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Long way to go, statistics show

Smoking down, but gap is wide



THE good news is that the anti-tobacco message is working and fewer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are smoking and less of our young mob are taking up the smokes.

But the not-so-good news is that Indigenous people are less likely to be in good general health than other Australians, and more likely to be overweight, have asthma, hearing loss, heart disease and diabetes and to have suffered psychological distress.

Figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) last week show that while improvements have been made in smoking rates, there is still a long way to go to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health.

Peak Indigenous and health bodies, including the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), and Close the Gap co-chairs Mick Gooda and Kirstie Parker, have used the figures to back up their call for all governments to commit to funding the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) to Close the Gap.

'We cannot become complacent. We must continue to work on every indicator.'

"The last National Partnership Agreement provided much-needed funding to address chronic diseases including smoking," Ms Parker said.

"The impacts of this funding are yet to be reflected in the data. Improvements will take time and we cannot afford to divert attention or funding.

"The Close the Gap Campaign will continue to analyse the data in this survey closely as it will enable us to assess our efforts to close the life-expectancy gap over time.

"We cannot become complacent. We must continue to work on every indicator.

"This issue must remain a national priority because our people are significantly more likely than other Australians to experience major health problems such as heart or circulatory disease (twice as likely), diabetes (three times more likely), and almost one-third of participants reporting psychological distress."

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High fives as Jess and friends on their way to *Sesame Street*

THE much-loved children's television show *Sesame Street* has shot an episode featuring Jessica Mauboy, the number five, and children from Yipirinya State Primary School (pictured above). Titled *Five Kangaroos*, Brisbane-based Carbon Media filmed the episode in the desert landscape around Alice Springs. It will showcase

central Australian Indigenous culture and feature Mauboy singing. *Five Kangaroos* will air in late February in the United States, and in Australia next March. It was first screened to much acclaim at the Screen Producers Australia annual conference in Melbourne late last month.

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Tanaya rides tall in the saddle

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Centralian kids make a splash

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● Above: Moka Savage (back row, right) with members of her family.

I AM of Torres Strait Island descent and we have a large family living here in Townsville. We are all very close.

Family is so important to me. My partner Ron and I have four children, Johnathan, 10, twin sisters Lorafina and Debrianna, 7, and Stephen, 12.

The children all go to Cranbrook State School and enjoy living in the north.

My mum Lucy and dad Stephen Snr live in Townsville, as do my sister Deborah and her children, so I am a proud aunty.

Our children all hang out together.

In total there are 15 of us and we are all very close and proud of our Torres Strait descent.

I have descendants at St Pauls Village on Moa Island and Ron has heritage on Yorke Island (Masig).

The Torres Strait is made up of such a diverse group and we also have descendants from Rennell Island, which is near Masig.

This photo was taken at Mum and Dad's home in the suburb of Cranbrook.

We have all been behind Stephen, who

like many Torres Strait Islander youths loves rugby league.

We believe that sport is a character builder for young people, and Stephen has played it since he was six.

In mid-August, Stephen travelled to Perth as vice-captain of the Queensland under-12 schoolboys team which competed at the national titles. They won every game, beating NSW, Victoria, South Australia and the ACT. To top it off, his side beat NSW in the final. We are all so proud of him and his Queensland Maroons jumper.

Stephen's favourite NRL player is the Roosters' Sonny Bill Williams, and he barracks for both the Cowboys and the Bulldogs.

He has told me his experience both on and off the field had been rewarding, enabling him to meet and make new friends.

Other young family members are into athletics and we all like going and watching them.

It is all part of being the close-knit family we are. – As told to Alf Wilson

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OUR CHILDREN



This group of young hip-hop dancers from the Western Australian Wheatbelt town of Kellerberrin recently travelled to perform during the Wardenji Cultural Festival at the Fremantle Arts Centre. The performers are, from left, Cheyanne McIntosh, Geraldine McIntosh, Katie Wells and Tiarna McIntosh.

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Ensemble truly Spectacular



THE NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Ensemble showed its skills at the 30th anniversary Schools Spectacular in the Sydney Entertainment Centre last week.

Aboriginal students from Years 7-12 in public schools across NSW are selected for the company, which is designed to facilitate cultural and skills development in dance through workshops and performance led by the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

The Schools Spectacular, which features hundreds of students, is an annual ensemble, dance and musical performance by NSW public schools.

● Pictured: The NSW Aboriginal Dance Ensemble in action under the lights at the Schools Spectacular.

Picture by Anna Warr

New council in business



A TOP bank boss, miners and an artist are among those chosen to lead a review of

Indigenous affairs. Prime Minister Tony Abbott has announced the membership of his 12-person Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC).

About 300 people applied to be on the council.

Mr Abbott says he wants new engagement with Aboriginal people to be one of the hallmarks of his council, which is chaired by Bundjalung businessman Warren Mundine.

Mr Mundine told the *Koori Mail* the IAC would meet for the first time this week.

"I'm really pleased with the makeup. If you look at the council, you can quite clearly see where we're coming from: a business approach," he said. "I've been saying that this council will look at Indigenous Affairs through the lens of economic and commercial activity, explore that missing link in Indigenous policy."

Those chosen include Westpac Bank CEO Gail Kelly and Rio Tinto Australia managing director David Peever, who will draw on their business experience to help improve

IAC members

Warren Mundine (Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce); **Richard Ah Mat** (Cape York Land Council); **Leah Armstrong** (Reconciliation Australia); **Ngiare Brown** (doctor); **Josephine Cashman** (Riverview Global Partners); **Gail Kelly** (Westpac); **Djambawa Marawili** (artist); **Bruce Martin** (Aak Puul Ngantam sustainable development); **David Peever** (Rio Tinto); **Andrew Penfold** (Australian Indigenous Education Foundation); **Peter Shergold** (University of Western Sydney); **Daniel Tucker** (Carey Mining).

economic development in Indigenous communities.

Daniel Tucker, an Aboriginal man from Kalgoorlie who runs Carey Mining, the largest Indigenous-owned mining contractor, has been selected, along with Richard Ah Mat, an Indigenous man involved in the Cape York Welfare Reform agenda.

Reconciliation Australia chief executive Leah Armstrong and doctor Ngiare Brown, one of the first Aboriginal medical graduates in Australia, will also sit on the council.

East Arnhem Land traditional

owner and artist Djambawa Marawili and former Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Peter Shergold are members, as is Australian Indigenous Education Foundation CEO Andrew Penfold.

Mr Mundine said the IAC would look at all areas of Indigenous Affairs with a view to quantifying performance.

"For example, in education we will consider are people leaving school fully educated and work-ready, ready to go uni and TAFE," he said.

"We know from history that no race, culture, or ethnic group has ever lifted itself in a socio-economic sense without having economic growth, so we will be looking to review Indigenous affairs through that prism.

"We will look at what are the barriers stopping commercial activity and private ownership in Aboriginal communities, what are the barriers to economic development, how do we need to work.

"Some things don't need to change the legislation or law, but need to change how we do things, the capacity of leadership to run business to increase economic development in communities for their people." — *With AAP*



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Jigalong Rangers near Durba Hills 2012
by Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, Durba Hills,
Western Australia.



Fighting to save the Cape York sea turtles 2012 by Kerry Trapnell, Yirrkala, Northern Territory. Between January and March every year, the Dhimurru Rangers help rescue turtles from ghost nets. These are commercial fishing nets discarded at sea, that wash up on shore often entangled with fish and other sea creatures.



THE National Museum of Australia in Canberra has launched *On Country: Connect, Work, Celebrate* – an exhibition celebrating how Indigenous people apply generations of knowledge to manage Australia's land, rivers and sea.

The exhibition of 90 photographs examines how more than 30 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities utilise both traditional and contemporary land management techniques to benefit the nation

through the management of cultural sites, heritage values, fire regimes, feral animals, weeds, pollution and climate change impacts.

The *On Country* exhibition includes photographs shortlisted from 2010 and 2012 biennial photographic competitions held as part of the Australian government's Indigenous rangers program.

The photographs depict rangers, researchers, teachers, Elders and youth, and highlight how their unique bonds with the land combine with ceremony and science to protect Country.

Images of Country

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Mine site breaches



TRADITIONAL owners in Kakadu National Park have been rocked by a second security breach in two weeks at the Ranger uranium mine, and say the site's radiation control measures are failing.

Four uranium storage barrels were discovered in bushland outside of Darwin recently, outraging the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), which acts on behalf of the Mirarr people.

The weathered and fire-damaged drums had apparently been there for some time, and a preliminary inspection by the Northern Territory Department of Health and mine operators Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) shows no radioactive material was detected.

But the incident followed another two weeks before, when a controlled vehicle was driven off the site, allegedly through a long-standing hole in a fence, before

being stopped down the highway by Ranger security personnel.

GAC chief executive officer Justin O'Brien said Ranger's radiation management plan is failing, in breach of the industry code.

This may also be a breach of ERA's mining authorisation, in which case the Rio Tinto subsidiary should be prosecuted, he said.

"To us it's a no-brainer," Mr O'Brien said.

Contaminated

"If you can steal a controlled vehicle coming from a contaminated part of the mine through a hole in the fence, if you can remove drums of the type used to store (uranium oxide) and store them in a public area outside Darwin, and both of these things occur under the nose and without the knowledge of the mining company, then you've got a problem."

ERA is exploring a potential underground mining operation on the Ranger site, called

Ranger 3 Deeps, but has undertaken not to begin any work without the permission of the Mirarr people.

"It's profoundly disappointing that this comes at a time when we have on the table proposals for further mining at Ranger," Mr O'Brien said.

"Our relationship with the mining company generally has been improving in recent years ... And yet this sort of Keystone Cops regulation about a major uranium operation keeps recurring.

"It doesn't augur well for our consideration of further mining."

GAC is calling on federal Industry Minister Ian Macfarlane to honour the social contract the government entered into in the 1970s with the community, which led to the mine's creation.

"In recognition of public safety ... the Australian Government (should) play a strong regulatory investigative role, and by default some sort of mediation role between us and the company," Mr O'Brien said. – AAP



Abbott silent on NT resort

By DARREN COYNE



PRIME Minister Tony Abbott's office has refused to comment on the 'unprecedented losses' that followed the 2010 purchase of the Ayers Rock Resort by the Indigenous Land Corporation.

Despite new ILC chair Dr Dawn Casey writing to the PM on November 18 requesting a parliamentary inquiry into the purchase, the PM's office replied to a *Koori Mail* query late last week with a one-line statement.

"Dr Casey's representations have been received and the Government will respond in due course," the statement from a spokesman said.

Dr Casey wrote that the acquisition in 2010 cost \$317 million and was funded through substantial borrowings.

She said that in the three years since the acquisition of the resort, the audited financial statements for Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia, the ILC subsidiary company that now owns and manages the resort, had reported losses of more than \$100 million, including a \$62 million write down in the value of the resort in 2012-13.

'Serious questions'

"Losses of this magnitude are unprecedented in Indigenous affairs, and raise deeply serious questions about how the losses occurred, and the quality of the corporate governance which allowed the acquisition to occur," Dr Casey said.

"The time has come for a formal parliamentary inquiry to be established to get to the bottom of these events."

Dr Casey said the current ILC board had serious concerns about the processes used to assess the purchase, and had consistently sought to open the transaction to greater public scrutiny.

"As it stands, Indigenous Australians cannot be assured that the decision to acquire the Ayers Rock Resort is consistent with the highest standards of accountability and good governance," she said.

In the meantime, Federal

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion flew to Uluru late last week to talk up the future of the resort.

The following day *The Australian* newspaper, along for the ride, reported that Senator Scullion had declared the resort would never be allowed to fail, and that he outlined a vision for the resort to tap into the lucrative Asian market with direct flights from China to Uluru.

Senator Scullion told the *Koori Mail* that the training opportunities at the resort were 'fantastic', and he had never seen anything engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees so well.

"For the vast majority, it has been their first opportunity for a permanent job," he said, adding that there were now 237 Indigenous people working at the resort, which had no Aboriginal employees when it was bought by Voyages.

The minister said the key to improving the financial performance of the resorts at Uluru was to increase the capacity of inbound flights from Asia. He said he would be speaking to Qantas about the possibility of restarting the suspended direct flights from Perth to Uluru and increasing other services.

"International flights have already flown direct from Japan to Uluru," he said. "I organised for a tow vehicle in 2004 to get large aircraft in here and we got quarantine officers to come down and meet the flights."

On Dr Casey's call for an inquiry, Senator Scullion said he was not sure what such an inquiry would achieve, given the ILC had already conducted an investigation.

"It is a very exciting place with good prospects, but if they want to talk about what happened years ago I'm not sure what you'd get out of it," he said.

"I received the letter from Dawn Casey, but I also know there was \$3 million spent on probity checks at the time ... they simply were not able to see that there would be such a significant downturn (in tourism) as happened in recent years."

"They've already sacked the board. What more are you going to do?"



David Hudson and Elder Elma Lingard at the Talaroo hot springs, which are covered by the determinations. Pictures by Christine Howes, courtesy North Queensland Land Council (NQLC)

Ewamian win 20-year battle



A FAR north Queensland Aboriginal tribe was granted native title over its traditional lands last week after a 20-year

battle for recognition.

The Federal Court handed down two determinations to the Ewamian Peoples covering a 29,000 square kilometre area about 180km south-west of Cairns. It also includes a 187 sq km block near Georgetown, 300km inland from Cairns.

Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation chair Ken Georgetown said it was a major milestone for the community.

"This is a huge turning point for us as Indigenous Australians," he said.

"Ewamian people can camp, hunt, gather, conduct ceremonies, and maintain places of importance and significance on their traditional lands in accordance with traditional laws and customs."

Traditional owner David Hudson hoped the determinations would encourage



David Hudson and Ewamian ranger Steve Wargent with, front, Keenan Shorey, 9, Kelvin Shorey, 10, Des-Ziair Shorey, 11, and Yaraagul Yoren, 12, on Ewamian country.

more people back to the land so they could reconnect with their culture.

"I'm looking forward to seeing families come together, sharing stories and seeing people I haven't seen for a long time

coming back to country and spending time on our homelands," he said.

The group has been working with the North Queensland Land Council for almost 20 years to gain recognition. — AAP

Art in their hearts



TEN Indigenous arts workers from diverse backgrounds but sharing a vision to keep arts and culture alive have just graduated from the 2013 Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Leadership program.

The talented arts workers travelled to Canberra from across the country to take part in the prestigious 10-day program designed to increase Indigenous representation in the visual arts sector. They gained behind-the-scenes insight into how the National Gallery of Australia operates.

"It has been a big realisation for me to see how much work and forward thinking goes into putting on a show at the National Gallery of Australia," said Shari Lett, a freelance curator from Sydney.

"I am used to working in galleries where we have new shows on every two weeks; here they are working ahead two or three years."

The group attended workshops on industry practices such as copyright law, arts marketing, conservation and exhibition design.

National Gallery curators provided tours of the Pacific, Asian, international, Australian, portrait and photography galleries, and the group enjoyed career mapping sessions with Franchesca Cubillo, senior advisor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art.

The participants came from a diverse range of backgrounds and communities from across the mainland to Moa Island in the Torres Strait.

Teho Ropeyarn, gallery-curator at UMI Arts in Cairns and a visual artist who this year won the Work on Paper category at the Telstra Art Awards, is pursuing a childhood dream.

"Since the time I was in Year 10 I had a dream to go to Sydney and gain the skills and networks needed to come back



Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Leadership participants pictured in front of the work *Eran* (2010) by Thanakupi at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Top row, from left: Thelma Savage (Thursday Island); Aleisha Lonsdale (Mudgee); Anthony Walker (Byron Bay); Shari Lett (Sydney); Yinimala Gumana Nhulunbuy (Yirrkala); Kent Morris (Melbourne). Seated, from left: Jennifer Dickens (Fitzroy Crossing); Teho Ropeyarn (Cairns); Coby Edgar (Adelaide); Terry Murray (Fitzroy Crossing).

to community and build an arts and cultural centre," he said.

"Each year I applied for entry into the College of Fine Arts and in Year 12 I was finally accepted. It was for the same reason that I applied for the Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Leadership Program – to strengthen my leadership skills."

