn out from the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, who led dance and craft workshops, and conducted opening and closing ceremonies.

A highlight for many was the closing ceremony, where cremated whale bones, hair and circles of offering fashioned from foliage were launched into the D'entrecasteaux Channel on a burning bark canoe, built by Aboriginal men at the festival.

Organisers said the ceremony was to heal the time of 'Great Death', when whaling began in Tasmania, and to celebrate the reclaiming of the waters by the whales.

Hunted to near extinction, the return of the odd whale or two in Tasmanian waters is cause for celebration.

"The 'Great Death' started with the whales and then our mob," said Auntie Wendy Pitchford, who had her son cut off her long, thick, curly hair and place it in the canoe for the ceremony.

She said it was also a tribute to Truganini, whose ashes were scattered in the same waters, and her intended husband whose hands were cut off by loggers as he tried to clamber back into a boat he was thrown from. He drowned in the D'entrecasteaux Channel.

Auntie Wendy felt the festival created a great sense of unity between the Indigenous and other people there.



A group of Aboriginal men carries a bark canoe holding cremated whales bones, circles of offering and hair into the D'entrecasteaux Channel at the end of the Nayri Niara festival. All photos by Jillian Mundy



The Akeyulerre Inc bush medicine mob, from Alice Springs, were selling their wares. Pictured here are Theresa Dover and Amanda Turner at the back, and Amelia Turner, Grace Gorey and Amanda Gorey in front.



● Above: Pictured at her jewellery stall is Nachele Pitchford holding niece Logan Newell, with Shai Plumbridge (front), Chantel Pitchford and Leanne Stephens, all from Tasmania.

● Right: OKA's Stu Fergie had the crowd moving with his electrified didgeridoo.



Jorell Scott-Hanson, 9, from Launceston, grinds ochre for the closing ceremony.



AJ King and Zac Romagnoli-Townsend.



Uncle Bob Randall, from Uluru, and Cherokee man Jim Tree, from Minnesota in the United States, were among the speakers.



Nathan Pitchford cutting his mother Wendy's hair, which was sent out in the water on the burning canoe as part of the Nayri Niara closing ceremony.





Debutantes and partners, back from left: Luke Roberts, TJ Kapeen, Ethan Kapeen, Daine Laurie, Cody Walker, Brendon Thornton, Mathew Laurie, Vandomme Carnley, Vincent Williams and Thomas Stanford; middle from left: Nikkita Johnson, Mikhalia Walker, Brianna Kirby, Talarah Daley, Bianca Kapeen, Shaquil Roberts, Mason Graham, Dwjarwon Williams, Thomas Gardiner, Ike Kennedy, Greville Close, Lionel Johnson, Shaun Laurie, Nicholas McGrady, Jade Duroux, Christine Johnson, Tina Gardiner, Jennifer Laurie, Lydia Roberts and Kaitlin Ferguson-Gardiner; front from left: Dolly Daley, Sidneigh Skinner, Kyliesha Skinner/Hookey, Latia Williams, Annie Heron, May Riley (Flower girl), Brenda Roberts, JudieVesper, Ivory Vesper, Valerie Kennedy, Shontae Morris, Franceen Vesper, Mayra Laurie, Miranda Heron and Brooke Carney; and at front: Shyla Mundine, Damon Kirby and Anika Kirby. Photos by Theresa Dalton



Judy Vesper and TJ Kapeen.



Shontae Morris and Greville Close.



Annie Heron and Nicholas McGrady cut the cake at the ball.

# Deb ball first for Grafton



**NSW** ORGANISERS have hailed as an outstanding success the inaugural Clarence Valley Aboriginal Debutante Ball, held this month in Grafton.

A total of 25 Aboriginal girls, together with partners, made their debut at the ball, the first ever such event held in the northern NSW city.

Ball coordinator Lana Mundine said all involved in the Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation-organised event were delighted with the outcome.

"We came up with the idea about six months ago and a lot of planning went into the night," she told the *Koori Mail*. "It was well worth it."

"The community threw their support behind the ball."

"We did it to help our youth and lift their self-esteem, and there's no doubt that's what has happened."

"In fact it was such a success that there's plenty of talk about another deb ball for next year."

Special guests included the Federal MP for Page, Janelle Saffin, and the NSW Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis.



Committee members and organisers, from left, Dave Ferguson, Jackie Milsom, Joy Langton, Lana Mundine and Trevor Kapeen.



Makalia Walker and Brandon Thornton.



Flower girls Nakyah and Shyla Mundine.



# EDUCATION 2013

Your guide to what's happening in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education



Why are these University of New England Indigenous students looking so happy and proud? Find out on Page 65 of this feature.

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# Harry's engineering a future

**QUT student Harry Sabatino ... "It's important to keep trying and set your goals and role models and follow your dreams."**



**Q**UEENSLAND University of Technology student Harry Sabatino has only just started uni, but he's already figured out the value of goal setting.

At 15, he set his sights on going to university, at 17, he decided on studying civil engineering, and now, at 18, he wants to get through his first semester with a mix of distinctions and high distinctions.

And then there's his ultimate goal – an international career in engineering and business that will make him a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

Harry, originally from Thursday Island, graduated from St Joseph's Nudgee College, Brisbane, last year and is now enrolled in a double degree at QUT in engineering and international business.

He is one of more than 10,000 new students who have started at QUT this year.

"It's already a bit different to what I expected," he said.

"There's a lot more going on and it's going to be challenging, but I think there's plenty of support that will help me get through."

That support will come from many directions, including QUT's Oodgeroo Unit and Harry's own family, particularly his dad, Ilario Sabatino.

"Most of my family have degrees so

they've been role models for me," Harry said. "They've mostly studied business and medicine and social work, so I'll be the first engineer."

"My uncle was the person who first got me interested in engineering. He was a diesel fitter and he always used to work on heavy machinery and diesel engines and I used to help him out and he'd teach me a few of his skills. Then I realised there was more I was interested in – pipelines, infrastructure, and I decided to focus on civil engineering."

## Summer School

Harry's interest in engineering during high school was cemented last year after he took part in the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS) in Sydney, followed by work experience with IAESS sponsor Parsons Brinckerhoff.

"We did every field of engineering so it gave me a good overview of what I could expect," he said.

Harry said he would encourage other Indigenous young people to also make university one of their goals in life.

"I'd say just jump on the opportunities that come up – never let one pass you by," he said. "It's important to keep trying and set your goals and role models and follow your dreams."

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# He wants to help people

**D**ARWIN Larrakia man Ian Lee is on his way to becoming a doctor, thanks to a program run by Flinders University.

Ian is in his second year of medicine as part of Flinders' four-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) course offered in the Northern Territory through the NT Medical Program.

He enrolled through the Flinders University Indigenous Entry Stream, which allows Indigenous applicants to apply for and study medicine in the Territory.

"I hadn't really thought of medicine before as it's such a difficult course to get into, but the Flinders staff encouraged me to go for it," Ian said.

## 'Critical'

"I'm studying at home and that's critical for me – I can do medicine while I'm in Darwin."

"It's different doing video conferencing for lectures and having to study online, but I'm enjoying it. The course is set up so that even in the first two years we get to the hospital and interview patients."

"We've got our own anatomy laboratory so we can still learn via hands-on lessons. There are Flinders staff up here who

**'(Colleagues have) seen the Elders break down in tears because they never thought they'd live to see the day where they would be treated by an Aboriginal doctor'  
– Darwin's Ian Lee**



keep an eye on us as well."

Flinders says support for Indigenous medical students is a high priority of the NT Medical Program. The university says Indigenous academics, tutors, administrators, Elders on campus and reference group members work together to provide a culturally affirming place where students feel safe and their cultural identity is supported and respected.

Ian says he wants to improve Aboriginal health in remote

areas as well as Darwin.

"I have heard stories from colleagues who have finished their medical studies and gone to work in a remote health centre," he said.

"They've seen the Elders break down in tears because they never thought they'd live to see the day where they would be treated by an Aboriginal doctor."

"That's a pretty significant driver for me – just to be able to one day get out there and help."



# Hands Up! Tertiary Preparation Program, 2013

## GUMURRII Student Support Unit

### GUMURRII Student Support Unit

The GUMURRII Student Support Unit (SSU) is the heart of Griffith University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and is located on each campus. Along with the Hands Up! Program, we offer continued, culturally appropriate support from enrolment and orientation, to tutoring, scholarships and through to graduation.

Griffith is an innovative university that is committed to multidisciplinary teaching and research, and the creation and communication of knowledge. It has five campuses across the Brisbane and Gold Coast corridors.

GUMURRII SSU can assist with the following:

- Enrolment at Griffith University;
- Tertiary Preparation through "Hands Up!" Program;
- Developing a study program that suits;
- Provide a culturally appropriate and supportive study environment;
- Access to scholarship opportunities;
- Information on cadetships;
- Access to tutors through ITAS;
- Network with other Students and Academics;
- Information on other Support Services including Mentor Programs and Student Representative Associations.

### What is the Hands Up! Tertiary Preparation Program?

The Hands Up! Tertiary Preparation Program is designed to assist commencing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at Griffith University to adapt to university life and improve their academic skills in a relaxed, supportive and culturally appropriate environment.

Commencing students attended the three week program held at Nathan Campus, which was successfully implemented last year in 2012. The program includes workshops, seminars, and presentations which assists students in their preparation for the practical demands, and the academic and social expectations of university.



Students were also assisted by University staff in the completion of a short essay and group presentation on a topic in their area of study.



As Director of GUMURRII, Bronwyn Dillon explains "We provide students with a basic outline of what to expect from tertiary study which gives the students confidence and inspiration to achieve success at university".

Participant of the program, Byron Albury (pictured left), who commenced the Bachelor of Laws program at Nathan, describes the program as "a reality check - what to expect of university life. I strongly recommend the program to future commencing students to prepare them with the appropriate tools for study".

For enquiries relating to the Hands Up! Program, contact GUMURRII SSU on (07) 3735 7676.

For enquiries relating to entrance into Griffith University, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants can register their interest at:

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# TAFE training pays off

**A**BORIGINAL woman Samantha Hanley says TAFE training has given her the opportunity to reach a life-long dream.

Passionate about Aboriginal health, Samantha is about to become a enrolled nurse.

Last year, she was named as runner-up Aboriginal Student of the Year and also won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Vocational Student of the Year Award at the NSW Western Region Training Awards, and won the Student Academic Award at the 2012 TAFE NSW Gili Awards.

"Nurses are the front line for the health-care system, providing an important and valuable service to society," Ms Hanley said.

## 'Ultimate career'

"Nursing can provide me with the ultimate career, with the rewards of helping people and making a difference in their lives.

"TAFE Western has given me the opportunity to reach a life-long dream; it has changed my life and I now have a sustainable and permanent job in health.

"Training has given me a career pathway into nursing. I want to help people and gain better health outcomes for the community, and, through my work at Forbes Community Health, I hope to be able to make a difference."

Samantha said she recognised the opportunity of a training and career pathway in nursing and in 2011 undertook the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health (Practice) at TAFE Western to reach her goals. She was the only member of her class to graduate with distinction.

Upon completion of her course, Samantha applied for and won a full-time position with the host employer of her traineeship – Forbes Community Health.

She believes the skills she has gained during her training at TAFE Western and her employment at Community Health have given her the education to empower her people by providing the care for their everyday health needs.

Aboriginal students studying health-related subjects, or the recently launched dental assisting program, at TAFE Western will soon be undertaking their studies in the new state-of-the-art Aboriginal Learning Centre at Orange College. The centre, announced last year, will cater for the needs of students and educators, and provide the local Aboriginal community with a place for meetings and functions. It will be a place of connection between the campus and the broader community, and between Aboriginal students and the learning opportunities at TAFE Western.



Samantha Hanley, centre, at the NSW Western Region Training Awards with TAFE Western Aboriginal Community Reference Group chair Anne Dennis, left, and Aboriginal Education and Training director Michele Hall.

**Samantha Hanley**  
2012 Vocational  
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# Record for IPROWD

**A** RECORD number of students started the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn this January.

IPROWD state manager Maxine Greenfield said the ongoing partnership between the Federal Government, NSW Police Force, TAFE NSW and Charles Sturt University continued to offer Aboriginal people sustainable career choices in the NSW Police Force.

Former Sydney Roosters rugby league player Peter Gibbs recently joined the IPROWD team as business officer, helping train students across NSW to prepare for a career in the NSW Police.

"The IPROWD program provides our students with the confidence to be able to take on the challenges to achieve their goals, whether it's a career with the police, or taking the pathway to further education," he said.

## Dream

"I would say that, for many students I meet, joining the NSW Police has been their dream since they were very young, and IPROWD gives them an opportunity to achieve something that may have seemed out of reach to them.

"The dramatic change in students from the interview date to graduation

is one of the best bits of the IPROWD training. It's amazing.

"The personal development and the bond that is created between the students and their TAFE and police teaching teams is equally amazing. They truly become like a family in space of 18 weeks."

Mr Gibbs said that for some students, the program could also bring some challenges.

## Intensity

"The academic aspects can be confronting for some at the beginning of the program. Students need to be well equipped to enter university and be resilient enough to get through the intensity of the Police Academy," he said.

"The IPROWD program helps them develop these skills as well as the necessary level of fitness to make it into Goulburn (where the academy is located)."

The next IPROWD program will be in Broken Hill, with the closing date for applications 17 May.

"Please give this program serious consideration if you believe you have the desire to pursue a policing career," Mr Gibbs said.

"It will ensure you are given the best opportunity to become the strongest possible candidate for the NSW Police Force."

● For further information, contact Maxine Greenfield on 0407 679 132.



Peter Gibbs and his wife with students who graduated from the Dubbo IPROWD program in 2012.

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## Applications are now open for the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery Program

TAFE NSW, the NSW Police Force and the Australian Government are working in partnership to offer IPROWD training programs across NSW which will assist Aboriginal people to gain entry into the NSW Police College Goulburn.

The IPROWD program helps Aboriginal people gain the skills and confidence needed to succeed in joining the NSW Police Force.

IPROWD courses commence in January and July of each year in a range of locations across NSW. There are a limited number of places remaining for the Broken Hill course commencing in July 2013. Applications for training in Broken Hill close Friday, 17 May 2013.

Download an IPROWD Brochure / Application Form from [www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au) or call 1300 830 177



# Applications invited

**T**HE Commonwealth Bank is inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students currently studying Year 10 to apply for its Indigenous school-based traineeship program. The program will start in December, with positions available in all states and territories.

Commonwealth Bank Indigenous employment manager Phil Lockyer said the program provided a 'unique education pathway helping students to build a career in the financial services industry'.

"Through the program, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have an opportunity to work within various areas of the Commonwealth Bank for a two-year period, gaining valuable workplace experience," he said.

"In addition, students also gain a national accredited qualification, the Certificate II in Business Services.

"We are delighted to see that many of the trainees who have completed the program have developed the skills and confidence to build successful careers in our organisation, with many trainees gaining permanent or ongoing employment with the Commonwealth Bank each year."

The program has continued to expand since it first began in regional NSW. More than 145 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have completed school-based traineeships, and an additional 100 students are now participating in the program.

"We are committed to helping improve education opportunities for Aboriginal and



The Commonwealth Bank's Indigenous employment manager, Phil Lockyer, in a bank branch and, pictured at right, Dylan Johnston, a school-based trainee at the Commonwealth Bank's Blacktown branch.



Torres Strait Islander people and our Indigenous School Based Traineeship program is one example of this commitment in action," Mr Lockyer said.

For further information or to apply for a traineeship, email the Commonwealth Bank's Indigenous Banking Team on [indigenous.recruitment@cba.com.au](mailto:indigenous.recruitment@cba.com.au)

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# Right formula for Maddison

**W**ITH too many choices, deciding on a university degree was a hard task for Maddison Rutter-Malley.

But when she finally made a decision, UTS was at the top of her list.

"I'm a first-year undergraduate student, studying forensic biology in biomedical science at UTS," Maddison said.

"I've always been interested in forensic biology and, when the time came to choose a university degree, I had trouble deciding between science and some sort of visual arts or photography course."

Coming from a small private school in Sydney's eastern suburbs, Maddison worked hard to achieve a good ATAR score, making her eligible for a UTS Science Indigenous Scholarship.

"UTS Science was indeed my first preference. I ended up choosing UTS for my studies because it best suited my needs and it offered so many great things that other universities did not, like the Jumbunna program, which supports Indigenous

students like me," she said.

UTS Science Indigenous Scholarships were established to motivate and reward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students interested in pursuing science and mathematics degrees at UTS. The scholarship gives recipients \$2000 a year for a maximum of three years to help with their study expenses.

"I consider myself very lucky to have received this scholarship, as it was not something I sought," Maddison said.

## 'Selected'

"I was selected for the science Indigenous scholarship based on my ATAR score, having UTS as my first UAC preference and being of Aboriginal descent.

"Receiving \$2000 each year will certainly help reduce my financial stresses and allow me to focus on more important things, like getting good grades.

"I feel extremely lucky to have this scholarship and it motivates me to utilise this opportunity as much as possible.

"I know there are many other students who have not been as fortunate as I in receiving a scholarship, but this inspires me to work hard for them and assure UTS and myself that I am indeed the right person to receive such an award."

Maddison's advice to future students looking for university scholarships is to read up on all the information available online.

"I found that UTS had a wide range of scholarships that individually cater to all sorts of students," she said.

Maddison is doing a three-year science Bachelor's degree at UTS. Down the track she is unsure whether she will take time off after her degree to travel or work overseas or do further studies in medicine.

"Right now, I just want to focus on the here and now," she said.

"Over the next three years this scholarship will be a great help to pay for uni fees and text book expenses. It might even help me advance into a career in medicine, specialising in dermatology, plastic surgery or being a medical examiner." — **By Lisa Aloisio, of UTS**



**Maddison Rutter-Malley ... I ended up choosing UTS for my studies because it best suited my needs and it offered so many great things that other universities did not, like the Jumbunna program, which supports Indigenous students like me."**



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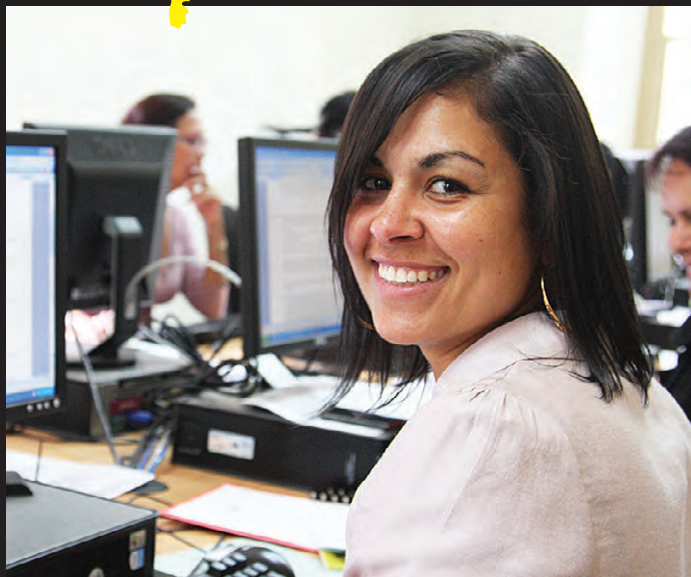
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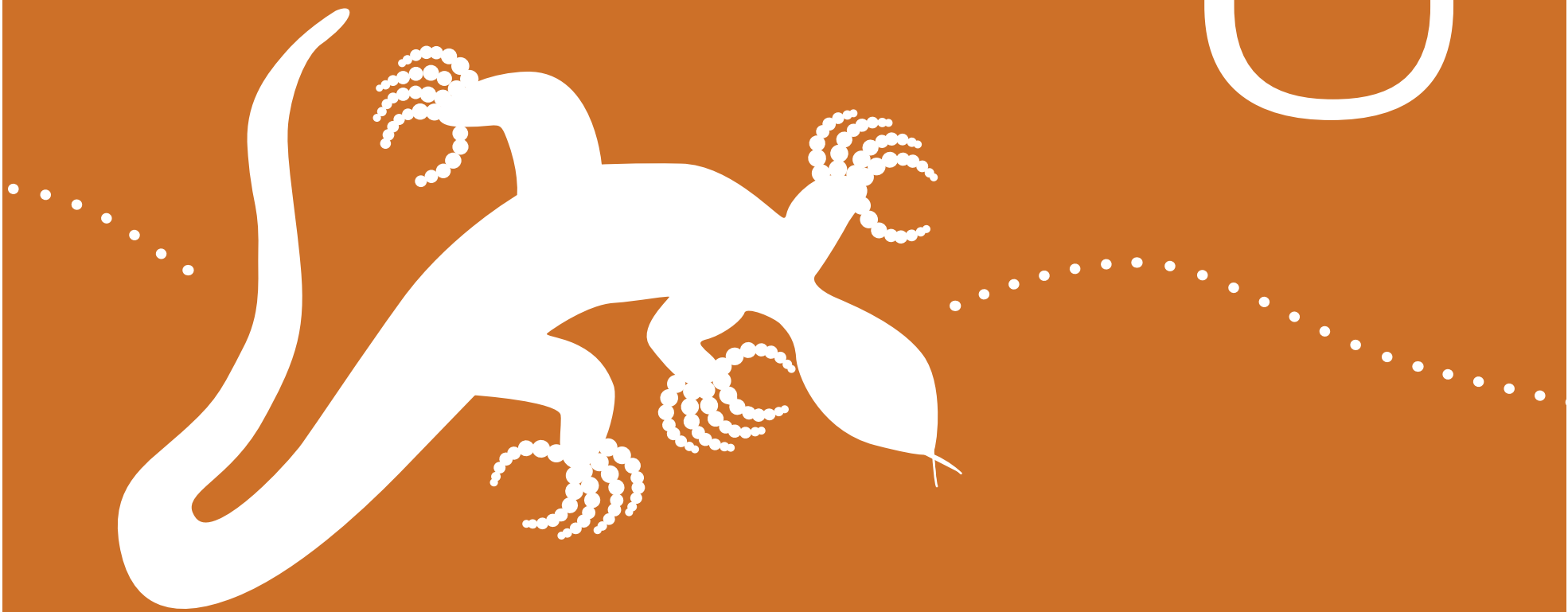
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# 'The degree changed my life, it really did'

**S**OUTHERN Cross University graduate Tanietta de Launey is testament to the life-changing possibilities of education.

The former waitress decided she wanted a better life for herself and her four teenagers when she embarked on an Indigenous Studies degree, majoring in Trauma and Healing, six years ago, at the university's Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples.

Along the way, she connected with her Indigenous heritage, discovered she was 'smart enough' to excel at university, and unexpectedly evolved into a role model for her children and community.

"I had left school at the age of 14 and gone into food industry jobs, which are not very rewarding and don't pay very much. I wanted a better future for myself and the kids so I turned to educating myself," said the 44-year-old.

"I'll admit initially the university experience was daunting and I didn't have much faith in myself. After my first anatomy and physiology lecture, I went outside and cried for half an

hour. I thought, 'I'm never going to be able to do this'."

But Tanietta stuck it out and with good reason – she was keen to explore her Aboriginality after meeting for the first time her Indigenous grandfather, a Wiradjuri man from Mudgee in central NSW, and she wanted to deal with the residual trauma from a home invasion several years before.

"So trauma and healing and Indigenous culture sung to me," Tanietta said.

## Genuine

"And the healing was genuine. It lifted my life back up. I was able to support my children and be a really good role model for them, which changed the way they looked at me and changed our relationship.

"It helped me deal with motherhood on a new level. The degree changed my life, it really did."

Tanietta said SCU's Bachelor of Indigenous Studies was one of a kind.

"It mixes Westernised counselling, psychology, anatomy and physiology

with culturally appropriate units, like cultural counselling and Indigenous spiritual ways of looking at things. It's a broad degree," she said.

After picking up a swag of academic awards and prizes, Tanietta stayed on at SCU and graduated last year with a Master of Indigenous Studies (Wellbeing).

"I didn't think I was that smart, but after the first year at university I started getting really high marks. Winning these 'intelligence' awards has done wonders for my self-esteem," she said.

Tanietta believes it is important to give back to the community. She visits high schools as part of the university's Uni-Bound team to encourage students to see tertiary education as an option, and she is a mentor for the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience.

"My work these days is very different to washing dishes and serving food, but for me it has a deeper integrity. It's powerful to watch other people change as you help them see the benefits of education, as it helped me," she said.



**SOUTHERN Cross University graduate Tanietta de Launey ... It's powerful to watch other people change as you help them see the benefits of education, as it helped me."**

# AN ACHIEVABLE GOAL FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE

For students, the Ngunnawal Centre at the University of Canberra is like a home away from home. It exists to offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a range of pathways and support for their university education.

There are more than sixty Bachelor degrees on offer with guaranteed places available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in some courses.

The University also offers valuable support including:

- The Ngunnawal Centre's Foundation Program which helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students prepare for university study.

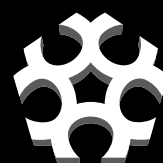
- Scholarships to assist with the cost of education and living expenses
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# Summer School the spark

**T**HE Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS) hosted by the University of NSW has made a world of difference to Jacob Hyland.

Before he attended IAESS in 2008, the Anaiwan man from Armidale in northern NSW said he had no idea what he wanted to do as a career.

The summer school changed all that.

Now in his fourth year of civil engineering at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Jacob is looking to a bright future.

"The IAESS sparked an interest that drove me to pursue a career in engineering," he said.

"Since attending IAESS my life has changed dramatically. I graduated from my Higher School Certificate with an ATAR good enough to get into UNSW and gain a scholarship with NSW Road and Maritime Services. This provides an income

**'The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School sparked an interest that drove me to pursue a career in engineering'**  
— *Jacob Hyland*



and onsite experience throughout my degree, and it has increased my passion in engineering.

"I am most interested in how things are built – it amazes me how things are able to stand.

"I am due to graduate

at the end of this year and I would love to work in the construction industry and learn more about how it all works.

"I have not thought too much about the future, but I want to gain experience within the

field before I am able to give back to the community."

Jacob said moving away from home for university was a whole new beginning, full of new adventures and different people.

"I was lucky to gain on-campus accommodation at New College. I instantly had a new family, with all the fun and dramas that come with it," he said.

"I loved college and I stayed for three years. I

am now moving out to get ready for the big, bad world!

"I have had great opportunities throughout my time at UNSW and have learnt much about leadership, commitments and being more organised.

"I was lucky to be the 2011 social director at New College, a houseparent at IAESS from 2010-2013 and a supervisor at the 2010 and 2012 Nura Gili Winter School.

"Currently, I am a student ambassador for the Faculty of Engineering and the UNSW Indigenous SRC representative.

"The highlight for me is the people I have met and the friends I have made within the UNSW community.

"Throughout my life my biggest role model has been my father. He has always encouraged me to do my best and I would not be here if it was not for him and the rest of my family's encouragement."



## Don't want to wait?

If you are interested in commencing study or thinking about transferring from another university, you may not need to wait until 2014 to start your UNSW degree. UNSW will have places available for Mid-Year intake in 2013. With options available in both Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs now is the time to make the right choice.

If you are considering pathway options into UNSW, The UNSW Indigenous Admission Scheme is currently accepting Mid-Year applications for a range of undergraduate degree programs.

For more information please call Nura Gili on 02 9385 3805, visit [nuragili.unsw.edu.au](http://nuragili.unsw.edu.au) or drop into our centre that is located at our Kensington campus for a yarn.

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# Real opportunities at QUT

Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Oodgeroo Unit is the first stepping stone to uni. It provides ongoing support for Indigenous students throughout their tertiary studies.

## Real world start for law and justice students

New students enrolled in law and justice degrees at Queensland University of Technology this year got a taste of their future careers when QUT held its first two-week Indigenous Pre Law and Justice Program.

The extended transition program built on a previous program that has been run by QUT's Faculty of Law for 15 years and has helped more than 150 first-year Indigenous students.

In addition to getting plenty of academic advice, the students visited the Brisbane Magistrates

Court, the Queensland Police Museum and the Caxton Legal Centre. They also took part in a panel discussion with Indigenous graduates on topics including career options and professional networks.

The faculty's Indigenous project officer, Bianca Hill, said the program helped the students make the transition to university and their studies toward a Bachelor of Justice or Bachelor of Laws.

"The aim of the program is to build on the students' pre-existing skills and give them a head start



with their studies," she said. "The participation of the students was fantastic and it was heartening to work with the next generation of Indigenous leaders."

Matthew Connop moved from the Northern Territory to study justice at QUT in Brisbane this year.

"The program gave me a better understanding of what to expect

from university as well as helping create new friendships in a new city," he said.

School-leaver Abbey Gallagher, who is studying the dual justice and behavioural science (psychology) degree, said it had given her extra confidence to adapt to a new environment and develop the skills needed to succeed in her studies.

The law program ran in conjunction with the Oodgeroo Unit's Pre Orientation Program, which gave the students the opportunity to meet with the other commencing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and participate in relevant activities.

For more information visit [www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo](http://www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo) or [www.qut.edu.au/law](http://www.qut.edu.au/law)

## Scholarships give Indigenous students real-world edge

Three Indigenous students have won a boost to their finances and future careers by securing an internship scholarship at QUT School of Business.

Bryn Owen, Mitchell Avery and Jade Murphy-Silver will each receive more than \$23,000 during their 3.5 years of study. They will also gain valuable work experience from a choice of sponsors, such as Coca Cola Amatil, SAP, Brisbane Airport Corporation, Ergon Energy and Aurizon (formerly QR National).

All three students were successful in gaining entry to the Bachelor of Business through the Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP); a program designed to assist and support Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander students into tertiary education at QUT.

"We are all very proud of Bryn, Jade and Mitchell at the Oodgeroo Unit," says Professor Anita Lee Hong, Director of the Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Support Unit.

"We look forward to supporting their academic journey through the various support mechanisms we have available."

For 20-year-old Bryn, from Cairns, the internships are the first step toward achieving his business dream.

"The scholarship helps me pay off my study but also the experience that comes with the internship will give me insight," Mr Owen said.

He said he would put that insight to good use after graduation, by working as an accountant and then starting his own business in the coffee sector.

Jade, 17, from Riverview, said the scholarship would take the financial pressure off the university years for herself and her mum.

"This is a fantastic opportunity," she said. "This gives me the chance to do this myself, to purchase resources and make ends meet. Those skills are going to benefit me in the long run."

Mitchell, 17, from Childers, said he was pleased to have won a scholarship to his first preference of universities.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enter the program upon completion of Year 12 or via articulation from TAFE. Successful graduates can add to their resume the internationally recognised QUT Bachelor of Business degree plus two part-time internships with the big-name companies.

More information: [www.qut.edu.au/business](http://www.qut.edu.au/business)

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## Real opportunities to take the next step

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit, with assistance from a team of dedicated professional and academic staff, supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their university life. We assist Indigenous students through our Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP), giving you access to the incredible range of degrees on offer at QUT.

**Enquiries for 2013 mid-year enrolments are now being accepted.**

Contact us today to find out more about our CASP process as well as the various student support programs and generous scholarships we have available.

Interviews for mid-year enrolments are being held from Tuesday, 21 May through to Thursday, 23 May 2013.

### More information

If you are ready to discover a "whole other world", contact QUT's Oodgeroo Unit on 1800 645 513 (toll free) or email us at [information.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au](mailto:information.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au)



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CQUniversity student Charlene Mann.

## It's never too late...

**S**TUDENTS like Charlene Mann are proving it's never too late to start university. Until recently, Charlene was living and working in Brisbane and ready for the next stage of her career, but said she was reluctant to return to study.

"Years passed by and I realised I was only going to be at the same level until I got motivated," she said.

"After much thought and encouragement from family, friends, strangers and staff from the Office of Indigenous Engagement at CQUniversity, I enrolled in the enabling program known as TEP (Tertiary Entry Program) so I could have the confidence, knowledge and understanding necessary to succeed in my degree."

Charlene is now enrolled in a Bachelor of Business (Majoring in Tourism) and is being helped through university thanks to scholarship support which enables her to buy study materials and receive support for assignment preparation.

"Charlene is just one of many people from all over Australia who have decided to take the next step in their educational journey with support from CQUniversity's Office of Indigenous Engagement," said Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, CQUniversity's pro vice-chancellor (Indigenous engagement) and the BMA chair in Indigenous engagement.

Other Indigenous students like Sherry-Kaye Savage and Stephanie Joyce are also working to realise their full potential as students at CQUniversity.

Sherry-Kaye, who graduated from a Human Movements degree, is now enrolled in Physiotherapy, and for Stephanie, who left school in Year 10, the chance to study Engineering has been possible thanks to successful completion of TEP.

### Extra support

CQUniversity says Indigenous students are given extra support by the Office of Indigenous Engagement, which provides teaching, research and other activities to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

The office also provides support to schools in CQUniversity to increase their accessibility to Indigenous people.

Several engagement initiatives have also been made possible through the office, including collaboration with Indigenous community representatives to ensure future health professionals are better prepared for engaging with Indigenous clients.

CQUniversity has partnered with UniRecruit to help improve the educational outcomes, employment and life opportunities of Indigenous students. UniRecruit is donating \$30,000 to support a pilot of the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) in Rockhampton for the next three years.

"The Office of Indigenous Engagement actively encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to take up every opportunity available to them to assist them to succeed with their studies at CQUniversity," Prof Fredericks said.

"This includes applying for all available scholarships and asking for assistance and tutoring where needed."