Yinimala Gumana Nhulunbuy, chair of Buku-Larrnggay Arts in Yirrkala, has been educated in the Yolngu law in ceremony and anointed as a future Dalkarra/Djirrikay (leader of Dhuwa and Yirritja ceremonies).

"The old people, they are happy. They need to see young people doing these things – for the future," he said.

"We need to educate

ourselves first before we pass it onto the next generation. That's why I came to the Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Leadership Program, so I can pass the teachings onto the next generation."

Cultural heritage

Terry Murray is a cultural heritage curator at Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre in Fitzroy Crossing.

"The program is all about working together and sharing ideas," he said.

"We are from different regions, but we all help each other and keep the respect."

Many of the participants came to Canberra with clear objectives in mind. Kent Morris from

Melbourne, who has been running the Statewide Indigenous Arts in Prisons and Community program, applied because he wanted to workshop ideas to ensure that innovative pilot continues.

"I can see we need partnerships to survive and so I came here to improve my networking and leadership skills," he said.

Others arrived with clear intentions, but their vision shifted once they became immersed in all aspects of large-scale arts management.

Thelma Savage, who grew up in the Kubim Community on Moa Island north of Thursday Island, thought she knew where she wanted to go with her career and

applied to the Wesfarmers program hoping to plan out her next steps.

"But now I am thinking even bigger – I just didn't realise how many options we have," she said.

The Wesfarmers Arts Leadership Program was launched in 2010 as a parallel stream to the Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship.

Each year, 10 candidates are selected for a short-term leadership program and every two years, two \$50,000 Fellowships are awarded, with each Fellow pursuing an individual project over a two-year period with mentoring support from the National Gallery of Australia.

Murder inquiry welcomed



THE families of three young people murdered in the Aboriginal community of Bowraville in 1990-1991 are hoping a public inquiry could lead to new charges being laid against a suspect.

The NSW Upper House voted unanimously on November 26 to hold an inquiry into the deaths of Colleen Walker, 16, Clinton Speedy, 16, and Evelyn Greenup, 4.

The trio disappeared from the Bowraville community over several months from 1990 to 1991.

In 1991, local man Jay Hart was charged with the murders of Clinton and Evelyn, but was acquitted of murdering Clinton in 1994.

Shortly afterwards prosecutors also dropped the charges relating to Evelyn.

After an inquest into her death in 2004, Mr Hart was once more charged with

Evelyn's murder and then acquitted.

Colleen's body has not been found.

The families of the victims have always maintained that poor policing during the early stages of the investigations and decisions to not treat the murders as related had hampered the quest for justice.

NSW Greens MP David Shoebridge, who put the motion for an inquiry to Parliament, said the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice would be specifically tasked with hearing from the families of the three children.

"This inquiry will go some way to acknowledging the pain and trauma the community of Bowraville and the families of these three young people have endured for the past 23 years," he said.

"As elected representatives, members of Parliament have an important role to play in making sure that no community that has suffered so much feels ignored or forgotten.

"I expect the call for public submissions will be made soon and there will be ample time for families and community members to submit their evidence.

"No inquiry and no court can bring these children back or end the hurt, but I do hope that this inquiry can show respect, and will listen to the families and make recommendations to help the community deal with their longstanding pain."

Rally

The inquiry announcement followed a rally outside Parliament calling on Attorney-General Greg Smith to reopen the cases.

Mr Smith had agreed to review the case in 2011, but in February this year announced his decision not to consider new charges.

Leonie Duroux, a sister-in-law of Clinton Speedy, said the families were happy the inquiry would go ahead.

Ms Duroux said the families had hoped for a review of retrial laws – though they accepted this was unlikely – or for Mr Smith to reverse his February decision.

"Maybe once they hear the stories, the Attorney-General might do a backflip and say let it go to the Court of Criminal Appeal," she said.

"That would be a dream – that we could have our day in court."

But she said the opportunity for still-grieving relatives to speak out at last meant a lot.

"I couldn't even put into words what it means for the families to be able to have their say," Ms Duroux said.

"I believe that anyone who has a heart and listens to their stories (will not be able to) turn their back on them."

The inquiry is expected to be held next year.

– With AAP

Dismay at RDA move

By RUDI MAXWELL



FEDERAL Attorney-General George Brandis is proposing to change section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA), which makes it unlawful to behave in a manner that is likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person on the basis of their race.

It was under that section of the RDA that nine fair-skinned Aboriginal people, led by activist Pat Eatock, successfully brought court action against *Herald Sun* columnist Andrew Bolt.

"The Government wants to ensure that laws which are designed to prohibit racial vilification are not used as a vehicle to attack legitimate freedoms of speech," Senator Brandis told the *Koori Mail* in a statement.

"The two values – protecting people against racial vilification and defending freedoms of speech – are not inconsistent." Ms Eatock, who was one of the people attacked by Mr Bolt in his column for being a 'professional Aborigine' after a lifetime of fighting for rights and equality, said she was dismayed the Government was planning to water down protection against racial vilification.

"The whole issue about Bolt was not about freedom of speech; it was about professionalism, journalism and ethics," she said.

"It was simply a matter of Mr Bolt telling lies, blatant invention to suit his own personal view of the world that he could not verify any other way, so he claimed freedom of speech – it's utter garbage."

Senator Brandis did not respond to questions from the *Koori Mail* asking if he had



Pat Eatock

sought input from the Race Discrimination Commissioner or the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

However, Senator Brandis told Sky News he believed Section 18C 'puts the balance too far against freedoms of expression' and said it was 'ridiculous' that Mr Bolt had lost the court case about his columns.

But Ms Eatock countered that the law gave people protection if they could not afford to mount a defamation suit, because lawyers were able to take RDA cases on a contingency basis, where they were paid only if they won.

"He told the most revolting lies about my life and experience, and about all of the 17 people he attacked in his articles, including Mick Dodson, the Australian of the Year, a very well-known Aboriginal person," she said.

"At that time, Mr Bolt was supposed to have seven million readers every week, widely published, so I was very much

David to his Goliath, totally without power.

"The whole point is the existing laws protect people from this type of attack.

"In order to start a defamation action you have to have about \$30,000 spare cash to put down to start the case. People like myself don't have the money to be able to do that, no power to take him to court, but by filing a case under the RDA we had some protection.

"The other aspect of defamation is that it doesn't care if someone's words are accurate or invented, it only looks at whether it could cause you to lose income, or reflect on your potential to earn a living.

"As an aged pensioner, I have no potential to lose income, so no way to win a defamation action."

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chairs Les Malezer and Kirstie Parker said the RDA should not be seen as a piece of legislation to be amended at whim.

"Congress is concerned such changes to the anti-racism laws will engender upheaval and divisive commentaries within the Parliament and civil society, and provoke international concern regarding the commitment by Australia to human rights standards," they said in a statement.

"This country must not justify racial vilification as a freedom.

"Racial intolerance and the spread of racial derisions ultimately form a basis for acts of racism. Racist sentiments cannot be separated from or dissociated from racist behaviours.

"Racial profiling and dog-whistling commentaries threaten the humanity and dignity of the First Peoples of Australia."

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Mundine back after sixth-round victory

Anthony Mundine celebrates his sixth-round TKO victory over American Shane Mosley in the World Boxing Association (WBA) international super welterweight title bout at Allphones Arena, Sydney, last Wednesday night. The 42-year-old American retired after the sixth round following what doctor Lou Lewis described as a severe back spasm. Mosley said he couldn't move, with Lewis and referee Raul Caiz Snr confirming the fighter was genuinely hurt. Mosley acknowledged that Mundine was in front at the time of the stoppage. Mundine was leading 58-56 on two cards and 60-55 on the third. See the back page for coverage of the fight.

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Corroboree gets city festive



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Festival finished up late last month after treating the city to a colourful celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. From contemporary film, including screening acclaimed director Warwick Thornton's ghost stories *The Darkside*, to talks on language and Aboriginal weavers from Wagga Wagga at the Black Arts market, Corroboree gave Sydney a taste of the rich talent and diversity of Indigenous culture in many different forms.

And after being hailed as a success organisers are hoping to be back again next year.

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● Left: Director of *The Darkside* Warwick Thornton seated at The Otherside storytelling caravan at Corroboree Central.

Picture by Anna Warr

Smoking down, but gap remains wide



THE Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released data from the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey last week, showing that there has been a significant drop in the number of our mob smoking.

However, the figures in other health measures show that there is still a long way to go to close the gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are less likely to be in good general health than other Australians, and more likely to be overweight, have asthma, hearing loss, heart disease and diabetes and to have suffered psychological distress.

ABS first assistant statistician Paul Jelfs said the number of Indigenous people aged over 15 who were smoking every day had decreased by 10 per cent in the past decade, to around 40 per cent.

"The take-up of smoking is declining, matching the trend in the non-Indigenous population," he said.

But the smoking rate in the general population has also fallen, meaning Indigenous people are still 2.6 times more likely than the non-Indigenous population to be daily smokers.

Indigenous people are much more likely than the rest of the population to have

Our health by the numbers

Indigenous people are:

- 2.6 times more likely to be smokers
- three times more likely to have diabetes

- half as likely as other Australians to be in excellent health
- 1.5 times more likely to be obese

- twice as likely to have asthma
- equally as likely to consume more than 2 standard drinks per day.

diabetes or high sugar levels. The rates were between three and five times higher than the comparable rates for other people in all age groups from 25 years and over.

The survey found that Indigenous adults were half as likely as non-Indigenous people to report excellent or very good health, and twice as likely to report fair or poor health, and nearly three times as likely to have experienced high to very high psychological distress in the preceding four weeks.

Should be a priority

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed said improving Aboriginal health should be a priority for all state and territory governments.

He said the fact the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) to Close the Gap had not been renewed by all state and territory governments meant that hundreds of

successful health programs were at risk.

"The investment in programs to stop Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from smoking is reaping rewards, with smoking rates on the decrease," Mr Mohamed said.

"It is critical that investment in these programs continues so we maintain the downward trend.

"The fact that two in five Aboriginal people are still daily smokers means we need to keep our focus on the programs that are working, such as those run nationally by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS).

"Another pleasing result is the reduction in the prevalence of ear and hearing problems since 2001. Ear health is a key NACCHO priority, and gains in this area demonstrate again that focussed policy and investment will elicit real change in health outcomes."

Mr Mohamed said the rates of diabetes, asthma and heart and kidney disease were way too high in remote and urban Aboriginal communities.

"Obesity rates are 1.5 times that of non-Aboriginal communities, and other areas of concern are alcohol consumption and mental health," he said.

"There are no quick fixes in Aboriginal health.

"Inaction on the NPA means many of the health programs and services that have contributed to the gains seen in the ABS report will literally have to close their doors within months.

"Getting the states and territories back on board with a new agreement must now be a priority for the new Federal Government."

Close the Gap co-chairs Mick Gooda and Kirstie Parker backed Mr Mohamed's call for action on the NPA.

"This data is important because smoking has a significant impact on the health and life expectancy gaps between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians," Mr Gooda said.

"The decline in smoking is good news, but health outcomes for our communities will continue to reflect the long-term damage caused by the high level of smoking. And it will take time for the closing the gap initiatives to be reflected in health data."

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Elder in fight for 'cultural survival'

By RUDI MAXWELL
and DARREN COYNE



ALYEWARRE Elder Rosalie Kunoth-Monks is fighting for her cultural survival.

Ms Kunoth Monks believes the Abbott Government's pledge to negotiate with traditional owners in the Northern Territory for 99-year leases on their land is a slap in the face and a huge step backwards for Aboriginal land rights.

"I think every First Nations person should be concerned when we've fought so hard for land rights and now they're going to be taken back," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"These leases would take out four generations of black people being able to make any authoritative comments on what should happen on their land. It's like land being leased to the landlord rather than a landlord leasing to a business partner.

"It is so insidious, no Australian, black or white, should allow it."

Ms Kunoth-Monks said the plan to lock up Aboriginal land for 99 years should be fought at every turn.

"It is almost the 'final solution' of the First Nations people on this land," she said.

"Why are we so surprised?"

"We've been dehumanised in the Northern Territory under the Intervention, which continues on now for another 10 years under the guise of Stronger Futures.

"If people haven't woken up to

the fact that this is a real assault and a period of chaos being created, if we haven't woken up to all those messages in the NT, then we're asleep and in that sleep is death, the death of a beautiful culture as our tribal lands are slowly eaten away."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion told the *Koori Mail* the Aboriginal people who had been involved in negotiations for 99-year leases know that it was 'entirely in their hands', adding that negotiations were being dealt with in the respectful and proper way.

"I haven't had the opportunity to talk with Rosalie, but I do understand that a Central Desert woman telling other traditional owners how they use their land is not very well mannered," he said.

Assimilate

Ms Kunoth-Monks said it seemed like the Federal Government's only policy was to assimilate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the mainstream.

"I believe they are so wrong," she said. "I am an Elder Alyewarre person and I will die as such.

"I am not mainstream Australian.

"I want each and every nation of the First Nations people to really think about where they are heading, where we are going. I want them to walk hand in hand and talk heart to heart, with ourselves first, then embrace those who are sympathetic, then together we can work to see some human rights in Australia."



Professor Shane Houston and Marion Scrymgour at the University of Sydney.

Honorary doctorate for health champion



THE news of an eight-year-old girl committing suicide was a turning point in Marion Scrymgour's political career,

sending her on a path to tackle some of the biggest health issues facing Indigenous people in Australia.

"That death was really confronting," Ms Scrymgour said. "It was the first time as a politician I felt impotent. I knew then I had to go back to working directly with people in health."

Her unswerving commitment to improving Indigenous health has just seen the pioneer in politics and policy awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Sydney.

Deputy vice chancellor (Indigenous strategy and services) Professor Shane Houston nominated Ms Scrymgour to receive the Doctor of Health Science.

"Marion Scrymgour has bought the same integrity, passion and commitment to

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health as she did to being the first Indigenous woman elected to the Northern Territory Parliament, as well as being appointed Australia's first Indigenous female cabinet minister," Prof Houston said.

"She was central to the development of new health services in the NT, one where Aboriginal organisations care for entire populations – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike – in an area roughly 70 per cent the size of Victoria."

Think deeply

Prof Houston described Ms Scrymgour as someone who was willing to speak out on important matters and always prepared to challenge others to think deeply about complex issues.

Ms Scrymgour, who is CEO of the NT-based Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service, said she was humbled by the University of Sydney honour and hoped it would inspire young people who might think such an

achievement is unattainable.

She doesn't balk at the challenges still being faced by champions of Indigenous health care.

"The resources are there but we've got to be smarter in how we use them," she said.

"We've got to sit down and make some very hard decisions.

"Everything to do with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is a priority and we're not going to solve it all. But far too many people are dying from preventable diseases caused by lifestyle: smoking, alcohol and diet.

"Mental health, particularly suicide prevention, is a great personal concern.

"My hope for the future is a healthy and safe population – that our children are safe and healthy and accessing good education services."

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Greens call for no legal-aid cuts



THE Australian Greens have called on Prime Minister Tony Abbott to isolate Indigenous legal aid services from proposed budget cuts.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert said the Attorney-General's Department had confirmed frontline services could not be isolated from the \$42 million cuts to Indigenous legal aid funding.

The Coalition announced in September that it would cut \$42 million to the Indigenous Policy Reform Program, which provides funding to National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS) across Australia.

"If these cuts go ahead, it's a sure thing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will end up in jail because they won't be getting

quality advice," Senator Siewert said.

Greens legal affairs spokesperson Senator Penny Wright said the Government was creating confusion in the legal aid sector by continually changing its story.

"The Federal Coalition originally tried to claim this money would only affect advocacy services, now they're creating huge uncertainty by saying it may not happen at all and

it's all still part of the budget process," she said.

"This is despite the fact the Coalition's pre-election costings had the cuts starting this financial year.

"It's time for Mr Abbott to state for once and for all that he will not cut Indigenous legal aid and get serious about reducing the shameful incarceration rates of Australia's Indigenous people."

Anger at threat to school

By DARREN COYNE



THE Western Australian Government is in the process of shutting down a school for mainly Aboriginal students in Perth who struggle in mainstream schools.

The closure of Catalyst Schools, which has campuses for boys and girls, will affect 140 young people, as well as staff who have continued to work despite delays in their salaries.

Catalyst Schools CEO Michael Parker told the *Koori Mail* that parents and students were extremely angry at the decision to shut the school as many students had limited options.

WA Department of Education Services CEO Richard Strickland wrote to parents, guardians and students on November 22 warning of the closure.

He said WA Education Minister Peter Collier had written to the school indicating he would cancel its registration, with a 28-day period during which the school might seek a review of the decision.

A meeting last Thursday of parents and guardians vowed to fight the move, providing statements to be forwarded to the minister about how the school had changed their children's education focus.

Mr Parker said financial problems had surfaced because the Government had changed the way it provided funding, depriving the school of much-needed cash flow.

He said department officers also could not come to grips with the methodology used by the school to educate students.

"Obviously education is delivered

differently, because without a change of methodology we will continue to get the same poor results for Aboriginal children that the mainstream approach is achieving," Mr Parker said.

In the letter to parents, Mr Strickland provided a list of schools that could potentially accommodate the school's students.

But Mr Parker said many parents were upset that the schools listed either did not provide the services their children needed, were in areas too far away, or were fee-paying schools.

"Department of Education officers have admitted to school personnel that they have nowhere to place Catalyst students to look after their particular needs, and the school believes this was also communicated to the regulatory body and therefore hopefully the minister," Mr Parker said.

"If he has been advised, the question remains of how and where these young people will receive the care, education and opportunity that the minister must provide and, if he does not do so, he is in breach of his own Act."

Mr Parker questioned why the Government would

not support a school program costing them the equivalent of three juveniles in detention a year.

"The Catalyst School program has kept many more young people from travelling down that path," he said.

"What is this Government thinking, given the profound social and actual costs when people are consigned to a life without hope, without education?"

Mr Parker said the school was formalising its appeal to the minister and was hoping for a favourable outcome.

'What is this Government thinking, given the profound social and actual costs when people are consigned to a life without hope, without education?'



Frank Yamma will perform during the 13th anniversary celebrations of the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy on December 14-15.

Embassy to mark 13th anniversary



AUSTRALIA's second oldest Aboriginal tent embassy will celebrate its

13th year with an anniversary concert over the weekend of December 14-15.

Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy is at McCauleys Beach on the NSW south coast, with access via Thirroul or Bulli in the northern suburbs of Wollongong.

The embassy birthday

bash will kick off with an opening ceremony at 11am on Saturday, December 14, followed by a corroboree and sacred fire ceremony, welcome to country by Uncle Reuben Brown, and an Elders Circle with guest speakers.

The concert will start on Saturday afternoon and continue into the night, resuming on Sunday from 11am.

The line-up includes Coloured Stone, Joe Geia, Frank Yamma, Bart

Willoughby, Robert I Corowa and Louie Burdett, Blak Boi, Golden Orb, The Dirt Band, The Leisure Coasters, Dr Greenham, The Glatma Rays, Money Killed Jonny, Chuparosa, Beatmasters, Paranoia Club, Nick Alexander, Peter James Button and Paul Hickman.

Entry to the not-for-profit community event is by donation. No alcohol is permitted and there will be no parking on site – visitors should park in local streets and walk in.

Heritage plan protest



ABORIGINAL Elders and community members marched through Hyde Park to the NSW Parliament last week to protest against cultural heritage reforms they say will open the door to corruption.

The protestors, many from regional Indigenous communities, called on the NSW Government to scrap a plan to create local Aboriginal heritage councils.

Under the plan, the councils would be charged with making heritage decisions on behalf of their communities.

Gomeri woman Dolly Talbott said the reforms gave too much power to too few people.

"It just opens up the door for too much corruption," she said.

"They (government) do not ... give Aboriginal people as a community a voice about what happens to our culture and our heritage. They take that away and give it to a minority to decide."

Ms Talbott said the detail of the reforms showed they would be 'opening the gates to opportunity for crime and misconduct by mining companies and other commercial interests'.

Concern

The concern was that an 'elite few' on the proposed councils would be influenced by commercial interests to the detriment of the wider community.

Greens MP David Shoebridge addressed the protesters, saying heritage issues should be open for widespread community consultation, and final decisions left to an independent Aboriginal commission.

But Ms Talbott said that plan would not work either because 'you can't have someone from Sydney deciding what's best for someone in the country'.

"They don't know that country. They don't know the people. They don't know what they're signing off on," she said.

"I don't think that's better at all."

Ms Talbott also called for the reform consultation period, which started this month, to be extended beyond the February 14 deadline, and for mining companies to be excluded from deliberations.

Mr Shoebridge said it was important mining companies played a part in consultations but their role should be minor. — AAP



● Above: Protestors march through Hyde Park on their way to Parliament House in Sydney, where they held a protest.



● Left: Aboriginal Elders and community members rally against planned changes to cultural heritage laws outside NSW Parliament. They were led by Steve Talbot (who is holding the megaphone). Pictures by Sabine Kacha

Qld leads way on agreements



QUEENSLAND is leading the way in showing how native title negotiations are becoming part of doing business,

racking up its 500th Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) with the registration of 34 Jangga People agreements on November 25.

ILUAs now cover nearly one-quarter of Australia, with the total number of registered ILUAs now 842. Most of the agreements are in Queensland, where the 400th ILUA was registered in January this year.

The new Jangga ILUAs involve native title holders and pastoralist lessees in the Mt Coolon region, west of Mackay, agreeing on practical and flexible arrangements for access and use by the Jangga People in the exercise of their native title rights and interests.

Many of the Queensland ILUAs cover extensive areas. One of the new Jangga ILUAs involves the pastoral holdings of Avalon, Mt Lookout, Cerito and Rosetta Creek, covering an area of 937sq km.

While most of the Queensland ILUAs are associated with a native title consent determination, ILUAs are also negotiated as successful stand-alone agreements offering a way for native title parties, industry and government to reach agreement on proposed 'future acts' connected to mining, development, housing and other matters related to Indigenous interests over land and waters.

National Native Title Tribunal president Raelene Webb said the increasing number of agreements was evidence that negotiating about native title and land use with Indigenous people had become part of doing business in Australia.

"These ILUAs provide an excellent example of how people with different interests in land can work together in a positive manner to reach enduring agreements," she said.

Queensland has 532 registered ILUAs; Western Australia 69; Northern Territory 101; Victoria 51; NSW 9; and South Australia 88. There are none in Tasmania or the ACT.



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Tree burning 'foolish'



THE Northern Territory Government has been convicted of carrying out work on a sacred site, causing the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal gum trees.

Since 2010, the NT Government has held a 99-year lease on the Judburra/Gregory National Park, about 500km south of Darwin, with the agreement that it would jointly maintain the land as a park with the traditional Aboriginal land owners.

On January 12 last year, a contractor carried out pruning and backburning maintenance work at the Bullita campground near Victoria River, part of which is located within the Jilwin sacred site.

As a result of the fire, two sacred gum trees were burned to the ground and a third was significantly damaged.

"When you're using fire in an area where you have sacred trees, there's a manifest risk of damaging that sacred site," Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority lawyer Ray Murphy told Darwin's Magistrates Court last week.

Maintenance of the site was a commercial venture and therefore required an authority certificate to carry out work so close to a sacred site, he said.

"By not making an application for an authority certificate, the defendant has failed to ensure that the sacred site was protected."

In many ways this was a test case of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act, Magistrate John Neill said.

He ruled that a conviction be recorded against the Northern Territory, but with no further penalty to be paid.

"The use of fire in the context of a wild bush setting was particularly foolish, and the real wrongdoing was the failure to exercise the adequate supervision so such foolish behaviour was able to happen by the individuals on the ground," Mr Neill said.

"I do believe that's less likely to happen so easily in the future."

Mr Murphy said the Sacred Sites Act helped landowners and custodians to meet in the middle so owners could pursue their proprietary interest while sacred sites remained protected.

He said he was satisfied with the guilty verdict.

"The Government is now on notice for the type of things they need to get an authority certificate for," he said.

— AAP



Garawa and Waanyi Garawa Rangers manage fires.

Men of fire



EARLY burning work by the Garawa and Waanyi Garawa Rangers has reduced late season wildfires by 87 per cent across the land they have managed in the Gulf of Carpentaria since 2007.

Late season wildfires account for around 3 per cent of Australia's annual greenhouse gas emissions, and can cause greater environmental and economic damage than early season fires.

Using a combination of on-ground and aerial burning, the rangers have implemented an early season mosaic burning regime across their land trusts of 20,000sq km, reducing emissions and

protecting vital feeding and breeding habitat for the region's native fauna.

Senior Garawa man Jack Green was instrumental in setting up the ranger groups, which manage two separate land trusts in the western section of the Gulf.

"Before 2007 there were late season wildfires which burnt in excess of 16,000sq km. Damage from those fires still scars the landscape today," Mr Green said.

"You've got to have the right people out there managing the land, and we've got to teach that to our kids too, so that when they grow up they carry that knowledge forward."

There are seven fulltime rangers funded by the Australian Government's Working on



Waanyi Garawa land owners in the Gulf country of NT. Picture courtesy of the Garawa and Waanyi Garawa Rangers.

Country program, and 37 traditional owners employed part-time on a seasonal basis.

Northern Australia hub researchers have been working with the rangers and several other groups across Arnhem Land and in the Gulf to improve Indigenous governance, and government policies and programs supporting Indigenous rangers and Indigenous Protected Areas.

This research aims to help local communities adaptively manage their natural and cultural resources.

The project team is also working with the rangers to identify new opportunities for funding and support, and develop long-term sustainable livelihoods.



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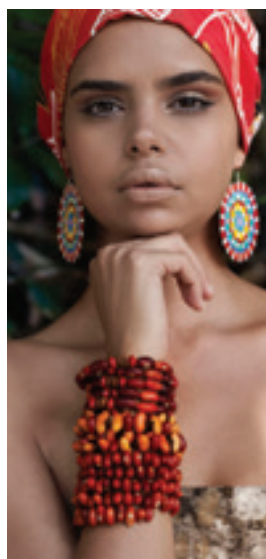
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But Yabun is not possible without the help of volunteers. Volunteers over the age of 18 receive a free ticket to the After Party and an invitation to the Yabun Awards.

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'Kill the Bill' win

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has welcomed the adjournment of the Aboriginal Heritage Bill in the State Government's last scheduled sitting of the parliamentary year.

The previous week, the TAC launched a campaign to 'kill the Bill'.

The Bill, which has been seven years in the making, will now be reviewed by a Legislative Council Committee, which is scheduled to sit again on March 4.

TAC secretary Ruth Langford said she hoped the Government would completely redraft the Bill into one that would be 'truly progressive and enable the aspirations of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community'.

On its website the TAC has published an extensive list of objections to the Bill, including the lack of ownership of cultural heritage for Aboriginal people, ineffective decision-making powers for the Aboriginal community, lack of legislated access for Aboriginal people to a government-held database of Aboriginal heritage items and places and no protection against prosecution for Aboriginal people who may remove or disturb artefacts in a midden for the purpose of passing on cultural knowledge.

The list also says the Bill is concerned with the management of development, rather than the broader issues of recognition, ownership and management of Aboriginal heritage values and that no amount of amending provisions can overcome that 'fundamental deficiency'.

It concludes that the Act is overly long and complex, with difficult language and sentence construction, making it highly likely that it will be misunderstood and therefore ineffective.

Ms Langford said that the Government and state of Tasmania could do better.

"We are a patient people who hold onto hope and a vision for our future which truly recognises our cultural rights and our responsibilities to care and protect our unique and valuable heritage," she said.

"I am committed to continuing to see that the Aboriginal community's voice and ability to care and protect our cultural heritage is taken up in this next process through



TAC state secretary Ruth Langford and TAC staff outside Parliament House. They have welcomed the Tasmanian Government's decision to review the Aboriginal Heritage Bill.

committee."

Tasmania's Aboriginal Heritage, Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister Brian Wightman said because of the progress that has been made on the Bill and the desire to provide a modern framework, he was confident of a new Aboriginal Heritage Act for Tasmania.

"Our government has recognised the importance of providing the Aboriginal community with a clear, statutory role in the protection and management of their heritage," he said.

"At the same time we recognised the need for clearer procedures and greater certainty for landowners and developers who might

have Aboriginal heritage sites on their land.

"We also recognised there was a need to put in place an Act that reflected a contemporary approach to managing our state's rich Aboriginal heritage.

"We believe this Bill has the balance right."

Mr Wightman said the Bill clarified responsibilities for protecting Aboriginal heritage, encouraged the early identification of Aboriginal heritage issues, ensured appropriate consultation and aimed to ensure consistency and certainty in decision making.

He said the Bill also established an Aboriginal Heritage Council filled with Aboriginal people appointed on the basis of

relevant knowledge, experience or expertise, to provide a voice for Aboriginal people on the management heritage.

He thanked the Interim Aboriginal Heritage Council, established last November, and said their hard work and frank advice had resulted in changes to the original Bill proposed.

"The Bill aimed to promote partnerships between the Aboriginal community, landowners, government and others for the purpose of protecting and managing Aboriginal heritage."

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Cape income management to continue



INCOME management in four Indigenous communities on Cape York will be funded for at least another two years.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says the Government is committed to building on the success of the program, which means welfare payments can be withheld from parents whose children aren't enrolled in school.

The trials, under way in Coen, Aurukun, Mossman Gorge and Hope Vale, aim to restore local Indigenous authority and improve living conditions and the local economy.

"The four communities have generated improvements such as more children going to school, parents taking more care and personal responsibility for their children as well as restoring local Indigenous authority," Mr Scullion said.

He said the trials, introduced in 2008, will continue to be funded until at least December 2015.

An independent report on the reforms, released in March, flagged positive changes in education and social behaviour in the communities.

But gains in housing and economic development have been limited.

The Regional Organisation of Councils of Cape York and Torres Shire (ROCCY) opposes the reforms, saying they've failed.

However, Coen Elder Alan Creek has said more children were going to school because of the welfare reforms.

— AAP

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High five for Sesame St desert show



At the Brisbane Film Festival documentary conference last month, from left, *Five Kangaroos* director Dean Gibson, Sesame Workshop film producer Kim Wright and Carbon Media owner and managing director Wayne Denning.

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



INDIGENOUS culture and talent will be showcased in 140 countries around the world when a *Sesame Street* numeracy segment airs early next

year featuring Jessica Mauboy, the number five, and children from Yipirinya State Primary School.

Shot in the expansive desert landscape around Alice Springs and created by Brisbane-based Carbon Media, *Five Kangaroos* had its world premiere at the Screen Producers Australia annual conference in Melbourne late last month.

Carbon Media's owner and managing director Wayne Denning said it was a great opportunity to showcase the small company's creativity and Jessica Mauboy seemed the obvious choice to front the segment.

"She's a beautiful Aboriginal woman, an It-girl. She's everywhere you look at the moment," he said.

"She sings beautifully, and she's got great core values. She wanted to be a teacher. She is a lovely person." But none of that necessarily

translated to a Northern Territory context, he said.

Then the Australian movie *The Sapphires* hit New York at just the right moment.

The project had its genesis around 18 months ago, when New York-based children's television producer and consultant Diana Manson was in Brisbane visiting her brother, and asked a local film industry contact to recommend two companies she might be interested in meeting with — one of which was Carbon Media.

"They had looked up everything I had every done," she told a documentary conference in Brisbane, where the *Five Kangaroos* segment was also featured.

"They knew exactly who I was and gave me the benefit of their intelligence. Wayne immediately spoke about talking to kids in a post racial future and it occurred to me that *Sesame Street* had never been here (in Australia)."

Sesame Workshop film producer Kim Wright said they were always looking for the 'wow' factor.

"Whether that's visual or audio, it has to hit us, and (the Carbon Media pitch) just did that with this beautiful Indigenous artwork," she said.

"*Sesame Street* is all about diversity and teaching kids about another culture they might not be exposed to otherwise. We just knew it had the potential to be so beautiful and so different."