For more information, contact the Office of Indigenous Engagement on 1800 651 891 or 07 4930 9250 or at [indigenous@cqu.edu.au](mailto:indigenous@cqu.edu.au)

● More than 120 courses are available to study in July as part of CQUniversity's mid-year intake.

# Yalbalinga celebration held at ACU campus

**I**N 1986 the Catholic Education Centre, which would later become Australian Catholic University (ACU), set up a new program for Indigenous students in the Mount Druitt area of Sydney and rural NSW.

For struggling single dad Darryl French the opportunity for a better life through education was a good one. He left behind his job as a motor mechanic in Moree, NSW, and headed to the city to take his place in the first cohort of students studying the Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

"It was quite daunting for us coming from the country and walking into this institution," Darryl said.

"There were about 15 of us blackfellas walking into this institution and being absent from having an engagement with education for about 20 years was quite a challenge for the majority of us."

And, Darryl says, he would never have pictured that in another 25 years or so how far he would have taken his studies. He has not only studied at a postgraduate level doing a Master of Business Law but also spent time as a senior academic at Macquarie University.

His education has led him to his current life as programmer and Head Teacher at Tranby Aboriginal College.

Darryl was at ACU's Strathfield campus to help Yalbalinga, ACU Sydney's Indigenous unit, celebrate



ACU success story Lavinia Rossiter with Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

almost 30 years of provision of support to staff and students from Indigenous backgrounds.

Many of ACU's staff who set up the program – notably Peter Howard and Jude Butcher – was there. Students past and present were also there, including Craig Tangye, a fifth-year Primary Education student from Blacktown, whose dad was also teacher. Craig never expected to follow in his father's footsteps, but did some work experience in two high schools and caught the bug.

"Teaching wasn't my original passion. My passion was working with Aboriginal youth so I did the

teacher's aide thing and the tutor's thing for a couple of years and now I'm getting to the end of my degree now so I'll have to get up and teach really soon!" he said.

"The plan now is to go back to work in the Blacktown and Mount Druitt area and see through a cohort of K to 6."

Lavinia Rossiter has made such a mark for herself working with Aboriginal kids that she found herself receiving a Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship last year. She was one of two ACU students who won the award, valued at \$25,000 over four years.

A Yuwalarraay woman from Goodooga, Lavinia says she was taught the value of a strong education at home with her mum (a school teacher) and dad (a shearer). She works at the Assumption Catholic School in Wiradjuri country (Bathurst, NSW), as the Aboriginal education worker.

"This scholarship aims to help us become future teachers that will act as role models for Indigenous students and contribute to increasing educational expectations for Indigenous students, support community involvement, and raise awareness of other educators," she said.

For more information about ACU courses, visit [www.acu.edu.au/indigenous](http://www.acu.edu.au/indigenous).

# Deakin's new building open

**T**HE Institute of Koorie Education's newly refurbished building at Deakin University's Geelong Warrnambool Campus has been officially opened.

Federal Employment Participation Minister Kate Ellis did the honours, unveiling the long-awaited result of the \$12.2 million project.

The work was needed because of a steady increase in student numbers at the institute – more than 600 are currently enrolled – leading to it outgrowing the converted goods warehouse it had occupied since 1995.

Thanks to a \$1 million donation from the Harold Mitchell Foundation and support from the Federal Government's Capital Development Pool, the building has now been refurbished and extended to provide what the institute says are state-of-the-art teaching spaces and facilities appropriate for its growing needs, including a performance space catering to an expanded range of programs in the creative arts.

Deakin vice-chancellor Professor Jane den Hollander said the opening was a wonderful day for the

university. "We are very grateful to the Australian Government and the Harold Mitchell Foundation for their support for this important project," she said.

"It is a wonderful, modern learning space and a fitting affirmation of Deakin's ongoing commitment to working with Aboriginal communities

"The new facility is built on the success of the teaching, learning and research programs we offer through the institute," she said.

"Our graduates are working in many professional areas nationally, regionally and locally."

"This building signifies the future development of successful outcomes in the higher education sector for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, their local communities and the wider Australian community."

Master of Public Health student Sharon Clarke said she was delighted by the new surroundings when she returned for her first classes after deferring for a year.

"This beautiful building is absolutely stunning. The old building served us well but it was past its use-by date and needed to be brought up to the standard of the rest of the university," she said.

The institute offers 20 courses that cover undergraduate and postgraduate programs. It was established in 1991, having grown from the Koorie Teacher Education Program (KTE) offered through Deakin from 1986.



The new Institute of Koorie Education building.

to improve education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

Institute director Professor Wendy Brabham said that opening the new building marked another milestone in the educational accomplishments of the university.



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The Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development plays a vital role in connecting students at the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music with ancient and contemporary Indigenous arts practices. Situated in the heart of Melbourne's arts precinct, the Wilin Centre is committed to supporting Indigenous students by illuminating the pathway to tertiary studies in the visual and performing arts. The Wilin Centre supports the employment of Indigenous artists and academics and is a driving force behind the development of national and international Indigenous arts projects and programs. For more details contact [wilin-centre@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:wilin-centre@unimelb.edu.au)

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# Course has flexibility

**T**HE University of Western Sydney (UWS) has a degree designed specifically for students who want to contribute to building sustainable capacity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, but also have family and community responsibilities.

It's the three-year Bachelor of Community and Social Development course, facilitated by the university's Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

The degree is offered on the UWS Penrith campus in block mode, meaning students are required to attend campus only four to six times a year, for one-week residential schools. During residential schools, students stay in on-campus accommodation, attend classes during business hours only, and form bonds with their peers.

Block mode leaves plenty of room for flexibility says Skye Hipwell and Kurt Beahan, two third-year students juggling full-time employment, family and community responsibilities, and completing their final year of study.

"Completing a mainstream, full-time course was unattainable for me with three kids and a



**University of Western Sydney degree course students Kurt Beahan and Skye Hipwell.**

full-time job in child protection," Skye, 35, of Baulkham Hills in Sydney, said.

"I wanted a degree that related to my current community work and that would help to open

other doors in the future. Kurt, 24, of Orange in the central-west of NSW, had a

similar opinion. "I physically and mentally could not have done a full-time mainstream course – I haven't lived at home since I was aged 16 so I have living expenses I need to keep up with," he said.

"That bit of paper at the end opens up doors and opportunities for employment, especially out bush.

"By doing the degree I want to show our young Koori fellas that you can enjoy education, go through school and be confident rather than be shy of who we are."

Associate Professor Berice Anning, the dean of Indigenous Education and director of Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, agrees that the degree is beneficial for students and their communities.

"In particular, the degree equips students working directly with families to provide welfare advocacy, skills and knowledge in community development, community leadership and sustainability, and research skills," she said.

For more information about courses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UWS, contact the Badanami Centre on 1800 032 923.



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\*ABSTUDY recipients may be eligible for additional funding to meet the costs of travel, accommodation and meals.

To find out more contact the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education on **1800 032 923** or visit **[www.uws.edu.au/badanami](http://www.uws.edu.au/badanami)**



# Helping students to soar

**W**ILTO YERLO, the University of Adelaide's Aboriginal Education Unit, is located in the heart of traditional Kaurna country. The unit was named after Auntie Gladys Elphick's totem, the wirltu yarlu, which means 'sea eagle' in the Kaurna language.

Wilto Yerlo's University Preparatory Program offers participants the chance to meet entry-level requirements. It assists in the development of skills in academic writing, navigating the university environment, basic numeracy and literacy, library skills and provides an experience of first-year humanities courses.

Wilto Yerlo says it encourages students to apply from all areas of Australia.

This year, new students Haley Matthews, from Queensland, and Tameka O'Donnell, from Broken Hill, say they are enjoying their new education journey.

Haley is enrolled in the Wilto Yerlo University Preparatory Program and Tameka is enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing. They are involved in the Indigenous Students' Association and have been selected for Wilto Yerlo's Student Leaders Program.

Wilto Yerlo says both are passionate and dedicated students who are relishing their opportunities.



University of Adelaide Indigenous students Haley Matthews and Tameka O'Donnell and, at right, Kate Richards.

Kate Richards completed Wilto Yerlo's University Preparatory Program and is now a final-year student in a Bachelor of Arts degree. The unit says she is a success story and a great example to fellow students at the University of Adelaide.

Kate was involved in setting up the Wilto Yerlo Student Leaders Program and the Indigenous Student Association. She comes from Port Augusta.

"My journey through university

hasn't exactly been an easy one, but it certainly has been a rewarding one," she said.

"The support from the staff at Wilto Yerlo has allowed me to achieve my goals."

## Access

Wilto Yerlo offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access to university programs through the Aboriginal Access Entry Scheme. This is an alternative method of direct entry

to all university undergraduate programs.

Applicants do not need to have undertaken or successfully completed Year 12. The Aboriginal Access Entry Scheme also offers entry into a range of degree programs including Social Sciences, Arts, Law, Architecture, Sciences, Nursing, Business, Teaching and Health Sciences, the Wilto Yerlo University Preparatory Program and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music.

Accommodation can be organised for students from remote, rural or interstate locations.

Wilto Yerlo says tutorial assistance from the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) scheme can also be arranged.

For more information, contact Wilto Yerlo on 1800 651 763, (08) 8313 3623 or email [wilto.yerlo@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:wilto.yerlo@adelaide.edu.au)

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# CIT targets the gap

**C**ANBERRA Institute of Technology (CIT) has signed a special pledge as part of its recent national Close the Gap Day celebrations.

Activities featuring music, markets and art were held across CIT's three campuses over three days to mark the national event.

It was the first time CIT had offered free public events in support of Close the Gap Day, with entertainment at CIT Bruce and CIT Reid on consecutive days, finishing at CIT Woden on 21 March.

CIT acting CEO Jenny Dodd, who signed the Close the Gap pledge in an official ceremony, said the events were part of the institute's efforts to promote reconciliation.

"For us, reconciliation is not a warm and fuzzy sentiment, or an extracurricular activity," she said.

## Specific activities

"It's something we work hard to achieve, it's embedded in everything we do at CIT, and it's a range of specific activities we are implementing from our Reconciliation Action Plan."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda, national Close the Gap campaign founder Dr Tom Calma and ACT Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch were on hand to support the pledge.

"As the leading vocational educational training institution in the ACT, we believe our action on reconciliation will have a wide and positive flow-on effect for the community, so it was fantastic to have the support of Mr Gooda, Dr Calma and Minister Burch – as well as support from CIT students and staff, and the community," Ms Dodd said.

"With two special days of free family entertainment featuring music by Yung Warriors and Hidden Desire, markets, art exhibitions and special activities, there was something for everyone."

"We were pleased that so many people took the opportunity to come along, have some fun, and support the national Close the Gap campaign."



At the signing of the Canberra Institute of Technology pledge, from left, Mick Gooda, Tom Calma, CIT acting CEO Jenny Dodd and ACT Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch.



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Enrolled students complete two skills courses, including a course entitled 'Looking Forward, Looking Back' which aims to introduce students to the intercultural experiences of Australian Indigenous Peoples and an introduction to literacy.

This program is offered by the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre at ANU, in conjunction with ANU College and the Equity and Diversity Office.

**Applications for Semester Two are now open.**

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**The enabling program has been a great opportunity for me. It will definitely make a degree easier to go through, now that I have had this insight.**

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Jaylee Martin, current ANU student

**Image** (L-R) Lee Burgess, Jennifer Jones, Dr Stuart Phillpot, Jaylee Martin, Shiane Lovell, Michael Stewart, Emily Hoepner.



# Graduation is celebrated

**T**HE University of Sydney's Faculty of Health Sciences recently celebrated the graduation of seven Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students specialising in physiotherapy, speech or occupational therapy.

The faculty, which boasts the highest number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rehabilitation therapies or community health graduates in Australia, had three students graduate from its Masters of Physiotherapy graduate entry (GEM) program, two undergraduates of physiotherapy, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist.

Simone-Cherie Holt, from the faculty's Yooroang Garang Indigenous Student Support Unit, says the GEM initiative enables students to attain professional recognition within two years.

"The program aims to improve Indigenous health at a community level by developing and mentoring Indigenous students into ready to work health professionals," she said.

All the graduates are now

employed in their chosen professions, working in NSW rural and regional centres.

Timothy Glynn, who completed a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science before being accepted into the GEM Master of Physiotherapy degree, is now working at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle.

He said that this year his work will consist of five rotations in a variety of physiotherapy fields throughout the hospital, along with two secondments to neighbouring Hunter New England Hospitals.

## Challenge

Fellow graduate Bethany Brayne is based at the Lachlan Health Service at the Forbes District Hospital. She says she loves the challenge of working in a rural community of about 8000 people.

"There is a large Indigenous population here, and my senior physiotherapist and I have been discussing ways to involve the health service in Indigenous education and becoming more a part of the Indigenous community.

I'm really excited about being on board with that," Bethany said.

Dean of Health Sciences Professor Kathryn Refshauge said Yooroang Garang is an important faculty initiative.

"To date we have supported more than 60 Indigenous students to graduation in a number of vital allied health disciplines," she said.

Meanwhile, the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies has announced it will hold a second annual winter workshop for high school students who attended the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School at the university.

Executive director of engineering Keiran Passmore said that in July, nine budding engineers, including a student from Darwin and one from Perth, would be welcomed back to the campus to complete workshops in maths and science.

This will be coupled with hands-on workshops focused on increasing their opportunity for tertiary study.



University of Sydney Faculty of Health Science Indigenous graduates Bethany Brayne and Timothy Glynn.

# Study finds resilience critical for children

**F**AMILIES of young Indigenous children who spend time together doing activities such as storytelling and playing are giving their children a strong start at school, according to a recent study.

The study, by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), reviewed the literature and conducted a strength-based analysis of the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children to examine what factors improve Indigenous children's readiness to start formal schooling.

The review identified resilience as critical for successful transitions

from home to school, as children who have the resilience attributes of social competence, autonomy, mastery, optimism and problem-solving skills are better able to adapt and learn.

Analysis of the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children revealed that children who did more activities, including being

read to, hearing stories and drawing with others, were likely to have higher levels of social competence.

The analysis also revealed that children who had a parent or carer who placed more importance on their Indigenous identity were less likely to develop difficult behaviour.

Children with lower levels of difficult behaviour performed at a

shared activities such as storytelling were likely to lead to resilience in Indigenous children.

Responses to the longitudinal study by parents and carers showed the importance of family and connections to land and culture in developing resilient children.

The study also found that school readiness is as much about schools recognising the

and having the capacity to self-judge and to take risks.

But while the study showed strong interactions between children and their parents and carers, and the importance of cultural knowledge and identity in the development of resilience, the study authors noted that the focus in educational settings remained on what Indigenous children could not do compared

and Torres Strait Islander children, namely shared activities, family support, strong cultural identity, health and positive self-identity.

● Recognising the skills and expertise in the community to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and making the school culturally safe and welcoming for parents and community members.

● Acknowledging and embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership in schools and school communities.

According to the authors, such an approach to school readiness would recognise the skills, cultural knowledge and

understandings Indigenous children already had when they moved to formal learning.

The full report, *Starting school: A strengths-based approach towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children*, is available from [https://research.acer.edu.au/indigenous\\_education/27/](https://research.acer.edu.au/indigenous_education/27/)

**The study confirmed that family support, strong cultural identity, good health, positive self-identity and engaging in shared activities such as storytelling were likely to lead to resilience in Indigenous children**

higher level on a developmental assessment that comprises three scales including copying (geometric figures), symbols (the child's awareness of these) and drawing (a picture of self).

The study confirmed that family support, strong cultural identity, good health, positive self-identity and engaging in

existing capabilities and knowledge of children when they arrive as it is about supporting children and families to become ready for formal learning. Some of the strengths of Indigenous children identified include being independent from an early age, having well-developed visual-spatial and motor skills,

with other children.

The authors called for the use of a strengths-based approach to support children as they made the transition from home to school. Among other things, such an approach would involve:

● Recognising and valuing the factors that contribute to building resilient young Aboriginal



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# Student praises ANU's Tjabal Centre

AUSTRALIAN National University (ANU) student Sarah Bourke said an act of inclusion by the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre while she was still at high school gave her a great first impression of the university.

"Before I had even chosen ANU, the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre ran a dinner for Indigenous Year 12 students graduating in the ACT," she said.

"This simple act demonstrated the caring nature of the Tjabal Centre in acknowledging the achievements of our local students.

"After I had chosen ANU, the centre ran an induction where all new students

were able to meet each other.

"We were shown around the centre and the campus, and were told that if we ever had any problems, we should just come on in and have a chat."

Sarah said the centre's environment

"Every day of my undergraduate life started with a visit to the Tjabal Centre to check up on my classes and assignments for the day in the computer lab.

"If I wasn't in a lecture, tutorial, picking up lunch or rummaging through one of the

my five years studying at ANU. It became the focal point for what I now call 'my community'."

Sarah said that for the first time in her education, she was able to connect with other Indigenous students.

"I became part of a group of like-minded individuals from similar backgrounds," she said.

"We were able to connect on a level which was much deeper and more significant than my non-Indigenous friendships, and encouraged me to be proud of my

Indigenous heritage.

"Being a part of the Tjabal Centre helped me achieve at university, make friends and connect to my people, and for this I will always be grateful to them."

**'Having been welcomed with open arms, I felt that this was a safe and secure environment that would support me on many levels' – ANU student Sarah Bourke**

encouraged her to visit regularly.

"Having been welcomed with open arms, I felt that this was a safe and secure environment that would support me on many levels," she said.

libraries, I was at the Tjabal Centre, studying and chatting with the other students.

"I say that the centre is a second home, but it really became more than that over

# Ena on course to help her people

ENA TYSON wants to help improve the health and wellbeing of her people.

That's why the Gurindji (Northern Territory) woman is studying in the Bachelor of Nursing (pre-Registration) course at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (ACIKE) through Batchelor Institute.

The mature-age student says she is determined to become a registered nurse and care for the health of her people at the remote NT community of Kalkaringi.

"I look at all the diseases that burden my people and that motivates me to continue in my studies so I can make a difference for my community," Ena says.

"I think I am a positive person, and with my determination I know I can make a real contribution to health.

"I have been supported greatly by the NT Government Cadetship for the last three years, and without their support I would not have been able to achieve my goals."

Ena's father is Gurindji while her mother comes from the Waka Waka people of Queensland.

She says that from a young age her father was an inspiration in her life. Ena tried to study nursing when she left school at 16, but then



Bachelor of Nursing (pre-Registration) course student Ena Tyson ... "I think I am a positive person, and with my determination I know I can make a real contribution to health."

had to work to support her family after her father passed away.

She says her family is right behind her in completing her Bachelor of Nursing studies.

Ena is undertaking her studies through ACIKE, a joint initiative between Batchelor Institute and Charles Darwin University.

"I have received the

support I have needed in my nursing studies to progress and succeed and know I couldn't have made it this far without the dedicated staff at Batchelor

Institute there through my learning journey," she said.

● For details of courses, go to the website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au)



ROSE LOVELOCK

## Rose gets inaugural university fellowship

ROSE Lovelock has been awarded the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Fellowship at the University of New England (UNE) in order to complete research for her Masters of Education Administration (Honours) degree.

Ms Lovelock was awarded the fellowship in recognition of her status as a person of standing in the Aboriginal communities of the NSW Northern Tablelands and surrounding areas, as well as in recognition of the importance of her research to the university.

She will be based in UNE's School of Humanities for the term of the fellowship and is a lecturer at the Oorala Aboriginal Centre.

Founded in 1986, the Oorala Aboriginal Centre has a 25-year history of offering facilities, programs and services of a nationally recognised standard to Indigenous students at UNE.





# Dean's Scholar honour for Kylie

Wollongong University student Kylie McElhone ... "I am really proud to be an Indigenous woman going to uni... a lot of people don't have that opportunity." Photo by Sean Maguire

**A**BORIGINAL woman Kylie McElhone has the distinction of being accepted into a prestigious program run by Wollongong University in southern New South Wales.

The mature-age mother-of-two said she was left shocked after being offered a place in the Arts Dean's Scholars Program. Students must maintain a distinction average across all subjects to gain acceptance.

Kylie is majoring in Employment Relations and Legal Studies, as well as doing a minor in Indigenous Studies.

There are real benefits to being a Dean's Scholar student, including a textbook allowance, additional academic seminars and a personal mentor.

"The best thing about being a Dean's Scholar is the additional support and academic opportunities, but most importantly having my hard work recognised," Kylie said.

With a full-time job as well as

two teenagers, Kylie has her hands full when it comes to studying.

"Without the support of my mum, my husband and (Wollongong University's) Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, I couldn't have done it... I thank them for being able to get here," she said.

Kylie, the first member of her family to attend university, attributes her success to her support networks, especially Woolyungah. "The support (from the centre) has really just been unbelievable," she said.

But while Kylie has achieved excellent results, she admits to struggling at times to keep on top of her busy schedule.

"There were times where I just wanted to give up, but when I came to Woolyungah and had a chat with the staff, they really put things into perspective for me and helped me through," she said.

It was through the Woolyungah Alternate Admissions Program

that Kylie was accepted into Wollongong University. The program allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a different pathway into undergraduate study, where they otherwise might never have been able to attend university.

"I didn't apply myself at school and had no intention of coming to uni back then, but it was the Alternate Admissions Program that got me in as a mature student... It's because of the centre that I feel I now fit in," she said.

Kylie began her study as part of professional development with her job at the Wollongong Catholic Education Office, but says she now continues to study and work hard to prove it to herself.

"I am really proud to be an Indigenous woman going to uni... a lot of people don't have that opportunity," she said.

**By Keziah Bennett-Brook,**  
**Arts/Communications and**  
**Media student of Dharawal land**

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# Milestone for UNE

**T**HE Autumn graduation at the University of New England marked an important milestone in the history of the university – the graduation of its first cohort of medical students.

And among the group was UNE's first Aboriginal medical graduate, Ben Jarvis.

A Kamilaroi Wiradjuri man from Banora Point, Ben was one of 46 medical students who graduated from the Joint Medical Program's (JMP) five-year Bachelor of Medicine degree program, conducted in partnership by UNE and the University of Newcastle, on 5 April. He started the program with the original candidates in 2008.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard congratulated the graduates, recognising their achievement via a video message played at the graduation ceremony.

Many of the graduates are already employed in various medical facilities around the country, including Ben Jarvis, who is currently employed on the NSW Central Coast, where he works at Gosford District Hospital.

The JMP seeks to actively recruit Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander students, together with those from regional, rural and remote areas. By doing this, it aims to ensure stronger medical services within these communities.

Ben was one of 30 Aboriginal graduates at UNE during its Autumn graduations, many of whom were graduating with vocational degrees.

## Qualifications

Twelve gained health-related qualifications (including eight in nursing) and eight graduated with a teaching degree.

While most graduates were completing their initial undergraduate award, five also completed a graduate degree or a Masters. Among the recipients of other UNE awards were the first graduates of the university's innovative Bachelor of Social Work degree program.

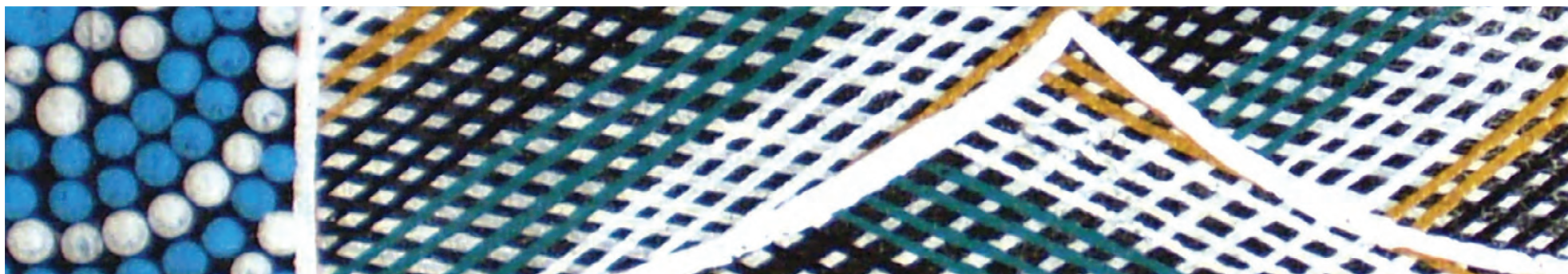
Overall, more than 4000 people – including graduates, their friends, and family members – attended the four ceremonies at the university, held on the lawns of 'Booloominbah'.



● Above: Aboriginal teaching graduates from UNE, from left, Anthony Rummary (M. Teach, Armidale), Toni Rae Fitzsimmons (B. Ed. Prim., Wellington), Wendy Burton (Grad. Cert. Special Ed., Gloucester), Jacinta Ricquel Smith (B. Ed. Prim., Kempsey) and Kate Lavery (B. Ed. Prim., Parramatta).



● Left: Aboriginal UNE graduates, from left, Lyn-Marie Herden (B. Hth. – Ageing Community Services, Doon Doon), Ben Jarvis (B. Med., Banora Point), Natarsha Carney (B. Marine Sc. Management, Wingham) and Helen Francisco (B. Nursing, Uralla).



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# Harvard in her future

**A** MEETING with a NSW Central Coast Aboriginal Elder on a Yapug orientation at the University of Newcastle's Wollotuka Institute changed Kathleen Jackson's life.

To that point, the Wiradjuri woman had seen herself working in midwifery or childcare. Now, she's been offered a post-graduate opportunity in the United States at Harvard, one of the world's finest universities.

Kathleen grew up in Gulgong, NSW, with an activist mother who insured that not only her children but also their schoolmates had a strong education in their culture, through organising visits to the school by Aboriginal artists, performers and speakers and providing Aboriginal children with the opportunity to meet local Elders.

Moving to Newcastle as a teenager, Kathleen found her teenage years culturally amiss in comparison and she struggled at school, eventually leaving in Year 11.

But it was the meeting with the Elder at Wollotuka that left her convinced her future might be in law.

"I was speaking to him and noticed that the folder he was carrying was covered in these hand-written notes that were all legal jargon," Kathleen said.

"He explained that when he was in meetings with government and corporate representatives they would talk in legal language to bamboozle him, so he had developed the habit of noting all of the terms so he could look them up later.



**Kathleen Jackson at the United Nations in New York ... "Uni has allowed me to reconnect with my culture and to realise what I am capable of."**

"It made me realise there was a strong need for Aboriginal people with legal knowledge, so I started to think about studying law and a career in advocacy."

Kathleen found she loved the legal studies course she undertook as part of her Yapug enabling program at the Wollotuka Institute, and her conversion was complete. She enrolled in an Arts/Law degree

the following year at the University of Newcastle.

Along the way she has discovered a passion for history, particularly African American. Having completed the components of her Arts degree, she embarked on an honours year in 2012, studying race and the death penalty in modern America.

"I don't want to close myself off to opportunities. I am really interested in history and see a power in the way it can be used to explain today's society, but I also want to use my legal studies to help Aboriginal people," Kathleen said.

She was inspired by a trip she made to New York in 2011 for a meeting of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. As a youth delegate she had the opportunity to observe and report on discussions and workshops and participate in the global youth caucus.

"There were so many different cultures and so many different problems – it was humbling to hear of the battles people face over basic rights, such as access to their own land and to food and water. The determination in the room was incredible," she said.

"University has opened so many opportunities to me – it seems that at every turn there is a new direction, each thing leads to another."

Last year, Kathleen was a successful applicant to the Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trip, which included visits to Oxford, Cambridge, New York and Harvard universities to explore post-degree opportunities. As a result of this trip, she has been offered a post-graduate opportunity at Harvard to further explore her interest in African American history.

"Uni has allowed me to reconnect with my culture and to realise what I am capable of," she said.

## New project telling stories of teaching

**A** NEW project designed to inspire Indigenous people to consider a career in teaching is having the added benefit of bringing interest groups together for the first time in years.

As part of its 'Tellin' the stories of teachers' project, Flinders University's Yunggorendi First Nations Centre recently hosted a Talking Circle on Indigenous Teacher Education.

The event brought together Elders, teachers, students, lecturers and representatives from other organisations including the SA Department of Education and Child Development, Catholic Education SA, the Association of Independent Schools of SA, the SA Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, and the University of South Australia.

Yunggorendi's Associate Professor Tracey Bunda is leader of the 'Tellin' the stories' project, that forms part of the national More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative.

"Tellin' the stories shares

videos of Indigenous voices from the many perspectives of students, lecturers, classroom teachers and education leaders and aims to give potential Indigenous students a better picture of teaching as a great career," she said.

"A number of positive, inspirational stories and themes emerged from the gathering, which countered the many negative messages

operate with an acute sense of social justice;

- we need communities of learners, where teachers are learning as much as students;

- Indigenous teacher networks need to be developed and are critical to overcoming isolation;

- Indigenous people who have not been successful in the school system also bring something to teacher education by pointing to ways to change.

One Elder told of setting up a community Nunga Room in a school where Indigenous children and their friends were cared for – everyone could sit at the table and share.

Yunggorendi director Simone Ulalka Tur spoke of a spirit of shared purpose and the long haul.

"We're educating the students now who will be senior leaders in 15 years," she said.

"We want our education system to be innovative and to take account of our kids, even if it is not obvious who they are. Our community has a lot of knowledge and that voice needs to be heard. Yes, we have some great teachers, but need to have even more."

about teaching that one often sees in the media."

Some of the key points raised by the Talking Circle participants included:

- that teaching is a human profession;

- that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will make fantastic teachers because our communities



**Yunggorendi director Simone Ulalka Tur and Assoc Prof David Giles, Dean, Flinders University School of Education launching the 'Tellin' the stories' website on 11 April.**

## Focal point for support

**T**HE University of Canberra's Nggunawal Centre provides a focal point for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people studying at the university's Bruce campus.

Acting director Sharon Payne says that since 1985, the centre has provided service and support for students, to prepare them for and support them at university, and then to take up the career of their choice.

"With only four staff, multi-skilling and multi-tasking are necessary to ensure the needs of students are met," she said.

"Long before Orientation Week, centre staff are working hard to ensure students enjoy a smooth transition to university life and studies.

"This can include assistance with accommodation, finances, enrolment, unit or course advice, and relocating to Canberra, to name just a few."

Student support officer Jessica Murrell, who is also the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme co-ordinator, says 'one minute I can be assessing would-be tutors and the next accompanying a group of new

students on a tour around Canberra sights'.

Administrative officer Julianne Lomas, who is also the executive assistant, agrees that 'it is what we are prepared to do that makes the difference for our students'.

Elder in Residence Aunty Roslyn Brown, employed under the university's Reconciliation Action Plan, provides cultural and emotional support for students, as well as advice on cultural protocol for the university generally.

"All in all, pastoral care is what we do well," she says.

Indigenous students from as far away as Perth, the Top End, and North Queensland are at the university and using the centre.

Sioli Latu, from Cairns, said: "Nggunawal Centre is where I spend most of my time on campus. It provides a comfortable atmosphere where students can study, network and get to know each other."

For more information, go to [www.canberra.edu.au/nggunawal](http://www.canberra.edu.au/nggunawal) or email [nggunawal@canberra.edu.au](mailto:nggunawal@canberra.edu.au)



**New students gathered in the Nggunawal Centre common room on Orientation Day 2013. Photo: J Lomas**



# OTEN has students from every state and territory

**T**HE Open Training and Education Network, OTEN, is becoming the first choice for many Indigenous people looking to further their education or considering a return to study.

As part of the award-winning TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute, OTEN has more than 3000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from every state and territory, including remote locations such as Croker Island (Northern Territory) and Aboriginal communities in central Australia, in its courses.

OTEN says learning opportunities are possible

through the provision of support in rural and remote communities through the loan of computers, textbooks and tutorial assistance.

Relieving manager of the Aboriginal Education and Training Unit (AETU) Veronica Murphy says that, while studying by distance is not for everyone, with the right support and determination students can succeed and complete their courses with OTEN.

She says that not only does the AETU connect with students, but it also works closely with local communities to strengthen social inclusion through a holistic educational



**The Tribal Warrior on Sydney Harbour. The vessel is used by OTEN students.**

approach. The approach is to strive to build partnerships that cater for the educational, emotional and social well-being of

students, particularly teenage parents, youth at risk and older community members. To achieve this, OTEN

says staff work with many agencies to advocate on behalf of their students. One example is the Ngala Nanga Mai pARenT Group Program, which provides face-to-face tutorial support for young parents studying with OTEN.

Tribal Warrior Association is the only Indigenous Maritime Training Company operating in Australia. Some of the specialised training programs such as the Certificate II in Deckhand – Maritime Operations are delivered by OTEN's qualified maritime trainers. The Tribal Warrior has successfully trained many skippers who are

working boats around Sydney Harbour.

Another customised training initiative is the Certificate III in Indigenous Land Management, a course that offers training in conservation and land management as well as Indigenous culture.

OTEN says that as the project work is undertaken in the local community, it can be customised to suit the needs of that local community.

"We can work with your company, organisation or community group to customise a program to suit training needs and to ensure cultural integrity," Ms Murphy said.

**'We can work with your company, organisation or community group to customise a program to suit training needs and to ensure cultural integrity' – OTEN's Veronica Murphy**

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# Awards first at NAISDA

**N**AISDA Dance College's annual graduation ceremony was held this month at its Mt Penang Parklands base. The ceremony was again a vibrant mix of academic achievement and culture, with dances from Elcho Island in north-east Arnhem Land as well as the Torres Strait forming an integral part of the program.