Five Kangaroos director Dean Gibson said the shoot had been challenging, with the kids having to brave an extraordinarily cold 13°C day in Alice Springs, complete with rain, dressed in shorts and singlets.

"We only had about 20 minutes of 'kid attention' before they were running all over the place," he told the conference.

There was also a fair bit of back-and-forward liaison with the Children's Television Workshop once the segment was filmed and edited, with the *Sesame Street* education and research team noting there weren't enough 'fives'.

"Education and research were watching with eagle eyes," Ms Wright said.

"They said: 'We're talking about number five, but we're seeing six people in the shoot, because there's Jessica as well.'"

Five Kangaroos will air in late February in the US, and in Australia in March.

Railway exhibition on track



IT was hard, hot and dusty work – and common to find Indigenous people and Australian South Sea Islanders doing it. *I've Been Working on the Railway* is a free exhibition at the National Archives in Canberra that explores the railway stories and experiences of Indigenous people through objects, music, video and photographs.

"Through the 1950s, 60s and 70s there were large-scale developments of rail infrastructure across Australia," National Archives director-general David Fricker said.

"It was common to find Torres Strait Islanders, Aboriginal people and Australian South Sea Islanders working long and hard in this hot and dusty environment."

Personal accounts of working life are central to the exhibition, curated by The Workshops Rail Museum in Ipswich.

Experiences

Those who went to work on the railway were leaving behind their homes and traditional land. While some families went with the men, living in the camps along railway tracks, the exhibition also explores the experiences of the many families who were left behind without their husband or father.

The railway exhibition complements a National Archives' commitment to telling Indigenous history.

"Our Reconciliation Action Plan, through its promotion of mutually beneficial partnerships and projects, helps us to preserve Australia's most valuable Indigenous records, to encourage their use by the public and to promote good records management by Australian Government agencies," Mr Fricker said.

I've Been Working on the Railway is at the National Archives of Australia in Parkes, ACT, until May 18.

Main photo: Track work on the Greenvale line, Queensland, about 1974. Picture: Queensland Rail.

Inset: Torres Strait Islander fettlers securing rails with dog spikes on the Gregory Line, 1980. Picture: The Workshops Rail Museum / Queensland Rail collection



Land is in safe hands

By CLEO FRASER



REGAN Hart's grandfather began the struggle to take back his clan's traditional land on Cape York more than two decades ago.

With tears in his eyes, Mr Hart last week accepted the title deeds to what is now the Cape Melville National Park.

His people, the Gambiilmugu, make up one of several Aboriginal groups handed back seven Queensland national parks on south-east Cape York.

The 354,800-hectare area takes in the Cape Melville, Jack River, Mount Webb, Melsonby (Gaarraay), Starcke, Flinders Group and Howard Group national parks.

Six small coastal islands along the cape have also been returned.

The day was bittersweet for Mr Hart, whose grandfather Roger Hart died in the 1990s.

"It's sad he's not here to witness this," he said.

"I'm thinking he's looking down and he's very proud of what we've done to get this land back.

"I will always remember the

first time I went up country (Cape Melville).

"When I jumped off the boat my granddad met me on the beach and he put his hand out to shake my hand and said, 'Welcome grandson. This is our country.'"

Roger Hart was taken from his birthplace at Barrow Point, on Cape Melville, when he was a boy because he was mixed race. He didn't return until he was in his 50s.

Negotiations

During that time the area became a national park and Roger Hart, with the help of Cape York campaigner Noel Pearson, began negotiations in 1992 to have the land returned to his people.

Regan Hart took over land negotiations after his grandfather passed away.

A group of traditional owners and government officials gathered in Cooktown, north of Cairns, last week to witness the signing over.

Traditional owners say they're keen to establish tourism ventures at the parks.

They also plan to designate more public camping sites.

Mr Hart hopes having ownership over the land will

inspire more of his people to return and reconnect with their culture.

"Our goal, because we've been away for so long, is to try and get back on country to understand the culture before it's all lost," he said.

Queensland Environment Minister Andrew Powell said the emotion and passion in the room was palpable.

"It's taken too long. That's not good enough," he said.

"But to be here and to right that and hand over the deed of grants was just amazing."

Although traditional owners own the land, they have agreed to an Indigenous land use agreement and Indigenous management agreement conditions. The areas will remain national parks, public access won't be restricted and the land can never be sold.

Traditional owners will have more say over how the land is used and will jointly manage the parks with state park rangers.

They will also take part in projects researching the plants and animals on Cape York.

The transfer of ownership is the largest number of national parks handed back to Aboriginal people. – AAP

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Right royal tour

By JULIAN DRAPE,
AAP London correspondent



ALMOST 60 years after Aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira met the Queen in Canberra,

two of his grandchildren have had a rare audience with Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

Kevin and Lenie Namatjira, both established watercolour artists in their own right, used the occasion to call for a better deal for Indigenous Australia.

They said that while they were treated like royalty in London it was a different story back in the Northern Territory.

The cousins met the Queen and Prince Philip for 15 minutes last week.

They both presented the monarch with one of their own paintings and also a postcard made by schoolchildren from their community in Hermannsburg, west of Alice Springs.

One of Albert Namatjira's paintings was given to Princess Elizabeth in 1947 on her 21st birthday.

Seven years later Namatjira, the first Indigenous artist to receive international acclaim, met Her Majesty in Canberra during her 1954 coronation tour and presented her with another work. Albert Namatjira died in 1959.

Kevin and Lenie Namatjira are in the UK for the international premier of the play *Namatjira* which tells their grandfather's story.

During the performance the cousins paint a large desert landscape on stage.

Albert's grandchildren said they were proud to visit the palace but they also wanted people to know they were currently homeless.

Kevin Namatjira, who bought a new suit to visit Queen Elizabeth, said he was being treated like royalty 'but at home I'm not royalty'.

"After I come home from seeing the Queen I've got no



Picture: AFP

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh talk with Kevin and Lenie Namatjira, the grandson and granddaughter of Aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira, during a private meeting with members of the artist's family. They presented the royal couple with two new pieces of artwork at Buckingham Palace in central London on November 27.

house, no car," the 54-year-old said.

"We need a car to get out to see the kids in Hermannsburg and teach them to paint. We need to drive around to do good painting."

Lenie Namatjira said she was surprised how wonderful the palace was.

"We are feeling right to show the story of our grandfather," the 62-year-old said.

"We came from Australia to

bring this story to everybody so all the nations can see what's happened.

"We are battling to get a new arts centre back in Australia so our children can come and we all work together. We would like government funding to help us."

Namatjira producer Sophia Marinos said backing arts centres in Alice Springs would help the painters support their wider families.

"They are living in very

difficult circumstances and yet they've been invited to meet the Queen and to tell this story on an international stage," she said.

"There's a real discrepancy between how they are honoured and their actual living circumstances."

When the cousins met the Queen and Prince Philip an Albert Namatjira painting owned by the royals was on display.

So too were two artworks by

his son Oscar Namatjira (Lenie's father) and one by Rex Battarbee, who taught Albert to paint.

The Queen spent time looking at the paintings and talking about their history.

Works by Kevin and Lenie Namatjira are being shown in London this week as part of the *Living Watercolours* exhibition which is running alongside Big HART's production of *Namatjira*.

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Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood speaks about the importance of the plaque.

Kaurna gain recognition with plaque



THE Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains have been honoured with a commemorative plaque on the

Adelaide Town Hall in South Australia. Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood and Kaurna Elder Josie Agius unveiled the plaque following a recent smoking ceremony.

The plaque includes the Kaurna shield as well as the Kaurna words *Tuwila Tarntanyaku, Miyurna Yarta-unangku, Wangkanthi, Marni Naa Pudni*, which translate to 'The Spirit of Adelaide, from Miyurna (Kaurna) Land, welcomes you'.

Kaurna Elders, people and members of the Kaurna Nation Heritage Committee designed the plaque.

Lord Mayor Yarwood said the commissioning of the plaque on the town hall was a result of the City of Adelaide Council's commitment to reconciliation.

"This plaque is the first of



Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood shows the plaque.

its kind in the City of Adelaide and I am proud to be part of not only the ceremony to unveil it, but also of council's reconciliation committee that has seen this through to an excellent result," he said.

The lord mayor said the City of Adelaide had the oldest capital city town hall in Australia and was the first to acknowledge local Aboriginal people as the traditional owners formally in this way.

He said the Adelaide Town Hall was an important meeting place that connected the City of Adelaide with other meeting places, including Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga, which is also highly significant to Kaurna people. The plaque promoted reconciliation and helped create greater public awareness and understanding of Adelaide's cultural heritage for all visitors to the City of Adelaide.



Shawn Oosting, Joel Bayliss, Yvonne Agius, Herb Mack and Claire Fox at the reception.

New app targets high suicide rate



MEDICAL experts have launched an app they hope will lower Australia's shockingly high Indigenous suicide rate, which remains up

to six times that found among the general population.

Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are far more likely to deliberately kill themselves compared with people of other ages and backgrounds, according to a 10-year Australian Bureau of Statistics study published in 2012.

The study concluded that Indigenous females aged 15-19 were six times more likely to die by suicide than their peers. Teenage Indigenous males were about 4.4 times more likely to take their own lives.

Overall, suicides accounted for 4.2 per cent of all Indigenous deaths in 2010, compared with 1.6 per cent

among all Australians.

The Black Dog Institute is trialling a new app, said to be the first in the world to use evidence-based suicide prevention methods, to try to save lives.

Researcher Professor Helen Christensen said the institute specialised in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mood disorders such as depression and bipolar.

"Indigenous youth have a high rate of mobile phone usage, so it makes sense to engage them on technology they are comfortable with and able to use in their own private time."

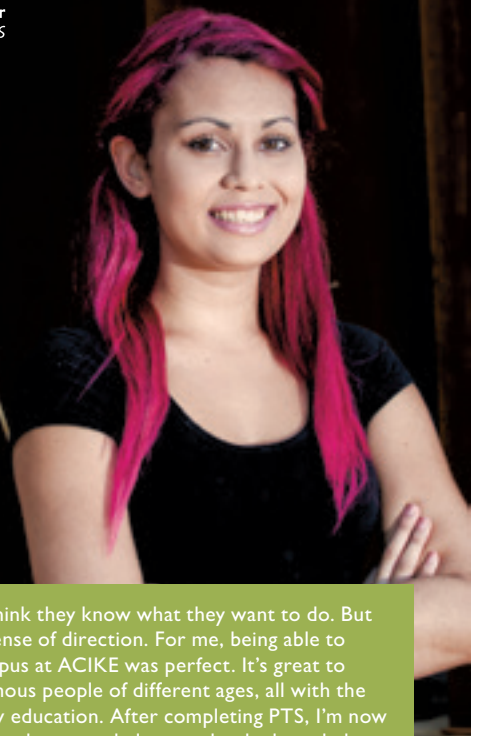
The mobile phone and tablet app, called iBobbly – a name derived from an Aboriginal Kimberley greeting – started clinical trials in WA recently.

The app does not require an internet connection once it is downloaded, a key advantage in remote regions. – AAP



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Sharna, Preparation for Tertiary Success (PTS) graduate, Queensland

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Truck on the road to health



Ningura Naparula with the Western Desert purple truck.



WHAT'S purple, travels thousands of kilometres a year and helps save lives?

The Western Desert Nganampa Walytia Palyanjaku Tjuataku Aboriginal Corporation's purple dialysis truck – and it's just received a National Disability Award for its outstanding work to improve the lives of people with kidney disease living in remote communities.

The mobile dialysis unit – known fondly as the purple truck – travels to remote Indigenous communities in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and South Australia, providing support to more than 100 dialysis patients who face needing treatment three times a week for the rest of their lives.

Assistant Minister for Social Services Mitch Fifield presented the Aboriginal community-controlled health service with its Excellence in Accessible Communities Award.

He praised the purple truck as an innovative community-run solution to a significant problem.

"By bringing dialysis to patients' doorsteps, the purple truck is not just enabling patients to stay in their home towns – rather than having to move to big cities or travel long distances for treatment – it is

helping to save lives," Senator Fifield said.

"In the past, some chose not to get treatment at all. With remoteness and access to transport being a major barrier, access to dialysis is a critical issue for people living in remote communities."

Before the purple truck came along, Aboriginal people were forced to leave their communities to receive dialysis treatment, with many having to cope with the distress of moving to large cities.

For Western Desert Nganampa Walytia Palyanjaku Tjuataku Aboriginal Corporation manager Sarah Brown, winning this year's Accessible Communities Award means recognition for access in many different ways.

"By having the access to dialysis in the communities that otherwise wouldn't be there is a great achievement. But even more is being able to keep people in the communities," she said.

Central to the design of the truck is access for people with disabilities – which is more than 50 per cent of the clientele.

"It was quite a difficult build because we wanted to make sure it had good access for people with mobility issues, but had to travel over tough roads to get into remote communities," Ms Brown said.

The truck has the ability to dialyse eight people a week.

Corp compliance tick of approval



COMPLIANCE, reporting and training results of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations has exceeded expectations, according to the 2012-13 yearbook released by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

Compared to 2009-10 the Registrar issued 53 per cent fewer compliance notices, with show cause or special administration notices down 66 per cent. Findings of good corporate governance resulting in management letters increased by 69 per cent from 2009-10.

The Registrar took strong action to enforce the law when breaches occurred. In 2012-13 the Registrar concluded three major criminal actions resulting in prison terms for four people, with three serving custodial sentences.

Two major civil proceedings were also concluded in the Federal Court, resulting in the disqualification of three people from managing corporations.

One further criminal matter and two civil proceedings were commenced and were still before the courts on June 30, 2013.

The Registrar's office regularly checks corporate governance standards through its annual program of examinations. In 2012-13 it carried out 51 examinations.

"Our corporations have made substantial progress and we are finding significantly fewer instances of poor governance," Mr Beven said.

During 2012-13 the Registrar's office delivered corporate governance training to 198 corporations and 897 participants – the highest number of participants ever and well above expectations.

"The high demand from directors and members to increase their skills and knowledge of corporate governance is very welcome news indeed," Mr Beven said.

"It shows a real commitment to good corporate governance which is making a noticeable difference on the ground."

Checking our prostate rates

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander men are less likely than non-Indigenous men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer, but death rates are similar, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer), with more than 21,800 new cases diagnosed in 2009.

While the national annual rate of diagnosis is climbing, survival rates are high and improving. New cases of prostate cancer rose from 79 per 100,000 males in 1982 to 194 per 100,000 in 2009. But mortality rates are falling, from 34 deaths per 100,000 males to 31 deaths per 100,000 between 1982 and 2011.

Indigenous Australians, especially those living in remote areas, were less likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer. The combined rate of diagnosis from 2004-2008 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island males living in NSW, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory was just 27 per 100,000 males. Their mortality rate was similar to non-Indigenous Australians.

The differences could be due to the number of people presenting for testing, risk profiles and population age structures, the report said.

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Expressions of interest close **18 December 2013**. Applicants will then have until **30 March 2014** to submit a full proposal. The ILC encourages interested parties to contact the ILC to discuss their interest. Please call Mark Dearden, 08 8100 7136. Correspondence can be sent to Mark Dearden, Central Division Office, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001 or emailed to mark.dearden@ilc.gov.au.

Bringing a boomerang for change



A GIANT petition in the shape of a boomerang has been presented to federal politicians calling for constitutional change to recognise Indigenous people and remove racist sections from the document.

Pastor Norman Miller of Cairns, who is the chairman of the Centre for International Reconciliation and Peace Inc, travelled to Canberra to make the presentation recently.

Mr Miller handed the petition to Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt, the chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, on November 20.

The petition has 2115 signatures.

Mr Miller said it was planned that Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch would table the petition in Parliament.

House of Representatives speaker Bronwyn Bishop was also presented with the boomerang.

Mr Miller said the purpose of his campaign was to prepare people for a 'yes' vote in a referendum to be held in the term of the current Parliament.

"Tripartisan support is already there,

which will make it easier to achieve," Mr Miller said.

"My aim has been one of public education, raising community awareness and support and keeping the issue before government, bolstering its political will in this matter.