The keynote speaker was Dr Liza-Mare Syron, the senior Aboriginal cultural development officer at Arts NSW, and other presenters included local Federal Member for Robertson Deb O'Neill and Senator Sue Boyce, from Queensland, along with Bangarra Dance Theatre artist Sidney Saltner.

## Many awards

More than 40 awards were presented, the most yet for NAISDA. Thomas Kelly and Beau Dean Smith graduated with the Diploma in Professional Dance Performance.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the inaugural NAISDA Awards, to recognise a small number of high-achieving developing artists. Rika Hamaguchi, Thomas Kelly, Casey Natty and Jordan O'Davis each received two of the honours.

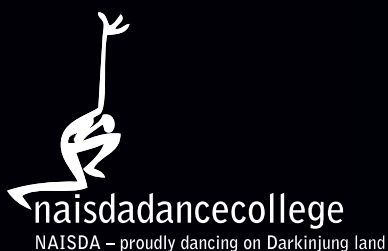
Life membership was awarded to NAISDA founder Carole Johnson, and she also received the title of artistic director emeritus.

The high-point of the graduation ceremony was the presentation of the Chairman's Award for Highly Distinguished Artistic and Academic Performance, which this year went to Thomas Kelly.

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One of the dances at this year's NAISDA Dance College graduation ceremony at Mt Penang, north of Sydney. Photo: Lisa Haymes



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## Homework centre for Coffs Harbour



A NEW homework centre for the northern NSW city of Coffs Harbour is aimed at helping local kids.

Leighton Contractors and the Coffs Harbour District Local Aboriginal Land Council have developed the 'Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan' or 'Two Ways Strong' program centre, to be officially opened on 8 May.

Program coordinator Clark Webb said instilling pride in young participants was a major goal.

"We've made a real effort to focus on Aboriginality and the celebration of identity," he said.

"The main aim of this whole project is to see some change in the kids including their development, pride and further learning. These homework centres were first established at Wongala Estate and Woolgoolga High School in 2010 and were mostly staffed by volunteers, so it's a credit to the kindness of people that we're able to deliver this new program."

Leighton Contractors has provided and set up equipment including desks, chairs, computers, laptops, sporting gear and office equipment.

Leighton's Glen Mace said the organisation was proud to support the centre. "We are delighted to partner with the Coffs Harbour LALC. This important community initiative is set to benefit local children today and into the future," he said.

# Honours for Leonie



LEONIE MCINTOSH was one of thousands of University of

Western Sydney students who marked the end of years of study by donning a cap and gown and walking across the graduation stage this month.

The Wiradjuri woman from Albury-Wodonga enrolled in a Bachelor of Education degree at UWS in 2005. By 2009 she had completed the undergraduate degree, and went on to realise her dream by working as a casual teacher.

In 2011, she took up the opportunity to compete an extra year of honours study.

This month Ms McIntosh became a UWS graduate once again, and she is now embarking on a career in research.

"Going into research was not something I had planned. I was just so happy to become a primary school teacher," she said.

"When I got the opportunity to go on to honours, I was thrilled and very nervous about doing something completely different to what I have ever done before.

"I am now working at Charles Sturt University as an



University of Western Sydney honours graduate Leonie McIntosh, a Wiradjuri woman from Albury-Wodonga.

Indigenous academic fellow and am involved in teaching as well as research."

For her honours thesis at UWS, Ms McIntosh studied the assets and qualities that Indigenous children bring to the classroom.

"In this research, I was interested in finding out what we as a community value in our children and what this means in classrooms," she said.

"During my teacher training I noticed that many Indigenous children start school full of confidence and ready to learn, however by the end of their first or second year of school they often fall behind.

"As a teacher and as a parent, this deeply concerned me – so my research aimed to investigate all the good things that our children bring to school and highlight these 'assets'."

Ms McIntosh's honours study identified a range of qualities that the community values in children.

"Indigenous children are typically community and family orientated, adaptable, caring, compassionate, street smart, social, and capable of sharing and showing respect for others," she says.

"But above all, the biggest asset of local children was identified as their Indigenous culture – the children are aware of who they are, and where they come from, and this sense of identity was seen as a real asset."

Studying at the UWS Bankstown campus required Ms McIntosh to travel more than 550km from Albury to Sydney.

She says, without the support of the university's Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, it would not have been possible to complete the five-year degree.

Ms McIntosh was able to complete her studies under the Aboriginal Rural Study Program (AREP) – a block release mode of study that allows Indigenous students to attend on-campus residential schools in two-week blocks, every three months.

# Students set to graduate



A RECORD number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will graduate from the University of

Southern Queensland Fraser Coast on 11 May.

Nine Indigenous students will receive their academic qualifications at the ceremony, making a total of 26 Indigenous students who have graduated with bachelor degrees at USQ Fraser Coast since 2004.

Five of this year's nine graduands completed Bachelor of Human Service degrees with majors including Child and Family, Indigenous Studies, and Counselling.

One student completed a Bachelor of Science (Psychology), and one a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting).

Carmen Franks-Weier will graduate with a Masters of Education, and USQ executive officer (Indigenous development) Christine Young with a Masters of Professional Studies.

"Carmen and I will go on to do our PhDs through USQ," Ms



USQ Fraser Coast executive officer (Indigenous development) Christine Young.

Young said. "We haven't had any Indigenous students graduate with a PhD from the Fraser Coast campus as yet.

"One of the Australian Government's higher priorities is closing the gap on disadvantage for Aboriginal people.

"Slowly but surely the gap is getting better and, with universities taking on the recommendations from various government reports with regard to Indigenous higher education, it's just going to keep on getting better."

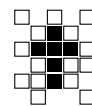
Ms Young, whose role includes increasing Indigenous participation and supporting students through to graduation, said most Indigenous students at university were mature-age women.

"There is a big drop out of Year 10 students who don't complete their senior studies, so we target late primary school and early high school," she said.

"We encourage young Indigenous students to continue their education to university level by telling them they can do this, it is possible, they can dream big.

"It can be daunting for them. They often think 'University's not for me, it's only for rich, very intelligent people', but that's not true.

"There are different bridging programs, such as the Tertiary Preparation Program and the Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program, that help those who don't get high Overall Position (OP) scores for direct university entry. Plus there are tutoring programs available as well as scholarships and bursaries they can apply for."



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## Workers skill up



A RECENT project used state-of-the-art technology to help Aboriginal health workers in the APY Lands

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TAFE SA and Nganampa Health joined forces for 'Measuring up online: Aboriginal Health Workers', funded by the Federal Government's national VET E-learning strategy.

As part of the project, TAFE SA gave an online training session to health workers at the APY Trade Training Centre at Umuwa, and in Pipalyatjara and Amata, along with TAFE SA staff in Whyalla and Adelaide.

Students at the Trade Training Centre used a 'smart board', an interactive white board, and computers to develop the skills needed for their day-to-day clinic work, such as recording patient notes.

The project will be a case study for other remote health organisations wanting to provide training opportunities for their employees using e-learning.



Louise Tucker, Mary Wilis, Dianne Strangways and Barbara Moore, Aboriginal health workers from Pukatja, Iwantja and Amata, studying at the APY Trade Training Centre.

## Mums-to-be urged to get free flu shot



MEDICAL experts are urging pregnant women to get their free flu shot before winter, to lower the risk of influenza for themselves and their unborn babies.

South Western Sydney Local Health District director of women's health Associate Professor Gamal Matthias said women in their second and third trimester were at greater risk of severe illness from influenza.

"Pregnancy takes its toll on a pregnant woman's respiratory and immune systems, so even healthy women with an uncomplicated pregnancy can develop life-threatening influenza," he said.

"Having a vaccination during pregnancy has shown to benefit mum and baby, with protective antibodies being transferred from mum, protecting the baby for up to six months.

"Influenza vaccines are not available for children less than six months of age so protection can only be achieved by vaccinating a mother during pregnancy.

"The risk of premature labour and delivery is also increased in pregnant women with influenza."

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Associate Prof Matthias said pregnant women should limit their contact with sick people.

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# Footy stars weigh in



A CAMPAIGN is encouraging Aboriginal communities in New South

Wales to team up with rugby league to lose weight and embrace healthier lifestyles.

NRL stars Nathan Merritt and George Rose joined NSW Government ministers Kevin Humphries and Victor Dominello recently to launch the 2013 NSW Knockout Health Challenge, where teams of up to 30 members work over 16 weeks to get fitter and healthier.

"By encouraging contestants to increase their exercise level and develop healthy eating habits they will not only lose weight but reduce their risk of contracting a range of chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes," Mr Humphries said.

"It is an innovative program that works; last year's teams lost a combined 1100kg while learning the skills to help keep the weight off in the long-term."

NSW Rugby League Indigenous programs manager Ricky Walford said prominent Aboriginal players would act as mentors for the teams, including Greg Inglis (South Sydney Rabbitohs), George Rose



NRL stars Nathan Merritt and George Rose and NSW Rugby League's Ricky Walford launch the 2013 NSW Knockout Health Challenge.

(Manly Sea Eagles), Ben Barba (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), Reece Robinson (Canberra Raiders), Andrew Fifita (Cronulla Sharks), Joel Romelo (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs),

Ryan James (Gold Coast Titans), Jamie Soward (St George-Illawarra Dragons), Timana Tahu (Newcastle Knights), Joel Thompson (Canberra Raiders), Brad Tighe (Penrith Panthers)

and Jonathan Wright (Cronulla Sharks).

"These players have a genuine interest in improving health outcomes of Aboriginal people and will act as mentors for the

contestants during their weight-loss journey by providing messages of support and training tips for the teams," Mr Walford said.

Mr Dominello said the Knockout offered Aboriginal people the opportunity to be part of a community challenge.

"By linking Aboriginal culture with an individual's participation in their own weight loss, the Knockout Challenge is about far more than losing weight; it is about building healthy families and communities," he said.

"Through the challenge we see mums getting fitter to keep up with their kids and children training alongside their parents and aunts and uncles.

"Furthermore, rugby league is an important part of contemporary Aboriginal culture and this partnership with the NSW Rugby League is a powerful way to connect with Aboriginal people.

"Players such as Greg Inglis and Timana Tahu are role models for all Australians and the opportunity for contestants to be mentored through the challenge by these prominent Aboriginal sportsmen will provide added inspiration for these players to achieve their weight-loss goals."



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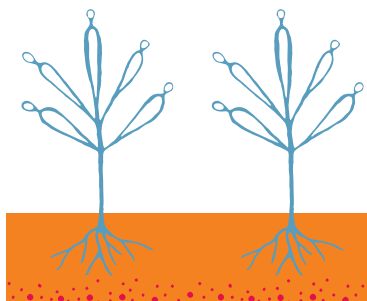


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# Bangarra set to stage *Blak*

By MARGARET SMITH



IN Bangarra Dance Theatre's studios near the Sydney Harbour Bridge, artistic director Stephen Page and dancer/choreographer Daniel Riley McKinley are putting the final touches to their new work *Blak*.

The 14 dancers who come from all over Australia listen intently and then with fluid movements they transform the space.

*Blak*, which opens next month, is an exploration of urban themes, coming of age, and the yearning for spiritual connection.

Afterwards, McKinley tells the *Koori Mail* the work came out of his experience of being an urban male grappling with issues of 'maleness', far from traditional tribal roots.

"I wanted to explore and question my own manhood and status, especially as there are now dancers younger and older than me in the company," he says.

McKinley joined Bangarra in 2007 and was nominated for the 2010 Deadly Dancer of the Year. He choreographed Bangarra's 2012 production *Earth and Sky*. He says that when the dancers recently spent time in Arnhem Land, he thought about how the young men there have a ceremonial transition to manhood, which is not available to Indigenous males like him.

"We are a contemporary clan, so I was concerned with how we stay connected, what we've been given from the old world, and the keepers for that," he said.

"Working with Stephen (Page) and the dancers, we decided that our new work would have three sections – Scar (men) Yearning (women) and Keepers of Knowledge, which is about healing and cleansing."

Bangarra now has a heritage all of its own, and Page says there are many different ways to tell stories.

While McKinley was working with the males, he sat down and spoke with the women dancers about their reactions to the men's search for ceremony. They discussed issues such as family and kinship, domestic violence, country, paying homage to Elders, and women's role in nurturing.

"We also recognised that younger generations have a voice, and we can celebrate that in the most productive way," Page said.

He recalls how they've explored urban issues before, especially in the productions *Spear*, *Rush* and *Skin*.

"In *Skin*, my son Hunter was just four years old, but now as the guest performer in *Blak* he's nearly 20," Page says.

The company now has two new dancers, Nicola Sabatino and Beau Dean Riley Smith, who are graduates from NAISDA Dance College.

Sabatino was raised in Weipa, Queensland, and recently performed for Opera Australia in Graeme Murphy's production of Puccini's *Turandot* as a soloist, and for Ochre Contemporary Dance Company. She says, "As contemporary Indigenous young people,



Daniel Riley McKinley and Waagenga Blanco in a scene from Bangarra Dance Theatre's new production *Blak*. Photo by Greg Barrett



BEAU DEAN RILEY SMITH

we were well prepared at NAISDA and now we are experiencing some great friendship and kinship at Bangarra."

Smith grew up in Dubbo, NSW, and Culburra Beach and says he's both a fresh and saltwater person. He's already danced in Vicki Van Hout's *Bryant* and personally choreographed the welcome to country at the 2010 Deadly Awards.

"I had no idea of what I was getting myself into at Bangarra, how hard they work, but already I feel we're part of a big family," he said.

Bangarra is also working to involve other young people, and Page and McKinley are concerned that many



NICOLA SABATINO

Indigenous kids today don't have role models.

They talk about their Rekindling program under Sidney Salter's direction. "Bangarra's school programs give students a chance to rekindle their spirit with an injection of culture," Page says.

● *Blak* will open at the Melbourne Arts Centre on 2 May with a Koori night and continue until 11 May. It will move to the arts centre in Wollongong on 17-18 May, the Sydney Opera House 7-22 June, Canberra Theatre Centre 11 and 13 July, and the Brisbane Performing Arts Centre from 18-27 July.

## Artworks feature at university



MORE than 160 artworks by North Australian Indigenous artists are on display at the Charles Darwin University Art Gallery.

The exhibition *Common Ground* highlights the role visual arts play in the cultural life and livelihood of

Indigenous Australians.

The works, mainly paintings and works on paper, have been drawn from the permanent art collections of Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and the university.

*Common Ground* features works by Indigenous artists from Ngukurr, Lajamanu, the Daly River region and Borroloola in the Northern Territory, as well as Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia.

The exhibition opened last week and will continue until 28 June.

CDU Art Gallery curator Anita Angel said works from the Batchelor Institute art collection dated principally from the early 1990s, when the artists-in-residence program and the collection were initiated.

"The exhibition highlights the immediate and continuing success of the Batchelor Institute Artist-in-Residence Program as an outcome of 'both ways' education," Ms Angel said.

### Awareness

"By providing opportunities for Aboriginal people to release their knowledge in a culturally supportive environment, the program mediated an awareness and an appreciation of Aboriginal knowledge systems on the part of non-Aboriginal people."

Ms Angel said the Batchelor Institute works were complemented by more than 50 works from the CDU Art Collection, chiefly limited-edition prints, created by the same artists or those from the same regions and communities.

"The exhibition reveals how a similar pathway, based on collaboration and cultural exchange, collection and preservation, was followed at CDU through the art collection and northern editions," she said.

"Tuition in printmaking has been delivered on campus and to remote and regional Indigenous art centres and communities for 20 years.

"In supporting this activity, the university fostered the development of contemporary Indigenous printmaking, recognising both the cultural and economic value, and the aesthetic and educational importance of art to Indigenous communities.

"As beneficiary of workshop proofs of editioned prints, the CDU Art Collection is now the second largest holding of Indigenous prints in the world."

## Exhibition focus on Kinchela boys



AN exhibition featuring photographic portraits of former inmates of the Kinchela Boys Home at South West Rocks opens next month.

Called *No Names, Just Numbers*, the exhibition aims to 'create a space for the silenced stories of what it was like to grow up in the home'.

The Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and the Kempsey Dughutti-Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery are hosting the exhibition.

The photographs on display were taken by Sydney photographer Sarah Barker, and represent some of the 400 to 600 Aboriginal boys who were forcibly removed from their families and spent their childhoods in the institution.

The display also includes historical photographs, a short film, artworks, family snapshots, sporting achievements and memorabilia about the boys' lives and their involvement in the Kempsey community.

The exhibition will be from 4-31 May, with the official opening at the art gallery at 11am on 4 May.



# An unsettling suite that's not always comfortable

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



**CONFRONTING** Australia's intertwined Indigenous and colonial histories, Sarah-Jane Norman's work is not always comfortable.

The writer and artist who has a Koori mother and British father says she's interested in walking the line between attraction and repulsion as a means of uncovering things that are repressed.

"I like to play with that tension," she told the *Koori Mail*.

In the work *Take this, for it is my body* she adds 6ml of her own blood into scone mixture and, once baked, these are offered up to the audience – a reference not only to Christian rituals and farmhouse afternoon teas, but also to the poisoned flour distributed to Aboriginal communities in the days of early settlement.

The work was first presented in England in 2010, and Norman says she's found it interesting to observe the reaction of audiences.

One of the Sydney performances was for the NSW History Council at Elizabeth Bay House.

"The oldies just went for it. Asked for second helpings. They knew there was blood in the food; they just didn't give a shit. They were part of a generation where food was food," she said.



The 2013 work *The River's Children* was shown last month in Sydney as part of *Unsettling Suite*, a collection of Sarah-Jane Norman's sculpture, installation and performance. Photo by Heidrun Lohr

"The younger people in their early 30s, people my age, all post-AIDS generation, have a very different attitude to blood.

"One group just sat around the table. Wouldn't even touch the scone that was put in front of them.

"They were completely silent."

Most recently the work was presented at Sydney's

Carriageworks as part of the Performance Space 'Matters of Life and Death' season.

The collection of Norman's sculpture, installation and performance called *Unsettling Suite* took the viewer inside an eerie, dream-like farmhouse, where rooms were periodically 'activated by performance'.

The first room featured the 2013 work called *The Great*

*Plague* – a sculpture of the artist's leg cast in sugar, slowly devoured by live ants.

The adjacent drawing room played host to the 2011 work *Corpus Nullius/Blood Country* – an installation and performance, which includes an uncured sheep's hide embroidered with the Latin word 'Terra' (meaning land). When performing, Norman completes the

statement by piercing the word 'Nullius' (meaning empty) into her own chest.

Other performance installations included *Bone Library* where words from so-called extinct Indigenous languages were engraved on individual sheep and cattle bones, while *The River's Children* saw Norman washing white clothing, contributed by exhibition visitors, using water from her ancestral country (the Hawkesbury River).

As the clothes are hung out to dry, they catch the light of two slide projectors displaying a series of texts remembering the times and sites of Indigenous massacres. At the conclusion of the exhibition, the clothes are returned to their owners 'bearing the invisible traces of their encounter with these traumatic histories'.

Norman told the *Koori Mail* she doesn't see herself as an interventionist artist.

"I aim for something more delicate," she says. "That guerrilla-type performance – that's stuff I've done in the past. But now I'm more interested when the audience can have an ambiguous experience."

For details on a comprehensive publication due to be released, including photographs of the exhibition and performances, writings by Norman and an essay by artist, writer and curator Brenda L Croft, contact admin@performancespace.com.au

## GOMA to host three shows



THREE exhibitions soon to open at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) will focus on contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

GOMA will stage its largest exhibition of contemporary Indigenous art in *My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Australia*, which will feature 300 works by more than 115 artists from all states and territories, an interactive children's exhibition *Gordon Hookey: Kangaroo Crew*, a film program, and installations by artists Reko Rennie and Megan Cope.

Artists in the exhibition include Vernon Ah Kee, Doreen

Reid Nakamarra, Michael Riley, Vincent Serico, Brook Andrew, Christopher Pease, Judy Watson, Warwick Thornton, Archie Moore, Mirdidingkingathi Juwarnda Sally Gabori, Richard Bell, Tony Albert, Dickie Minyintiri, Wakartu Cory Surprise, Destiny Deacon, Bindi Cole, Fiona Foley and Christian Thompson.

The film program *My Life as I Live It: First Peoples and Black Cinema* will be presented in the GOMA Cinema.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, 1 June and features a free 'Up Late' event with performances by Archie Roach and The Medics, featuring Bunna Lawrie of Coloured Stone.

Preceding *My Country* are two displays from the

permanent collection at GOMA.

*De'th and Life: Rakuny Ga Walnga* is an exhibition of contemporary art from Arnhem Land, showing from 25 May, while *Voice and Reason*, on display from 18 May, focusses on the dialogues at play in works by Indigenous and other Australian artists. The exhibition will be accompanied by a publication featuring artist interviews and essays by exhibition curator Bruce McLean, and leading Indigenous Australian curators and scholars Brenda L Croft, Hetti Perkins and Glenn Iseger-Pilkington.

GOMA's sixth publication for children *The Sacred Hill* will be published in association with the Gordon Hookey: Kangaroo Crew.

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A photograph by Darren Siwes of an Aboriginal man and woman painted white and dressed as a king and queen.

# Devil in detail at exhibition

By MARGARET SMITH



TWENTY years after the release of Tracey Moffatt's feature film *BeDevil*, historian Marcia Langton has curated a new exhibition *Debil Debil* which also explores ghosts from the past who continue to affect the present.

Housed in the Anna Schwartz Gallery of Carriageworks in Redfern, it includes films by Bec Cole, Wesley Enoch, Darlene Johnson, Rachel Perkins, r.e.a., Ivan Sen, and Warwick Thornton, as well as artwork by Brook Andrew, Daniel Boyd, Destiny Deacon, Ricardo Idagi, Danie Mellor, Tracey Moffatt, Darren Siwes, Christian Bumbarra Thompson, Warwick Thornton and r.e.a.

Langton says that since *BeDevil*, Indigenous art and film that tackles such difficult themes have flourished.

"The subjects of many of the works of this group of artists are recognisable characters from the dark past of the frontier of Australian anthropology and history, sometimes human, sometimes ancestral, but always carrying multiple meanings," she says.

At a press preview, Warwick Thornton stood near his arresting colonial red-and-black images of himself dressed



An untitled work by Warwick Thornton at the exhibition.

as a frontier preacher, a surreal cowboy and a policeman.

Darren Siwes has chosen the theme of royalty for his photographs of an Aboriginal man and woman with their skin painted white, dressed as a king and queen. "It was confronting and surprising for both them and for me. They are Arnhem Land people from Dalabon country, and they thought it really strange to see themselves as white. We were challenging the nature of stereotypes," he said.

Yarrabah Mission was the theme of two paintings by Daniel Boyd, who has relatives there today. He was intrigued by a 1904 photo of the local church he saw in Brisbane's Oxley Library.

"In the paintings, I'm trying to comprehend the past by breaking down the surface of the work," he says.

Michael Cook was also inspired by images from the archives in his 14-piece work. He found texts from the early landings of Dutch, Spanish, French and English explorers on Australia. Cook has given his works the ironic title of *Civilised* and says, "The French were different because they recognised our ancestors as human beings, and I've included text by Captain Cook because he also seemed to respect Aboriginal people."

Destiny Deacon and Tracey Moffatt have photographic works, and r.e.a. has a triptych and video of a digitally created landscape.

"It references the white artist Frederic McCubbin's *The Pioneer*," r. e. a. says.

"But in my work the black burnt trees and green grass are about our people's regeneration."

R.e.a. is now completing a doctorate which looks at the legacy of Aboriginal artists and their effects on young artists today.

## Prizemoney of \$10,000 up for grabs



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists in all media are invited to enter any work they have completed in the past three years in the \$10,000 John Fries Memorial Prize.

Copyright Agency/Viscopy Indigenous communications coordinator Trish Adjei said the prize was one of the best opportunities for emerging visual artists in Australia.

"Artists can submit anything from sculpture, performance, new media, photography, painting, drawing, installation, ceramic and object-based art," she said.

"The prize began in 2010, so artists are still learning about it. The organisers are keen to encourage more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to enter."

Kittey Malarvie, from Waringarri Arts in Kununurra, Western Australia, was a finalist last year for her work, *Looka – Cracked Mud*, a painting of the dried and cracked mud flats she played in with her sisters and cousins as children.

"In the wet seasons and after a big tide on the Sturt River, the water would rise up on the black mud flats. As it dried it would turn crystal, like salt," she said.

"We would play, making cakes from the dried shapes and sometimes play like stepping stones."

"Sometimes the old people would eat these cracked mud cakes as bush medicine for the salt. I like making paintings from my memories from when we were young and all together."

Malarvie believes the exposure resulting from her John Fries win has led to more interest in her works.

Her art features at an exhibition in China this month, and she intends to enter the John Fries Memorial Prize again this year.

Entries for the prize close on 6 May and 18 finalists will be selected for an exhibition this August at Gaffa Galleries in Sydney.

Entry is free for Viscopy members and joining Viscopy is also free. Otherwise, the prize entry fee is \$35.

To enter, visit [www.viscopy.org.au/jfmp](http://www.viscopy.org.au/jfmp)

## Hornsby named as festival judge



ARTIST Lloyd Hornsby, a Koori man from Walaga Lake, has been named as a judge at a new international art festival in Queensland, LifeArt Worldwide.

Hornsby, who has had his work exhibited across Australia and owns a gallery in Brisbane, will help decide the winners at the new festival, which is expected to draw more than 100 artists and has a total prize pool of \$25,000.

"The combination of a blending of global and local art, the internationally competitive prize pool and the integration of other cultural activities is highly original," he said.

LifeArt Worldwide will be held at Sunshine Coast TAFE Mooloolaba campus from 25 October to 3 November.

Artists working in painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and sculpture are invited to apply for the competition, which has a \$15,000 first prize.

Entries will be judged on how artists embody the event's theme – 'The Meaning of Life'.

Other prizes include an \$8000, four-week artist residency at Sunshine Coast TAFE's Noosa campus and \$1000 worth of art supplies.

The festival will combine exhibitions and workshops with other cultural showcases including food, wine and fashion.

Artists can enter LifeArt Worldwide via the event website: [www.lifeartworldwide.com](http://www.lifeartworldwide.com)

Entries close 30 April.



# 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 careers 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](http://www.puliima.com) or (02) 4927 8222.

## Western Australia

**Until 22 May:** Landmarks and Law Grounds: Men of the Desert exhibition. 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](http://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](http://www.supplynation.org.au/connect) or call 1300 055 298

**6-14 and 17-25 August:** The Lurujarri Dreaming Trail. Spend nine days with the Goolarabooloo people of Broome walking the Lurujarri dreaming trail from Minarriny to Yinara. The trail follows part of a traditional Aboriginal song that originated from the Dreamtime. Bookings for August are now open. Costs apply. Details: (08) 9221 4177 or email [goolarabooloo@hotmail.com](mailto:goolarabooloo@hotmail.com) or visit [www.goolarabooloo.org.au](http://www.goolarabooloo.org.au)

## NSW-ACT

**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](http://www.garftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 12 May:** League of Legends photographic exhibition celebrating 100 years of rugby league in Australia. Details: (02) 6643 3177 or visit [www.garftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.garftongallery.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](http://www.portrait.gov.au)

**Until 14 September:** Bipotaim: Stories from the Torres Strait exhibition including photographs,



These Centralian College youngsters, from left, Tahpeiya Harvey, Hayley Baliva, Jessica Campbell, Jakiem Furber-Holtze and Cassie Boyle, are pictured ready to take part in the recent Long Walk event in Alice Springs, sparked by AFL champion Michael Long's walk to Canberra to highlight Indigenous disadvantage, will be held on 25 May. See the calendar on this page for more details. Photo by Savanna Kruger

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](http://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 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](http://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.

**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.

**27 April-19 May:** The Good, The Bad and The In-Between exhibition. Renowned Aboriginal artists Yatama Nigimali (Danny Eastwood) and Thaya Giwiirr (Jake Soewardie) have come together in an exhibition highlighting Aboriginal issues, depicting scenes from their memories. Official opening 27 April at 2-4pm. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, 55-59 Flood St, Leichardt from Wed-Sun 11am-4pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or email [boomalliartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:boomalliartgallery@gmail.com) or visit [www.boomalli.com.au](http://www.boomalli.com.au)

**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](http://www.tribalwarrior.org)

**13 May:** What's really going on? An update on NT Intervention with Jeff McMullen and Graeme Mundine. Held at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale from 7.30pm. Free and all welcome, light refreshments provided. Details: (02) 9913 7940 or visit [www.respectandlisten.org](http://www.respectandlisten.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](mailto:karen@jumbunna.com.au)

**23-24 May:** Aboriginal Elders Retreat. The aim of the retreat is to create a book where each participant re-tells a story which has influenced their upbringing. Held at Jambama Aboriginal Art Gallery, 30 Cassino Dr, Casino from 11am-4pm daily. Only 12 places. Details: Tracey on 0448 800 789

**25 May:** The Long Walk Sydney 2013. The Long Walk is a charity inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda. Held at Skoda Stadium (Sydney Showgrounds) before the GWS v West Coast Eagles game at 2.10pm. Cost: Free but donations are welcome. Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 9230 0343 or email [info@thelongwalk.com.au](mailto:info@thelongwalk.com.au) or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

**29-30 May:** Fourth 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](http://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](mailto:talbott.tighereunion@hotmail.com)

**11 June:** Book launch. A *Decision to Discriminate* and film screening of *Our Generation*, with guest speaker Graeme Mundine. Held at the Ryde Library, 1 Pope St, Ryde from 6.30-9pm (parking available). Free and all welcome. Details: Carol Drake on (02) 9869 1737 or email Sabine at [binochka25@yahoo.com](mailto:binochka25@yahoo.com) or visit [www.respectandlisten.org](http://www.respectandlisten.org)

**25-26 June:** Building Partnerships and Pathways for Indigenous Employment conference. Details on 1300 316 882 or visit [www.indigemployment.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:bogallalc@bigpond.com) or Gene Blow on 0422 268 277 or [geneblow@live.com](mailto:geneblow@live.com)

## Northern Territory

**25 May:** The Long Walk Darwin 2013. The Long Walk is a charity inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda. Held at TIO Stadium, Abala Rd, Darwin before the Western Bulldogs v Port Adelaide Power AFL game at 7.10pm. Cost: Free but donations are welcome. Details: Kathy Braithwaite on (03) 9230 0343 or

email [info@thelongwalk.com.au](mailto:info@thelongwalk.com.au) or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

**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](http://www.worldindigenousnetwork.net) or contact (02) 6274 1016

**3-5 June:** National Native Title Conference 2013. 'Shaping the Future'. Held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre. Registrations are open, costs apply. Details: Jennifer Jones on (02) 6261 4250 or email [Jennifer.Jones@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.Jones@aiatsis.gov.au) or Shiane Lovell on (02) 6246 1108 or email [Shiane.Lovell@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:Shiane.Lovell@aiatsis.gov.au) or visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/ntc13](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/ntc13)

**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](mailto:info@barungafestival.com.au) or visit [www.barungafestival.com.au](http://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](http://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 Lajamanu, 500km north-west of Alice Springs. Held at the Burrinja Gallery, cnr Glenern Rd and Matson Dr, Upwey from Tues-Sun, 10.30am-4pm. Free event. Details: (03) 9754 8723 or email [events@burrinja.org.au](mailto:events@burrinja.org.au) or visit [www.burrinja.org.au](http://www.burrinja.org.au)

**17 May-16 June:** Ghost Citizens. Witnessing the Intervention exhibition. An exhibition about the removal of citizen rights by the Federal Government's 'intervention' in the Northern Territory, seen through the practices of Aboriginal and other artists. Official opening, 16 May at 6pm and panel discussion, 18 May at 2.30pm. Held at the Counihan Gallery, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick from Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm & Sun 1-5pm. Free Gallery entry. Details: (03) 9389 8622 or email [counihangallery@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:counihangallery@moreland.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.moreland.vic.gov.au](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.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](http://www.supplynation.org.au/connect) or call 1300 055 298

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# Sailors promoting defence force jobs



TWO Aboriginal members of the Royal Australian Navy have taken on new roles to promote Indigenous employment in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Leading Seaman Lateika Smith, from Nambucca Heads in New South Wales, and Petty Officer Sam Sheppard, from Mareeba in North Queensland, say they enjoy their new jobs.

"My parents are very supportive of what I do," LS Smith, a Gumbaynggirr woman working with the Careers Promotions Team at Defence Force Recruiting Centre in Parramatta, western Sydney, said.

"I'm continuing in a family military tradition. I have four other extended family members serving in the navy and my brother is currently at Kapooka doing his recruit training after recently graduating from an ADF Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course."

LS Smith believes Indigenous employment disadvantage is a real problem in Australia.

"My current role allows me to contribute by working to increase Indigenous numbers in the ADF," she said.

"The work is very rewarding as I get to explain why I am proud to be a sailor in the navy and how other people can join too. I especially enjoy engaging with other Indigenous Australians about what Navy can offer."

## Muluridgi man

PO Sheppard, a Muluridgi man who is a member of the Defence Indigenous Affairs team, is also proud of his heritage and his new career role.

He has deployed to the Arabian Gulf three times and taken part in border protection patrols, many deployments to south-east Asia, and visits to ports in Australia and New Zealand. He joined the Directorate of Indigenous Affairs team last year.

PO Sheppard works with community and business organisations to offer Indigenous groups exposure to the Australian Defence Force through base visits, presentations and mentoring.

"I love my work," he said.

He enjoyed his work because he could raise awareness among Indigenous Australians about the careers on offer in the ADF, he said.

While both sailors work primarily with mainstream defence recruiting, they also provide advice about defence specialised pathways to Indigenous employment programs, such as the Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Program (IPRC). The IPRC is a two-month live-in program that prepares Indigenous people for the recruiting processes for the navy, army or air force. The program is delivered primarily by Indigenous positive role models.



● Above: Petty Officer Communications Information System Sam Sheppard, an Indigenous recruitment officer, Defence Force Recruiting, in Perth interviewing a prospective Defence Force enlistee.



● Left: Leading Seaman Lateika Smith, of Nambucca Heads in NSW, is working to promote Indigenous employment in the Australian Defence Force.

## It's your guide to employment

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**1st May 2013**

## ATSI Community Support Workers Casual Positions Illawarra/Shoalhaven

William Campbell Foundation is seeking to recruit casual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander\* workers for a range of services including Mentoring, Crisis Care, Supervised Contact and Supervised Transport Services in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven. For an information package contact Alicia Morris by email only [a.morris@wcfoundation.org.au](mailto:a.morris@wcfoundation.org.au)

Successful Applicants will be subject to the full Working with Children and Police Checks.

**\*This is a targeted position for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by s. 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.**

Applications  
close COB on  
Friday 10 May.



## acara AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

### Senior Project Officer

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education  
(IDENTIFIED)**

The primary purpose of this position is to provide curriculum expertise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education complemented by leadership and management of specific projects that contribute to the development of the Australian Curriculum.

This includes establishing consultative networks, managing consultation, managing the work of writers appointed to draft and revise curriculum documents, monitoring implementation, evaluating curriculum, and providing strategic advice to senior management.

#### Important Notes:

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under subsection 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. To satisfy this criterion, confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is a requirement and thus applicants are advised to provide evidence of;

- Being of Aboriginal descent
- Identifying as an Aboriginal person
- Being accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person.

For further information on how to obtain a 'letter of confirmation' please visit: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/fhu/aboriginality.html>

#### Key Selection Criteria:

In addition to the above requirements, to be considered for this role candidates must be able to demonstrate they have:

1. Detailed knowledge of and expertise in contemporary F-12 curriculum and assessment developments in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education and in general education, including general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities
2. An understanding of the contemporary issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the impacts these issues have on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures
3. A demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities
4. Strong organisational capability along with demonstrated project management and consultative skills including the ability to deal with wide-ranging and complex issues within tight timeframes to required quality
5. Strong networking, liaison and representation skills and the ability to interact effectively with key stakeholders, drawing on high level interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
6. High level conceptual and analytical skills, including the ability to undertake research, prepare reports and provide strategic advice to senior management
7. A strong understanding and application of education and policy reform initiatives within the national education landscape specifically as it relates to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education.

This position may be located in the Sydney CBD office or other locations by negotiation.

**Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.**

Full details on how to apply and a position description can be located at [http://www.acara.edu.au/about\\_us/employment.html](http://www.acara.edu.au/about_us/employment.html)

**Applications close at 11.30pm Sunday 12th May 2013.**

For more information please email: [employment@acara.edu.au](mailto:employment@acara.edu.au) or contact Mary-Ann Scott (HR Advisor) on (02) 8098 3213.



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### Employment Opportunity

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To apply please forward you resume along with a cover letter to:

PO Box 2043 Dubbo NSW 2830

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## Personal Assistant Get a career that matters.

UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families Jaanimilli Unit is seeking a highly experienced and professional Personal Assistant to provide a range of supports to the Director, Jaanimilli. This position provides high level, pro-active and confidential administrative support that tracks and actions the Director's workflow, including: the management of the Director's calendar and appointments; organisation of any travel requirements and associated itineraries; production of high quality reports, minutes and letters, including financial reports; and support in the development and maintenance of internal and external strategic relationships within the Director's portfolio.

#### Applicants will require:

- Aboriginality & a strong appreciation of cultural protocols and practices
- Excellent interpersonal skills (diplomatic, cheerful, 'can do' attitude)
- Ideally at least 5 years experience working at PA/executive secretarial level
- Able to demonstrate a high level of accuracy, thoroughness, attention to detail and confidentiality

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 MAY 2013

For more information please contact **Servena McIntyre**, Director of Jaanimilli on 0427 404 001 or **Annette Davies**, PA Burnside South on 02 4620 2907.

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### Senior Project Officer

**(Regional Training Providers)**

**Fixed term, full time for 1 year**

This position will provide state wide support for the training of GP registrars in Aboriginal Health working in partnership with the six RTPs in NSW.

### Project Officer

**(Child & Maternal Health)**

**Fixed term, full time for 2 years**

The position will provide input, and facilitate programs and services in Aboriginal child and maternal health through ACCHSs and other sectors in NSW.

### Administration Manager

**Permanent, full time (located at Little Bay, Sydney)**

The position will manage the financial, operational and promotional activities of the Aboriginal Health College.

### Vocational Educator & Assessor

**identified position**

**Fixed term, full time for 1 year (located at Little Bay, Sydney)**

The VEA will be required to teach and assess in the area of Aboriginal Primary Health Care (Community and Practice).

Application for both positions close at 9:00am on Monday, 13 May 2013.

**\* The AH&MRC has a preference for employing suitably qualified Aboriginal people.**

For further information on this position or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: [www.ahmrc.org.au](http://www.ahmrc.org.au)



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## Research Fellow Closing the Gap

**Ref 13116** The incumbent will be required to develop research and evaluation strategies and processes to assess and document the outcomes of implementation of the Flinders Closing the Gap Program™. The successful applicant will also be required to establish ethics protocols and community connections as these relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the Closing the Gap project. In addition, involvement in the preparation of funding submissions and relevant research projects may be required.

- **Psychiatry (Flinders Clinical Effectiveness), School of Medicine**
- **Available until 31 December 2013 on a full-time basis, with a possibility of an extension**
- **Salary (Level B): \$78,885 to \$93,638 pa**
- **Plus 9% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11:00am, Monday 6 May 2013**

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our **Jobs@Flinders website: [www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)**

**[www.flinders.edu.au](http://www.flinders.edu.au)**  
**Equal Opportunity is University Policy**  
CRICOS Provider Number: 00114 A



## CASE WORKER

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work for Barnardos, one of Australia's leading not for profit organisations. The vacancy is based at the Barnardos Centre Orange, Central West New South Wales, within their Out Of Home Care Program. The role is permanent full time, part time from 21 hours will be considered.

Our Central Western Out Of Home Care Program provides kin care and foster care including crisis, short term and permanency placements. The role will ensure the comprehensive training and recruitment of Barnardos foster carers, and be responsible for managing placements of children and young people living with foster or kin carers referred to Barnardos Out of Home Care Program in the Central West region. Barnardos has a partnership with Miyan Munga Inc an Aboriginal organisation and would welcome applications from Aboriginal candidates. The case worker will also have the experience, skills, flexibility and professionalism to adapt their working style to the situation, meeting the individual needs of children and carers, and also plan and prepare for regular reviews of children in accordance with our out of home care accreditation.

#### Selection Criteria: - For the role Barnardos are seeking

- An experienced case worker, with specific experience of working within the Out Of Home Care sector, and have demonstrated assessment skills, knowledge of best practice for permanency planning for children in care.
- High level interpersonal skills, written and verbal communication skills are essential.
- A relevant tertiary qualification in social welfare is required.

Application is a current resume, and a copy of a covering addressing the selection criteria. For a confidential discussion please contact Ruth Farrer at [ruth@abrs.au](mailto:ruth@abrs.au) or (02) 92182354

**Closing date 1st May 2013 by 5:00pm**

Pay scale \$69,401 - \$86,236 (including salary sacrifice and vehicle)



**Education &  
Communities**

## Major Initiatives Project Support Officer

**Clerk Grade 1/2**

**Sydney CBD**

**Position number SCH0509**

**Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,671 p.a. (salary \$54,742 p.a. to \$59,512 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

Provide administrative and clerical support to the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit.

#### Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Proficiency in developing and maintaining databases and information systems.
- Demonstrated organisational and administrative abilities.
- Proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, email and presentation software.
- Effective communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and exercise initiative.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

**Notes:** This is a permanent Full-Time appointment. Administrative hours and conditions apply.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

**Enquiries:** Jascenta Sabatino (02) 9244 5316

**To apply online please visit website:**

[https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all\\_jobs/jobsearch.ftl](https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all_jobs/jobsearch.ftl) and refer to keyword SCH0509

**Closing Date:** 8 May 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.





**Human Services**  
Juvenile Justice

## Vocational Instructor (Cook)

Level 1 Year 6 - Level 2 Year 4  
Operations

Orana Juvenile Justice Centre, Dubbo  
Permanent Part-Time

Position No: 00001LL5

Total remuneration package valued up to \$65,671 per annum (Salary: \$51,886 pa - \$59,512 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$26.17 ph - \$30.01 ph.

### Job Description:

The position holder is responsible for the development and delivery of Vocational programs for detainees in custody within the Centre.

### Selection Criteria:

- Completion of TAFE Certificate II in Commercial Cookery or Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) and Train Small Groups (Category 1) or equivalent.
- Experience in the development, preparation, evaluation and supervision of developmental programs and activities.
- Ability to prepare orders for foodstuffs required for the menu and demonstrated industry experience in the preparation, cooking and attractive presentation of meals on a large scale.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain acceptable standards of cleanliness and hygiene in the kitchen and food storage areas.
- Ability to ensure the proper care of kitchen equipment and the proper security measures are maintained with dangerous implements.
- Possess effective oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work and respond flexibly to situations.
- Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal culture.

**Job Notes:** This is a **Permanent Part-Time** position (19 hours per week) and the position holder will primarily be responsible for food preparation in the Centre. It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions.

**Enquiries:** Jon Fuller (02) 6881 0804 or email [Jon.fuller@djj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Jon.fuller@djj.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00001LL5

**Closing Date:** 11 May 2013

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Recruitment

## Cultural Mentor Officer

(2 days per week, 12 month contract)

*This is an identified position*

**An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, as amended.**

Our well respected Albury client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a Cultural Mentor Officer to deliver a Cultural Mentoring Program to the service and relate to the Stolen Generation through a culturally safe and holistic approach.

### Duties of the position include;

- Providing Health and Medical Cultural advice to GP's and Registrars
- Working in collaboration with all staff in relation to cultural awareness' and training
- Develop and coordinate group training sessions and workshops for staff
- Work with the local RTP to develop culturally specific training days
- Participate in Team Care Planning for staff
- Participation in Registered Training Provider and Cultural Mentor Meeting network.
- Undertake any further training and education to maintain best practice

### The successful candidate will possess;

- The ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner
- Knowledge and understanding of culture within the organisation and the ability to address issues
- Highly developed liaison skills with the proven ability to build good working relationships
- Computer literacy
- Experience in providing workshops
- Previous experience in Aboriginal Mentoring and Support services will be highly regarded

A current drivers licence and willingness to undertake relevant Criminal Record and Working with Children checks are also essential.

To apply, please visit:

[www.mppersonnel.com.au](http://www.mppersonnel.com.au)

Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285

[admin@mppersonnel.com.au](mailto:admin@mppersonnel.com.au)

PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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community  
legal  
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The Northern Rivers  
Community Legal Centre is  
recruiting a part-time

## GENERALIST SOLICITOR

18 hours per week, based in  
Murwillumbah with experience in  
general law from a social justice  
perspective.

**Salary range:** pro rata \$54,490 to \$60,272 (based on 35hr week)

Salary packaging, super and leave loading is available for this position. We encourage Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to apply. NRCLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To obtain a job-kit visit [www.nrclc.org.au](http://www.nrclc.org.au)

**Applications close 4pm Monday 13 May 2013**



WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICES NSW

## Indigenous Women's Legal Program Aboriginal Community Access Worker

**Permanent full-time 35 hrs per week**

Base Salary \$55,094 - \$59,957 p.a.

(salary packaging available)

Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Community Access Worker for the Indigenous Women's Legal Program.

### Selection criteria include:

A commitment to social justice, demonstrated experience in community education and development, facilitating workshops, understanding of Human Rights and advocacy, capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks.

Ability to travel to rural NSW and current driving license essential. We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

***This is an exciting opportunity for an independently motivated Aboriginal woman to develop community leadership throughout NSW***

*"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"*

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW 02 8745 6900 for a full job package and selection criteria.



Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the Executive Officer, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 by **24 May 2013**.



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# 2014 AusAID Graduate Program

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is conducting an Indigenous recruitment round for the 2014 AusAID Graduate Program. AusAID manages Australia's overseas aid program, provides advice and support to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on development policy, and plans and coordinates poverty reduction activities in partnership with developing countries.

This exciting 2 year program includes:

- Commencement salary of \$57,762
- 4 work rotations throughout the agency
- An opportunity to participate in work overseas
- Structured training and skills development
- Relocation assistance (where applicable)

We accept applications from all disciplines and are seeking a wide range of qualifications relevant to our business including, but not limited to:

- International Relations • Law
- Political Science • Development Studies
- Environmental Management
- Public Policy/Public Administration
- Geography • History and • Philosophy

**The filling of these positions are in accordance with subsection 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975. These positions are designated and only open to applicants who are Australian Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander people. Confirmation of Aboriginality is an eligibility requirement.**

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For further information please visit [www.ausaid.gov.au/recruit](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/recruit) or speak to the AusAID Indigenous HR Adviser on 02 6178 5910 or email [EPSD@ausaid.gov.au](mailto:EPSD@ausaid.gov.au).

**Applications close midnight 17 May 2013, Canberra time.**

*AusAID's Reconciliation Action Plan 2011-12 and Indigenous Employment Strategy 2011-15 reflects our commitment towards promoting reconciliation and providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*



## Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre (HNCLC)

The Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre based in Windsor is seeking experienced staff to fulfill 2 positions as part of an exciting new restructure of the centre.

### Managing Principal Solicitor (MPS)

to oversee the busy running of the centre and legal practice. Salary of \$85,000 plus above award conditions

### Executive Assistant

to assist the MPS and drive the HR and policy and funding components of the centre. Salary Grade 6 SCHADS with above award conditions.

Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre offers free legal advice to the Hawkesbury and Nepean communities and supports an Aboriginal Legal Access Program and a Women's Court Assistance Scheme.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. HNCLC is an EEO employer.

Please email [elyse@rafton.com.au](mailto:elyse@rafton.com.au) for an application package. Applications via email only by close of business May 15th 2013.

## Field Officer Indigenous Library Services

Public and Indigenous Library Development  
State Library of Queensland

Salary: \$71,435 - \$77,644 per annum

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/SLB408/13

**Key Duties:** Liaise with, and support, Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) coordinators to progress their personal development plans to build skills to operate an IKC and enhance program outcomes.

**Skills/Abilities:** Support IKC coordinators and council staff to manage their public internet access computers.

**Enquiries:** Robert Barty 0417 210 964

**Closing Date:** Monday, 06 May 2013

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



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As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at [www.goodshepvic.org.au](http://www.goodshepvic.org.au) where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.



METROPOLITAN LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attractive remuneration, Package negotiable

The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the MLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package please contact Kelly Bradshaw by email: [kbradshaw@metrolalc.org.au](mailto:kbradshaw@metrolalc.org.au) or on (02) 8394 9666.

Applications marked "Private & Confidential" can be forwarded to: [kbradshaw@metrolalc.org.au](mailto:kbradshaw@metrolalc.org.au) or posted to:

The Chairperson  
Metropolitan LALC  
PO Box 1103  
STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012

Applications close by COB on Friday 3 May 2013.

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Most positions are FIFO (2:1 or 4:1 roster) from Perth and will require a current/valid driver's licence. Applicants who reside in major regional centres; such as Karratha, Port Hedland, and Whyalla may be considered for residential roles. Indigenous Australian applicants only should submit their updated CV by email, with at least three, contactable referees to [mbarefoot@bgc.cc](mailto:mbarefoot@bgc.cc)

BGC Contracting implements positive strategies to attract and recruit Indigenous Australian people as provided for under section 51 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, as measures intended to achieve equality.

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For more information please contact Carmen Taylor, Indigenous Employment Officer. Phone (08) 9442 2300.

QUT offers our people a culture of **respect**, outstanding **rewards**, a dynamic environment, and work highly **relevant** to industry and the community.

Engagement with and acknowledgement of Indigenous people and knowledges is a priority for QUT. This includes the recruitment and support of Indigenous Australian staff through the university's Indigenous Education and Employment Committee, the Reconciliation Action Plan and the Indigenous Employment Strategy.

### The university

QUT is a leading Australian university with a 'real world' focus in our teaching and research. Our nearly 45,000 students study across six faculties which offer more than 300 academically and professionally oriented programs. Courses are in high demand and our graduates have excellent job and career outcomes. QUT has also set for itself an ambitious research agenda and our annual research income now approaches \$80m.

QUT has two major campuses in the Brisbane CBD (Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove) and at Caboolture in the growth corridor extending north of the city.

### The positions

Opportunities exist for seven Indigenous Australians to share in QUT's aspirations for teaching, learning, research and community engagement.

# Employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians

QUT seeks Indigenous Australians for seven academic positions

### Associate Director, Academic – Indigenous Knowledges

The position provides academic leadership to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn about Indigenous knowledges in their course, and contributes to the development of academic staff to ensure they have sufficient understanding of Indigenous knowledges.

Appointment will be made at Senior Lecturer or Associate Professor level in accordance with qualifications and experience.

A market loading may be payable to an outstanding candidate.

### Associate Lecturer and Lecturer positions are available within the following disciplines:

- Creative Industries Faculty – two positions
- Faculty of Education – two positions
- Faculty of Health – two positions

The development needs of successful candidates will be identified and supported with a program put in place to assist in building capacity by ensuring a successful academic career.

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## Free Energy Industry Pre-Apprenticeship Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders starts May 2013.

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander looking to try your hand at a trade, the Energy Industry Indigenous Pre-Apprenticeship Program may be for you!

From May 2013, Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy, Transgrid, NECA Group Training and MEGT are running a fully funded, nationally recognised, 13 week program at TAFE NSW Petersham College in Sydney.

Participating in this program will set you up with the skills and knowledge to pursue a career in the energy industry and allow you to try things out first hand when you undertake work experience at an apprentice training centre. At the end of the course (based on your results), you will be eligible to apply for an apprenticeship with five leading organisations in the energy industry.

For further information, contact Lyn Wilson, Head Teacher Foundation Studies at TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute on **0409 310 384** or **02 9335 2404** or visit the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs section at [www.ausgrid.com.au/careers](http://www.ausgrid.com.au/careers)



This project is supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Indigenous Employment Program.



## Jobs that make a difference

### Senior Project Officer

Service Design and Implementation Group  
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Full time, 12 months

Are you;

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with skills and experience building workforce capacity?
- Action-oriented, keen on getting the job done?
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This is an exciting opportunity to support the departments to improve employment outcomes for Aboriginal people across the state of Victoria.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Janette Kennedy on (03) 9096 2501.

Please quote reference DHS/SDI/376041.

Applications close Wednesday 1 May 2013.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only may apply for this position. This position has been designated in this way pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. (Exemption No. A067/A068/2010/0056).

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



### Director Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples Vacancy ID 13008

An Indigenous Australian with outstanding credentials in administration, community engagement, strategic planning and management is required to lead the academic and administrative performance of the College and its external engagement.

For full details, including selection criteria, first go to [www.scu.edu.au/jobs](http://www.scu.edu.au/jobs)

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#### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER

Part-Time Temporary Position  
60 hours per fortnight  
For immediate start by negotiation  
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Applications are invited for the above position. The successful applicant will need to be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of and sincere commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education, including the values of social justice, equity and reconciliation.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Aboriginal students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Aboriginal students.
- Build links with the local Aboriginal community.
- Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community.

A role description and application package to be obtained by contacting Jenny Cosgrove on (02) 6338 3000 or [j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au)

#### Written applications to be submitted to:

The Manager Employee Services  
Catholic Education Office  
PO Box 308  
BATHURST NSW 2795  
Phone: (02) 6338 3000 Fax: (02) 6338 3001  
Email: [j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:j.cosgrove@bth.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close: Friday, 3 May 2013 at 12.00pm

Child Protection Legislation requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.

*The Catholic Education Office Bathurst is an equal opportunity employer*



### NORTA NORTA Teachers

Mount Austin High School in Wagga Wagga is seeking a number of temporary full time, qualified teachers until the end of the 2013 school year.

The Norta Norta Program provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement in literacy and numeracy. Developing study skills is also a focus with senior students. Funding guidelines strongly recommended that secondary schools employ qualified teachers.

Mount Austin High School's Aboriginal student leadership group MAKET has received nationwide recognition within the Dare to Lead program. The school is a dynamic learning community with high expectations and a focus on improving student outcomes with the support of a low SES National Partnership. MAHS has a strong partnership with the Wagga Wagga Local AECG in working to improve the outcomes of Aboriginal students.

Wagga Wagga is a large rural city with a population of 60,000. There are many cultural and sporting opportunities on offer in addition to access to tertiary education programs.

#### Selection Criteria;

- Approval to work as a teacher with NSW Department of Education and Communities.
- NSW DEC Working with Children clearance (or willingness to obtain one).
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment for the Norta Norta Program.
- Ability to work collegially as part of a dedicated team.
- Experience working with Aboriginal communities to improve student outcomes.

Please email expressions of interest (including the names and details of 3 current referees) to the Principal Susan Lockwood: [Susan.lockwood@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Susan.lockwood@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone (02) 6925 2801.

Applications close 3rd May 2013.

Applicants will be notified if successful in gaining an interview by a merit selection panel.

## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### Legal Support Officer, Clerk Grade 1/2 (Aboriginal Identified)

- Permanent position
- Package to 65K
- Position located at Penrith

Please go to [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search by the title or by Requisition No: 00001M11. Applications must be submitted online through [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au) to be considered.

Enquiries: Michelle Kyle on 02 4732 3077 or [michelle.kyle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.kyle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 8 May 2013

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### Administrative Assistants

ABC News is Australia's leading broadcaster of news and current affairs, with daily TV and Radio News, award-winning current affairs, a rich and comprehensive website and Australia's most watched 24 hour TV news channel.

We will be building on that foundation by establishing a fact-checking unit to provide more original content for our audiences, and hiring more reporters and producers.

To provide administrative and clerical support for our expanded operations, we are recruiting for two administrative assistants. If you are enthusiastic, organised and keen to be part of a dynamic team, we would like to hear from you.

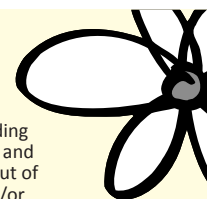
*These vacancies are open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, reflecting the objectives of the ABC Reconciliation Action Plan, ABC Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.*

For further information visit [abc.net.au/careers](http://abc.net.au/careers)

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### Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is a national not for profit charitable organisation providing innovative community based programs and services for children, young people in out of home care, people with disabilities and/or mental health issues.



#### Aboriginal Cultural Support Planner

This permanent full time position based in Rockhampton is responsible for the development, review and implementation of cultural support plans for all children and young people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage whose case management Life Without Barriers is responsible for.

#### Key Responsibilities:

Develop and maintain relationships with the local aboriginal community, identify and explore alternative sources of information to fulfil the individual cultural heritage components of the cultural support plan, work with children or young people, family, Life Without Barriers case managers and relevant government agency staff and review, update and establish cultural support plans.

The successful applicant must be identified as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, have knowledge of issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, ability to work within a team environment as well as independently, and have a current drivers licence. Preference will be given to applicants from the Darumbal Community.

We will offer the successful applicant an attractive remuneration package that includes a mobile phone, laptop and generous salary sacrificing options. For enquires contact Jill Armstrong, Operations Manager on 07 4921 1475.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:  
Sunday, 5th May 2013

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Please go to [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au) to access the application package. Applicants must address selection criteria & can send completed applications to [qld.recruitment@lwb.org.au](mailto:qld.recruitment@lwb.org.au)

#### Further information:

Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational requirement and permitted as a 'special measure' under section 8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth) and by articles 1(4) and 2(2) of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.





## Executive Assistant Rosebury, NSW

- \* **Friendly & supportive team!**
- \* **Remuneration circa \$65k - \$75k!**



Eastern Sydney Medicare Local (ESML) has an exciting opportunity for an **Executive Assistant** to join their team based in Sydney's Eastern suburbs. In this pivotal role, you will be **responsible for providing the CEO with high quality, accurate and timely professional assistance**. In return for your hard work and dedication, you will receive an **attractive remuneration \$65,000 - \$75,000** (commensurate with your skills and experience) plus super and **salary packaging options!**



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## Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

**Blacktown Arts Centre**  
**Position No: BCC1064**

You will be required to develop and implement a comprehensive Aboriginal Arts Development Strategy for Council, including economic and professional development opportunities, and to ensure that opportunities are made available for the development and recognition of arts development in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities.

You must have Aboriginality (In accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position), tertiary qualifications in a related field, experience in cultural planning, policy development and project management, extensive experience in contracting and working in consultation with artists, in arts organisations and with Aboriginal communities and current Class 'C' Driver's Licence.

**Enquiries:** Jenny Bisset on 9839 6081.  
**Salary Range:** \$1,235.60 to \$1,383.90 pw (Grade 13) + motor vehicle allowance.  
**Closing Date:** 4.30pm Friday, 3 May 2013.

**For all positions: Quoting relevant position number, application forms and position descriptions are available on our website. Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council's Enterprise Agreement.**

**How to apply: Applications should be directed to The General Manager, Blacktown City Council, PO Box 63, Blacktown NSW 2148 or emailed to council@blacktown.nsw.gov.au**

Blacktown City Council

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## Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc



Nunkuwarrin Yunti works to promote and deliver improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide and to advance their social, cultural and economic status. The Organisation places a strong focus on a client centred approach to the delivery of services and a collaborative working culture to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients.

**Recognising that our people are the key to our ongoing success we offer the following benefits:**

- *Generous Salary Sacrifice*
- *Extra Leave entitlements*
- *Good Work-Life Balance*
- *Career Development Opportunities*
- *Family Friendly*
- *Training Opportunities*

## Senior Aboriginal Health Practitioner

**NY ACHW Level 5 \$66,551.14 - \$68,746.60**

The Nunkuwarrin Yunti Primary Care Services team provides a culturally appropriate, sensitive, safe and accessible health service to the Aboriginal community. We liaise and work closely with other service providers to ensure a high standard of integrated and coordinated client care.

Our team consists of Aboriginal Health Workers, Registered Nurses, General Practitioners and Transport Officers. This multi-disciplinary team, augmented by a range of visiting specialists provides a comprehensive and coordinated health care for the Aboriginal community. Our clinics are fully accredited by AGPAL, ensuring the delivery of safe, high quality health care.

The Senior Aboriginal Health Practitioner is a member of the Primary Care Services' management team, supervises Aboriginal Health Workers/Practitioners, provides health care delivery, provides advice to clients and supports the Clinical Nurse Manager in ensuring primary health care assessments are performed and client care plans are implemented.

The successful applicant will have a strong commitment to working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, be team orientated, computer literate, and demonstrate a high level of verbal and written communication skills. *Note that registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority (AHPRA) is a condition of employment.*

**Applications must address the Selection Criteria in the Job Description.**

**Further information:** Please contact Mr Norbert Hohl, Manager, Primary Care Services on (08) 8406 1600 or email [norberth@nunku.org.au](mailto:norberth@nunku.org.au), or visit [www.nunku.org.au](http://www.nunku.org.au)

**Applications to:** Mr Lance Reilly, Human Resource Officer, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc - PO Box 7202, Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000 or e-mail: [lancer@nunku.org.au](mailto:lancer@nunku.org.au)

**Applications close:**

**5.00pm Monday, 6 May 2013**

## Manager



Education & Communities

### Connected Communities

The position is a Senior Officer Grade 1, based in Sydney. Total remuneration package valued to \$166,547 per annum (Salary: \$140,067 - \$150,926 per annum) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. This is a temporary full-time position for a period up to 30 June 2018.

The Manager, Connected Communities will manage the formulation and provision of strategic and policy advice to the Executive Director, Connected Communities and will lead and is accountable for strategic initiatives and projects relating to Connected Communities.

For further information (including the selection criteria and position description) and to apply online, visit [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) (search by job reference number 00001LYS).

Note: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted.

For enquiries, contact Michele Hall, Executive Director, Connected Communities, Department of Education and Communities, telephone (02) 9244 5378 or by email to [michele.hall@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michele.hall@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Applications close: 5 May 2013**

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Department of Families,  
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### Legal Officer (Special Measures)

APS 4 - 6, \$64,664 - \$83,743  
Canberra, ACT

FaHCSIA Legal Officers are an integral part of FaHCSIA's Legal Practice, and are required to provide a range of legal services, including commercial drafting, statutory interpretation, administrative law advice, general legal advice and legislative development.

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Relocation support will be negotiated with the successful candidate if required.

**\*\*SPECIAL MEASURES PROVISION\*\***

The Position will be filled using the Special Measures provision, allowing for the targeted recruitment of Indigenous Australians into the Australian Public Service (APS), while adhering to the employment principles set out in the *Public Service Act 1999*.

This vacancy is only open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under clause 4.2(6)(b)(i) of the Public Service Commissioner's Direction 1999. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

Admission, or eligible to be admitted, as a Barrister, Solicitor or Legal Practitioner of an Australian Court is essential. Law graduates undertaking or about to undertake College of Law (or equivalent) will be considered.

Contact Officer  
Sayuri Grady  
02 6146 3186  
[sayuri.grady@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:sayuri.grady@fahcsia.gov.au)

#### How to apply

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or contact Recruitment on (02) 6146 8068. We welcome and encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse culture and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

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## The Victorian Metropolitan Alliance Ltd (VMA)

The Victorian Metropolitan Alliance Ltd (VMA) is a not for profit company concerned with the training and education of general practitioners in the Melbourne Metropolitan and Greater Geelong region in Victoria.

### Aboriginal Cultural Educator

Required to assist in the development, implementation and presentation of VMA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Program.

*Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

**Your roles and responsibilities as Aboriginal-TorresStrait Islander Cultural Educator are:**

1. *Education:* To advise and assist medical educators in the design, development, delivery and evaluation of the VMA's Indigenous Health Training program with a focus on cultural and historical factors that impact on contemporary Aboriginal health status and provision of culturally safe Health care to Indigenous people.
2. *Registrar support and guidance:* Lead discussion of Indigenous issues with GP Registrars including advice on Aboriginal community resources.
3. *Networking and stakeholder relations:* Provide strategic advice and assist VMA in developing relationships with local, regional and State-wide Aboriginal Community-Controlled organisations.
4. *Organisational support:* Provide advice to the VMA on issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
5. *Professional development:* Participate and contribute to Continuing Professional Development.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Knowledge of Aboriginal Culture and History
- Knowledge of and experience in the health system
- Knowledge of and experience in Aboriginal medical services and/or the broader Aboriginal Community Controlled sector.
- Ability to present and facilitate educational activities in small groups

#### Appointment Period:

Subject to satisfactory performance this is a permanent position, given continued government funding, which the VMA Board confidently expects.

#### Hours of work and Salary:

This position is 0.2 FTE ie.7.6 hours per week at \$40 per hour (FTE 79,040 + superannuation per year). Salary packaging is available for employees.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Project Officer

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training Project Officer is required to assist in the implementation of VMA's Indigenous Health Training Strategic plan and Reconciliation Action plan.

*Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

#### Roles and responsibilities of this position are to:

1. Liaise and collaborate with VACCHO and ACCHSs in the development of a common curriculum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health training and an orientation program for registrars entering training posts in Aboriginal health.
2. Assist in the development and accreditation process for new Aboriginal training posts in the ACCHSs in VMA's area of operation.
3. Provide strategic advice and assist VMA in developing relationships with local, regional and State-wide Aboriginal Community-Controlled organisations.
4. Attend and participate in inter RTP meetings to represent VMA in State wide collaborative projects for registrar training post development and continuing professional development.
5. Provide advice to the VMA on issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Ability to negotiate and collaborate with Aboriginal organisations for the further development and implementation of VMA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Training strategic plan
- Ability to foster and develop on going relationships with Aboriginal organisations including the development and promotion of Registrar training positions in the ACCHS sector,
- Excellent communication skills,
- Ability to work in a team environment and to represent VMA in state and national training provider forums
- Ability to use a variety of IT media.

This position is part time and allocated 0.3 FTE ie 11.4 hours per week at \$35 per hour (FTE \$69,160 +superannuation allowance per year) Salary packaging is available for employees.

**The Cultural Educator and project officer positions may be consolidated for a single applicant with the necessary skills.**

#### How to apply:

Apply with a resume to Kylee Taylor including CV and documenting your experience related to the selection criteria above.

More detailed Position descriptions are available on request. Applications close on the 20th May 2013.

Mail: Kylee Taylor, VMA Admin.15 Cato St Hawthorn, Vic. 3122 • Ph 03 98221100 email: [Kylee.Taylor@vma.com.au](mailto:Kylee.Taylor@vma.com.au)





## General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal Targeted Position  
Port Stephens Local Area Command  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Permanent Full-Time  
Raymond Terrace  
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001MB9

**Salary Package:** \$65,671. **Salary:** \$54,742 - \$59,512. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Port Stephens Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

### Job Notes:

- General Administrative Support Officers are required to work a 9 day fortnight, 35 hours per week.
- Applicants should hold 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 a written response addressing each of the selection criteria using the text box provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history check) prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

**Enquiries:** Tracey Pollock – Local Area Manager on (02) 4983 7401

For a the Selection Criteria, downloadable position description and information package, please go to Jobs.NSW ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00001MB9

**Closing Date:** Sunday 5 May 2013

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## Senior Child Protection Practitioner or Practice Leader (Aboriginal Family Decision Making)

West Division  
Footscray Office  
CPP 5: \$79,894 to \$96,666 (+ superannuation)  
Ongoing - Full Time

The Senior Child Protection Practitioner (AFDM) is responsible for supporting and developing Child Protection Practitioners in the integration of theory and practice whilst demonstrating their expertise through direct case practice and line supervision of child protection practitioners.