"While getting signatures for this petition, I have met people from all walks of life, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and found that there is little knowledge of this issue on the street and I have been able to discuss the issues and gain broad support.

"The 1967 Referendum enabled Indigenous people to be counted in the census instead of the degrading situation of being counted with plants and animals and now we need to take the next step."

The petition calls on the Parliament to educate the Australian nation about the need for constitutional change and to hold a referendum within two years.

It wants racist sections removed and new sections added that would ban racial discrimination and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages as the first tongues, while confirming that English is Australia's national language.



Norman Miller with the boomerang petition calling for recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution.

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If you could, what would you do to help Indigenous people?
I'd work to create more opportunities for our youth.

Quote



'I think every First Nations person should be concerned when we've fought so hard for land rights and now they're going to be taken back.'

— Alyewarre Elder Rosalie Kunoth-Monks

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Unquote

Our kids deserve better than this

SOMETIMES silence says much more than words. With the new Coalition Government's bald-faced backflip on education funding, they have not said a word about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

And with a national report released yesterday showing that Indigenous students are performing at a significantly lower level than their non-Indigenous peers in maths, science and reading, there has never been a better argument for devoting more resources to educating our mob.

Our kids have just as much potential as any other children, but due to historic and societal factors outside their control, sometimes they need a helping hand.

For all its failings, the previous Labor Government recognised that to empower Indigenous kids a good education is needed, so they committed to implementing the Gonski report's recommendation for extra funding.

At the time it was announced academics and educators were calling the funding model a possible 'game-changer' for Aboriginal children.

And now, with their silence, Education Minister Christopher Pyne, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and the self-styled Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs Tony Abbott are committing Indigenous education to the status quo.

We know the status quo isn't helping. Our kids are falling behind.

It seems cruel and unfair that just when it looked like systemic changes could help Indigenous kids help themselves by giving them the resources, there is silence from the Government.

Maybe they're just biding their time



until they come up with a model that has the same potential to help Indigenous children, but at the moment the silence is deafening.

THE numbers released last week by the national stats gurus are an important tool for guiding health policy for First Nations people.

As NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed said, the rates of diabetes, asthma, heart and kidney disease are way too high in Aboriginal communities.

We add our voice to those calling for action on the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) to Close the Gap and to put the funding where it does the most good: in the hands of Aboriginal-controlled health organisations.

AND, finally, some action for the families of three murdered and missing children from Bowraville.

After 20 years of campaigning and lobbying different governments, there will be a chance for the families to have their say.

While nothing can make up for the pain these families and their community have gone through, they might finally at least get some answers about what happened.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned



Jane Cooper with her book *Land of the Sleeping Gods* at the media launch in Hobart.



Colleen Mundy with her son Clinton at the launch. Colleen said she was looking forward to reading the information on creation stories, which she described as 'the very essence of our culture'.

Book lifts shroud

By JILLIAN MUNDY



AN extensive collection of records about Tasmanian Aboriginal beliefs, rituals, stories and history, shrouded in secrecy for almost two centuries, was made public last week with the launch of the book *Land of the Sleeping Gods – Untold History and Mythology of the Tasmanian Aborigines* and is sure to spark debate about its authenticity and intellectual property rights.

The publication has been marketed as somewhat of a Tasmanian-style *Da Vinci Code* – minus the modern-day murder.

"The fascinating and often startling material in this book adds vastly to the sparse public record," reads the book's promotional website.

"What was the Aborigines' religion, their mythology, their beliefs? Who were their heroes? How did they fight wars? What games did they play? Why did they not eat fish? And did any of them survive on Tasmania's mainland after the British had done their best to carry them off?"

"These questions and many more are illuminated in this intriguing and moving work. At the same time, the manner of its transmission poses further riddles."

The contents of *Land of the Sleeping Gods* are sourced from stories told in the early 1800s by Tasmanian Aborigines to the author's great great grandfather, Joseph Cotton, his family, and friend Dr George Fordyce Story, who came from England and settled on Tasmania's east coast.

The Quaker family sympathised with Aboriginal people, which was historically frowned upon by their white neighbours and led to difficulty in business dealings, leaving the family feeling compelled to hide the stories for more than a century.

Author Jane Cooper said the family treasure of stories recorded in letters, writings and drawings stored away in a chest was destroyed in a house fire in 1959.

Mrs Cooper's late father, William Jackson Cotton, went about rewriting these documents from memory, and published *Touch the Morning*, a small book of creation stories, in 1979.

Land of the Sleeping Gods, written from the entire set of rewritings, has been a two-decade labor of love to fulfill her father's legacy for Mrs Cooper.

The book's editor, Peter Collenette, said the work was the entire collection of what has become known as 'the Cotton Papers'.



Friends author Jane Cooper and Tasmanian Aboriginal woman Darlene Mansell at last week's Launceston book launch.

Mrs Cooper believes there are other documents not held by her, but pertaining to these stories, and hopes the publication of *Land of the Sleeping Gods* will bring them into the public domain.

There is no doubt that the book fashioned from stories far removed from their original tellers will spark debate about its authenticity, but also about ownership of the stories it contains.

Today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community members have long known of the existence of the Cotton Papers, and over the past few decades unsuccessfully requested them.

Mrs Cooper sees the stories as belonging to all of human kind, and said attempts to

consult with the Aboriginal community about 10 years ago resulted in negative incidences that her made her hesitant.

"I was concerned someone would steal them. My first priority was fulfilling my father's legacy. Dad came first," she told the *Koori Mail*.

'Dedicated'

"He was dedicated and wanted to get it out to the community."

Tasmanian Aboriginal man Clinton Mundy, who has long been fascinated by the elusive Cotton Papers, does not share Mrs Cooper's view of ownership.

"It's cruel. We haven't even been

consulted. It's wrong," he told the *Koori Mail* after the book was promoted in the media in Hobart leading up to Launceston public launch last week, adding that he hadn't had a chance see what was in the book.

"I have strong reservations about any more of our creation stories being made public – we've been robbed of that decision."

"Our creation stories are all around us and in us, in the clear night sky above us, in the very landscapes we belong to. They are our birthright."

Tasmanian Aboriginal woman Theresa Sainty, who has been an Aboriginal linguistic consultant for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's language retrieval program for more than a decade and spent many hours researching historical records, is disappointed and upset by the way the stories have been shared.

"I find it very disappointing that this material has been published in what seems to be isolation of any (Aboriginal) community involvement whatsoever, and it seems there has been no process of authentication of the material," she said.

"I'm really upset it hasn't been shared with the community before she went about and did this. The issue for me is whose story is it?"

"Good on them, these white people who got their big old farm. However they got it, I don't know. Because they were good Christian people they allowed Aborigines to stay there. There was no mention that this was stolen land."

"How very magnanimous of them to allow the dispossessed to stay there."

"Being such good Quakers, one might suggest that they could have gone about this in a more appropriate way."

On the other hand, Aboriginal woman Darlene Mansell, who met Mrs Cooper by chance more than two decades ago, is supportive of her endeavours.

"From the moment I met Jane Cooper I felt a sacred connection. I am fully supportive of Jane and her writings. I believe it's a continuation of the relationship of her mob and our mob," Ms Mansell said.

"I am thankful for the stories that were invested in her."

The first limited edition of the *Land of the Sleeping Gods* is almost sold out, and Mrs Cooper hopes there will be a second edition.

(Befitting of the mysterious nature of the publication, shipment of book was held up by a typhoon and, therefore, the author of this article was unable to read the book in its entirety before the *Koori Mail* went to press.)

We need to do more to improve education

YESTERDAY the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) released the report on the latest OECD Program for International Student Assessment (PISA).

This report, 'PISA 2012: How Australia measures up', shows that while, overall, Australian students at age 15 are performing significantly better than the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average in mathematical, scientific and reading literacy, they are being outperformed by their peers in a number of OECD countries and other participating non-OECD countries and economies, and that achievement in mathematical literacy has declined significantly over the past decade.

About 2000 Indigenous students were included in the sample of almost 14,500 students. These Indigenous students were from all states, and a variety of metropolitan, provincial and remote locations.

For Indigenous students, the results showed that little progress has been made in 'closing the gap' in educational outcomes.

In mathematical literacy, Indigenous students performed at a significantly lower level than other students, with a difference of 90 score points on average, and significantly lower than the OECD average. Similar results were found for reading and scientific literacy.

But what does this actually mean?

In terms of number of years of schooling, it means that, on average, 15-year-old Indigenous students are performing at a level that is about 2.5 years behind

their non-Indigenous counterparts.

The ramifications of this for post-schooling outcomes are substantial.

In the competitive labour market, it is more likely that Indigenous students will be passed over simply because of their low level of skills. Similarly, this lower level of skills will preclude many Indigenous students from entering TAFE or university courses, and for those who do achieve entrance, the lack of substantial numbers of other Indigenous students means that they may feel culturally marginalised.

PISA also reports on the proportion of students at each of the internationally agreed benchmarks of performance, or proficiency levels.

The report shows that 40 per cent of non-Indigenous students and 77 per cent of Indigenous students are not achieving at the nationally agreed baseline of performance of proficiency level three in mathematical literacy, which is described by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority as a challenging but



Sue Thomson

level of mathematical literacy have demonstrated limited mathematical skills and are likely to have serious difficulties with numeracy in later life.

At the other end of the achievement spectrum, about 2 per cent of Indigenous students

background and by school location.

Research using PISA has shown that students from low socioeconomic backgrounds do not achieve as well as those from high socioeconomic backgrounds, and these differences are also in the range of 2.5 years of schooling.

These students often do not have access to the educational resources they need to succeed, including quiet spaces to work, books, school bags and other basic needs, as well as adequate food and sleep.

They are also more likely to attend schools in which there are many other low socioeconomic students, and the effects of attending such schools have been shown to have a huge impact on student achievement.

Many Indigenous students come to school with layers of such disadvantage.

The education system needs to provide resources to allow students to put aside such disadvantage and concentrate on learning.

One of the benefits of participating in PISA is that a comprehensive questionnaire is

and who understand that it is important for their future.

Where are the big differences? In self-concept, where Indigenous students on average show much lower levels of confidence in mathematics in general; and in maths anxiety, where Indigenous students show much higher levels than non-Indigenous students.

Other telling differences include responses to individual items. For example, asked whether 'Family demands or other problems prevent me from putting a lot of time into my school work', 53 per cent of Indigenous students compared to 41 per cent of other students agreed to some extent.

It must be remembered that studies such as PISA use a sample of students. While this sample is drawn to be ideally representative of all students in Australia, and Indigenous students are oversampled in order to get adequate numbers for reporting, participation is an issue.

In some areas, less than 50 per cent of eligible Indigenous students complete the PISA test and questionnaire. While this is understandable, students, schools and communities need to understand that it is not them under scrutiny but the education system itself.

PISA shows we need to do more to improve that education system so that it meets the learning needs of all Indigenous students.

**Dr Sue Thomson is the Director of Educational Monitoring and Research at the Australian Council for Educational Research and lead author of 'PISA 2012: How Australia measures up'.*

'For Indigenous students, the results showed that little progress has been made in "closing the gap" in educational outcomes.'

reasonable expectation of student achievement.

Even more worryingly, 26 per cent of Indigenous students, compared with five per cent of non-Indigenous students, were not able to achieve level one.

Students placed at this lower

were 'high-achievers', performing at the highest two proficiency levels, having declined from six per cent in PISA 2003.

The issue of Indigenous performance in PISA and other similar assessments is somewhat muddled by socioeconomic

completed by students.

Indigenous students' attitudes to mathematics, derived from this questionnaire, are very revealing. There is no difference in the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who are interested in maths, who enjoy it,

Indigenous Leadership Centre head takes community leaders honour



Rachelle Towart



THE head of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AIRC) in Canberra has been recognised with an award for her efforts in raising funds for Indigenous education, and increasing enrolments at the centre.

Rachelle Towart was named the winner of the 2013 Westpac Community Leaders Award, which recognises outstanding achievements by an executive of an established not-for-profit organisation.

Ms Towart has managed to secure more than \$8.7 million in funding for Indigenous education and has overseen unprecedented growth in enrolments, as well as establishing a national profile for Indigenous leadership.

AIRC chairman Dr Tom Calma said thousands of Indigenous people would receive a potentially life-changing experience as a result of the work of Ms Towart and the team at the AIRC.

"Great deeds require more than great words," he said.

"Great outcomes only consistently happen as a result of commitment, integrity and resolve. Rachelle has demonstrated those qualities in spades – and this award is a great testament to her achievements."

The award capped off an outstanding year for the AIRC and its CEO.

Ms Towart was last month presented with an award recognising her as one of Australia's 100 women of influence, and earlier this year accepted an award

recognising the AIRC as the ACT's small registered training organisation of the year.

Ms Towart said the award was a defining milestone not just for her, but more importantly, for the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre.

"Indigenous leadership education provides extraordinary moments of inspiration and celebration that are profound rewards in themselves for all of us at the AIRC," she said.

"This award is the cherry on the cake – providing recognition for the achievements of our organisation."

Ms Towart plans to use the prizemoney to advance leadership experiences among AIRC staff to build the capabilities of her team.

Homophobia and Christian beliefs

I WRITE in response to the open letter addressing homophobia (*Koori Mail*, November 20 – a tear sheet is at right).

I thoroughly appreciate the writers of the article as they highlighted some important key thoughts on this topic. However I found a number of broadbrush statements that are of concern and would like to have them clarified.

Either way, I would be very grateful for their time, not to debate but to generate healthy discussion.

Before I am preconceived as biased, I am a young Indigenous heterosexual married man, who is also a Christian pastor. Right off the bat I pride myself in having at least a dozen gay friends that I highly regard and admire as they are in good jobs and are positive role models for our mob. Some even come to church, love God, love the Bible and the company of other believers.

The thing that strikes me, though, is that I get disturbed when I read such comments as written about something I and millions of others esteem as truth but which is seen by the writers to be nothing more than just 'white man's lies'. Beyond that, to the point of being surprised that the writers say that 'Christianity actively promotes discrimination', which tells me they are either ignorant of facts or just sadly trying to be controversial by swooping to the level of (boxer) Anthony Mundine – making themselves look just as bad, if not worse, than his ridiculous views.

I would like to see the writers head up to Cairns and the Torres Strait to tell people there the Coming of the Light celebration is a waste of time, because they'll soon find out how much they are seen as the bigot as the celebration is embedded in local culture, family and way of life.

The writers would find that, like most Aboriginal Christians, those



celebrating the Coming of the Light don't see anything such as they do, for what the writers call 'imported beliefs', local Christians call or consider to be the type of fulfillment of who they've always worshipped.

Apart from all the obvious beauty, it is also common knowledge that there is evil evident in parts of culture, in particular black magic and sorcery. Therefore, long ago we concluded that there must be good spirits and/or a creator who is the source of this good.

If there is good and He is God, then what is He like? (I'm hoping the writers won't get hung up on the 'He' and that they're intellectual enough to know the definition of what God infers to us). For us, we find this description in the ancient manuscripts of Jesus, who I'm sure

they're well aware is from a culture that is not of white European descent. Just because of the abuse of the message centuries later by British conquerors with a hidden agenda doesn't make the content of the text to be of any lesser value.

I understand that at times the writers must feel threatened or intimidated as they mentioned homosexuals are a minority, but they shouldn't be on the offensive and begin attacking other groups because they are actually contributing fuel to the flame while simultaneously lowering themselves to the level of the people who they ultimately are trying to convince to change their attitudes.

I'm not saying all the writers hate Christians, just as I know

they're not saying that all of us hate you – in fact quite the opposite as they know full well our own laws that we can't even love God if we don't love them; our brother and sister.

So let's ease up on broadbrush statements and don't throw us in a box with other religions or label us as suffering from colonial mindsets and being in a category of deception and lies.

I noticed at the bottom some prominent names endorsing that letter, so I assumed there would've been a more diplomatic philosophy driving the conversation. How wrong was I.

WESLEY STUBBINGS
Townsville, Qld

● Another letter on page 26

POETRY

What if Pemulwuy won?