This position will work collaboratively with practitioners and teams to strengthen case practice with Aboriginal children and families, to provide effective service delivery and to support other practitioners.

This position is responsible for co-convening Aboriginal Family Decision Making (AFDM) meetings for Aboriginal clients, working in partnership with the community co-convenor and Aboriginal organisations in providing community education, training and consultation for Child Protection and Aboriginal agency employees.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Anna Ashton on (03) 9275 7324.

When applying please quote: Job reference DHS/W/00378664

Closing date: Monday, 6 May 2013.

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**Juvenile Justice**  
Attorney General & Justice

## Juvenile Justice Counsellor (JJCS) (AOD)

Departmental Professional Officer Grade II  
Juvenile Justice - Operations  
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Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: 00001LE8

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$93,304 per annum (Salary: \$76,614 pa - \$84,553 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

To provide a needs based, harm reduction focused service for young offenders and their significant others.

### Selection Criteria:

- Completed degree in Psychology or Social Work or equivalent and current minimum Class C Driver's Licence.
- Experience in working with substance abusing clients and an understanding of contributing factors to substance abuse and offending behaviour.
- Knowledge of legislation and an understanding of issues relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW.
- Demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning and willingness to engage in quality assurance activities.
- Experience providing therapeutic interventions to young people with challenging behaviours such as mental health and / or alcohol and other drug issues.
- Effective interpersonal skills including mediation and negotiation skills, and working as part of a team.
- Effective written and oral communication skills and experience in the use of computers.
- Knowledge and respect for Aboriginal Culture.

**Job Notes:** It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Enquiries:** Bernadette Terry, Assistant Manager, North West - (02) 67523415

**Information Packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00001LE8

**Closing Date:** 10 May 2013

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## AIATSIS Business Director

**Executive Level 2**

**Executive – 18 months initially with potential of becoming Ongoing  
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Please consult the AIATSIS website [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au) to obtain the selection documentation for this position. For those without access to the Internet, selection documentation can be obtained from the HR Team on (02) 6246 1128 or email [HRteam@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:HRteam@aiatsis.gov.au).

If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Michelle Patterson, Deputy Principal on 02 6246 1118 or e-mail [michelle.patterson@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:michelle.patterson@aiatsis.gov.au)

Applications together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of two recent referees should be forwarded to:

**The Recruitment Officer  
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies  
GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601**

**Closing Date: COB 3 May 2013**

Applications may also be forwarded by e-mail: [HRteam@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:HRteam@aiatsis.gov.au)

To work in AIATSIS applicants must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce in order to promote knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*





## Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer

Position No: 5155.000

- Exciting career opportunity
- 6 Year Trainee Position - Study while you work
- Minimum \$584.40 pw plus study expenses

Cowra is located in NSW central tablelands and the shire is a patchwork of vineyards, farms and small villages with a diverse economic base. Its 13,000 residents enjoy a relaxed country lifestyle with easy access to modern city facilities - Canberra (2hrs), Sydney (3.5hrs) and only one hour to Orange and Bathurst.

Cowra Council is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to join the Environmental Services Department as an Aboriginal Trainee Environmental Health Officer.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and have a genuine interest in Environmental Health as a career. A commitment to ongoing study, demonstrated good interpersonal and verbal communication skills, demonstrated ability to understand written communication and prepare simple forms of written communication to a professional standard.

Reporting directly to Manager – Building & Regulatory Services, the successful applicant must be able to meet the admission requirements of a Bachelor of Natural Science (Environmental & Health) degree at the University of Western Sydney and will need to satisfy competency requirements of the NSW Health Aboriginal Environmental Health Officer Program.

Duties of the Trainee will vary as progression is made through the study and workplace training program. The successful applicant will gain a broad cross-section of skills and knowledge with exposure to Environmental Health issues such as food regulation, on-site sewerage management, pollution control and project management.

Salary is set at a minimum \$584.40 per week plus super. Progression is subject to successful completion of training modules and satisfactory service.

To be considered applicants must complete an Application for Advertised Vacancy Form and provide statements addressing the Selection Criteria which are contained in the Job Information Pack, available by phoning (02) 6340 2000 or downloading from [www.cowraregion.com.au](http://www.cowraregion.com.au)

Further enquiries may be directed to Manager – Building & Regulatory Services, Luke Sheehan (02) 6340 2040.

**Applications close: 4pm Monday 6 May 2013**

Cowra Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer and provides a smoke free work environment. Applicants must be an Australian citizen, have Australian residency status or have appropriate work visas.

## Indigenous Australian Employment

- Do you want to be part of and contribute to a University that is educating tomorrow's Doctors, Nurses, Psychologists, Teachers, Engineers, Architects and Leaders of Industry?
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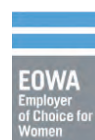
The University of Melbourne is committed to employing Indigenous Australians in both professional and academic positions on the basis that they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills that will inform, enrich and fundamentally improve the work that we do.

**Indigenous Australians seeking support to apply for a vacancy are encouraged to contact the University. Email your contact details, quoting the position number, to [hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:hr-careers@unimelb.edu.au)**

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Visit [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au) or contact DVA on telephone 1300 555 246, or email [graduate@dva.gov.au](mailto:graduate@dva.gov.au)

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## Community Relations Commission Assistant Project Officer – Aboriginal Identified

Clerk Grade 3/4  
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Permanent Full-Time

**Salary: Remuneration package up to \$73,946 pa (Salary range of \$61,198 - \$67,010) includes employer's contribution to annual leave loading.**

**Job Reference:** 00001MGF

### Is this the right for you?

- Are you Aboriginal and would like to join the NSW Public Service?
- Can you communicate well in writing and orally with people at different levels and from diverse backgrounds?
- Are you confident with learning new computer applications?
- Are you well organised and enjoy working as part of a team?
- Do you support the Principles of Multiculturalism?
- Can you manage competing priorities?

The Community Relations Commission offers an interesting, diverse workplace which recognises Aboriginal People as the original custodians of this land.

In this role, you will provide administrative support to the Policy Development and Analysis Branch, including maintaining an up to date base of information on all Government agencies that are required to implement the principles of Multiculturalism.

We offer training, support and flexible work practices, including recognising the extended kinship relationships in Aboriginal culture.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginal Identified.
2. Skills in working with Microsoft Office applications and the ability to learn new applications.
3. Very good organizational skills and ability to prioritize work-flow to meet tight deadlines.
4. Good judgment, discretion and ability to maintain confidentiality.
5. Ability to learn how government works.
6. Good interpersonal, liaison, problem solving and written skills.
7. Understanding of the Principles of Multiculturalism.

**Job Notes:** An applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

**Contact:** Martina Nightingale, Policy Analysis and Development Manager (02) 8255 6715. Please submit your applications online, including addressing the selection criteria as outlined in the job advert via jobs NSW <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au>

If you experience difficulties please contact ServiceFirst Recruitment (02) 9372 7147.

**Closing Date: 15 May 2013**

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## Attorney General & Justice

### COURT SERVICES, LOCAL COURTS ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL TARGETED)

Clerk General Scale  
Kempsey Local Court, Permanent full time  
Salary range: \$26,507 - \$51,884  
Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$57,254

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards;
- Knowledge and understanding of ethical practice as it relates to the court environment.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or click on the "Apply Online" button by **11.59pm on Sunday 5 May 2013**. Please do not email applications direct to the contact officer.

Enquiries: Lisa Maree Sutton (02) 6562 5095 [lisa\\_maree\\_sutton@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lisa_maree_sutton@agd.nsw.gov.au)

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### Customer Service Administration Officer

John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Mary-Anne Hardy 02 4921 4402

This is a targeted Aboriginal Position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Reference ID: 132579

Closing Date: 5 May 2013

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Community Health Centre - Springwood

Ad No: 118221

Close Date: 28.04.13

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

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### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Muswellbrook District Hospital

Female (designated as specifically a female person under Section 31 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*). This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

Enquiries: Janelle Alexander 02 6542 2023

Reference ID: 130600

Closing Date: 5 May 2013

The below positions are targeted Aboriginal position. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*.

### Ward Clerk / Clinical Support Officer

Belmont District Hospital

Enquiries: Leanne Cooper 02 4923 2154

Reference ID: 132014

Closing Date: 8 May 2013

### Administration Officer

John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Enquiries: Pauline Williamson 02 4921 4385

Reference ID: 132740

Closing Date: 8 May 2013

### Administration Officer

John Hunter Hospital

Enquiries: Karen Dixon 02 4921 3671

Reference ID: 130382

Closing Date: 12 May 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.

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Health  
Central Coast  
Local Health District

### Aboriginal Early Intervention Family Worker

Central Coast Area

Temporary Part-Time

Enquiries: Mick Pittman 02 4320 3602

Reference ID: 132039

### Aboriginal Mothers and Babies Worker

Central Coast Area

Temporary Part-Time

Enquiries: Mick Pittman 02 4320 3602

Reference ID: 132081

These are Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Positions. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Closing Date for the above positions:  
1 May 2013

Apply now...

Website: [www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au)

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## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKER

- Central Coast Location
- Perm. Part Time or Full Time role (30-37.5 hpw)
- Hourly rate range: \$26.95 - \$29.87ph (Total salary package range \$65,546pa - \$71,857 pa pro-rata)

Interrelate Family Centres is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing relationship services for individuals, couples and families. Our Central Coast centre is seeking a dedicated and experienced Aboriginal Community Liaison Worker to support and promote the overall operations of the centre by providing Indigenous-specific information and advice to staff and developing networks in the community.

#### Key Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Experience in community work / family mediation; particularly with Aboriginal families & children and/or qualifications in a related field
- Experience in consulting with the Aboriginal community and stakeholders
- Understanding of social issues affecting Aboriginal communities within the Central Coast region

#### We Offer:

- Great salary packaging options (salary sacrifice)
- Extra days of paid leave
- High level of diversity in role
- Excellent working environment

To apply: please visit [www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au) and click on "Careers" then "Current Vacancies"

Applications close: COB (5pm) Wed 1 May 2013

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

Interrelate services are funded by the Australian Government and as such all positions require satisfactory completion of relevant Police and Working with Children checks.

[www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au)



Family &  
Community Services  
Housing NSW

## Senior Project Officer - Identified

Clerk Grade 9/10  
NSW Department of Family & Community Services  
Housing NSW

- Housing Policy & Homelessness Directorate
- Ashfield
- Total remuneration package valued up to \$113,802 per annum (Salary: \$93,586 pa - \$103,128 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading

The Social Housing Aboriginal Service Improvement team's role is to provide strategic advice and assist in the development of best practices and initiatives that relate to all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service delivery and workforce strategies in the Department of Family & Community Services, Housing NSW. The Unit aims to assist Housing NSW to be better equipped to communicate and work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. This is a temporary full time position for a period of up to twelve months. In order to apply for this position you are encouraged to apply via [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and please note that the position description is also available from this site.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Good understanding of service delivery in a housing or human services environment.
3. Experience with outsourced service delivery and working with the non-government sector.
4. Strong research and analytical skills.
5. Demonstrated project management experience.
6. Demonstrated product and/or program development experience.
7. Excellent consultation, influencing, negotiating, conflict management and presentation skills.
8. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
9. Tertiary qualifications in human sciences or related discipline or equivalent experience.

**Learn more:** More information is available at <http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/>

**For enquiries:** Please contact Yvette Park on (02) 8753 8649.

**Thank you for your interest in this position.**

**Requisition Number:** 00001JDA

**Closing Date:** 1 May 2013

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## CSO IT Helpdesk/Systems Support Officer

**Clerk Grade 1/2  
Information Technology  
Indigenous Identified**

The NSW Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO) provides a full range of legal services to the NSW Government and its agencies. It operates commercially and competes with private law firms for much of its work. The CSO offers challenging work, diverse career opportunities and flexible work practices for staff.

The CSO is looking for a vibrant person to provide first level IT support to all staff of the CSO and ensure IT issues and incidents are resolved quickly maintaining end user productivity.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander background is an essential requirement for this position.
- 1-2 years helpdesk and support experience in a Microsoft/Wintel Server environment.
- Effective organisational and planning skills including comprehensive technical aptitude and ability to approach issues in a logical manner.
- Good interpersonal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills, including an ability to exercise independent judgment.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise operations and monitor workloads.
- Ability to adequately train users in new systems implemented within the CSO.
- Commitment to providing excellent client service.

### Job Notes:

- The selection criteria (stated above) must be addressed. Applicants will be shortlisted based on their responses to each criterion.
- Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander background is an essential requirement for this position. Applicants must upload a document/s to verify that he or she is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.
- An eligibility list may be created from this recruitment to fill future vacancies.

**Learn More:** Review this position description at [JobsNSW.gov.au](http://JobsNSW.gov.au)

**Visit Us:** [CSO.nsw.gov.au](http://CSO.nsw.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Natasha Delphin (02) 9224 5000

**Job Status:** Permanent Full-Time

**Salary Range:** \$54,742 p.a. to \$59,512 p.a.  
(remuneration package valued up to \$65,671 p.a.)

**Closing Date:** 12 May 2013

**Apply Online:** [JobsNSW.gov.au](http://JobsNSW.gov.au)

**Job Reference No:** 00001KIT

*The Department employs a diverse range of people. We continue to offer a wide range of jobs and encourage Aboriginal people and people with a disability to apply for jobs with us. We provide reasonable adjustment for people with a disability during and after the recruitment process. For alternative formats of job information or to arrange any special requirements please speak to the contact officer.*



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## Customer Service Representative

**Aboriginal Targeted Position**

**PoliceLink, Operational Communications and Information Command**

**LITHGOW**

**Clerk Grade 1/2  
Permanent Full-Time**

**Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00001KX0**

**Salary Package:** \$65,671. **Salary:** \$54,742 - \$59,512. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

Customer Service Representatives will be required to take emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance Special Operation) calls providing accurate, timely information to police as well as providing information and advice on a range of police issues.

### Job Notes:

- People with a disability are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants **must** obtain an information package from the following link - <http://www.randstad.com.au/jobseekers/resource-centre/policelink-information-package>
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applicants will be sent a link to undertake a call centre simulation and vocational testing. Those who successfully complete the testing will then proceed to a telephone interview.
- Applicants **must** be willing to commit to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- The initial 12 months employment will require successful applicants to mainly work shifts scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday.
- Applicants **must** be prepared to undertake and successfully complete training in all PoliceLink business streams and Certificate III in Customer Contact.
- 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.
- Effective oral, written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment and capacity to deliver quality customer service assistance.
- Ability to work independently and part of a team.
- Ability to identify and interpret appropriate sources of information.
- Demonstrated high level keyboard skills and experience in windows applications.
- Commitment to perform rotational shift work to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- Applicants must be prepared to undertake and successfully complete training in all PoliceLink business streams and Certificate III in Customer Contact.

**Enquiries:** Belinda McBrearty on (02) 4032 7304 or [nswpolice@randstad.com.au](mailto:nswpolice@randstad.com.au)

Go to [Jobs.NSW](http://Jobs.NSW) ([www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)) and search for Requisition Number 00001KX0.

**Closing Date:** Sunday 5 May 2013

Z56330



## ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROJECT OFFICER

**3-4 days per week**

HealthWest Partnership is a strategic alliance of two Primary Care Partnerships (PCP) covering five local government areas in Melbourne's western suburbs.

The Aboriginal Health Project Officer is one of two project officers who will work on the Closing the Health Gap Project, that aims to support Aboriginal people of all ages to access mainstream health and support services.

Join us and use your skills in community engagement and your ability to build collaborative relationships to help shape the health and support service system for Aboriginal people in the west of Melbourne.

**Applications close 9am Monday 13 May 2013**

For position description & to apply:  
[www.healthwest.org.au/about-us/employment](http://www.healthwest.org.au/about-us/employment)

*HealthWest values diversity and encourages applications from all backgrounds.*

### For enquiries, please contact:

Jenny Reimers, HealthWest

Phone: 8379 9950

Email: [jenny.reimers@healthwest.org.au](mailto:jenny.reimers@healthwest.org.au)



**Screen Australia is the Commonwealth Government screen agency providing support to Australia film, television, documentary and digital media makers.**

We are seeking applicants for the following employment opportunity:

## Project Support Officer

**Media and Screen Industry Indigenous Employment Program**

**Fixed Term, 5 months (Full-time)  
Sydney**

The Media and Screen Industry Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) is a two-year initiative designed to help create new jobs for Indigenous Australians in media organisations. The program is administered by Screen Australia, in partnership with the MediaRING, and funded by DEEWR.

An exciting opportunity now exists for an experienced administrator to join Screen Australia and contribute to the success of this program as a Project Support Officer. In this role, you will provide information, guidance and assistance to employers regarding the IEP and co-ordinate candidate sign-up processes and procedures. This is a hands-on role responsible for administration, monitoring, reporting as well as general project support in relation to key deliverables of the IEP.

Applicants will require an understanding of current state and national initiatives aimed at improving Indigenous employment; proven experience managing multiple priorities simultaneously; strong administration and reporting skills; ability to work constructively with a variety of internal and external stakeholders, and work effectively in a team environment to accomplish common goals.

**Please note that this is an Indigenous identified position. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act.**

**Job Information:** Further information on this role including the full job description, is available on the Screen Australia website: <http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/jobs>.

**Closing Date: Tuesday 30 April 2013**

## Health Services Coordinator (RN)

**Walgett, NSW**

- \* Generous remuneration package (neg. on your specific experience)
- \* Benefits include leave loading PLUS salary sacrifice PLUS vehicle
- \* Relocation and accommodation assistance provided



Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service has a fantastic opportunity for a Registered Nurse to join their team in Walgett as **Health Services Coordinator**. You will be **leading and coordinating a multi-disciplinary team in providing high quality Primary Health Care services, with a focus on Chronic Disease and Child Health, to Aboriginal people within Walgett and surrounding communities.** A salary package will be **negotiated** dependant on experience and qualifications. A **relocation allowance** is available PLUS **assistance with accommodation PLUS use of company vehicle.**



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or call 1300 366 573



**Health  
South Western Sydney  
Local Health District**

## Male Aboriginal Health Education Officer (AHEO – Non-Grad)

**Ref:** 128489, P/T 24 hpw at Liverpool Community Health

**Salary:** \$23.10–\$34.03 ph

**Enq:** Anne King

**Phone:** (02) 9827 2222

**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 male is recognised as a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

**Please apply online by visiting:  
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>**

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**(Attractive Remuneration Package)**

The Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council (ILALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated Aboriginal people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

The position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the ILALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; The provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and must address all the selection criteria for their application to be considered.

For a recruitment package please contact the ILALC Office, by email: [ilalc@exemail.com.au](mailto:ilalc@exemail.com.au) or on (02) 4226 3338.

*"This is an identified position in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criterion."*

Applications can be forwarded to [ilalc@exemail.com.au](mailto:ilalc@exemail.com.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson  
Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council  
3 Ellen Street  
WOLLONGONG NSW 2500

**Applications close:  
Friday 17 MAY 2013**

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**Find out more at [www.airservicesaustralia.com](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com) or phone 02 6268 5048**

**Applications close 12 May 2013**



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Jobs that make a difference

## Senior Policy Advisor - Aboriginal Client Outcomes

Policy and Strategy Group

VPS 5 \$79,894 to \$96,666 + Superannuation

Full time, 12 month fixed term role

The Senior Policy Advisor will provide authoritative and strategic advice to DHS senior management, government agencies and other key stakeholders on the development of policy and innovative solutions to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people.

You will use your knowledge of the Victorian Aboriginal affairs to coordinate the department's input into national, state and regional policy, programs and reporting obligations.

If this position appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Janette Kennedy on (03) 9096 2501. To apply online and view the position description, visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on Vacancies.

Please quote: DHS/SDI/376046

Position Closes Wednesday 1 May 2013

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

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Department of  
Human Services

State Government  
**Victoria**



## Senior Clinician Therapeutic Specialist

[www.berrystreet.org.au](http://www.berrystreet.org.au)

### Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care Program Hume Region

This position represents a partnership between Take Two and Rumbalara Family Services to provide culturally appropriate clinical input to the Rumbalara Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care program in the Hume region. This position is employed by Take Two as an intensive therapeutic service for Child Protection clients. Rumbalara Family Services is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation that provides a suite of culturally appropriate child and family programs that target vulnerable and at risk families in the Hume region.

The Therapeutic Specialist position will work across the two components of the Hume Aboriginal Therapeutic Home Based Care model (Home Based Care House and Brief Consultation & Brief Intervention Program), to enhance and support the capacity of carers and workers to provide therapeutic experiences for children in Foster and Kinship Care. The role involves providing high quality culturally appropriate assessment, consultation, intervention, training, and reflective practice.

To be successful in this role, you will have a relevant tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline, knowledge and experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, a demonstrated ability to form effective working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and a sound understanding of the complexities of the service system. You will also possess a demonstrated capacity to understand and articulate the needs of children who have experienced complex trauma, and provide leadership in an area of challenging and complex practice.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

More information can be found in the Position Description available on our website:  
[www.berrystreet.org.au/employment](http://www.berrystreet.org.au/employment).

Queries to Chris Tanti, Clinical Team Leader on 0429388786,  
or Shaun Coade, Senior Manager on 0408310484

Applications addressing the key selection criteria should quote ref. number 0118TTSCAR and be emailed to [recruitment@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:recruitment@berrystreet.org.au) by 5pm on 26 April 2013.

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Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative (GEGAC) is seeking to employ a Registered Nurse (Division 1,2 or 3) as an **Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Health Nurse**. The successful applicant will be located at Tanderra AOD service which is part of GEGAC.

Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal health issues or experience in this area is desirable.

The position includes completing health assessments and providing health education to clients of the service.

An information morning tea regarding this position will be held on the Friday 10th May at 10.30 am at Tanderra.

For further information or to RSVP for catering please contact Sharyn Thompson on 0400 969 515 or [sthompson@gegac.org.au](mailto:sthompson@gegac.org.au) by Tuesday, 7th May 2013.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
are encouraged to apply.

**GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**  
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**Health**  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

### Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

These are some of the opportunities within our Local Health District:

#### LAKE CARGELLIGO

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Building Strong Foundations

Position No: 127826

Salary: \$23.10–\$34.03 ph

Enquiries: Michelle Druitt, (02) 6969 5646,  
[michelle.druitt@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michelle.druitt@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 9 May 2013

#### DENILQUIN

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Position No: 132774

Salary: \$23.10–\$39.41 ph

Enquiries: Alison Simpson, (02) 6058 1725,  
[alison.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alison.simpson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 29 April 2013

These are designated positions 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.

Log-on to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au> for further information on these and other opportunities. Please note that all applications must address the selection criteria outlined in the position description.

**APPLY ONLINE NOW!**

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### Aboriginal Health Workers Walgett, NSW

- \* **Mutiple rewarding opportunities!**
- \* **Attractive remuneration!**
- \* **Relocation allowance!**
- \* **Salary sacrifice up to \$16,050!**

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service has fantastic opportunities for **Aboriginal Health Workers** to join their dedicated team based in the Walgett region.

The positions available are:

- \* **Aboriginal Health Worker (Drug & Alcohol)**
- \* **Aboriginal Health Worker (Family Centred Primary Health Care)**
- \* **Aboriginal Health Worker (Collarenebri)**
- \* **Aboriginal Health Worker (Aboriginal Family Health)**

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service is looking for candidates with a strong interest in primary health care and the ability to communicate effectively with the general public. A current driver's licence is also required.

Although not essential, a knowledge of the communities serviced by WAMS, a current First Aid Certificate and previous experience and tertiary qualifications in health and/or related fields would be desirable.

If you're a motivated individual looking to **take on a rewarding challenge** where you can really make your mark on an organisation, this is the opportunity for you!

In return for your hard work and dedication, the successful candidates will enjoy an **attractive salary circa \$35k - \$49k** (dep. on qualifications and experience) plus super and **salary sacrifice options up to \$16,050**. You'll also benefit from a **fully maintained and serviced motor vehicle** plus a laptop and mobile phone!

To make the move to Walgett easier, a **relocation allowance will be negotiated** with the successful applicants (and payable after probation period) along with **assistance to find accommodation** if required.

Additional benefits include **17.5% leave loading**, 4 weeks annual leave and 10 days personal leave. In addition, you will be welcomed into a **supportive and welcoming team** that will listen to and value your ideas. This is an opportunity to **advance your career** with an established and highly respected community organisation, where you will **have a direct and positive impact** on those within the Walgett shire.

**Due to the nature of these roles, it is essential that the successful applicants are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act).**



**ApplyNow.com.au/Job43362**  
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### Centre Director Early Childhood Teacher (No 17/13)

Full time 38 hours per week  
Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre (East Nowra)

### Early Childhood Teacher/Educator (No 18/13)

Full time 38 hours per week  
Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre (East Nowra)

*Re-advertised - previous applicants need not reapply*

**IACC is a community owned organisation, which manages a number of education and care services in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven.**

IACC is the auspice for the early learning component of Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre now under construction in the Shoalhaven. The Aboriginal Child and Family Centre will primarily provide early education and care and will work together with a range of early childhood education, health and family support services to improve the overall education, health and wellbeing of Aboriginal Children and their Families across the Shoalhaven.

We are seeking motivated, passionate and experienced Early Childhood professionals to establish and lead the new Early Learning Service. The successful applicants will build strong relationships with children, families, community and integrated services to deliver best outcomes for young children and their families. They will have an excellent understanding and commitment to contemporary early childhood education, pedagogy and research.

IACC offers specialised support from experienced Early Childhood Service Managers and opportunities for professional development.

Salary will be in accordance with the IACC teacher's collective agreement 2012 and the policies and procedures of IACC Ltd. Financial assistance towards relocation costs to the Shoalhaven is available for the successful applicant.

For application packages and enquiries contact IACC Office: 02 4223 1100 or Download from [www.iacc.com.au](http://www.iacc.com.au).

*This is an Aboriginal Identified Position: In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification.*

**Applications addressing Selection Criteria and two work related references to:**

CEO, IACC Ltd  
Unit 2, 210 Shellharbour Road, Warrawong NSW 2502

**Closing Date: 8th May 2013 at 5pm**



**MAC**  
Mildura  
Aboriginal  
Corporation Inc.

## Manager Primary Health Care

**An exciting new role exists for a highly motivated,  
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Health Professional.**

As the Manager of Primary Health Care for the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation Inc. you will be responsible for:

- Coordinating and supervising multi-disciplinary clinical staff, Aboriginal Health Workers and contractors;
- Integrating services provided within Mildura and the comprehensive primary health care programs across MAC Inc. sites;
- Developing and facilitating, through consultation, staff education and clinical policies and procedures; and
- Managing continuity of care, health promotion and evaluating service outcomes.

**To be successful in this role you will;**

- Be experienced in working within Aboriginal Health Services within a Primary Health Care Model.
- Have a detailed knowledge of all facets of Medicare billing and systems including but not limited to; PIP and PNIP.
- Have sound knowledge and understanding of processes and requirements for Medicare Provider and Prescriber numbers
- Be experienced in sourcing locum doctors through agencies such as RWAV and Skilled Medical Pty Ltd.
- Possess Management skills /qualification including a demonstrated ability to coordinate and manage both clinical and non-clinical staff and create a highly functional team environment which promotes and encourages personal integrity, credibility, trust and cooperation.
- Have the ability to think and work strategically and deliver on the development of a responsive and efficient framework for operational service delivery that meets the requirements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are Strongly Encouraged to Apply.**

A highly competitive remuneration package including the ability to salary sacrifice will be offered.

If this position sounds like you and you have the drive, skills and experience to deliver visit our website [www.macmildura.org](http://www.macmildura.org) for a full position description and details on "How to Apply".

To Discuss the position in more detail please contact Nahtanha Davey (General Manager of Health, Family and Community) on (03) 5018 4100.

**Applications Close: 8th May 2013**



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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING 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	16/531	METALIKO RESOURCES LIMITED	698.22HA	55km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 59' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/522	BC IRON LIMITED	1626.19HA	27km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 3' S Long: 119° 55' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/523	BC IRON LIMITED	1368.20HA	16km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 59' S Long: 120° 0' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	47/1486	HANCOCK PROSPECTING PTY LTD	21286.66HA	102 km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 7' S Long: 118° 34' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/746	H & J JONES AND SONS PTY LTD	62.13HA	83km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 117° 0' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Mining Lease	59/748	KARARA MINING LIMITED	1124.68HA	79km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 116° 52' E	PERENJORI 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:** 24 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 **24 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. 24 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 INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES *MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M*

**TAKE NOTICE** that, **FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD** (ACN 095 546 428) of C/- Fortescue Metals Group Ltd, Level 2, 87 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth, Western Australia, 6004 (and its successors or assigns), registered holder, proposes to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences 5025, 5026 and 5028 (including any extensions, replacements, renewals, transfers or assignments of, subsequent exploration licences for, or other dealings with, Exploration Licence 5025, 5026 or 5028 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority held over the area, or any part of the area, of Exploration Licence 5025, 5026 or 5028) on:

### DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land located in the State of South Australia:

#### Exploration Licence 5025

Approximately 70 km west northwest of Andamooka, referred to as **Parakylia Area** and bounded:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°15'S and longitude 136°36'E, thence east to longitude 136°39'E, south to latitude 30°26'S, west to longitude 136°36'E, north to latitude 30°25'S, west to longitude 136°20'E, south to latitude 30°27'S, west to longitude 136°14'E, south to a northern boundary of the Woomera Prohibited Area – Defence continuous use zone, thence generally westerly along the boundary of the said zone to longitude 136°12'E, north to latitude 30°22'S, east to longitude 136°30'E, north to latitude 30°17'S, east to longitude 136°36'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: 455 square kilometres approximately.

#### Exploration Licence 5026

Approximately 110 km west northwest of Andamooka, referred to as **Mount Vivian Area** and bounded:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°15'S and longitude 135°55'E, thence east to longitude 136°12'E, south to a northern boundary of the Woomera Prohibited Area – Defence continuous use zone, thence generally northwesterly along the boundary of the said zone to latitude 30°17'S, east to longitude 135°55'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: 641 square kilometres approximately.

#### Exploration Licence 5028

Approximately 50 km northwest of Roxby Downs, referred to as **Andamooka Area** and bounded:

AREA A — Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°00'S and longitude 136°30'E, thence east to longitude 136°32'E, south to latitude 30°04'S, east to longitude 136°33'E, south to latitude 30°08'S, west to longitude 136°30'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B — Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°08'S and longitude 136°33'E, thence east to longitude 136°34'E, south to latitude 30°09'S, west to longitude 136°33'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA C — Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°09'S and longitude

136°34'E, thence east to longitude 136°35'E, south to latitude 30°11'S, west to longitude 136°34'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA of the land: 68 square kilometres approximately.

All the within latitudes and longitudes being 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) and excluding from that land and area any of that land that falls within the area of the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Determination of Native Title (SAD 6007/98; SCD 2011/001) or the Arabana People's Determination of Native Title (SAD 6025/98; SCD 2012/002) ("**Land**").

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is:**

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

**The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authorities under the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*:**

Exploration Licences 5025, 5026 and 5028 (including any extensions, replacements, renewals, transfers or assignments of, subsequent exploration licences for, or other dealings with, Exploration Licence 5025, 5026 or 5028 and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority held over the area, or any part of the area, of the Land).

**FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD (and its successors or assigns) seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.**

**NOTE: If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*,** there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD (or its successors or assigns) 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 who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent:

#### FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD

c/- FINLAYSONS

81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8235 7452

Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944

Contact: Mr George McKenzie



## Juvenile Justice

Attorney General & Justice

### Aboriginal Project Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Department of Attorney General & Justice  
Juvenile Justice  
Metropolitan Regional Office, Werrington  
Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00001L5W

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,283 per annum (Salary: \$82,098 pa - \$90,877 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$44.95 ph - \$49.76 ph.

#### Job Description:

Assisting the Regional Director in the planning, development, implementation, analysis and evaluation of programs and interventions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, in accordance with relevant legislation, Juvenile Justice policies (including the Aboriginal Strategic Plan), guidelines and procedures, to minimise the re-offending of Aboriginal juvenile offenders and enhance their functioning in and/or reintegration into the community.

Assist with the identification of and access to resources, which will enhance effective practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as maintain links with the local Aboriginal community.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and knowledge and respect for Aboriginal Culture.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the juvenile criminal justice system and legislation relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of contemporary Aboriginal culture and communities.
- Demonstrated knowledge of evidence based programs and interventions for Aboriginal young offenders.
- Project management experience and demonstrated experience with a range of computer applications.
- Effective analytical and communication skills together with a demonstrated ability to liaise with government and non-government organisations.
- Demonstrated ability working with Aboriginal young people, families, communities and organizations within a case management framework.
- Current minimum Class C NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary part time position (14 hours per week) for a period of up to six (6) months under Section 27 or 86 of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002*.

Under section 126 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, an exemption is granted to Juvenile Justice to recruit and employ a male Project Officer.

Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

**Enquiries:** Sharon Murphy on (02) 9833 6595 or Steve Miller on (02) 9833 6595

**Information Packages and to apply on-line:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Job Reference Number:** 00001L5W

**Closing Date:** Monday, May 13 2013



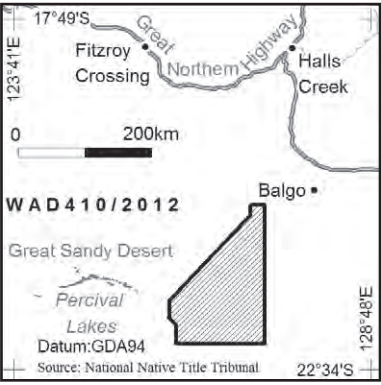
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 8 May 2013



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below. A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 on or before 7 August 2013. After 7 August 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: Helicopter Tjungarrayi & Ors (Ngurra Kayanta) v State of Western Australia
Federal Court File No: WAD410/2012
Date lodged: 21 December 2012
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.
Description: About 19,570 sq km located approx. 300km southeast of Fitzroy Crossing in the Great Sandy Desert.
LGAs: Shires of East Pilbara and Halls Creek.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, WA.
For assistance and further information about this application, call Ashleigh Freeman on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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GOMEROI PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

Date: Friday 10 May and Saturday 11 May 2013
Time: Friday 10 May 2013 9:30am arrival & morning tea, 10:00am start - 5:00pm
Saturday 11 May 2013 9:00am - 4:00pm
Venue: West Tamworth Leagues Club, Phillip St., Tamworth West

NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') funds legal advice and provides assistance to the Gomerai People for their Native Title Application (NSD 2308/2011) and is convening a meeting for all members of the Gomerai native title claim group, being the descendants of:

Thomas Pitt (born in 1838); Billy Barlow (born in Tycannah, 1835); Peter James Cutmore (born in Tycannah, 1849); James Swan (born in Combadello, 1825); Harriett Wyndham (born in Mungie Bundie, 1863); William Levy (born in Terry Hie Hie, 1867); Sally Nerang (born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1840); Eliza Barlow (born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1860); Kitty Dangar (born in Walgett, 1837); William Clark (born in Collarenebri, 1845); Murray Ippai (born in Collarenebri); Mary Ann Ippai (born on the Barwon River); Edward Morgan (born in Dunglear, 1855); Nancy Morgan (born in Dunglear, 1861); Robert Nicholls (born in Collarenebri, 1842); Frank Mundy (born in Collymogle, 1872); Lena Combo (born in Mogil Mogil, 1876); Jack Thunderbolt (born in Walgett, 1847); Betsy Yates (aka Polly Yates and Polly Burras) (born on the Barwon River circa 1860); Jenny (born in Walgett circa 1840); Dick Silk (born in Walgett); Fred Parker (born in Gingie, 1864); Murray Rook (born in Collarenebri, 1865); Ethel Tinker (born in Mercadool circa 1878); Emily McPherson (born in Collarenebri, 1892); Billy Whitford (born in 1828); King Robert Cobbler (born in Mogil Mogil, 1855); Billy Wightman (born in Kunopia, 1813); John McGrady (born in Moree, 1853); William Dennison (born in Kunopia, 1843); Charlie Dennison (born circa 1846-1866); Alice Dennison (born in Moree circa 1863 -1873); Lucy Long (born in Boomi circa 1850); Minnie Lance (born in Boomi circa 1868); Harry Denham; Charles Cubby (born on the Boomi River); Sarah Wilson (aka Sarah Murphy and Sarah Witman) (born in Kunopia, 1868); Reuben Bartman (born in Boomi in 1876); Billy Dunn (born in Mungindi); William Edwards (born in Thallon); Queen Susan (born in Welltown); Phoebe Munday-Williams (born in Mungindi, 1864); George Bennett (born in Mungindi, 1873); Amelia Bell (aka Amelia Brown) (born in Bingara, 1862); William Snow (born in Tamworth or Moonbi, 1855); Francis Snow (born in Tamworth, 1858); Matilda Wyndham (born in Bingara in 1842); Thomas Duke (born in Bingara, 1847); Teasie Griffen (aka Jessie Griffen and Ellen Griffen) (born in Barraba, 1859); Mary Anne Hammond (born in Tamworth, 1836); Elizabeth Guest (aka Eliza Gillan) (born in Liverpool Plains, 1840); Jane Maloney (born in Walhallow, 1838); Mary Ann Healy (born in Murrurundi, 1829); Thomas Taylor (born in Coolah, 1836); Elizabeth Loder (aka Elizabeth Bates) (born in Murrurundi, 1843); Sarah Gatehouse (born in Aberdeen, 1835); William Duncomb (born in Muswellbrook circa 1830); John Morris Tighe (born in 1852); Susan Bishop-Young (aka Susan Dangar) (born in Warialda); Sarah Murphy (born in 1846); Thomas French (born in Scone, 1825); John Thomas Bates (born on the Mooki River, 1840); Alexander Nean (born in Liverpool Plains, 1843); David Johnson (born in Cassilis circa 1838-1844); Mary Orr (aka Nellie Orr) (born in Garrawilla, 1853); Julia Campbell (born on the Castlereagh River circa 1833-1834); Annie Jendis (born in Burbagate, 1845); Harriet Munro (born in Gunnedah, 1867); Alice Eliza Natty (born on the Namoi River near Boggabri, 1857); James Tighe (born in Coonabarabran, 1842); William Tighe (born in Toorawandi, 1844); Patrick Tighe (born in Coonabarabran, 1852); Jane Tighe (born in 1864); Mary Jane Griffin (aka 'Old Ibidah'); Susan Slater (born in Coonabarabran, 1839); Thomas Leslie (born in Kirban circa 1850-1854); James Leslie (born in Armatree, 1853); Ellen Fuller (born in Rockgidge, 1854); Sarah Hughes (born in Coonabarabran circa 1834-1859); James Cole (born in 1845); Mary Ann Hall (born on the Castlereagh River, 1840); Samuel Bruce Smith (born in Tambar Springs circa 1860 - 1863); Elizabeth Ann Smith (born in Mullaley, 1866); William Green (aka William Edwards) (born in Kings Plains near Inverell, 1853); Angus Landsborough (born in Newstead, 1867); Patrick Landsborough (born in Newstead, 1872); Alec Brown (born in Bundarra, 1873); Margaret King (born in Gummin Gummin near Gulargambone circa 1854-1858); William James King (born in Coonabarabran circa 1851-1853); Florence May Blackman (aka Louisa Florima Blackman) (born in Coonamble, 1846); Euphemia Blackman (born on the Castlereagh River, 1851); Henry Arthur Yates (born in Coonamble, 1860); Betsy Yates (born in Wingadee, 1854); Annie Day (born in Bullarora Station near Coonamble circa 1871-1876); Army Toomey (born in Wingadee near Coonamble, 1886); Maria Clare Hall (born in Gulargambone circa 1830-1833); Thomas Carney (born in Tonderburine, 1852); Jim Duncan (born in Coonamble in 1854); Thomas Reid (born in Cuttabri, 1840); Thomas John Blacklock (born in Terembone, 1851); Thomas Dangar (born in Drilldool, 1857); Harry Doolan (born in Pilliga, 1855); George Green (born in 1851); Lucy Barr (born in Boggabri, 1851); Peggy Reid (born in Cuttabri, 1836); Julia Jane Saunders (born in Wee Waa, 1845); William Newman (born in Cuttabri, 1807); Emma Dingwell (born in Bograh Station near Narrabri, 1864); Kate Purser (born in Narrabri, 1863); Mary Ann Lucas (born in Millie, 1840); Frank Maybury (born in Killarney Station near Narrabri circa 1840); Charlotte Hagan (aka Charlotte Keegan) (born in Narrabri circa 1850-1870); Nellie Combo (born in Wallah Station near Narrabri, 1850) and Mary Peake (born in Narrabri, 1848)

Claim area: The Gomerai native title application area is bounded by the NSW/QLD state border in the north, the western slopes of the New England Tableland in the east, the Hunter and Goulburn Rivers in the south and the Castlereagh River in the west.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to consider and make decisions about the following:
• Update on developments in relation to the native title application
• Confirmation of the Decision Making Process for the Gomerai native title application
• Considering the independent expert research prepared for the application and to authorise its provision to the State of NSW in support of the native title application and the credible evidence assessment process
• Update on mining and future act activity in the Gomerai application area
• Considering and authorising changes to the persons who jointly comprise the Applicant in the Gomerai native title application.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on both days.

If you wish to attend the meeting or have any queries, please contact Neville Kim or Annika Rotumah at NTSCORP to confirm your attendance and provide other details which may be required, by no later than Friday 3 May 2013, on Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188.

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Limited's policies.

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officer

- Hume Region, Shepparton Community Corrections Services
- \$55,931 - \$64,318 + superannuation
- Full time, Fixed term until 25/10/2013

Indigenous Leading Community Corrections Officers (ILCCOs) monitor and supervise complex and high profile Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders who have been sentenced by the Courts to serve community based orders or have been released from prison on parole by the Adult Parole Board.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department of Justice Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close: 12 May 2013



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Abcare

Caseworker - Out of Home Care

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality (documented)
- Demonstrated experience in child protection, foster care support, out of home care or child related discipline
- Relevant experience in Case Management
- Strong computer skills and ability to provide accurate reports through use of Microsoft Office programs, Data base, Intranet
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to engage and work effectively with Aboriginal people & Communities
- Demonstrated ability to effectively work independently and as part of a team and follow established Policies and Procedures
- Ability to work to plans and effective time management
- Strong working knowledge of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998
- Current NSW Drivers licence
- Understanding of Workplace Health & Safety 2011
- Understanding of Office of Children's Guardian

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience in working in or with an Aboriginal organisation
- Certificate 4 in Workplace Training and Assessment or willing to undertake
- Knowledge of NSW Office of the Children

Guardian OOHCB Benchmark Standards

- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or minimum 3 years relevant experience in working with disadvantaged children and families

Job Notes: The position is 35 hours per week and has been classified under the Social Community, Home Care and Disability Award. A Satisfactory NSW "Working with Children Check" applies for this position. You must be willing to work on a weekly roster on call system for after hours. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14 (d) of the Anti - Discrimination Act 1977.

Attractive Salary Package includes: \$61,000 Annual Salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. A \$16,000 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Enquiries and Information Pack: Contact Ms Natasha Laurie Executive Assistant/Administration on (02) 66483680 or email: tash@abcare.org.au

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and addressed to the Chairperson Abcare Po Box 521, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4pm 10 May 2013



Education & Communities

Aboriginal Education Project Support Officer

Clerk Grade 1/2
Sydney CBD
Position number SCH0523

Total remuneration package valued to: \$65,671 p.a. (salary \$54,742 p.a. to \$59,512 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing administrative support to the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Proficiency in developing and maintaining databases and information systems.
- Demonstrated organisational and administrative abilities.
- Proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, email and presentation software.
- Effective communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and exercise initiative.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Notes: This is a temporary full-time appointment up to 26 January 2015. Administrative hours and conditions apply.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

It is a requirement that all candidates submit their applications online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/prescreening questions.

Enquiries: Jascenta Sabatino (02) 9244 5316

To apply online please visit website:

https://jobsnsw.taleo.net/careersection/all\_jobs/jobsearch.ftl and refer to keyword SCH0523

Closing Date: 8 May 2013

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

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NOTICE TO ADVISE NATIVE TITLE PARTIES OF  
AN INTENTION TO RELY ON SECTION 630  
(MINING ACT 1971 S.A)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Ian G. Thompson of 15 Oak Ave, Bridgewater 5155 proposes to undertake exploration on land within Retention Lease 118, being the land described as follows: RL 118 Orama Hill Area - Approx 90km N of Yunta. Commencing at the intersection of latitude 342267mE & Longitude 6459258mN thence east to latitude 342472mE & longitude 6459200mN thence sth to latitude 342424mE & longitude 6458952mN thence west to latitude 342239mE & longitude 6459012mN thence Nth to point of commencement.

The general nature of the proposed exploration that is to be carried out on the land is: Excavation of a Costean (Lth 30m x Wdth 2m x Dth 2m) through existing old alluvial workings, to determine if existing Alluvium is paying to Retreat, The above mentioned Costean would be excavated alluvium would then be treated by a small portable dry blower.

I.G. Thompson seeks to rely on section 630 (which will not interfere or cause major disturbance to the land & community life of the holders of Native Title in the land on which the operations are to be carried out.

I may apply *ex parte*, to the Environment, Resources & Development Court for a summary determination authorising mining operation in accordance with the proposals made in this notice. If within two months after this notice is given, a written objection to my reliance on section 630 is given by the Minister, or a person who holds, or claims to hold, Native Title in the land, the court must not make the determination unless satisfied, after giving the objectors an opportunity to be heard, that the operations are in fact operations to which section 630 applies.



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
29/561-I	INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM LTD	419500	21.27HA	83km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 120° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
53/1627-I	YANDAL METALS PTY LTD	416762	167.44HA	44km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 58' S Long: 120° 57' E	WILUNA SHIRE
59/1535-I	GINDALBIE METALS LTD	417617	23.91HA	75km E'ly of Meerkanooka	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 116° 46' E	PERENJORI SHIRE

**Nature of the act :** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 24 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 **24 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. 24 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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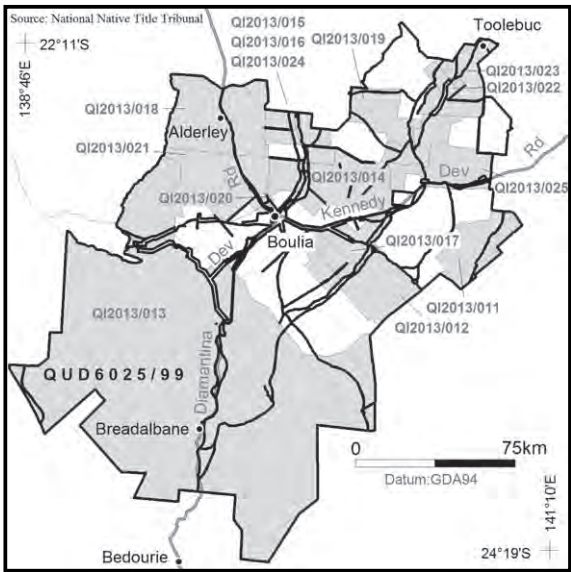
Notice of applications to register area agreements on the  
Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 1 May 2013



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



The Pitta Pitta People are party to all of the Pastoral Lease agreements (ILUAs) listed and described in the table adjacent.

The area of each of the agreements is:

- located within the area of the Pitta Pitta People native title claim which was subject to a conditional determination by the Federal Court of Australia on 28 August 2012 (QUD6025/1999) (the above map shows the external boundary of the determination area in bold outline and, in grey, the individual agreement areas which are labelled); and
- described in the adjacent table.

The table also contains the names of the Pastoral Lease(s) to which the agreements relate. For copies of the individual agreement areas, please contact the Tribunal Case Manager on the number below.

**The Native Title Party contact details are:**

Alfred Nathan, Jean Jacks, Neville Aplin, Carmel Bedford, Noel Doyle and Florence Melville on behalf of the Pitta Pitta People C/- Queensland South Native Title Services Limited  
Level 4, 370 Queen Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

**The Applicant parties are listed in the table adjacent.**

Each of those parties is represented as follows:

C/- Thynne & Macartney  
GPO Box 245  
Brisbane QLD 4001

ILUA Number	ILUA name	Description of agreement area	Additional party to the agreement
QI2013/011	Pitta Pitta People / Braeside ILUA	About 725 sq km approx. 80 km southeast of Boulia. Local Government Authority (LGA): Boulia & Winton Shire Councils	Australian Agricultural Company Limited
QI2013/012	Pitta Pitta People / Canary ILUA	About 745 sq km approx. 42 km southeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Leonard Gordon Robinson
QI2013/013	Pitta Pitta People / Coorabulka and Marion Downs ILUA	About 14,420 sq km approx. 30 km southwest of Boulia. LGA: Boulia & Diamantina Shire Councils	North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2013/014	Pitta Pitta People / Cazna Downs, Elrose, Granton and Warenda ILUA	About 1,351 sq km approx. 12 km northeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Adrian Joseph Wells and Vicki Ann Wells
QI2013/015	Pitta Pitta People / Datchet South and Strathelbiss ILUA	About 429 sq km approx. 10 km north of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd
QI2013/016	Pitta Pitta People / Waterford ILUA	About 120 sq km approx. 41 km north of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Dale Reginald Nielson
QI2013/017	Pitta Pitta People / Westward-Ho ILUA	About 497 sq km approx. 21 km southeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Phillip Gregory Prince
QI2013/018	Pitta Pitta People / Alderley ILUA	About 1,525 sq km approx. 30 km northwest of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Frank Stirling Blacket and Rahda Blacket
QI2013/019	Pitta Pitta People / Momedah ILUA	About 565 sq km approx. 59 km northeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Ian Charles Campbell & Marianna Campbell
QI2013/020	Pitta Pitta People / Hartnell Downs ILUA	About 42 sq km approx. 4 km northwest of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	M and M Campbell Pty Ltd
QI2013/021	Pitta Pitta People / Bengeacca and Stockport ILUA	About 1,072 sq km approx. 8 km northwest of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Reginald Hasted Beauchamp and Vida Felicia Beauchamp
QI2013/022	Pitta Pitta People / Kheri ILUA	About 124 sq km approx. 97 km northeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	William Henry Cameron
QI2013/023	Pitta Pitta People / Toolebuc and Wilgunya ILUA	About 654 sq km approx. 83 km northeast of Boulia. LGA: Boulia & Cloncurry Shire Councils	Andrew William Jesse Daniels, Samuel Donald James Daniels and Gabrielle Kennedy
QI2013/024	Pitta Pitta People / Blair Athol ILUA	About 222 sq km approx. 36 km north of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	William Patrick Cluff and Kalinda Louise Cluff
QI2013/025	Pitta Pitta People / Pollygammon and Tour-ur-rong ILUA	About 965 sq km approx. 20 km east of Boulia. LGA: Boulia Shire Council	Scholefields Boulia Pty Ltd

The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in either s24EB(1)(b)(c)or(d) or s24EBA(1)(a). The purpose of each of the agreements is “to establish practical and flexible arrangements for access to and use of the Agreement Area by the Pitta Pitta People to exercise the Pitta Pitta People’s Native Title rights and interests, during the term of the Lease, in a manner that is compatible with the Lessee’s continued use and enjoyment of the Lease Area according to the terms of the lease and to manage any associated risks.”

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:**

These applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is described above. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4000 by 1 August 2013.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.**

*For assistance and further information about these applications, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).*

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Barba will stick with Bulldogs in NRL



CANTERBURY National Rugby League (NRL) fullback Ben Barba says it will take time for his teammates to forgive him, but denies he has created a permanent rift with some of his fellow players. Barba missed the opening three NRL rounds after being stood down to deal with problems

associated with heavy drinking and gambling. While describing talk that some players and even their partners had issues with him as ‘ridiculous’, he admitted it would be a while before everyone at the Bulldogs was in his corner again. “I’m sure a lot of them were let down,” Barba told Channel Nine. “I’ve had a bit of trouble over the past year at the club.

“There were a lot (of players) there who were pretty disappointed, especially after the year I had last year and the way I went about things. “To put that on them so early, so close to the start of the season, I’m sure a lot of them still feel disappointed and my first day out I told them I know personally that it won’t happen overnight, that they are going to forgive me.” –AAP



PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCE SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Production Licence applied for under section 50 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-PRA-0007	Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited	149.28 km2	Shire of Irwin (100%)
LOCALITY			
The application is located in the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 2 5’x5’ graticular blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Perth). The south-east corner of the application is located approximately 26 kilometres north of the township of Eneabba and the north-west corner approximately 29 kilometres south-east of the township of Dongara. The application commences at a point 115°10’5.11”E, 29°24’55.59”S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15’5.11”E, 29°24’55.59”S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°15’5.13”E, 29°34’55.60”S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°10’5.13”E, 29°34’55.61”S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°10’5.11”E, 29°24’55.59”S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).			

**Nature Of The Act:** A petroleum production licence, while it remains in force, authorises the licensee, subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* and in accordance with the conditions to which the licence is subject –  
(a) To recover petroleum in the licence area and to recover petroleum from the licence area in another area to which he has lawful access for that purpose; and  
(b) To explore for petroleum in the licence area; and  
(c) To carry on such operations and execute such works in the licence area as are necessary for those purposes.

A licence granted remains in force for an indefinite term.

**Notification Day: 24 April 2013**

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **24 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination 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 petroleum production licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **24 August 2013**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the petroleum production licence. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Prospecting Licence	08/666	LOPRESTI, Stephen	25.86HA	36 km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 45' S Long: 115° 59' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5763	MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD	33.26HA	18km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 15' S Long: 121° 28' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5764	PATTI, Leanne	38.14HA	19km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 59' S Long: 120° 57' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5769	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	107.29HA	14km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 36' S Long: 121° 30' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5770	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	86.18HA	5km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 31' S Long: 121° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5771	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	29.97HA	8km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 32' S Long: 121° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5774	CZAPLINSKI, Paul Edward	10.00HA	9km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 57' S Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5775	SCOTT, Brett Anthony	5.50HA	8km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 1' S Long: 121° 7' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/5779	HIGGINS, Russell John	9.90HA	63km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 52' S Long: 120° 10' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/2801	MAZZA, Bernard Peter	4.89HA	73km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 14' S Long: 120° 37' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	20/2212	BRANDSTATER, Kurk Andrew BRANDSTATER, Sandra Joy	13.56HA	71km NW'ly of Cue	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 117° 24' E	CUE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4728	COCKBURN, James Adam	67.58HA	35km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2236	SCOTT, Brett Anthony ILES, Kevin BLOOMFIELD, Geoffrey Edward	180.28HA	36km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 2' S Long: 121° 59' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3850-3854	BARACUS PTY LTD	833.23HA	15km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3956	WICKSTEED, Mark Edward	48.00HA	4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S Long: 121° 30' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3957	GIBSON, Peter Ronald	183.96HA	10km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 50' S Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3958	REED, David John	22.22HA	2km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 45' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/3959	REED, David John	50.11HA	2km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 46' S Long: 121° 28' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2162	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	10.65HA	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 121° 41' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	37/8362 & 37/8369	SR MINING PTY LTD	240.04HA	61km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 6' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8363	SR MINING PTY LTD	99.97HA	63km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8364	SR MINING PTY LTD	195.95HA	64km N'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 19' S Long: 121° 11' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8365-8366	SR MINING PTY LTD	240.12HA	62km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 18' S Long: 121° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8368	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey CREW, Christopher	118.77HA	40km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 35' S Long: 121° 5' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	38/4050	THOMAS, Vanessa Erica	9.97HA	97km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat: 27° 33' S Long: 122° 2' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5349-5357	RAZBEL PTY LTD	982.58HA	39km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 122° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1320	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	170.16HA	49km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 18' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1321	CREW, Ross Frederick MCKNIGHT, Russell Geoffrey	181.69HA	50km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 19' S Long: 121° 27' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2017	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	28.15HA	71km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 116° 57' E	PERENJORI SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	59/2018	MINJAR GOLD PTY LTD	41.40HA	75km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 59' S Long: 116° 58' E	YALGOO SHIRE

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 24 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 **24 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. **24 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 km<sup>2</sup>

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At the Bomana War Cemetery are, from left, Robert Young, Tyler Horwood and Wayne Miller.

Young men visit PNG



INDIGENOUS Australian rules footballers Wayne Miller, Tyler Horwood and Robert Young have just returned from Papua New Guinea (PNG) where they took part in the Australia Week celebrations hosted by the Australian High Commission.

The Australian Football League (AFL) and Rio Tinto’s Footy Means Business program provides 18-to-24-year-old Indigenous men with exposure to elite AFL programs and training, along with networking opportunities in corporate environments to strengthen employment and leadership skills.

Each year three outstanding participants are selected from the program and are awarded the opportunity to travel to PNG as part of the Australia Week celebrations.

Wayne Millar is a qualified carpenter and a certified trainer and assessor from Ceduna, South Australia. He works in remote communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands), training local Aboriginal people in the communities to become certified and secure full time employment.

Tyler Horwood, from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, works for the Department of Sport and Recreation running community-based programs focused on health and wellbeing.

Robert Young is a qualified personal trainer from Melbourne who recently worked as an Aboriginal education support officer in Melbourne, assisting students to complete their schooling.

Through support from Rio Tinto and Bougainville Copper Limited, the three participants travelled to Port Moresby for a cultural tour and to engage with the local community through sport.

They ran AFL skills clinics for school children, umpired local competition games and played in an exhibition match with local men, passing on their love and knowledge of the game, while helping the growth of AFL internationally.

They also visited the Bomana War Cemetery, paying tribute to fallen soldiers of World War II, which was a special experience leading up to Anzac Day.

An exhibition AFL match was played at Amini Park, Port Moresby, between North and South Papua.





# Plea to save the Crocs

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Island man Robbie Cedar is seeking support in a bid to help the Townsville Crocodiles stay in the National Basketball League (NBL).

It comes after Barrier Reef Basketball Pty Ltd handed back its licence to Basketball Australia after losing \$2.5 million.

Mr Cedar supports a local breakaway group, which includes former Crocs general manager Pat Reidy and marketing manager Mark McGregor, who are trying to resurrect the club by initiating a community ownership scheme.

The committee says it so far has raised \$500,000 to save the Crocs.

Of Darnley Island descent, Mr Cedar’s sons Michael and Chris have been star players for the Crocs, which failed to make the play-offs last season.

“I am seeking support in regards to the re-establishment of the Townsville Crocodiles working with Pat Reidy, Mark McGregor and Cam Whiting,” Robbie Cedar said.

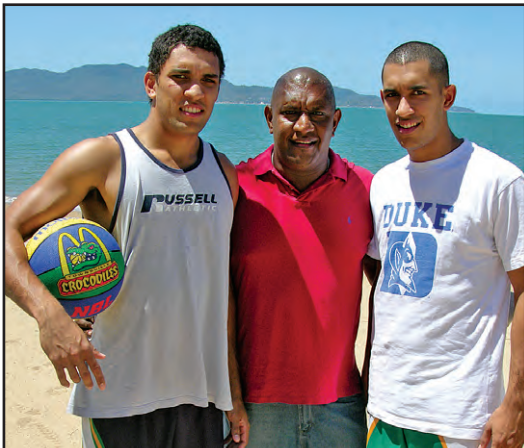
“The community-owned concept follows the footsteps of the Cairns Taipans and other NBL clubs in the past.”

The Crocs and Taipans have been keen field rivals in past years.

But even supporters of the Taipans are behind the Crocs’ bid to stay in the competition.

Mr Cedar said Torres Strait Islanders and Aborigines were generally big basketball fans and many followed the Crocs or Taipans.

“The committee is seeking pledges to be a foundation holder in this new club, focussing on



From left, Michael, Robbie and Chris Cedar.

## Indigenous boys miss selection



THREE Indigenous players at the Australian Rugby Union under 20s camp in Canberra earlier this month have missed selection in the 28-man squad to contest the International Rugby Board (IRB) junior world championships in France in June.

Queenslanders Andrew Muirhead (Brisbane South) and John Porch (University of Queensland) and Mitch Whiteley (Sydney University) were among the 50 players from across Australia that converged on Canberra for the camp at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

The Australian squad for the IRB junior world championship will head into its first preparation camp at Bond University in the first week of May.

The side will play two trials before leaving for France, taking on Papua New Guinea’s national team on Thursday, 2 May, at Bond University and an Australian Rugby Union National Academy side at Narrabeen Sports Academy in mid-May.

The IRB junior world championship runs 5-23 June in France, where Australia will face New Zealand, Fiji and Ireland in pool play.

this historic change from a business to community ownership,” Mr Cedar said.

“I have discussed this with the boys (Michael and Chris) being the faces, seeking pledges from the Aboriginal and Islander communities for the opportunity to be a foundation owner

of an NBL team,” he said.

Pat Reidy said, “There have been people out there who have been pledging support, be it our current major sponsors, and also individuals out there who have been pledging enormous support, so it is a matter of working with those people

and involving the community.”

NBL Players Association president and former Townsville Crocodiles player Jacob Holmes says Basketball Australia and the NBL definitely wanted the Townsville team to continue in the national competition.



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Exploration Licence	08/2445	GTI RESOURCES LTD	14BL	120km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 42' S Long: 115° 18' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2446	GTI RESOURCES LTD	1BL	127km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 45' S Long: 115° 23' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2447	GTI RESOURCES LTD	2BL	124km S'ly of Onslow	Lat: 22° 43' S Long: 115° 22' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2028	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	49BL	183km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 26° 53' S Long: 115° 47' E	MURCHISON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2033	GOLDEN GECHO PTY LTD	150BL	119km SE'ly of Coral Bay	Lat: 23° 57' S Long: 114° 32' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2036	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	15BL	161km Sly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 33' S Long: 117° 7' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2037	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	43BL	145km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 26' S Long: 117° 13' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	09/2038	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	63BL	131km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 20' S Long: 117° 19' E	UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1104	BARDOC RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	29km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 121° 40' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1369	LA MANCHA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1BL	21km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 55' S Long: 121° 23' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1372	BARRAMBIE MINERALS LTD	46BL	57km SW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 31° 18' S Long: 120° 43' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1373	BARRAMBIE MINERALS LTD	3BL	54km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 24' S Long: 120° 58' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1374	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	43BL	42km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 29' S Long: 122° 1' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1376	AVOCA RESOURCES LTD	3BL	35km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 37' S Long: 121° 55' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/447	GOLDPHYRE RESOURCES LIMITED	10BL	73km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 28' S Long: 120° 38' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	16/451-I	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	1BL	59km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 35' S Long: 120° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	20/822	ALCHEMY RESOURCES (MURCHISON) PTY LTD	13BL	31km NE'ly of Cue	Lat: 27° 11' S Long: 118° 2' E	CUE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/2292	KAMAX RESOURCES LTD	6BL	141km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat: 30° 13' S Long: 124° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	30/451	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	56BL	94km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 31' S Long: 120° 5' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2797	GOLD ROAD RESOURCES LIMITED	64BL	89km E'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat: 27° 51' S Long: 123° 47' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2816	FALCON MINERALS LIMITED	1BL	135 km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 48' S Long: 122° 10' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2817	FALCON MINERALS LIMITED	3BL	137 km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 50' S Long: 122° 11' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/2822	CAMUCO PTY LTD	133BL	119km E'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 2' S Long: 123° 31' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1681-I	MAKA MINERALS PTY LTD	48BL	44km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 39' S Long: 121° 57' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3669	CORPS, Darryl John CORPS, Vaughan William	2BL	26km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 31' S Long: 118° 28' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/3929	COLCHIS RESOURCES PTY LTD	184BL	131km NE'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 21° 49' S Long: 118° 39' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE, EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	45/4158	VENUS METALS CORPORATION LIMITED	115BL	49km SE'ly of Telfer	Lat: 21° 53' S Long: 122° 39' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2848	NEAROLOGY PTY LTD	28BL	100 km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 118° 12' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Exploration Licence	51/1521	VENTNOR PILBARA PTY LTD	29BL	45km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 118° 16' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1542	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	70BL	89km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 16' S Long: 119° 19' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1545	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	60BL	78km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 19' S Long: 119° 13' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1549	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	50BL	104km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 17' S Long: 119° 29' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1550	RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	40BL	114km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 17' S Long: 119° 35' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1559-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	20BL	106km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 42' S Long: 118° 6' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1561	LEYLAND, Michael Terrence	1BL	40km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 56' S Long: 118° 36' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2852-I	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	70BL	138km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 24° 26' S Long: 117° 38' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, UPPER GASCOYNE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1733	COAL FIRST PTY LTD	5BL	62km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 37' S Long: 121° 28' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1738	VERONA CAPITAL PTY LTD	67BL	80km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 41' S Long: 121° 38' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	53/1746	KIMBA RESOURCES PTY LTD	7BL	81km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 47' S Long: 120° 4' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/927	WEDGETAIL PROSPECTING PTY LTD	1BL	103km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 48' S Long: 118° 47' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/929	GIANNI, Peter Romeo	41BL	97km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 45' S Long: 118° 48' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1876	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	27BL	57km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 28° 52' S Long: 117° 19' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1957-I	BRANDY HILL IRON PTY LTD	1BL	59km SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 49' S Long: 116° 26' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1958-I	BRANDY HILL IRON PTY LTD	22BL	51km NE'ly of Merkanooka	Lat: 28° 50' S Long: 116° 19' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1578	MATSA RESOURCES LIMITED	142BL	14km S'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 33° 6' S Long: 121° 41' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1583	PIONEER RESOURCES LIMITED NATIONAL MINERALS PTY LTD	2BL	98km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat: 32° 43' S Long: 122° 38' E	ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/1621	BUXTON RESOURCES LTD	41BL	43km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat: 31° 55' S Long: 122° 6' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3066	HARGREAVES, Mark Denis	2BL	84km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 3' S Long: 123° 6' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3111	PLATINA RESOURCES LTD	109BL	58km SE'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 52' S Long: 124° 15' E	DUNDAS SHIRE, ESPERANCE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3118	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	10BL	91km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 46' S Long: 120° 44' E	WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4439	MONTANA EXPLORATION SERVICES PTY LTD	68BL	107km E'ly of Kalbarri	Lat: 27° 24' S Long: 115° 12' E	MURCHISON SHIRE, NORTHAMPTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4450-I	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	69BL	21 km NW'ly of Quairading	Lat: 31° 52' S Long: 117° 11' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4451-I	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	15 km W'ly of Quairading	Lat: 31° 59' S Long: 117° 14' E	BEVERLEY SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4452-I	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	68BL	12 km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat: 31° 44' S Long: 117° 8' E	CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4453-4454-I	KAOLIN RESOURCES PTY LTD	140BL	13 km SW'ly of Kellerberrin	Lat: 31° 42' S Long: 117° 35' E	KELLERBERRIN SHIRE, TAMMIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4456	LEE, George Francis	3BL	24 km NE'ly of Bridgetown	Lat: 33° 46' S Long: 116° 16' E	BOYUP BROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2118	MADIBA MINERALS PTY LTD	31BL	51 km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 23' S Long: 119° 20' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2119	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	73 km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 15' S Long: 119° 7' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2120	FORMULA RESOURCES PTY LTD	1BL	68 km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 17' S Long: 119° 9' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2121	PEMBERY PROSPECTING PTY LTD	1BL	59 km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat: 30° 21' S Long: 119° 49' E	YILGARN 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 exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day:** 24 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 **24 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. **24 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 km<sup>2</sup>

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# Jillaroos squad named

## PUBLIC NOTICE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Of the Wonnarua (also known as Woonarua, Wanaruah) Peoples to authorise the filing of an Native Title Determination Application in the Federal Court Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

All biological and culturally adopted Descendants of the Wonnarua (also known as Woonarua, Wanaruah) Peoples and other Aboriginal people who claim to hold native title rights and interests in the area described on the map below and invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting.

**Date:** Sunday 5th May 2013

**Time:** 9:00 am registration and 10:00 am authorisation meeting

**Venue:** Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

**Address:** Chelmsford Drive, Medford NSW 2323  
Morning tea will be provided.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To discuss and authorise the filing of a native title determination application over the area described on the map below in response to Mining Lease Application 44(ACT 1992) Enviro Mining Pty Ltd and Colmine Consulting Pty Ltd.

**The Agenda for the meeting will include, but is not limited to:**

- Decision making process;
- Consideration of Anthropological evidence;
- Consideration of the make-up of the claimant group;
- Authorisation of the Applicant;
- Authorising the applicant to make the Native Title determination application; and
- Discussion of desired outcomes for the Native Title application

**Invitation is extended to all persons who are the biological Descendants of the Apical Ancestors named below:**

**The Wonnarua People:**

- Sarah Madoo
- Emily Shoe & Mary Shoe
- Matilda Hughes (? Daughter of Emily Shoe)
- Emily mother of Henry Harry Taggart (also known as Old Harry; Harry F Taggart)
- Susan Bishop (a.k.a. Susan Bishop Young; Susan Dangar; Susan Dwyer)
- Mary Anne Webster (a.k.a Mary Ann Webster)
- George William Cain and

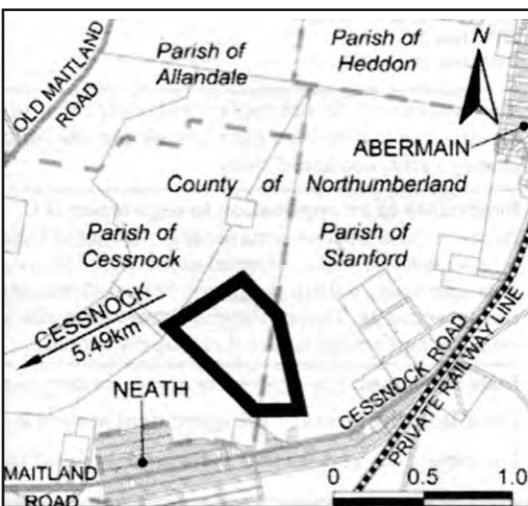
**Any other Aboriginal person who claims to hold Native Title rights and interests over the area described in the map below, are also invited to register.** Relevant documentation as to the basis upon which rights and interests are claimed will need to be tabled at the authorisation meeting for review by the anthropologist.

**Registering your attendance:**

By Phone on: 02 4028 6211

**Description of the area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease to prospect on native title land:**

An area of 25.63 hectares situated approximately 5 kilometres east of Cessnock, in the State of NSW as shown on the diagram.



**INDIGENOUS** sisters Emma and Rebecca Young and their sister-in-law Julie Young are in the Australian

Jillaroos rugby league team to contest the Festival of World Cups in the United Kingdom in July.

The Young trio were in the NSW team that was beaten 30-12 by Queensland in the Women's Interstate Challenge in Brisbane earlier this month.

It was Queensland's 15th consecutive win over the Blues.

One Indigenous Queenslander – Amber Salter, from the Torres Strait – is an emergency player for the Jillaroos.

Despite the lopsided result, NSW players managed to fill 11 places in the squad of 23.

The women were congratulated on their selections by ARL commissioner Dr Chris Sarra.

"I was really impressed by the skill level and it was obvious to me that these ladies take the role of being the best rugby league players in the country very

seriously," Dr Sarra said.

"They are our game's best women and they have been acknowledged as such with their selection in the national squad."

Queensland captain Karen Murphy said, "This will be the fourth World Cup where women have been represented.

"New Zealand has always had a strong hold on us, however looking at our 2013 squad, I think the selectors have put together the strongest Jillaroos squad to date and I am excited to be part of that group.

"After playing in Brisbane today and feeling the intensity on the ground, I think we are in a good position to work towards July.

"That was an incredibly tough game. The NSW defence was incredibly strong."

The NSW started strongly and posted first points.

But two tries just before half-time gave Queensland the edge.

An runaway intercept try midway through the second half gave NSW a glimour of hope, but Queensland came home the stronger.

## PUBLIC NOTICE AUTHORISATION MEETING

of the Awabakal and Guringai Peoples to authorise the filing of an Native Title Determination Application in the Federal Court Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

All Awabakal and Guringai Peoples who are descendants of the following apical ancestors and other Aboriginal persons who believe they have Native Title rights and interests in the land and waters of the proposed claim area under the traditional laws and customs of the Awabakal and Guringai Peoples, are invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting convened by the Awabakal and Guringai Peoples.

**The Awabakal Peoples:**

- Margaret (Known as Queen Margaret/Old Margaret)
- Ned (Known as King Ned/King Molly/Black Ned/Old Ned)
- Flathead (Father of King Ned/Black Ned/Old Ned)
- Mahrakah (Known as Molly/Molly Morgan/Maria Morgan)
- Charlotte Preston (Daughter of Molly/Molly Morgan/Maria Morgan)

**The Guringai Peoples:**

- Bungaree (Known as King Bungaree)
- Bowen Bungaree
- Matora
- Gooseberry (Known as Cora)
- Charlotte Ashby
- Biddy Salamander

**Note:** A mere assertion of descent and/or rights and interests will not by itself be sufficient to gain entry to the meeting or inclusion into the proposed claimant group. Relevant documentation as to the basis upon which descent and/or rights and interests are claimed must (if requested) be produced at the authorisation meeting for review by the Anthropologist.

**Date:** Sunday, 5th May 2013

**Time:** 1:00 pm Registration and 2:00pm Authorisation Meeting

**Venue:** Cameron Park Community Centre

**Address:** 107 Northlakes Drive, Cameron Park NSW

**Purpose of Meeting:** To authorise the filing of a Native Title Determination Application (Proposed Claim) in the Federal Court over the area described on the map above.

**Agenda:** will include, but is not limited to:

- Decision making process to be used at meeting;
- Presentation about and consideration of Anthropological evidence to support the Proposed Claim;
- Authorisation of a Native Title Determination Application being filed in the Federal Court over the claim area;
- Authorising the applicant to make the Native Title Determination Application on behalf of the Awabakal and Guringai Peoples and to deal with matters arising in relation to it;
- Clarifying the extent of the authority of the Applicant.

**Registering your attendance:** All Awabakal and Guringai People are invited to contact Kerrie Brauer on (0410) 784 484 or email info@awabakal.com.au to register their interest in attending the Authorisation Meeting by Thursday 2nd May 2013.

The Awabakal and Guringai People regret that due to severe budgetary limitations, they are unable to assist people to meet the costs of attending the meeting, however afternoon tea will be provided to attendees at the meeting.



## NGEMBA, NGIYAMPAA, WANGAAYPUWAN AND WAYILWAN PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING



NTSCORP Limited ('NTSCORP') funds legal advice and provides assistance to the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan People for their Native Title Application (NSD 415/2012) and is convening a meeting for all members of the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan native title claim group, being the descendants of:

Caroline Hilt (who was born on the Barwon River around 1847);  
Thomas Sullivan (who was born in Brewarrina about 1860);  
Nellie Colless (who was born in Brewarrina around 1868);  
Billy Coleman (who was born in Cobar in 1840);  
Mary Ann Allen (who was born in 1844);  
Moses Biggs (who was born in 1837);  
Polly Parkes (who was born in 1846);  
Anne Brandy (who was born in Colane in 1874);  
Caroline Brandy (who was born on Duck Creek in 1869);  
Wadna Boe (who was born in 1848);  
Richard King (who was born in 1827);  
Jimmy Keewong (who was born in 1849);  
Kitty Narrangie;  
Tom Dennis (who was born in Brewarrina in 1864);  
Winnie Pierce (who was born in Brewarrina in 1878);  
Jack Dennis (who was born on the Barwon River in around 1855);  
Kate Baker (who was born in Boorooma in 1874);  
Francis "Tracker" Williams (who was born in Gundabooka in 1883);  
William Johnson (who was born in Big Willandra in 1876);  
Henry Parkes (who was born in 1863);  
Topsy Harris also known as Topsy Scotty (who was born in Marfield in 1866);  
Jack Redtank;  
Thomas Williams also known as Thomas Broughton (who was born in Roto);

The Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan native title application area is bounded by the towns of Brewarrina, Bourke, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Warren, Nyngan, Hillston, Mossiel and Ivanhoe and the Bogan, Castlereagh, Barwon, Darling and Lachlan Rivers.

**The agenda for the meeting is:**

- Update on developments in the native title application;
- Confirming the Decision-Making Process;
- Considering independent expert research and authorising its provision to the State of NSW;
- Considering and authorising changes to the persons who jointly comprise the Applicant in the native title application;
- Update on mining and future act activity;
- Discussing and making decisions about authorising and executing an access agreement with Stannum Pty Limited in relation to exploration license 6699 on behalf of all members of the native title claim group; and
- Discussing with representatives from Straits Resources consultation for their exploration and mining projects.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on both days. Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available.

If you wish to attend the meeting or have enquiries **please contact Jason Whitfield at NTSCORP on Freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 9310 3188.**



# Country tops City

By PETER ARGENT



A POWERFUL eight-goal second term in the seventh annual MAC Cup City v Country Challenge was the catalyst to a comfortable 24-point win by South Australia Country in the curtain-raiser to the Adelaide-Essendon clash that opened the Australian Football League (AFL) season at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide, on Friday night, 22 March.

The final score was Country 13.7 (85) defeating City 9.7 (61).

“The City boys were winning the majority of the clearances in the opening term,” Country coach Steve Hill said.

“The general consensus among the powerbrokers of country football was that the second was the best quarter of footy they have seen.

“The SAAFL (South Australian Amateur Australian Football League) had a crack in the second half, but our back six really stood up.

“It was a very satisfying result.”

The Aboriginal talents, Alex Stengle and John Boxer, played for the City team, with Boxer being a member of the Gaza Eagles, while Stengle is from the Gepps Cross Rams.

For the Country team, Tylah Saunders was one of their skilful midfielders. He comes from Hatherleigh, in the Mid-South-East competition, and was a member of the South Australia Country side in Wagga last July.

He won selection in this side after being selected in the Team of the Championships after the 2012 SA Country Zone Carnival at Berri.

## Key player

He was a key player in the Murray-South East combination who were bridesmaids in the two-day statewide Aussie rules titles.

Saunders confirmed he had not even played a trial game going into the late March match.

“Tylah looked like he was having his first run for the year and did make a couple of errors among more good work,” Hill said.

“Still, he was a solid contributor in an even team effort.

“He generally has a good skill set and reads the game well.”

Former Pfitzner Medallist (SAAFL Division 1 best and fairest) Alex Stengle was high among the best for the vanquished, while John Boxer was industrious early, kicking a couple of first half majors.

Stengle did get a little bit of football in during the southern off-season, playing four games with the Wanderers in the Northern Territory Football League in late November and December.

With AAMI Stadium finishing as a football venue at the end of this season, this was the last game at this venue for many of the players in this match.

A part of the fixture list for the past seven seasons, the MAC Cup City-Country Challenge, the rural-based footballers leave this venue with bragging rights.

This effort was the Country team’s fourth win, taking them one ahead of the SAAFL-based City team.

## Barty in Switzerland for Federation Cup

TEENAGE tennis sensation Ashleigh Barty last weekend was part of the Australian team that took on Switzerland in the Federation Cup world group play-off tie in Chiasso, Switzerland.

Chiasso is in the southern Swiss region. Barty endured a lengthy trip from the Pelham International Tennis Federation (ITF) event in Alabama via Atlanta, Georgia, to join the team of Sam Stosur, Casey Dellacqua, Jarmila Gajdosova and hitting partner Storm Sanders.



The three Aboriginal talents in the South Australian City v Country match, from left, City’s Alex Stengle (Gepps Cross), Country’s Tylah Saunders (Hatherleigh) and City’s John Boxer (Gaza).



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMIT SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Petroleum Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)* .

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0071	AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM PORTFOLIO PTY LIMITED	22504 km²	Laverton Shire (86.5%) Ngaanyatjaraku Shire (13.5%)

### LOCALITY

The application is located in the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 296 5'x5' blocks, of which 62 blocks are in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SH51 (Kalgoorlie), 44 blocks are in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SH52 (Nullarbor Plain), 76 blocks are in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG52 (Petermann Range), and 114 blocks are in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna). The application is approximately rectangular in shape, being approximately 278 kilometres north to south and approximately 81 kilometres east to west. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 39 kilometres south-west of the township of Warburton.

The application commences at a point 125°30'4.86"E, 26°24'55.07"S, thence east along parallel to a point 126°20'4.86"E, 26°24'54.99"S, thence south along meridian to a point 126°20'4.99"E, 28°54'55.07"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°40'5.02"E, 28°54'55.08"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°40'5.01"E, 28°44'55.08"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°30'5.01"E, 28°44'55.09"S, and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 125°30'4.86"E, 26°24'55.07"S.

All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0090	GREEN ROCK ENERGY LIMITED	297.05 km²	Coorow Shire (69.8%) Carnamah Shire (30.2%)

### LOCALITY

The application is located in the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 4 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Perth). The application is straddled by Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP) that run north to south. The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 7 kilometres east-south-east of the township of Eneabba, the south-east corner being 26 kilometres north-north-west of the township of Badgingarra and the south-west corner approximately 37 kilometres east-north-east of the township of Jurien Bay.

The application commences at a point 115°20'5.14"E, 29°49'55.62"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°25'5.14"E, 29°49'55.62"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°25'5.17"E, 30°9'55.63"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°20'5.16"E, 30°9'55.63"S, and thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°20'5.14"E, 29°49'55.62"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0082	UIL ENERGY LTD	559.4 km²	Three Springs Shire (98.4%) Carnamah Shire (1.5%) Irwin Shire (0.2%)

### LOCALITY

The application is located in the Perth Basin.

The application occupies a total of 6 whole 5'x5' blocks and 3 part 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Perth).

The south-west corner of the application is located approximately 16 kilometres east-north-east of the township of Eneabba and the north-east corner approximately 21 kilometres north-west of the township of Three Springs.

The application commences at a point 115°15'5.12"E, 29°27'25.59"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°30'5.11"E, 29°27'25.58"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°30'5.11"E, 29°24'55.58"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°35'5.11"E, 29°24'55.57"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°35'5.12"E, 29°34'55.58"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°30'5.12"E, 29°34'55.59"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°30'5.13"E, 29°44'55.60"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°25'5.13"E, 29°44'55.61"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°25'5.12"E, 29°34'55.60"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°20'5.12"E, 29°34'55.60"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°20'5.12"E, 29°29'55.59"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°15'5.12"E, 29°29'55.60"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°15'5.12"E, 29°27'25.59"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0067	TAMBORAN RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	18308.77 km²	Shire of Laverton (76.8%) Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku (16.6%) Shire of Wiluna (6.6%)

### LOCALITY

The application is located in the Officer Basin. The application occupies a total of 240 5'x5' blocks of which 234 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG51 (Wiluna) and 6 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SH51 (Kalgoorlie). The application is straddled by the Great Central Road that runs from Laverton to Warburton. The north-east corner of the application is located approximately 110 kilometres south-south west of the community of Warburton, the south-east corner being 40 kilometres north-west of Neale Junction and the south-west corner approximately 220 kilometres east-north east of the township of Laverton.

The application commences at a point 124°20'4.89"E, 26°24'55.13"S, thence east along parallel to a point 125°30'4.86"E, 26°24'55.07"S, thence south along meridian to a point 125°30'4.99"E, 28°4'55.06"S, thence west along parallel to a point 125°0'5.00"E, 28°4'55.07"S, thence north along meridian to a point 125°0'4.95"E, 27°39'55.10"S, thence west along parallel to a point 124°20'4.98"E, 27°39'55.10"S and finally north along meridian to the starting point of 124°20'4.89"E, 26°24'55.13"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of petroleum exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further two 5 year terms.

**Notification Day:** 24 April 2013

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **24 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*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination 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 exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **24 August 2013**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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# Clarkes keep it in the family

By PETER ARGENT



WHILE Xavier or Raphael Clarke didn't enjoy the euphoria of premiership success on Australian Football League (AFL) lists, the

16 March Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) title win by Saint Mary's was compensation and has a special place among the family's achievements.

Older brother Xavier, 29, played in an unsuccessful senior grand final win the 'Green Machine' before he was drafted at the end of the 2001 season.

Xavier went on to play 106 AFL games with St Kilda and the Brisbane Lions (105 with the Saints between 2002 and 2008).

He also participated in the 2007 Indigenous All Stars game in Darwin, while Raph played in the All Stars match in 2009.

## Non-committal

He will play during the southern winter with West Preston in Melbourne's Northern Football League competition and see how his body is for the 2013-14 northern season before deciding whether he'll commit to another year at St Mary's.

Raphael Clarke, 27, was also a first-round draft selection, playing 85 games with St Kilda between 2004 and 2012, including the 2009 AFL grand final loss to Geelong.

He did play in the St Mary's 2002-03 title win over Palmerston.

Their late father Xavier Snr played in three St Mary's flags – 1971-72, and the back-to-back success of 1977-78 and 1978-79.

The *Koori Mail* had a chat with Xavier Clarke about this achievement:

**KM:** Firstly, to play in a flag alongside your AFL teammates at St Kilda and brother Raph, how special was that?

**XC:** Playing in this title back at home alongside him was one of those special moments that I will never forget.

**KM:** What does it mean to you to be a premiership player with St Mary's now?

**XC:** It means everything. My dad played in three flags for Saint Mary's and to have my name alongside him and my brother in the premiership club is very special. The club means a lot to a lot of people. To see the smiles and the joy it puts in other people involved with the club makes it all worthwhile.

**KM:** How were you feeling at half-time of the grand final?

**XC:** I was confident at half-time. I knew Tiwi was playing amazing footy in the first half and we were going to come home strong. When the Tiwi Bombers kicked the first goal of the third quarter, that's when I thought we were in trouble. But to the boys' credit, we never gave up.

**KM:** Coach Jason Cotter moved you forward and that was the linchpin of the 'Green Machine's' revival. What were his instructions?

**XC:** It was part of a midfield rotation to



A happy Saints family – Frances, Xavier, Pam and Raphael Clarke – on the ground after the NTFL grand final.

Photos by Peter Argent

give the midfielders a chop out. I think our forward line worked well together in the second half, with William Rioli and Justin Cooper putting on great pressure and kicking goals.

**KM:** Where do you rate that mark in the third term?

**XC:** Ha ha. The mark wasn't as important, as long as I kicked the goal. All I could really remember was Ryan Smith had bombed the ball in and I had to go for it. There was a pack forming and I was lucky to get a ride and the ball landed right in my chest. Mum was pretty emotional when the boys embraced after the game.

**KM:** Can you give a little insight?

**XC:** When my dad past away four years ago, I said I would come home and play and win a flag. It just so happened to be in the club's 60th year anniversary and Raph played alongside me. It has been a tough four years for her and I think she was more happy for us. But the most pleasure I got out of playing in the flag was seeing the joy on her face after the game. She has done a lot for us five kids and that's a small way we can thank her.



St Mary's and former St Kilda defender Raphael Clarke clears the ball during the 2012-13 NTFL premier league grand final in Darwin.



## Charlie Maher still seeking sponsors

CHARLIE Maher's fundraising efforts for the Indigenous Marathon Project are proceeding steadily, but he's still well short of his target of \$2000.

The *Koori Mail* reported last month that Maher, who was one of the runners in the 2010 IMP New York Marathon team, would run in the Gold Coast Marathon on 7 July and was looking for sponsorship.

Maher was the fastest Indigenous runner in the IMP's inaugural year in New York.

The *Koori Mail* last month reported that Maher had been promised \$900.

He told us last week that the figure had reached \$960, but he still wanted to reach his target of \$2000.

He said the money would help Rob de Castella's IMP find champions to create role models to inspire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to live active, healthy lifestyles and reduce the incidence of preventable diseases.

People can pledge money to Maher's appeal by visiting <http://Footprints.gofundraise.com.au/page/mahersmarathonmadness2013>

All donations to this side are electronically wired to the IMP and an automatic receipt is emailed to the donor.

## Harradine injured

DISCUS thrower Benn Harradine missed this month's Australian athletics championships in Sydney and is yet to gain selection in the Australian team to compete in the world titles in Moscow later this year.

A knee injury forced Harradine to miss the national titles at Olympic Park.

The Sydney event doubled as the trials for the world titles.

Athletics Australia (AA) selectors named a preliminary squad of 25 for the 10-18 August world championships, although the final team is expected to number more than 50.

Other athletes have until late July to meet the selection criteria.

Australia won three medals and finished eighth on the overall medals table at the 2011 world championships in South Korea.

— With AAP



## Hardman ready to take next step

ONE-legged boxer Brad Hardman is hoping for a more acceptable venue for his next fight.

The 31-year-old Erskineville (Sydney) Hardman, who is trained by boxing legend Johnny Lewis, won his last fight over three rounds on points from Shane McTaggart, of Muswellbrook.

That fight was in the open air at a Windsor football ground.

"It was a good fight and went the full three rounds," Hardman told the *Koori Mail*.

"He (McTaggart) moved around a far bit but it was a good leaning experience.

"I'm feeling more comfortable in the ring with each fight.

"I want my next fight to be in Sydney, somewhere like Souths Juniors."

Hardman lost his left leg below the knee in a car crash in 1996 when he was 15.

He has been cleared by international boxing authorities to fight with a prosthesis.

Hardman harbours dreams of boxing being accepted as a Paralympic sport.

Jed Anderson snaps for the Hawks during their 55-point win over Collingwood at the MCG on 14 April. Picture: AFL Media



# Flying Hawk a rising star



SIXTEEN touches and a goal were enough to clinch the Australian Football League round three Rising Star award for emerging Indigenous

Hawthorn player Jed Anderson.

The 19-year-old midfielder had a big hand in Hawthorn's 55-point win over Collingwood at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on 13 April.

Anderson made his AFL debut in round one after strong performances in the pre-season and featured in the Hawks' first three games of the main competition.

Recruited from the Darwin Buffalos Football Club, Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson said Anderson had adapted well to AFL football.

"Considering this is his first year at an AFL club, it speaks volumes about the quality of the lad and his football ability that he has featured in all three of our games this season," said Clarkson.

Anderson was a Greater Western Sydney-zoned player who was traded last year in exchange for Stephen Gilham (selection 27) and selection 63 (not utilised).

"Jed has had a great summer and impressed his coaches and teammates on the track with his application and attitude," Clarkson said.

"It has been really pleasing that Jed, along with other youngsters Bradley Hill and round three debutant Taylor Duryea, have earned a senior berth through their hard work and talent and have all contributed to the side with

solid performances."

While at the Darwin Buffalos, he represented the Northern Territory in the 2011 NAB AFL under-18 championships and was named in the 2011 under-18 All-Australian team.

Anderson played in two NEAFL premierships with the NT Thunder.

The 19-year-old credits his family and the Hawks with helping him cope with everything life has thrown at him.

"My family have been fully supportive of me, talk to me often and are really proud of my achievements," Anderson told AFL.com.au.

"And I think coming to Hawthorn, a family club, has really helped me settle in to Melbourne."

### 'More comfortable'

"I just felt more comfortable out there, I'm gradually improving and it's starting to show," he told AFL.com.au after the win over the Magpies.

Growing up in Darwin as one of seven siblings, Anderson's footballing prowess came to the attention of the fledgling GWS Giants, and he was quickly snapped up as one its Northern Territory zone selections.

He played the 2010 season in the Giants' TAC Cup team before returning to Darwin after homesickness kicked in.

"It was a good experience there and gave me a good idea of what I'd have to contend with if I got drafted," Anderson told AFL.com.au.

Around the same time, his brother Joe was delisted by Carlton after three years and 17 games with the Blues.

Initially devastated by his brother's AFL career ending so quickly, AFL.com.au said Anderson now used Joe as a sounding board for his own experiences.

"He's been one of the biggest mentors I've had. I talk to him about footy and he's just been a big help," he said.

Life and death have also had a big impact on Anderson.

The loss of his father David to a heart attack last July while Jed was captaining Northern Territory at the National Under-18 Championships hit him hard.

But AFL.com.au said time heals and Anderson would have less of that to spare now he was a professional footballer and a father to new baby Elijah.

"I'm rapt for the birth of our first child and to be starting off in footy. They're just stepping stones of life," said the proud father.

Following each round of the home-and-away season, a panel of judges selects a Rising Star nominee. At the completion of the season, one of them will be chosen as the 2013 NAB AFL Rising Star and will be awarded the Ron Evans Medal and a \$20,000 personal investment folio and a dedicated personal banker.

AFL.com.au said that in the space of two-and-a-half years, Anderson moved from Darwin to Sydney and back, saw his brother get delisted by Carlton, dealt with his father's sudden death, got drafted to Hawthorn and in the past couple of weeks became a father for the first time.

— With AAP





The victorious Western Australian side after beating Victoria-Tasmania 9.18 (72) to 6.4 (40) in the final. During an earlier qualifying match, Victoria-Tasmania beat the Sandgropers 4.5 (29) to 0.8 (8).

## Trophy kept by the West

Pictures and story by ALF WILSON



A COMMITTED Western Australia defeated the combined Victoria-Tasmania side 9.18 (72) to 6.4 (40) in the final of the Australian Football League (AFL) under-15 national

KickStart championships in Townsville.

The carnival was held from 8-12 April at the lush green Tony Ireland Stadium where the recent NAB Cup game between North Melbourne and the Gold Coast Suns was played.

The other competing teams were a combined NSW-ACT, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Supported by the Coles AFL Indigenous Program, each team selected the best 25 Indigenous players from their state KickStart camps.

There is no doubt that some future AFL stars were playing at the annual championships.

The Western Australians were the reigning champion, but lost 4.5 (29) to 0.8 (8) to Victoria-Tasmania in one of the round-robin qualifying games.

Victoria-Tasmania looked like repeating the effort when they booted the first two goals in the final and led at quarter time 2.1 (13) to 1.5 (11).

Rain had fallen during the previous two days and the final was played in overcast conditions. There were some muddy patches in the centre.

While Western Australia started to dominate in the second 15-minute quarter, inaccurate kicking for goal let them down.

Western Australia booted eight straight points, but at half-time had gained the lead 3.13 (31) to 3.2 (20).

With 16 scoring shots to just five by Victoria-Tasmania, the WA side had the final at their mercy if they could get their kicking radar right.

At three-quarter time, Western Australia led 4.15 (39) to 5.3 (33) and ran away in the last part to score a handsome victory.

The Northern Territory proved to be the surprise packet of the competition, winning the first three of their five games to finish third.

This year's carnival also included sides from Papua New Guinea, Oceania and the New Zealand Hawks. They competed in their own round-robin tournament.

In a curtain-raiser to the final, a South Pacific side 13.3 (81) defeated a Combined KickStart Indigenous team 3.4 (22).

Round 1 results: Northern Territory 7.5 (47) d South Australia Final 5.1 (31), Victoria-Tasmania 9.8 (62) d Queensland 2.0 (12), Western Australia 13.4 (82) d NSW-ACT 0.0 (0), Northern Territory 5.6 (36) d Queensland 2.2 (14), Victoria-Tasmania 17.4 (106) d NSW-ACT 0.1 (1), Western Australia 10.11 (71) d South Australia 4.1 (25).

Round 2: Victoria-Tasmania 5.5 (35) d South Australia 4.10 (34), Queensland 4.7 (31) d NSW-ACT 2.1 (13), Western Australia 5.6 (36) d Northern Territory 2.2 (14).

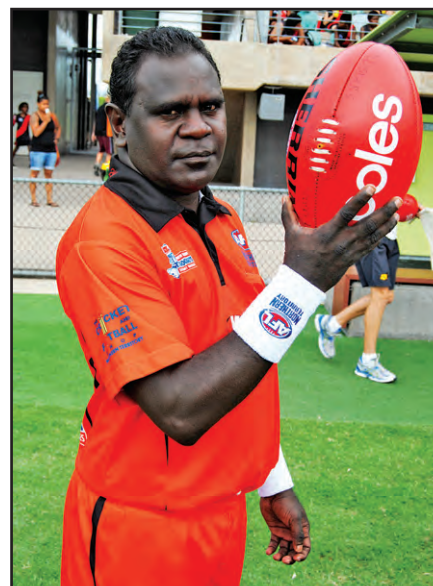
Round 3: Northern Territory 5.6 (36) d NSW-ACT 2.2 (14), Victoria-Tasmania 4.5 (29) d WA 0.8 (8), Queensland 2.7 (19) d South Australia 2.6 (18).

Round 4: South Australia 6.5 (41) d NSW-ACT 3.3 (21), Western Australia 9.6 (59) d Queensland 2.0 (12), Victoria-Tasmania 6.3 (39) d Northern Territory 3.4 (22).

Other games: Papua New Guinea 5.8 (38) d New Zealand Hawks 1.1 (7), Papua New Guinea 5.2 (32) d Oceania 2.2 (14), Oceania 1.5 (11) drew with New Zealand 1.5 (11), PNG 10.3 (63) d NZ Hawks 1.4 (10), Oceania 4.7 (31) d New Zealand 1.3 (9).

Grand final: Western Australia 9.18 (72) d Victoria-Tasmania 6.4 (40).

Curtain-raiser: South Pacific 13.13 (81) d Combined KickStart Indigenous team 3.4 (22).



Umpire Johnny Garawirrtja from Elcho Island in the NT.



A South Pacific team forward marks against the Combined Kickstart side.



A Queensland player (in red) tackles a Victoria-Tasmania opponent. Victoria-Tasmania won the game 9.8 (62) to 2.0 (12).



# Sport – AFL KickStart Carnival



Queensland coach Che Cockatoo-Collins with player Ryhin Flinders, from Hope Vale.



Former AFL star Xavier Clarke, the AFL indigenous Programs co-ordinator, at the opening ceremony.



Northern Territory physio Candice Liddy.



A battle for possession in the game between Queensland and Victoria-Tasmania.



The Northern Territory team.



The South Australian team.



The Victoria-Tasmania combined side.



The Queensland team.



The Combined NSW-ACT team.



A fine leap by a Queenslander in the game against Victoria-Tasmania, but where's the ball?



It's a toss-up on who's winning possession as South Australia and the Northern Territory battle it out.



A Queensland player appears to have won possession against Victoria-Tasmania



A Western Australian player gets a kick away in the final against Victoria-Tasmania.



# The big stage

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THE continued benefit of the Indigenous All Stars concept was evident last weekend when our stars continued to shine on the representative stage.

The dominance of Australia over New Zealand in the Anzac Test match continued with our Indigenous players prominent in the victory.

Sam Thaiday continued his return to form and he was my pick of the forwards, with Greg Bird not far behind.

Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis were all class, but it was Justin Hodges who gave a dominant performance in the centres.

But without knowing the result, it was the selection of Ryan James, Jack Wighton and Jamal Idris in the Country team as well as the Rabbitohs flyer in the City side that excites me the most.

It gives me hope that finally we will see increased Indigenous representation in the NSW side under new coach Laurie Daley.

I am in no way suggesting that Laurie will show any favouritism as this would backfire in the cauldron that is State of Origin.

But having coached these players in the All Stars game, Daley will have confidence in their ability to shine on the big stage.

This time two years ago, Jamal Idris was preparing to make his debut for the Kangaroos in the annual Trans-Tasman Test match against the Kiwis.

In the time since his lone appearance in the green and gold, however, this one-time 'superstar in the making' seemed to lose his lustre.

The increasing weight of public expectation on Idris not only dulled his trademark smile, but in fact, took residence around his mid-section over the



Greg Inglis makes a break during the rugby league Test against New Zealand at Canberra Stadium on Friday night. Australia won the match 32-12 after a 6-all half-time scoreline. AAP image

course of an injury-interrupted 2012 season.

Having arrived at the Gold Coast amid much fanfare at the end of 2011, Idris' battles with hamstring and foot injuries saw him unable to train.