Spear raised
eyes ablaze
fire of the earth
in his veins.

Refusing to relinquish
sovereignty of his land
inspiring a whole legion
of warriors to take a stand.

The battles and the bloodshed
this first unrecorded war
the brutal loss of life
has forever stained our shores.

The aliens were petrified
they couldn't match his skill
they couldn't read the landscape
their advances fuelled his will.

One too many bullets
what a cowardly way to kill
the ultimate sign of disrespect
disallowing a burial.

His body dissected
and distributed to foreign lands
another artefact for the museums
of an Aboriginal man.

I ponder the ingrained injustice
that festers beneath our sun
I stare at the golden sunrise and
ask – what if Pemulwuy won?

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

A Spiritual Connection

A lost and lonely child
hides amongst the grief and pain
Trapped inside this body
The child feel guilt and shame.

Feeling weak and hopeless
the child continues to fight.
'til one day a man interrupts
and fills the child with fright.

Disguised inside this body
the child within just cries
Feeling violated and dirty
The child just wants to die.

As the body still keeps growing
the child inside stays young.
The memories of this child
seem to make the body run.

Running away to different places
suddenly the body shuts down.
The search for the body's spirit
Has at last finally been found.

As the spirit cleans the 'Body & Soul'
the child within grows strong.
Letting go of the painful past
the child can now move on.

A 'Spiritual Connection'
is all the child needs.
Surrounded by 'the Ancestors'
the child can now be freed.

Jade Nybolyn-Bell
Wiradjuri/Yuin
woman, NSW

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After this date, you need to be ready for digital TV or you won't see your favourite TV shows.

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To make sure you get digital TV signals:

You'll need
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digital TV recorder*
connected to
your analog TV



OR...

a digital TV



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Indigenous Art by
Bronwyn Bancroft



Think again, Senator

This is an open letter to the Australian people.

THE Federal Attorney-General's intention to repeal or weaken racial vilification laws is of serious concern to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Senator George Brandis has stated the first bill he will introduce into Parliament will be to repeal sections 18C and 18D of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*. This move follows the senator's advocacy of free speech in response to the case in which Andrew Bolt was found to be in breach of the Act due to statements published in his *Herald Sun* newspaper column.

Section 18C makes unlawful serious, public acts that are likely to 'offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate' a person because of their race or ethnicity.

By responding to the Bolt decision with a promise to repeal this law, is the Attorney-General suggesting it is acceptable to make racially-based public comments that are offensive, insulting, humiliating or intimidating?

Whatever his intention, the Attorney's symbolic gesture to make this his first reform sends a message. Senator Brandis will argue it is a message about free speech, but in our view he has not successfully prosecuted a case that free speech is at risk.

In an editorial on November 16, *The Australian* posed the question: Can anyone imagine this country without free speech, freedom of religion, freedom to own property and freedom of association?

There is no one more interested in fundamental rights and freedoms than

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We can imagine that country, because we and our families have lived in that place.

Our forebears were not free to speak their language, or to practise their religion and customs. They were not free to move around, to marry, to vote, or even to care for their own children.

Our people know about freedom because we have had to fight for every freedom we enjoy today.

While generally the law now treats us equally (although there are still cases where it continues to discriminate), we do not enjoy equality – partly because of the historical legacy and partly because of the social, economic and political exclusion we continue to experience today.

We believe the law should uphold fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of speech. We also believe there are instances

where, in the public interest, freedom of speech must have some limits placed upon it. For example the right to speak freely does not mean the right to defame another person or make misleading comments in advertising.

The law must provide protection for all members of society – and that includes protection against racial vilification.

Racism is a barrier to Aboriginal people's equality and our equal participation in Australian society. From taxis that do not stop to pick us up, to real estate agents who turn

us away, to serious acts of racially based abuse that have been conciliated by the Australian Human Rights Commission or dealt with by the courts under the legislation that Senator Brandis wants to repeal, our people have firsthand experience of racial taunts that can often lead to racially motivated violence.

The racial vilification laws apply to everyone, but a large number of matters that come before the Australian Human Rights Commission are from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are not confident that the Attorney-

General has fully considered the consequences of repealing a law that provides protection and redress for Australians who are subjected to racial hatred.

The courts have interpreted that this law is not designed to curb private conversations and it is not a

sledgehammer to be used on trivial matters. Further, artistic works, scientific debate and fair comment on matters of public interest are exempt, providing they are done or said in good faith.

This law has been in operation for 18 years – including during the entire period of the Howard Government. These provisions were introduced for a reason. At that time lawmakers were motivated by the recommendations of significant national inquiries.

'The law must provide protection for all members of society – and that includes protection against racial vilification.'

The National Inquiry Into Racist Violence followed attacks on church and community leaders, which included slashed tyres, bricks thrown through windows and death threats.

The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommended laws to deal with racial vilification and provide a conciliation method to deal with complaints, noting that in relation to 'the systemic discrimination that Aboriginal people receive from police, language is one of the forms of violence that has most impact on relations between the two'.

The second reading speech for the Racial Hatred Bill demonstrates recognition of the need to balance protection of freedom of speech with freedom from racial hatred.

The law today serves not only as a remedy for individuals experiencing racial vilification, it educates, informs and influences the whole of society – serving to reinforce our values and norms. In the case of this law, it sends an unambiguous signal that racism is not tolerated.

Our people will always stand up for the right of all peoples to express their identity and speak freely but we will also stress the need for vigilance against racism, and we call upon the nation's chief law officer to do the same.

A change in the law such as that proposed by Senator Brandis should not be countenanced without the full engagement and input of Australian people – particularly those who are likely to be most affected.

KIRSTIE PARKER and LES MALEZER
Co-chairs, on behalf of the Board
of the National Congress of Australia's
First Peoples

Action over smoking shows how Close the Gap can work

By MICK GOODA and KIRSTIE PARKER*

BEFORE she got cancer, Krystal Perkins was flying high. She had worked for Telstra, News Ltd and National Indigenous Television before starting her own communications and events management company, All The Perks.

By any measure, Krystal was a success, but she was also a young Aboriginal woman who smoked.

"It had always been a social thing with my friends and younger family members," Krystal said. "It was acceptable in my peer group and in the work-hard, play-hard corporate environment."

Krystal's bladder cancer diagnosis changed all that. Bladder cancer is far more widespread amongst men than women, and smoking is a key risk factor.

Krystal's story is all too common across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), tobacco smoking is the most preventable cause of ill health and early death among our people. Its links to coronary heart disease, stroke and cancers mean that we won't close the more-than-a-decade life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians unless we tackle smoking.

Fortunately, the ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey released last week shows that this can be successfully done and the gap can eventually be closed.

The survey found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were still 2.6 times as likely to smoke as other Australians.



Krystal Perkins

But it also found that our people are smoking less than they were 10 years ago. The number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who smoke every day has declined by 10 per cent in the past decade. The gap between those Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people and other Australians who smoke also narrowed over the same period of time, but by only 2 per cent.

While the ABS figures show an overall slight increase in life expectancy, we remain concerned that discrepancies in outcomes from the states and territories – especially in NT and WA – might mean that some people and communities are being left behind.

When we started the Close the Gap campaign we knew this was a generational effort. We now need to ramp up those efforts if we're to close the gap by 2030.

We are having some impact. We know more adults are receiving health checks in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and babies are being born healthier.

Outcomes like this indicate that the bipartisan commitment to closing the gap needs to be maintained.

It will be many years before the reduction in smoking will have an impact on life expectancy because the damage caused by smoking has long-term effects.

It's also likely that the full impact of the federal, state and territory government investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health resulting from the 2008 COAG agreement on Closing the Gap would not have been felt at the time the ABS collected its data. The next ABS survey will give us a clearer indication of how our efforts to close the gap are progressing.

In other respects, the latest ABS survey highlights the all too familiar picture of health inequality. It found that:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were more likely than other Australians to have heart or circulatory diseases.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were three times as likely as other Australians to have diabetes or high sugar levels.

- In 2012-13, almost one-third (30 per cent) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years and over reported having high/very high psychological distress levels in the four weeks before interview.

Therefore, we must press forward with our efforts to close the gap. The Abbott Government will play a crucial part in this by implementing the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan and negotiating a renewed National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes with the states and territories.

Of course, behind all these statistics are real people with real families and real hopes for the future.

Krystal credits her family as being crucial to her recovery.

In May this year she had a tumour removed and quit smoking for good.

Although she still receives treatment, she has returned to work and is heading up the organisation of Australia's first ever Indigenous Fashion Week, to be held in April next year. She is relieved that the cancer did not affect her ability to one day become a mum.

Now more than ever all governments must re-commit to closing the gap in life expectancy for our people.

*Mick Gooda and Kirstie Parker are the co-chairs of the Close the Gap Campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equality.

PUBLIC NOTICE

YULLUNA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETINGS

The **Yulluna People** have made an application to the Federal Court of Australia (Brian Sullivan & Ors on behalf of the Yulluna People #3 v State of Queensland and Others QUD 189/2010) (**“the Native Title Claim”**) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

CURRENT CLAIM GROUP DESCRIPTION

The **Yulluna People** are currently described in the Native Title Claim as Aboriginal people who:

- 1. are the biological descendants of:
 - Mamie, partner of King Baldy;
 - Maude Hayden /Thorpe (nee Parry); and
 - Momas;
 - Billy Howard.
 - Ruby Hunter, mother of Thelma Bright;
- 2. identify themselves as members of the Yulluna People; and
- 3. are recognised by others who are Yulluna People as being Yulluna People.

Please NOTE: If an amendment to the Yulluna People claim group description is authorised at Meeting #1 then only the newly authorised claim group members may participate in Meeting #2

YULLUNA AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 – 14/12/2013 (Meeting #1)

This Notice INVITES all members of the Yulluna People (as described above) to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 14th of December 2013
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30 am Meeting Start 10.00am
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The **Purposes of MEETING #1** are for the current claim group:

- 1. to **AUTHORISE** amendment of the native title rights and interests claimed in the Native Title Claim.
- 2. to **CONSIDER** the outcomes of research into various individuals with affiliations to the Yulluna #3 claim area. The individuals/family groups which QSNTS will provide advice on include:
 - a. Mamie, partner of King Baldy;
 - b. Momas;
 - c. Ruby Hunter, mother of Thelma Bright;
 - d. Maude Hayden /Thorpe (nee Parry);
 - e. Billy Howard;
 - f. Mick Moonlight;
 - g. Willie Sullivan;
 - h. Rosie O’Sullivan; and
 - i. Kitty Casey
- 3. subject to 2 above, to **AUTHORISE** such amendments to the current claim group description in the Native Title Claim as Yulluna People may decide. Those amendments might include the inclusion or deletion of one, more than one, or all of the names listed in 2.a. to 2.i. above. QSNTS will recommend that the Yulluna People authorise a claim group description based on the following individual ancestors: Momas, Mick Moonlight, Willie Sullivan, Rosie O’Sullivan and Kitty Casey.

The ‘native title claim group as amended’ means the native title claim group description as amended by the AUTHORISATION referred to at 3 above.

YULLUNA AUTHORISATION MEETING #2 – 14/12/2013 (Meeting #2)

This Notice INVITES all members of the Yulluna People native title claim group as amended to an authorisation meeting at the time and date below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday 14th of December 2013
Time of Meeting: Registration starts following closure of YULLUNA AUTHORISATION MEETING #1 14/12/2013
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The purposes of Meeting # 2 are for the native title claim group as amended:

- 1. to **AUTHORISE** an Applicant to bring the native title determination application on behalf of the **Yulluna People (being the CLAIM GROUP as amended at Meeting #1)** and deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act in relation to the application.
- 2. to **AUTHORISE** the Applicant to agree to settlement of the proceedings on the terms of a draft consent determination to be tabled at **Meeting #2**, including any consequential amendments to the Native Title Claim that are necessary.

YULLUNA AUTHORISATION MEETING # 3 – 15/12/2013 (Meeting #3)

This Notice INVITES the **Yulluna People** native title claim group as amended at Meeting #1 and all other people who hold or may hold native title rights or interests in the proposed ILUA Areas to attend Meeting #3 – 15/12/2013 at the time and date set out below:

Date of Meeting: Sunday 15th of December 2013
Time of Meeting: Registration 9.30 am Meeting Start 10.00am – all attendees will be required to register
Venue: Terrace Gardens Function Centre, 4 Duchess Road, Mt Isa.

The **purposes of Meeting #3 – 15/12/2013** are to:

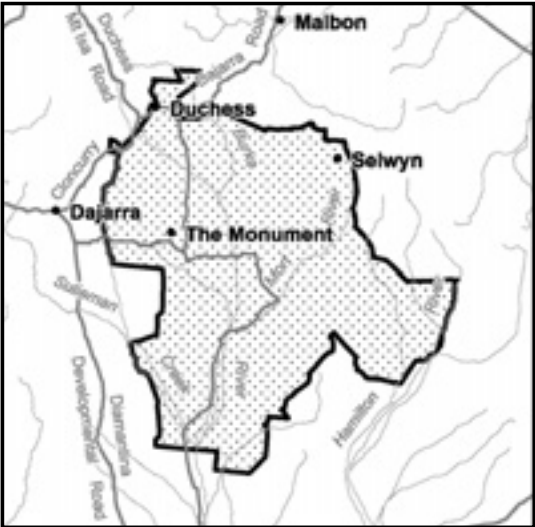
- 1) AUTHORISE an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (‘ILUA’) between the Yulluna People, the Yulluna Aboriginal Corporation ICN 7112 (‘YAC’) and the following Local Governments: Cloncurry Shire Council, Boulia Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council (‘Yulluna/YAC/ Local Governments ILUA’). The ILUA will provide, among other things:
 - (i) a mechanism for resolving native title issues with the Local Governments within the ILUA area;
 - (ii) for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Yulluna People and the Local Governments within the ILUA area; and
 - (iii) a protocol for dealing with future acts and Aboriginal cultural heritage issues within the ILUA area.
- 2) **AUTHORISE** entry into an ILUA between the Yulluna People and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ABN 50 087 646 062 (‘Yulluna / Ergon Energy ILUA’). The ILUA will provide, among other things:
 - i) a mechanism for resolving native title issues with Ergon Energy Corporation Limited; and
 - ii) for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Pitta Pitta People and Ergon Energy in the ILUA area.
- 3) **AUTHORISE** entry into an ILUA between the Yulluna People and the following pastoral parties: Dulcie Carol Anderson, Phillip Martin Patrick Anderson and Donald James Grimshaw (Yulluna People/Corrie Downs/Digby Peaks/Windsor Park aka Willsdown ILUA); ARGYLLA Mountains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd ACN 059 843 999 (Yulluna People/Cukadoo ILUA); William Henry Cameron (Yulluna People/ Kheri ILUA); Andrew William Jesse Daniels, Samuel Donald James Daniels, Gabrielle Kennedy, Jeffrey Robert James Daniels and Luke William Jesse Daniels (Yulluna People/Toolebuc ILUA); Hacon Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 094 617 759 (Yulluna People/Buckingham Downs ILUA); Jersey Plains Pastoral Company Pty Ltd ACN 010 615 246 (Yulluna People/Fort William ILUA); MDH Pty Ltd ACN 010 114 468 (Yulluna People/Burnham aka Chatsworth/Chatsworth/Stanbroke aka Stradbroke ILUA); Dale Reginald Neilson (Yulluna People/Lurnea aka Two Rivers ILUA); Inova Resources Cloncurry Mines Pty Ltd ACN 106 255 216 (Yulluna People/Starcross ILUA); Phillip Gregory Prince (Yulluna People/Cannington ILUA); Robert John McDonald (Yulluna People/Pilgrim ILUA). (**‘Yulluna People/Pastoral ILUAs’**).

The purpose of these pastoral agreements is to:

- Provide for the mutual recognition of the rights and interests of the Yulluna People and the pastoral parties in the Pastoral ILUA areas; and
- To establish arrangements for the exercise of the Yulluna People’s native title rights and interests on the pastoral properties in a manner that is not inconsistent with the pastoral lessee’s rights and obligations under the pastoral lease.

ILUA Areas - The areas of each of the agreements to be authorised at **Meeting #3** are:

- 1) Yulluna People/YAC/Local Governments ILUA – all of the lands and waters within the external boundary of the Yulluna #3 claim area (**pictured below**).
- 2) Yulluna People/Ergon Energy ILUA – all of the lands and waters within the external boundary of the Yulluna #3 claim area.



- 3) Yulluna People/Pastoral ILUAs – those areas of the various pastoral lease properties held by the persons listed above, including Lot 4174 on CP PH45 (PPH 13/4174); Lot 4596 on CP PH26 (PPH 13/4596); Lot 3562 on CP PH2280 (PPH 13/3562); Lot 5212 on CP PH1878 (PPH 13/5212); Lot 5354 on CP PH1831 (PPH 13/5354); Lot 346 on CP PH1950 (PH 13/346); part of Lot 2999 on CP PH1926 (PDH 13/2999); Lot 4747 on CP PH1763 (PPH 4/4747); Lot 5328 on CP PH1749 (PDH 4/5328); Lot 13 on SP223510 (PDH 13/345); Lot 16 on CP CW62 (PH 13/5398), Lot 3462 on CP PH1022 (PH 4/3462); part of Lot 5364 on PH1891 (PH 13/5364), Lot 2949 on SP223508 (TL 0/234185); part of Lot 2 on CP865896 (PH13/3405); part of Lot 3268 on PH1495 (PH 13/3268); part of Lot 3380 on PH1494 (PH 13/3380); and part of Lot 3722 on PH1492 (PH 13/3722) that are contained within the external boundary of the Yulluna #3 claim area.

QSNTS is not able to assist with transport to or from each meeting or with accommodation costs. However, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants at each meeting.

All persons intending to attend any of the above meetings are asked to contact Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS), Client Relations Unit on 1800 663 693 to register.



Your Say

Concern over letter claims

Published in the November 20 edition of the *Koori Mail* was a rather large open letter titled, ‘Homophobia in our communities’.

Normally, I would not bother with a rebuttal, but there were some rather misguided claims made that simply cannot go unchecked.

First, homosexuality is not umbilically linked to our original forebears as was falsely asserted. It is a new custom conspicuous in present-day Aboriginal culture.

Those who have delved into the traditional Aboriginal culture have scribbled sensibly for posterity. In all anthropological investigation and all other First Contact documents I have poured over to date, I am yet to uncover any references to homosexual practices by our traditional ancestors.

What is crystal clear is that the traditional Aboriginal cultural practices were polygamous – not monogamous! Heterosexual – not homosexual!

Second, the discourse by the homosexual circus about homophobia is tiresome. The gay lobby mob labour to seduce all, and part of their arsenal is to decry any who voice the slightest disapproval of any aspect of homosexuality and the campaign for immorality.

Personally, I hold to the biblical position, which does not hide its views on sin in confusing rhetoric nor does it doublespeak the endgame for those who smile and wink at sin.

The Bible reminds us that we are all born sinners and the thoughts of our hearts are evil continually.

According to the Bible, no-one is born homosexual, just like no-one is born a thief; just like no-one is born a racist; just like no-one is born a prostitute, or an idolater etc. These are choices people make and their choices have eternal consequences.

If the Black Rainbow mob are right in preaching the ‘by birth’ doctrine, then they should mount a campaign to release all inmates based on their idea that ‘they were born this way and therefore they are not responsible for their sins’.

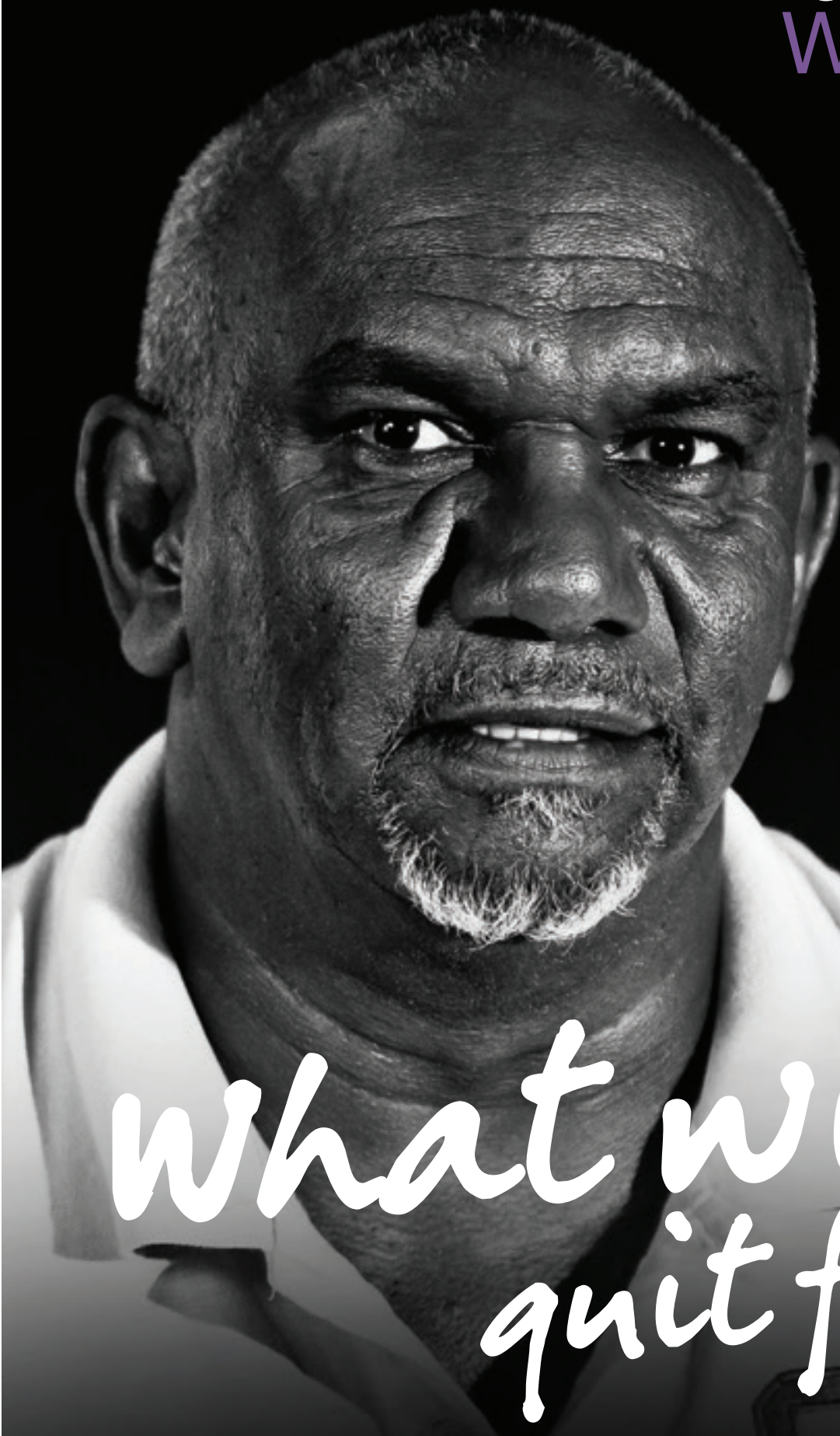
Finally, self-killing is wrong. It devastates families. It harms communities and it damages humanity. Research shows more people die of suicide than murder every year, and have been for centuries. Suicide kills more people than AIDS, cancer, heart disease, or liver disease, more men and women between the ages of 15 and 44 than war, more young people than by anything but accident.

I totally disagree with the assumption that increased self-killing in Aboriginal communities is strongly linked to teen sexual identity confusion.

I have just finished reading *STAY: A History of Suicide and the Philosophies Against It*, by Jennifer Michael Hecht. In it, Hecht cites a Johns Hopkins University (US) study which found that if a parent commits suicide before their child is 18, that child is threefold as likely to commit suicide at some future point as his/her peers with non-suicidal parents.

She further writes childhood incest survivors are also found to be particularly vulnerable to suicide, as are female rape victims, who are 13 times more likely to attempt suicide than the average woman.

BRETT MANTON
Tregear, NSW

A black and white portrait of an older Indigenous Australian man, Ray, with a grey beard and mustache, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. He is wearing a light-colored collared shirt.

“I SMOKED FOR
38 YEARS. I DIDN'T
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IN HOSPITAL
AGAIN.”

- RAY

What will **YOU**
quit for?

Meet Ray

Ray started smoking at 15, and decided 38 years later that enough was enough. “I tried to quit lots of times,” he says. “Not only have I felt better and had more energy, but it’s also saved me money.” But the benefits extend well beyond saving a few thousand dollars a year.

Support and advice

For Ray, the realisation that his life could well be cut short - taking him away from family and loved-ones - meant the difference between trying to quit and staying smoke-free for good. You can do it too, by talking to a doctor, calling the Quitline or visiting the iCanQuit website.

What will it take?

Ask yourself what you would quit for. “The reality is it’s allowed me to spend more time with my kids and grandkids,” says Ray. “After 38 years of smoking, I didn’t want to end up in hospital again.”



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ANKAAA Art Worker Extension Program participants at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

Program helps art workers



APPLICATIONS are now open for a program that gives Aboriginal art centre workers the opportunity to work with art industry leaders in some of the nation's top galleries, as well as overseas.

The program, which is run by the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists, aims to develop professional networks and career paths for the chosen art workers.

Chaired by Djambawa Marawili, ANKAAA supports more than 5000 artists and 49 art centres across one million square kilometres of northern Australia.

Last year, nine art workers from Arnhem Land, Darwin, Katherine, the Tiwi Islands and the Kimberley took part.

The group undertook intensive training in Darwin, attended internships at national institutions and took part in a range of other tailored professional development opportunities over the year.

Artist Marcus Pascoe said the program had been invaluable.

"It has helped me share what I do and where I come

from with a new audience," he said. "It has also given me more confidence and new skills to take back to Maningrida."

National Gallery of Australia's Tina Baum said the program was one of the few 'well-developed and exciting programs' available for art workers.

"Institutions really need to get behind this program as it is absolutely invaluable," she said.

"It also provides the opportunity to forge relationships with arts workers and community members because we (institution staff) would not normally get the opportunity to go out to community."

Now in its third year, the program has had 24 graduates who have gone on to become leaders in their field.

Participants have travelled to Paris, Shanghai and the Solomon Islands to showcase Aboriginal art overseas, as well as promote cultural tourism.

Applications for the 2014 Arts Worker Extension Program are open now and candidates will be announced early next year.

For more information, go to <http://ankaaa.org.au>



Program participant Sharon Anderson at the Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation in the University of Melbourne.

Strife for Victorians



INDIGENOUS Victorians are struggling with housing, discrimination and debt, along with problems with Centrelink and child protection, according to a report into the most pressing civil law issues in the state. The Victorian Indigenous Legal Needs report said more than 40 per cent of respondents had experienced disputes over housing repairs or with neighbours, and almost one third had been discriminated against in the past two years.

More than 160 people took part in focus groups in Bairnsdale, Bendigo, Fitzroy, Framlingham, Heidelberg, Robinvale, Shepparton and Swan Hill during the 18-month study.

More than 70 government and

other service organisations were also interviewed.

Research leader Professor Chris Cunneen said there was a long-held perception that criminal matters were the main legal

concern for Aboriginal people, but civil and family law matters could also have a profound effect on people's lives.

"Child protection continues to be a major issue. Over 14 per cent of respondents said they've had problems with child removal, adoption, fostering or guardianship," Prof Cunneen said.

"Aboriginal people are struggling to deal with institutions like government departments, real

estate agents and utilities companies because they don't know their legal rights or where they can turn to for help and advice."

Even support services can be

'Aboriginal people are struggling to deal with institutions like government departments, real estate agents and utilities companies because they don't know their legal rights or where they can turn to for help and advice.'

challenging to deal with for Indigenous clients.

One of the report's authors, Melanie Schwartz, said almost a quarter of the correspondents had had a dispute with Centrelink over

payments, despite the agency being designed to provide social security to the country's most vulnerable people.

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service CEO Wayne Muir called for the Victorian and Australian governments to work through the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Forum to develop reforms that would address the needs identified in the report.

Mr Muir highlighted the urgency of addressing legal needs related to child-protection issues. "Aboriginal children are nearly 10 times as likely to be in the child protection system and we know once they enter

residential care far too many of them progress directly to custodial sentences in youth justice centres," he said.

Research for the report was conducted by James Cook University in Queensland, the University of NSW and the University of Technology, Sydney.

The academic team partnered with Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) and the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service to conduct research across the state.

The report is part of the four-year, National Indigenous Legal Needs Project funded by the Australian Research Council.

The project is investigating Indigenous civil and family law needs across the Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

The study ends in 2014.

App gives users river tour



AN ancient culture has hit the modern mobile world with the release of a geo-located app

that takes users on a virtual tour along the rivers of the Murray-Darling Basin, guided by traditional Elders.

The app may have the potential to help re-shape 21st century land management policy by drawing on traditional knowhow.

The 'Ringbalin – River Stories' app combines film, technology and traditional knowledge to allow people to learn about the culture of the Basin area.

A panel presented by the University of Canberra's Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) Institute for Governance recently evaluated the app during a seminar at the National Press Club in Canberra, exploring its role in narrating not only a different understanding of the ecology of the basin but a new approach to governance of the area.

"Although 'Ringbalin – River Stories' is largely a cultural guide, a story and a tool for discovery, it also has significant implications for how we craft sustainable futures in the



Above: Panellists, from left, Bradley Moggridge, Professor Mark Evans, Cheryl Buchanan, Professor Barry Hart, Major Sumner and Adjunct Professor Virginia Haussegger evaluate the 'Ringbalin – River Stories' mobile app.

Murray-Darling Basin," app director Ben Pederick said.

Mr Pederick, a filmmaker and journalist, featured on the panel facilitated by ABC newsreader and the university's adjunct professor, Virginia Haussegger, along with ANZSOG Institute director Professor Mark Evans, Ngarrindjeri Elder from the

Coorong and lower lakes in South Australia Major Sumner, and Murray-Darling Basin board member Professor Barry Hart.

"From the underlying geography, geology and hydrology through to the Indigenous stories of water courses, culture and history, 'Ringbalin – River Stories' provides unique insights into

the potential role of localism in broaching one of Australian public policy's most challenging problems," Mr Pederick said.

He said the app was 'inspired by the ancient Ringbalin River ceremony and invites the traveller on a virtual journey along the rivers with Elders from the oldest cultures on Earth acting as your guides'.



Major Sumner

Concern over NT grog plan



ALCOHOL protection orders (APOs) being rushed through the Northern Territory Parliament will disadvantage

Aboriginal people and criminalise alcoholism, an Aboriginal legal aid agency claims.

The planned APOs have not been subject to a consultation process and will pass with little scrutiny, the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) CEO Priscilla Collins says.

The group is concerned the bill will have far-reaching consequences.

"It will see people being locked up just for consuming alcohol or going inside licensed premises, including many supermarkets," Ms Collins said.

"Criminalising alcoholism is not the way to go."

The APOs will ban people who are charged with committing a serious offence while drunk from possessing or drinking alcohol or entering licensed premises for three to 12 months.

The orders can be issued to anyone charged with an offence that would attract a potential jail term of at least six months, and



Priscilla Collins

could be implemented before they're found guilty.

"Alcohol is not just an Aboriginal problem, but we know that Aboriginal people will be particularly affected by laws like the APO bill," Ms Collins said.

Findings

She urged the Government to implement the findings of the Australian National Council on Drugs report, released on November 20. They included having states and territories collect and report on alcohol sales data, as well as the involvement of alcohol in police incidents.

But NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said this was already



Adam Giles

being done, with crime statistics showing the impact of alcohol published regularly online.

He said APOs would have a significant impact on anti-social drinking. "They'll act quite efficiently in saving people's lives, people who have chronic alcohol and substance misuse problems," he said.

Mr Giles warned that strategies such as earlier lockouts implemented in Newcastle, NSW, and restrictions on takeaway alcohol in Fitzroy Crossing, WA, were measures specific to those places.