As a consequence, the dreadlocked three-quarter's already substantial frame blew out to a staggering 122kg.

"My mum used to call me the fat controller, hey... well I felt like that first bit was right last year," Idris said with a laugh.

"I arrived at the club and was behind the eight-ball from the outset, because they found an 8cm-10cm tear in my hammy and it took a long time to heal so I missed most of the pre-season.

### Rising weight

"By the time I got back playing, my weight was already getting up and when you are like that, you are always a big chance of getting other injuries. I just didn't have that base to work from that a full pre-season gives you and it didn't take long before I was down again with a plantar faciitis (foot injury).

"By the end of the year, I was just so frustrated because I just wasn't able to do the things out on the field I know I can do because my body wasn't right."

Idris has battled ridicule over his weight since making his debut for the Bulldogs in 2008.

While in the past he has quickly dismissed critics who questioned whether his work ethic and professionalism was at the level required to compete, last year Idris knew he had some work to do.

"I suppose through my career I have always been a bit different and I have done things my way –

and that isn't going to change, but I wasn't going to make the same mistakes I made a year before," Idris said.

"At the end of last season I was so disappointed, because I just never got started. I decided I wanted to address a couple of things in my preparation."

The results have been there for all to see with Jamal's versatility also on show in the Titans' recent victory against Parramatta.

His Titans teammate Ryan James has also been in great form following his eye-catching performance in the All Stars clash.

Talk of Ryan pressing for a NSW Origin jersey this year might be a little premature, but he is sure sounding like a Blue.

The long-haired prop isn't hard to miss when he comes off the bench.

He has caught the eye of commentators because of his work rate and aggression.

The 21-year-old Junior Kangaroos player has modelled himself on a man with those very traits.

"I liked the way Gorden Tallis used to play – hard and strong and angry," James said.

"I loved watching him play, even though he was a Queenslander," he said, already showing the disgust for anything Maroon.

"People were scared to run at him. I also like the way Nate Myles and Luke Bailey play. They have great engines and keep everyone around them calm in tight moments.

"One day I'd like to be one of those players that everyone wants to play with."

Meantime, Laurie Daley

believes Canberra Raiders whiz-kid Jack Wighton can emulate his career path and move into the halves after serving an apprenticeship in the centres.

Daley had no issue naming Wighton as one of his three coach's selections for the Indigenous All Stars team, despite the 19-year-old having just nine NRL games to his name.

It helped convince Daley the Orange product would not be intimidated by playing alongside Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis and company against the NRL All Stars.

### Impressed

"He looks like a kid who won't be overawed by the bigger occasion. He impressed me last year in the finals and impressed me in the Emerging Origin camp we had with the young guys late last year," Daley said.

"He's a guy you throw in, thinking about the future. He's a big kid and looks like he won't be fazed playing in this type of match with these quality players.

Wighton has played all his NRL games at centre or wing, but Daley can see him eventually being thrust into the No 6 jersey.

His utility value was a major reason why Daley awarded him a place on his Indigenous All Stars bench.

"I'd probably see him in the centres to start off with and maybe move in closer a bit later. It will be interesting to see where he ends up," Daley said.

These are our stars of the future.

They also give additional hope to every young Aboriginal player growing up in NSW.

# Soward is NRL's best kicker: Gould



PENRITH general manager Phil Gould says Jamie Soward was recruited as a match-winner

who has the best kicking game in the National Rugby League (NRL).

Soward's four-year deal with Penrith was met with some raised eyebrows last week, given the lack of interest from the playmaker's current club St George-Illawarra and recent back problems.

But Gould defended the signing last Thursday, saying the 28-year-old was exactly what the Panthers needed as part of their rebuilding process.

"When you're in a rebuilding phase, the best way to get (players) is from successful clubs," Gould told *Triple M* radio.

"We need a Jamie Soward in our club."

The former NSW representative will arrive in 2014 to bolster a halves pairing that has been decimated by injury and poor form this season.

Gould said that a premiership-winning player like Soward would bring immediate results.

"I think if you ask any coach in history what are the most important elements of winning football games, somewhere near the top will be kicking game," Gould said.

### 'Best in business'

"Well, the Panthers just bought the best kicking game in the business.

"As long as I've known Jamie, he's been a match-winner. He's been a points-scorer (and) a points-creator.

"He's now played in a premiership-winning team and has been coached by the best coach in history in Wayne Bennett.

"That's all things that can impart positively on the Panthers.

"If your team is solid up front and you're making ground, Jamie Soward can play off the back of that."

In a move described by Gould as a 'marquee signing' for the Panthers, it ends a successful seven-year spell for Soward at the Dragons, highlighted by the 2010 premiership.

Soward said he was sad to be leaving the Dragons, but after the club made no attempt to keep him, he had to look after himself.

"This was definitely a big decision for me as I love the Dragons, but as I have always said, I needed to make a decision about what was in the best interests for me and my future," Soward said. – AAP



## Varcoe is out injured



GEELONG'S flying start to the 2013 Australian Football League (AFL) season has taken a hit with the loss of the luckless speedster Travis Varcoe.

The ruck star is potentially sidelined for three months. Geelong coach Chris Scott expected Varcoe would be a long-term absentee after he injured his left shoulder early in the game.

"Suffice to say it doesn't look good," Scott said.

"He's had surgery on that shoulder before so that would indicate we'd be even more conservative given he's got a history there.

"If surgery's an option and a long-term lay-off is going to get him right for the end of the season or even next year, that's probably the way we'd go."

That would mean another three months out of the game for Varcoe, who was restricted by a foot injury to just one game last year.

The Cats continued their pattern this season of giving an opponent a start then chasing them down, coming from 17 points behind midway through the second term to beat the Blues 18.11 (119) to 15.13 (103) at Etihad Stadium on Saturday, 13 April. Scott said the Cats could not afford to keep giving sides head starts and expecting to catch them. —AAP



TRAVIS VARCOE  
Image: Peter Argent

# A balancing act

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Hawthorn's Lance Franklin (right) celebrates kicking a goal with Paul Puopolo in the game against North Melbourne at Aurora Stadium, Launceston, last 2 June. AAP image

**B**UDDY Franklin continues to display the freakish talents that make him one of the modern greats of Australian football.

His form is even more amazing when one considers the speculation about his future that continues to be a major talking point in the Australian Football League (AFL).

At the centre of the speculation is a strong play from Greater Western Sydney (GWS) to sign a superstar on and off the field.

It is an audacious bid that brings to mind the Suns' signing Geelong great Gary Ablett as they established their franchise on the Gold Coast.

Like Ablett, Franklin will have to make a decision between a financial windfall and the opportunity to become a legend at one of the game's traditional clubs.

It will be hard for Buddy to ignore the persuasive powers of the iconic Kevin Sheedy, who is on record that the Western Sydney club should make a strong play for Buddy.

Money saved by the departure of failed cross-code recruit Israel Folau would help, Sheedy said.

"If it was my advice and it was on the table, I would say go after him," Sheedy said.

"If you have a package of

money left after (Israel) Folau (left), then you get it right.

"And then you might have a Tony Lockett. And that injection into Sydney would be fantastic... it would be absolutely enormous."

Franklin has put off contract talks with Hawthorn until the end of the season.

Sheedy, who will hand over the coaching reins to deputy Leon Cameron next season, said Franklin was worth up to \$1.3 million a season, which would place him in the realm of the AFL's top earners such as Gold Coast captain Gary Ablett.

### Blossom

"If that is what it takes to get him to Sydney... I believe this team would blossom with another great player," Sheedy said.

The reference to Tony Lockett refers to the signing that was a turning point in the Swans' history.

Lockett not only brought a class game to the team, he also brought star power to a city that saw AFL as a boutique sport.

He brought credibility as one of the true stars of the time.

The major difference was that Lockett came to a competitive side and his career benefitted from a fresh start.

GWS is a new franchise and as such, Franklin would come into a club that is building itself from the ground up.

While that in itself is an exciting challenge, Franklin would leave behind one of the true title contenders and the opportunity to be a one-club hero at the end of his career.

Such is his drawing power that even at this stage the AFL has been brought into the debate about his future.

It was reported Franklin could be paid by the AFL outside the salary cap for promotional duties, if he did join the Giants.

League boss Andrew Demetriou said the league would not be party to recruitment negotiations.

GWS is looking to establish a foothold in a crowded sporting market, not helped by the stunning emergence of A-League team Western Sydney Wanderers.

The Swans were in a similar situation before Lockett joined

the club in 1995.

Lockett was paid by the league as a game ambassador, similar to Folau, and Karmichael Hunt in Queensland.

"I would think it is a great opportunity... if Franklin is ever thinking of leaving Hawthorn, and he could be — nobody thought Lockett would leave St Kilda at the time, or Barry Hall," Sheedy said.

"But the greatest thing the Swans ended up getting was those two key forwards."

### Determines

Hawthorn is determined to fight for their star.

"There's more to playing for Hawthorn than just the dollar amount."

That is the message to Franklin from Hawthorn president Andrew Newbold.

Newbold hopes the 'privilege' of representing the AFL club means more to Franklin than a bigger pay packet elsewhere.

Hawthorn has already made the 26-year-old forward a 'respectful' offer, according to Newbold, 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 said.

"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."

Buddy could do well to give Ablett a call.

It will be a huge decision either way.

Whatever the decision, I just hope that he continues to inspire the next generation of Indigenous players with his unique brand of brilliance.

Until Next time... Keep Dreaming!



# Beale 'in a good head space'



JAMES O'Connor says suspended teammate, friend and potential rival for the Wallabies five-eighth Kurtley Beale is in a good head space.

Beale has been living with his family in Sydney and having counselling and training after being stood down following an alcohol-fuelled altercation with teammates in South Africa four weeks ago.

Rebels teammate O'Connor said he wasn't sure when Beale would resume playing, but had kept in regular contact with him.

"I've been speaking to Kurtley a fair bit. He's in a good head space," O'Connor said in Sydney.

"He's training very hard. From all

accounts he's looking pretty fit.

"He said he's going to give me a run for my money in my skin folds."

Meanwhile Melbourne Rebels coach Damien Hill has forecast changes to his Super Rugby line-up, with the possible inclusion of Beale following their last-ditch loss to the Southern Kings.

Hill is hopeful the suspended Beale will be available for selection as the side attempts to regroup after its shattering 30-27 loss, which came from a Demetri Catrakilis drop goal after the siren.

Their next challenge, which follows a bye weekend, is against the heavyweight Crusaders at the Christchurch fortress.

The Australian Rugby Union has taken over management of the talented 23-year-old, sourcing his external

counselling and overseeing his fitness program.

Hill said he had a good chat to Beale.

"It's not really for me to say where that's at, but things are looking very positive there and it was really good to talk to him," he said.

"He's exceptionally keen to get back and play with the guys."

## Needs clearance

Beale needs the green light from his counsellors over his alcohol issues before that happens."

With talk of Beale returning to the Rebels, Wallaby coach Robbie Deans insists 'the door is not closed' on Beale despite the high-profile playmaker being overlooked for a 30-man Wallabies camp to

prepare for the blockbuster British and Irish Lions series.

Beale was always going to be omitted following his South African alcohol-fuelled altercation with Melbourne Rebels teammate Cooper Vuna.

Deans said he'd been in contact with Beale and advised that he still had time to press for selection.

"Kurtley's obviously not playing at the moment. He's sought help, which is great, so he's going through a counselling process," Deans said.

"He's got to go through that first and that's got to run its course and, if and when he becomes available, we'd consider it then.

"He'd return to the Rebels and play so we'd obviously observe with interest."

— AAP

# Bound for success

By GRAHAM HUNT



TRIPLE jumper Saminda Kang has improved in leaps and bounds since coming under

the guidance of her new coach Phil Newton.

So much so that Newton has mapped out a program that has the 2014 world junior (under 20) athletics championships in Oregon, USA, as its goal.

If Saminda continues to improve and maintain her love of the sport, Newton sees the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games as the next target after the world juniors.

If she gets that far, the 2020 Olympics could be next.

But all of that is a long way off and right now the 17-year-old Year 12 Ballina High School student is focussing on improving her technique.

Saminda grew up in Perth, but has lived on the east coast for the past couple of years. She has an Aboriginal mum and an Indian dad.

She and her sister Jasvir represented Western Australia at national age levels – Saminda in triple jump and Jasvir in the 100m and 200m.

## Time away

Saminda had a couple of years away from athletics, but since moving to Ballina and linking up with Kingscliff coach Newton, her jumping career has literally taken off.

It began last year when she represented Ballina High School at the NSW Combined High Schools State (CHS) regional carnival in Lismore, followed by the CHS State carnival in Sydney, where she won gold in the triple jump and silver in the long jump.

But she chose to bypass the NSW junior (under 20) championships, focussing instead on the Queensland championships.

To become eligible, she joined the Gold Coast Victory Athletics Club.

**Saminda Kang with her triple jump silver medal from the Australian junior athletics championships in Perth.**



She finished second in the triple jump at the Queensland titles and that result was good enough to qualify her for the Australian junior championships a month ago in Perth.

There, representing her adopted State, she again finished second in the triple jump – beaten this time by the NSW champion.

But Saminda finished ahead of the girl who beat her at the Queensland titles.

## Trainee

In her final year at school, Saminda works as a trainee two days a week at the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

She says the triple jump is her favourite discipline, but she also likes the long jump.

She is no slouch on the 100m and 200m track either.

Newton told the *Koori Mail* he first saw Saminda on the runway at the 2011 CHS regional carnival in Lismore.

"Judging by her speed and technique, I thought she must have been coached by someone, so I didn't approach her," he said.

"But at the CHS State titles in Sydney, I saw her warming up on the runway and I approached her and was quite surprised when she told me she didn't have a coach.

"Her mum Debra was in the stands that day, so I had a word with her and Saminda and it was agreed that I become her coach.

"She now trains twice a week with me – one day in Lismore and another day at Kingscliff."

Newton said that at the Queensland titles, Saminda was fouled in five of her eight jumps, but she still managed to qualify

for the national titles in Perth.

There, she made six clean jumps from six attempts to finish second.

Newton said Saminda had not yet reached the qualifying mark for the world junior titles in Oregon, but he was confident she would.

## Other candidates

Another obstacle was the presence of two other Australian girls. Each country can only have two representatives in each event.

One of the other Australian girls has already reached the qualifying mark.

"But who knows what's ahead," Newton said.

"Saminda just keeps on getting better and she can cope with the pressure.

"She must maintain that

self-belief that she can make it.

"Each year will get harder, but she has the strength of character to make the grade."

Older sister Jasvir, 20, meanwhile, is keen to press on with an athletics career after representing Western Australia in the women's 100m and 200m at the Australian open titles in Sydney earlier this month.

Jasvir missed places in the semi-finals of the two sprint races, but she recorded personal bests in her first assault at senior level, and is keen to press on.

She was 17th fastest in the heats of the 100m, meaning she missed by one place a start in the semi-finals.

In the 200m, she ran in the fastest heat and was 12th fastest in a field of 40.

Jasvir is working for a Perth law firm and is studying law.



Brooke Peris, the 20-year-old niece of 1996 Atlanta Games gold medallist and former Hockeyroo Nova Peris, at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) in Sydney last January. Photo: AAP



# Emerging dynasty

## Another Peris becomes a Hockeyroo



**BROOKE** Peris, 20, the niece of Olympic legend Nova Peris, is to follow in her aunty's footsteps

and represent Australia in women's hockey.

The young Northern Territorian is one of four new faces called into the Hockeyroos squad by coach Adam Commens for a four-match series against Korea starting today (Wednesday) in Perth.

With Emily Hurtz in Europe and Casey Eastham and Jordyn Holzberger sidelined through injuries, the door has opened for Darwin-born Brooke Peris and Mariah Williams (NSW).

Explaining the situation, Commens said, "Both Brooke and Mariah have done well in the juniors and with three of our forward line unavailable, it presents us with the opportunity to give them a taste of playing senior international hockey in front of a home crowd."

Nova Peris played as a speedy half-back in the gold medal-winning team at the 1996 Olympics before switching to athletics, where she went on to win the 200m at the 1998 Commonwealth Games and compete at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

She has since been announced by Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard to become a Labor senator for the Northern Territory.

The younger Peris, also from Darwin, is a member of the Australian under-21 team and played in the Australian team that beat China to claim the Australian Youth Olympic Festival title in January in Sydney.

Brooke is one of seven members of the Australian under-21 squad who have been promoted to the senior level.

The series represents the latest stage in the Hockeyroos' preparation for the World League tournament in London in June, a competition that brings with it the prize of qualification for the 2014 World Cup.

For its part, Korea is also preparing for the World League and sitting just two places behind sixth position Australia in the world rankings. They are likely to pose a significant challenge to the up-and-coming Hockeyroos.

Following the conclusion of the Hockeyroos' series against Korea, four matches between the Hockeyroos and the Jillaroos squad preparing for the Junior World Cup will take place in Perth.

The games will provide an opportunity for all members of the development squad to play for the Hockeyroos against a full strength Jillaroos side containing its senior athletes.

"It will be a great opportunity to see all of our top talent together," Commens said.

The matches against Korea

will be streamed live via the Hockey Australia website [www.hockey.org.au](http://www.hockey.org.au) and join the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #AUSvKOR.



A file picture of Nova Peris.

# New York Marathon team named



**THE** Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) has named the 12 athletes who will tackle the 2013 New York Marathon in November.

This follows a series of tryout days held around Australia, where more than 100 applicants put themselves to the test.

The IMP, with former world marathon champion Rob de Castella at the helm, selects, trains, educates and takes a group of outstanding Indigenous Australians to compete alongside 47,000 other competitors at the world's biggest marathon.

The IMP is now in its fourth year and in that time has provided the opportunity for 20 Indigenous athletes to cross the finish line in a number of major

international marathons, including New York, Boston and Tokyo.

There were stories of hardship, courage and determination among this year's squad, and this should help them as they prepare for the big race.

The athletes are:

**Men:** Nathan Djerrkura (Yirrkala, NT), Luke McKenzie (Murray Bridge, SA), Justin Miller (Katherine, NT), Nathan Roberts (Katherine, NT), Colin Sampton (Yulara, NT/Cairns, Qld), Tali Tabuai (Cairns/Saibai Island, Qld)

**Women:** Lisa Bloxsome (Nowra, NSW), Evelyn Dhamarrandji (Elcho Island, NT), Georgia Gleeson (Queanbeyan, NSW), Elise Hull (Bathurst, NSW), Charmaine Patrick (Hermannsburg, NT), Carla Snow (Newcastle, NSW).

IMP director de Castella said the high

standard of applicants this year made it hard to select a squad of just 12 athletes, but highlighted the powerful message that was being sent to Indigenous Australia.

"The word is starting to get out to Indigenous Australia about how important exercise and leading a healthy lifestyle is, and that's what we have wanted to achieve at IMP right from day one," he said.

"So far, we have seen 20 inspirational runners finish a marathon through IMP, and they have gone on to achieve some amazing things.

"I have no doubt that these next 12 athletes will do the same."

De Castella said the 2013 squad represented an amazing cross-section of Indigenous Australia, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island

athletes from major cities, regional centres and remote communities.

"We have athletes of different ages, from different backgrounds and who have had a range of different life experiences," he said.

## Canberra camp

The squad will assemble in Canberra in May for their first training camps. This will include a number of training sessions and units of their Certificate IV in Health and Leisure that will assist with employment in health-related fields.

Other events lined up include running on the Gold Coast and in Sydney and Alice Springs.

The final team to travel to New York in November will be announced following a 30km time trial in Alice Springs in September.



# 20 years since THAT gesture!



**T**WO decades ago, footballer Nicky Winmar made a powerful statement. On April 17, 1993, at the conclusion of the Collingwood-St Kilda game at Victoria Park, Winmar turned to Collingwood fans, raised his St Kilda jumper,



That famous image of Nicky Winmar pointing to his stomach in 1993 at Victoria Park. Photo: Wayne Ludbey, HWT image

pointed at his stomach and said, "I'm black and I'm proud to be black" in response to racial taunts.

Until the end of the year, the National Sports Museum at the Melbourne Cricket Ground is reflecting on the impact of Winmar's protest with a new showcase – *Black and Proud: A Stand Against Racism*.

The exhibition features never-before-seen images captured of Winmar before and after his momentous gesture, as well as a selection of images and objects that demonstrate how the moment continues to be relevant today.

On display is a collection of posters, artworks and photographs that reflect the gesture, including work from Melbourne-based street artist Regan Tamanui (aka Haha), paintings by Indigenous artists Hudson Dinah and Dan Kelly, and cartoons by Rocco Fazzari and Peter Nicholson.

## Jetta jumper

The Aboriginal All Stars guernsey of Melbourne Football Club player Neville Jetta has also been included as a symbol of what Winmar's legacy has meant for others.

"It is fitting that on the 20th anniversary of Winmar's powerful gesture, the National Sports Museum celebrates the impact that Winmar's action has had on sport in Australia and as a symbol of pride for Indigenous Australians," said Matthew Klugman, guest curator of the exhibition and co-author of a forthcoming book which tells Winmar's powerful story.

"It's hard to think of a more important popular Australian image over the last two decades. It's up there with the 1968 'black power' salute as a defining image of race and sport, and its enduring significance can be seen in the way it continues to

be shown over and over again – in newspapers, posters, galleries and on city walls."

Despite the TV cameras missing the moment, photographers Wayne Ludbey and John Feder captured the gesture on film and their poignant images, which now feature in the exhibition, were published the following day in Melbourne newspapers.

"It was a very courageous and symbolic thing that Winmar did," said Wayne Ludbey, who was a photographer for *The Sunday Age* at the time.

"I was close enough to hear Winmar say, 'I'm black and I'm proud to be black' and I knew straight away the significance of his brave act."

"It was International Year of Indigenous Peoples in 1993 and the focus should have been on celebrating footballers' athletic abilities, rather than fighting against racial vilification."

"I'm pleased that 20 years on, we're able to pay tribute to Winmar and the impact his actions have had on changing Australia's attitude towards racism."

The 20th anniversary will also be marked by a soon-to-be-completed documentary titled: *Silent Shout: The Nicky Winmar Story*, produced by Tom O'Brien, a long-time friend of Winmar's.

Curators of the exhibition, Matthew Klugman (Victoria University) and Gary Osmond (University of Queensland) are also writing a book on Winmar's symbolic act.

The National Sports Museum is at Gate 3, MCG, Yarra Park, Jolimont, and is open daily from 10am. (Check [www.nsm.org.au](http://www.nsm.org.au) for details.) Access to *Black and Proud: A Stand Against Racism* is included in standard museum entry.



A 2009 file picture of Nicky Winmar.



The Black and Proud showcase at the National Sports Museum at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



# Back to where it began

By CHRIS PIKE



NICK Winmar has fitted seamlessly back in at West Australian Football League (WAFL) club Claremont following his stint with St Kilda, with the exciting running footballer following in the footsteps of his second cousin Nicky on the 20th anniversary of his now famous stand against racism in the AFL.

The 22-year-old Nick has returned to the WAFL and the club he was initially drafted from, Claremont, and had no trouble fitting right back in with the team that has won the last two premierships.

While he was shocked at St Kilda's decision to delist him at the end of 2012, Nick now has taken that news on the chin and if he continues the form he has so far shown in 2013, he is every chance of being back on another AFL list in 2014.

## Trademarks

Nick has shown plenty of his trademark run and carry in Claremont's strong start to the WAFL season, with the club on the hunt for a third straight premiership, but even more impressive has been his courage.

In the opening round against South Fremantle, he was flattened in a heavy collision with an opponent, and was able to return to the field shortly after and be a terrific contributor for the Tigers.

All the signs point to him developing tremendously, but it doesn't hide the fact that he was hurt, disappointed and surprised by St Kilda's decision to delist him after he played just two AFL games for the Saints.

It was a controversial exit as St Kilda reportedly sacked him after a poor pre-season time trial and did so the day after the draft limiting his options of entering another AFL club for the 2013 season.

"It almost made me look I was undesirable," Winmar said.

"It was almost too late for me to plan to do anything this year. I had no idea whether I was going to uni or work. It was all just so sudden and unexpected.

"I still met some

really nice people and good blokes at St Kilda, and I wish the best for them, but I definitely don't want what happened to me to happen to anyone else."

Nick is tall for his position and running ability at 189cm, so can play tall and with his ability to run and carry the football, and his good skills combined with his developing maturity, there's no question he has an AFL future ahead of him still.

Perhaps the disappointing part will be that it won't be at St Kilda as that's where his second cousin Nicky made his legendary name for himself.

It is the 20th anniversary of when Nicky raised his red, black and white St Kilda jumper to the Collingwood fans at Victoria Park in a show of pride in the colour of his skin.

That has become an endearing image in the history of Aboriginal football and while Nicky deserves much of the credit to now see racism all but totally stamped out of the AFL, it should never be forgotten the champion player on the field that he was.

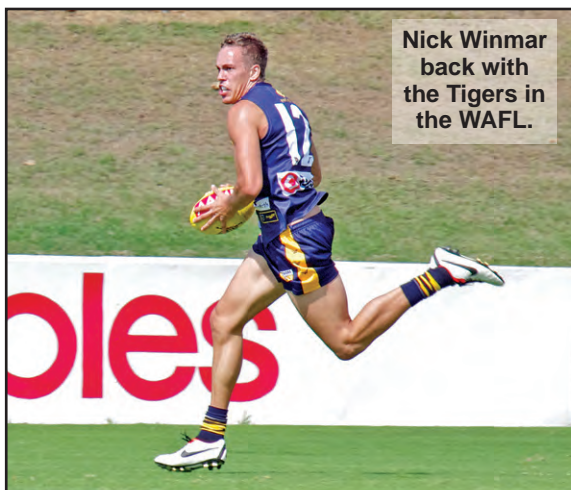
From 1987-1998, he played 230 games with the Saints after being drafted from WAFL club South Fremantle and was simply brilliant, mostly as a wingman with his outstanding kicking skills, running abilities and of course his displays of high marking.

He finished his AFL career with a season at the Western Bulldogs in 1999, taking his AFL total to 251 games.

He continues to be one of the most revered figures in WA and AFL football.

While the younger Nick might have a lot of work to do to follow the feats of Nicky, the fact that he was also at St Kilda was a nice story.

However, what he is now doing at Claremont is tremendous and it could very well lead him back onto the biggest stage of all.



Nick Winmar back with the Tigers in the WAFL.



Josh Ross (centre) powers to victory in the men's 100m final at the Australian athletics championships at Sydney Olympic Park on 13 April. Getty image

# 'The Boss' wants to be the best

By CHRIS PIKE



JOSH Ross makes no secret of his desire to be Australia's greatest sprinter and time will tell whether he achieves enough to be considered that.

But his form so far in 2013

has him right at the top of his sport in this country as he prepares for the upcoming world championships in Russia.

Ross has recorded the third fastest 100m sprint time by an Australian at 10.08s behind Patrick Johnson and Matt Shirvington, but the 32-year-old is in the best form of his life, having just recently claimed a record-equalling seventh national title in his pet event.

Even though Ross has already compiled a tremendous career with those seven 100m national titles, winning the Stawell Gift two times and going to the Athens and London Olympics, he has no doubt the best is yet to come.

## Wants to be the best

He desperately wants to be remembered as Australia's greatest sprinter and if he's able to perform strongly in Moscow at the world championships this August and back that up in Rio at the Olympics, he might very well achieve that.

"I feel I'm in the peak condition – physically and mentally – of my whole career. I'm a way better athlete than I ever have been before," Ross said.

"The fear of not succeeding, the fear of not having a great life or great career is what drives me. I want to be the best athlete Australia has seen, the best sprinter Australia has seen. I

want success away from the track as well in business and everything that I do."

Ross claimed his seventh Australian 100m title earlier this month when he won at Sydney Olympic Park to equal the mark previously set by 1956 Melbourne Olympics bronze medallist Hec Hogan.

That booked Ross a spot in Moscow for the relay team and now he just needs to better 10.21 seconds at the Diamond League meet in Qatar next month to secure a position in 100m individual event, having already booked a berth in the 200m event as well.

"I have worked so hard over the years to get to this level and I feel honoured to be up with Hec. I have had to work so hard to get here and to win another title is just an awesome feeling," Ross said.

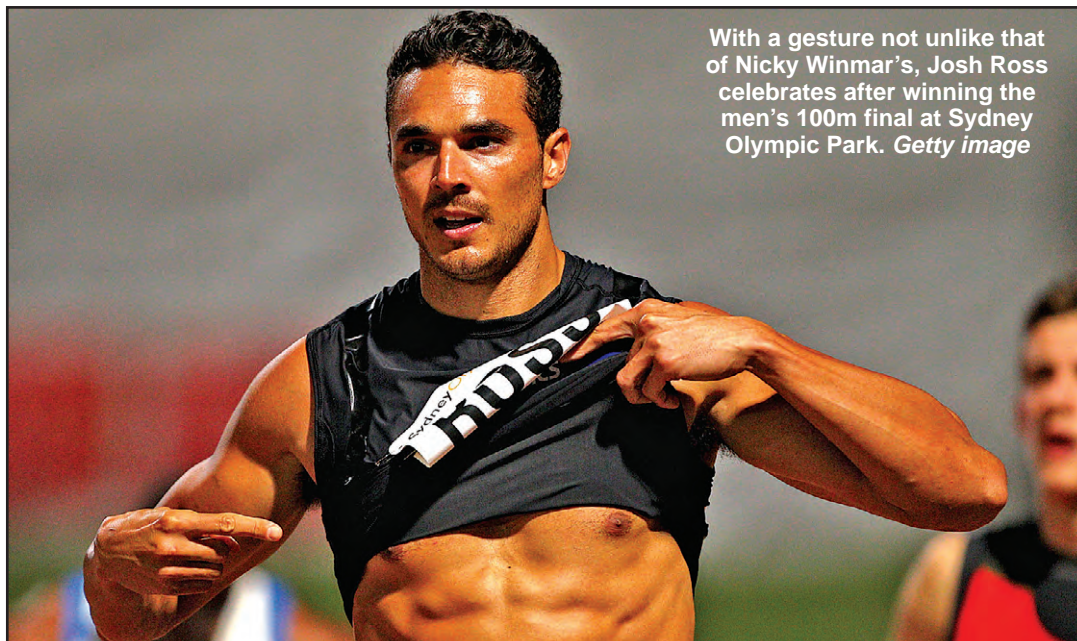
"This season has been a combination of a lot of things. It's my mindset and working hard with a massive team behind me like every sprinter has. You need that team behind you or else you're not going to succeed."

While the world championships are his immediate focus, Ross also has his eyes set on the 2016 Rio Olympic Games even though he will be 35 years old.

Even though he represented Australia at the London Olympics in the 4x100m relay, he was disappointed not to be selected to run the individual 100m and desperately wants the chance to do that in Rio.

"Getting out there in London and seeing the crowd in the stadium was great. I was in the call room with the Jamaican team, the relay team, and enjoyed that feeling," Ross said.

"I want to be on the world stage competing with the best and running better than I have. The best is definitely yet to come for me."



With a gesture not unlike that of Nicky Winmar's, Josh Ross celebrates after winning the men's 100m final at Sydney Olympic Park. Getty image





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# New York runners unfazed by Boston



WITH the dramas of the Boston Marathon still fresh, it's full steam ahead for members of the Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) team as they prepare for the 2013 New York Marathon in November.

Even before IMP Boston Marathon athlete Emma Cameron and IMP staff arrived back in Australia on Friday, preparations for the New York Marathon were proceeding.

"Absolutely not," IMP spokesman Laura Oldfield said when the *Koori Mail* asked if the Boston Marathon bombings would affect plans to send a team to the New York Marathon.

"Of course, we will speak about the Boston incidents when the squad assembles soon, but we're still going ahead."

Emma Cameron was the only IMP athlete in the Boston Marathon and was within 1.195km of the finish line when she was evacuated from the course following the blasts.

The Darwin athlete was about one mile from the site of the blasts, which occurred around 3pm Boston time on Monday afternoon.

Cameron continued running, following a re-routed course, but was evacuated from the course at the 41km mark, and was reunited with IMP founder, and former Boston Marathon winner Rob de Castella and IMP coach Tim Rowe shortly after.

De Castella and Rowe had been tracking Emma's progress on the course from the race hotel, a short distance from the finish line, and were immediately locked down in the hotel following the two blasts.

De Castella said: "There was obviously a fair bit of chaos and pandemonium at the finish line, but we knew that Emma was still quite some distance from the finish, and that she would be safe out on the course."

"Emma should be extremely proud of what she has achieved, and she is a marathon runner in our eyes."

Despite not being able to finish the final 1.195km, Cameron became the 21st IMP

athlete to conquer a marathon since the IMP's inception in 2010.

She was selected as part of the 2012 IMP squad, but sustained a knee injury in the lead-up to the New York Marathon last November.

After recovering, she continued her training to earn a start in the Boston Marathon, the world's oldest marathon.

Cameron, de Castella and Rowe arrived in Sydney last Friday, where they spoke with the media and were reunited with family and friends.

The IMP said Cameron had already committed to running the Melbourne Marathon in October.

"We look forward to supporting her as she aims to make the final 1.195km of her marathon dream," the IMP said.



**Rob de Castella with Emma Cameron at the start of the Boston Marathon.**  
*Image contributed*

## Saminda has a spring in her step



**Meet Ballina teenager Saminda Kang, who's making a name for herself as a triple jumper. Read about her on P100. Photo by Graham Hunt**

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