"What might work in Darwin may not work in Humpty Doo, Tennant Creek or Borroloola," Mr Giles said. – AAP

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Ex-NRL player to tackle gambling



FORMER Newcastle Knights NRL player Ashley Gordon will lead a campaign to tackle problem gambling in NSW Aboriginal communities.

The NSW Government says it will provide \$1.8 million for a new three-year

awareness program in Aboriginal communities across NSW to help break the cycle of problem gambling.

Mr Gordon will head the campaign in southern parts of the state, with the Lismore Neighbourhood Centre to deliver the program in northern NSW.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor

Dominello said the program would raise awareness and help people link up with services.

"Community events will be held and promotional activities staged around significant sporting and cultural events to engage community members, educate people about problem gambling, and help

get problem gamblers connected with expert, confidential and culturally sensitive counselling services," the minister said.

Since 2008, Mr Gordon has been running programs about the impact of gambling and developed intervention and treatment initiatives. – AAP



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services

Aboriginal Heritage Wine Country Drive / Littlewood Road Intersection Upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services is inviting Aboriginal people and groups who hold cultural knowledge of Wine Country Drive and Littlewood Road, North Rothbury, to register and assist in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and places.

Roads and Maritime proposes to widen the road at the western side and north-eastern corner of the intersection at Wine Country Drive and Littlewood Road, North Rothbury, to improve road safety for motorists turning in and out of Wine Country Drive.

Please register your interest, by contacting Stephen Knight, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor for the Hunter Region, 59 Darby Street, Newcastle NSW 2300, by phone on (02) 4924 0383 or 0408 965 730, or email stephen.knight@rms.nsw.gov.au

Please register by Wednesday, 18 December 2013.

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Initiative to protect Indigenous artists



LEGAL firm Gadens and the Arts Law Centre of Australia have teamed up to

launch a free initiative to protect the artworks of Indigenous people.

The National Indigenous Art Registration Service will ensure that Indigenous art is correctly registered under the Australian Government's Personal Property and Security Register (PPSR).

Arts Law Centre board president Justice Margaret Beazley officially launched the project with Gadens head of pro bono (common good) Jodie Wauchope at Gadens' annual celebration of Indigenous art in Sydney last month. The event was attended by 120 people from the arts, business, legal and Indigenous communities.

Gadens senior associate Anthony Walsh, who is leading the project for the firm, said many artists were unaware of the risks of sending their artworks on consignment to commercial galleries.

"When commercial galleries face financial



Gadens solicitor Rajeew Pillay and Igor Rigney at the launch of the pro bono National Indigenous Art Registration Service. Picture by Marcel Vermeer

difficulties, Indigenous art centres and artists can be the real victims," he said.

"As a result of the introduction of the *Personal Property Securities Act*, art centres and artists can no longer rely on their legal title to recover their artwork that has not yet been paid for when a commercial gallery becomes insolvent.

"It is now necessary to also register these arrangements on the PPSR in order to avoid the risk of an artist losing their artworks on the insolvency of a commercial gallery."

The National Indigenous Art Registration Service provides a simple and cost-effective process for Indigenous artists to register and protect their artworks from other creditors. Artists are invited to fill in a simple registration form hosted on the Arts Law Centre's website www.artslaw.com.au and the completed forms are then sent to Gadens, which will complete all aspects of registering both the art centre and the individual artworks, ensuring they meet all requirements.



Australian Government

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Reminder for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

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The Registrar may take action against any corporation that does not report by 31 December 2013. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* the maximum penalty to corporations for each report not lodged is \$21,250.

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Reprieve for arts funding



THREE remote arts communities in the Northern Territory are breathing a temporary sigh of relief after being

told their funding has been restored until June.

Merrepen Arts Centre, Injalak Arts & Crafts, and the Elcho Island Arts Centre will all have federal funding approved until the end of the financial year, after the Government announced it would not be renewed just over a week ago.

Darwin model Chloe Moo won Fashions on the Field at the Melbourne Cup in a dress made from fabric designed by one of Merrepen's Aboriginal artists, and NT senator Nova Peris and MP Natasha Griggs wore Merrepen dresses for the opening of Parliament last month.

But the centre was advised on November 12 that the \$635,000 to keep it open for the next three years had been cut, director Lizz Bott said.

However, ms Griggs, a Country Liberals MP, said funding for the three centres would now be processed as soon as possible for the 2013-14 financial year.

Hopeful

Ms Bott said Merrepen was relieved and hopeful that two additional years of funding that had been sought would also be re-approved.

"To have it taken away for no specific reason, it was devastating," she said.

"Our artists, employees, and the community have been really shaken by the decision. This should never have happened."

Ms Griggs said Arts Minister George Brandis made it clear

funding to the centres had not been cut and that they were still receiving federal assistance. "The sustainability of all arts centres will be strengthened by Australians buying their quality products," she said.

Ms Bott said the funding was a small price to pay for the work arts centres did to support remote communities.

"If the art centre in any community wasn't there, there'd be so many social ramifications – more mental health issues. Who's to say there wouldn't be more dysfunction and disturbances, and that has flow-on effects with additional costs for health, prison systems, all those types of things," she said.

Merrepen Arts Centre supports about one-third of the 500-strong community at Nauiyu, 220km south-west of Darwin. – AAP

Hall of Fame honour goes to Mungalla

By ALF WILSON



MUNGALLA Aboriginal Tours was inducted into the Queensland Tourism Awards Hall of Fame after winning the

Indigenous Tourism category gold medal for the third year in a row.

Tourism operators throughout Queensland celebrated the industry's achievements at the 2013 Queensland Tourism Awards late last month.

Mungalla is a resource station property near Ingham owned by the Nywaigi traditional owners for the purpose of fostering Aboriginal cultural values by building economic and cultural opportunities.

Mungalla station manager Jacob Cassidy said it was always good to be recognised for the hard work put in by the board of directors, staff, volunteers and traditional owners and their children, who for years had worked for nothing to get the business off the ground.

"Tour numbers increased dramatically from the last financial year, and we expect next year to be even bigger with contracts with aviation groups, international university groups,

schools, and cruise groups with the new port terminal completed in Townsville," he said.

"This has been a hard year, with family members passing, and it has been a lot of pressure to make this tourism business work.

"This year saw Mungalla Aboriginal Tours inducted into the Hall of Fame in the North Queensland tourism awards and now to have the same accolade in the state awards is a great achievement for our people and our organisation.

"Being a winner of your state automatically puts Mungalla Aboriginal tours in the running for the gold at the Australian tourism awards, where you're competing against the best Indigenous products from each state and Territory from all over the country.

"We won silver and bronze in the Australian tourism awards over the last two years, so this year could be our year.

While it's great to win multiple regional and state awards, winning a national award would be a great achievement for a small Murri business coming out of a small town like Ingham."

The Queensland silver award went to the Mossman Gorge Centre, and bronze to Ingan for Spirit of the Rainforest Tours.



Faron Andersen, left, and Kelsyum Wacando collected the award on behalf of Mungalla Station.



A view of Palm Creek looking towards Mungalla Station.

Deep concern over education backflip

By RUDI MAXWELL



DESPITE having campaigned in the federal election on a 'unity ticket' with Labor for education, the Coalition Government has backflipped and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school

students are likely to miss out on much-needed funding. In June, the previous Labor Government announced its \$5.5 billion National Plan for School Improvement (NPSI) based on the Gonski review of education.

The NPSI was based on funding each student at a base level, then adding a loading for Indigenous students, remoteness, size of school, socioeconomic status, students with a disability and students with limited English.

The Indigenous loading was based on a sliding scale, where the larger the number of Indigenous students at a school, the higher the loading per student, ranging from \$1854 to \$14,631.

But with Federal Education Minister Christopher Pyne saying he will renegotiate

funding with all states and territories, the extra funding for Indigenous students will most likely be scrapped.

When Labor announced the NPSI, Indigenous educators and academics called the model a 'game-changer' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Mr Pyne, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion did not respond to questions about education funding from the *Koori Mail*.

Outrage

Australian Education Union (which represents public schools) president Angelo Gavrielatos expressed outrage after the Ministerial Council Meeting on Education between state education ministers and Mr Pyne in Sydney last week.

"The Abbott Government's plans to wreak havoc in schools funding across the country are nothing short of an outrage," he said.

"We already knew that Tony Abbott and Christopher Pyne were trying to tear up Gonski, but these revelations go well beyond our worst

fears – we've now learned this broken promise would be borne by public schools alone.

"For the first time in decades, public schools were looking forward to extra funding, targeted to student need – but the revelations have put vast amounts of much-needed funding for Australia's public schools at risk.

"This is an affront to every public school student, parent, teacher and principal in the country. It is also precisely the opposite of what the Gonski review recommended.

"It would be entirely unconscionable for any government to respond to the Gonski review with a plan to rip money out of public schools. But that's exactly what five education ministers reported Christopher Pyne plans to do today.

"Christopher Pyne is ignoring the evidence, the expert advice, and the agreements in place. He is also trying to break a clear and unambiguous election promise."

The Coalition's broken promise has been slammed by state governments, teachers, principals, parents, authors of the Gonski review and academics.

Declaration celebration in Redfern

NEXT Tuesday, December 10, marks the anniversary of the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, so to celebrate, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is holding a free community event at Redfern Park.

Congress co-chairs Les Malezer and Kirstie Parker will talk about the meaning and significance of the day and what the declaration means for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. And Archie Roach will perform a free concert.

For more information, go to nationalcongress.com.au or freecall 1800 266 477.

The Human Rights Day event and barbecue runs from 5.30-7pm.

Students blown away by visit

By ALF WILSON



YEAR 5 and 6 students from Palm Island's Bwgcolman State School were given an in-depth education on tropical cyclones when they visited Townsville's Museum of Tropical Queensland last month.

The 27 students and their teachers checked out the Museum's new 'Come Hell or Highwater' exhibition and were part of a CSIRO natural disasters education session.

The official cyclone season started on November 1 and ends on April 30.

Because of its location offshore from Townsville, the Palm Island community is often affected by cyclones.

Cyclone Yasi, which struck the island in February 2011 with winds of more than 200kmh, damaged roads, the foreshore and some buildings.

The students enjoyed investigating the science behind natural disasters and learned about the technologies used in the early detection of natural disasters and how their impacts can be minimised.

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), CSIRO, Museum of Tropical Queensland, City Link and Campbell's Coaches donated their services to make the opportunity possible.

Exhibition

QFES regional community engagement officer Paul Cannon spoke to the students as he took them through the exhibition.

"Palm Island could be affected by storm tides during a cyclone and all government-built houses there are now cyclone rated," he said.

Mr Cannon spoke about the damage Yasi caused to the Port Hinchinbrook floating pontoons at Cardwell.

One of the highlights for students was entering a cyclone simulation room in groups of six.

Students Tuqiri Prior-Ross and Brayden Nallajar, both aged 11, spoke of their experience at the museum.

"We have seen the damage cyclones cause and have been told what to do if one hits Palm Island. I have really enjoyed this," Brayden said.

Tuqiri said he would be passing on to family, friends and other Palm youngsters what he had learned about natural disasters.

Another highlight for the students was visiting the Explore-a-saurus exhibition, where they learnt how dinosaurs lived.

It featured moving, roaring model dinosaurs in their habitats and interactive displays, which were popular with students.

"Everybody loved seeing the lifelike dinosaurs," Brayden said.



● Above: Year 5 and 6 Bwgcolman State School students and supervisors during the visit to Townsville's Museum of Tropical Queensland.



● Left: Students Brayden Nallajar, left, and Tuqiri Prior-Ross point to pictures of cyclone damage on display at the exhibition.

Adequate support call for sex abuse inquiry



A ROUNDTABLE of member organisations of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has called on the Federal Government to provide adequate support

services to Indigenous people appearing before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The meeting also said it was 'a major concern' that there was no specific mention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples in the royal commission terms of reference, or acknowledgment of the traumatic history of their involvement with institutions.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people expect to see genuine, lasting and significant change as a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse," they wrote in a joint statement.

"A large number of recommendations of the Bringing Them Home inquiry have not been implemented.

"It is critical that this royal commission focusses on changing the conditions that led to this abuse occurring and ensuring protection for children in the future.

"We send a strong and united message to commissioners that bearing

(Australia) and the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum.

The roundtable agreed on several principles the commission should consider in its deliberations with regard to Indigenous people.

They were that the commissioners must recognise their history of contact with Australia's institutions, that their stories are

fund research and support Indigenous organisations to provide relevant policy information and expertise.

And Aboriginal community-controlled organisations should be delivering support services instead of the mainstream non-Aboriginal non-government organisations that received funding from the Federal Government.

"Our peoples were removed from their families and locked up in institutions with major trans-generational consequences for the individuals involved, their families, their children and whole communities," the statement said.

"Still today our peoples are massively over-represented in out-of-home care, juvenile justice and jail.

"It is essential that the commissioners support our peoples to tell their stories; listen to our people's experiences; and ensure their recommendations reflect the issues and concerns we raise."

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people expect to see genuine, lasting and significant change as a result of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.'

witness to our peoples' stories is valuable, but achieving real change is more important."

Member organisations taking part included the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), the National Stolen Generations Alliance, First Peoples Disability Network

heard, and that their experiences contribute to the findings of the inquiry. Also, the commission must engage broadly and appropriately with communities, and that witnesses are offered culturally appropriate, competent support before, during and after the inquiry.

They also said that commission should

Hip Island hopper



Torres Strait rapper MauPower and dancer Joey Laifoo get ready to hit the stage at the Australasian World Music Expo side show *Ailan Styles* in Melbourne.



MAUpOWER, a lyrical storyteller from Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, last week shared some 'Ailan Style' with Melbourne audiences.

Loop Bar, in one of Melbourne's inner-city laneways, was buzzing with the unique sounds of MauPower's fusion hip hop and the smell of island Kai Kai (food).

For many years Patrick Mau, or MauPower, has been guided by two cultures, Indigenous and hip hop.

"The only way for me to tell the story of how these cultures entwine and connect is for me to tell my own story," he said.

The result is MauPower's album *The Show Will Go On*, which will be launched in 2014.

Rewind 20 years to a place called Homeboys' Court – a court on Thursday Island edged by pandanus trees, where

the bush has been cleared and the hard clay ground evened.

Underneath the plywood backboards and makeshift basketball rings are flattened cardboard boxes. The songs of De La Soul and Public Enemy are pumping and the local boys are practising their breakdance moves.

"Hip hop arrived on the islands in a number of ways. Someone got hold of the movies *Wild Style* and *Breakdance* and everyone wanted to be (character) Turbo," he said.

"I was only about seven but our community is so small that we did everything together. Everything the older guys did, we wanted to do the same thing and it was a fun atmosphere, riding with the big brothers.

"I didn't know the name for it, all I knew was that there was this new style of music, dance, of culture and it was not judgemental. I saw it gave you the freedom to do whatever and that I

could be a part of it.

"Music is Island culture and Island culture is music.

"We document our teachings through song and dance. Music governs our storytelling, our survival.

"Hip hop, too, comes from the storytelling tradition but in a new forum.

"I saw it as a culture of hope, hope for people who didn't have any opportunities and at 14 I decided that I wanted to be a rapper."

MauPower recorded his first song in Brisbane when he was 17 and attending the University of Southern Queensland.

Shortly after this time he was incarcerated and, while in prison, the song was leaked throughout the Islands.

"When I was locked up I came to a crossroad," he said.

"I used that time to plan my next move so when I was released everything was lined up. I began focussing on the business of music, the industry as well as

the recording. I took what I learnt from my studies in mechanical engineering and applied it to sound engineering."

The Show Will Go On is an autobiographical album taking us on a journey through the pinnacles of MauPower's life.

"I wanted to take it back to a time when an album was a complete story," he said.

"Each song is like a chapter; we start with an intro into Island life, to our culture. Then we move into conscious songs about freeing your mind, about speaking your mind.

"There are tracks with a party vibe, so we have everyone feeling good. And there are songs about the art of storytelling and the responsibilities that come with it.

"No matter how much knowledge that you have, you reach a point when you have to go back to the knowledge custodians. In order for them to go on with their journey they must pass the knowledge on."

Mining the potential of tourism



IT'S dangerous to rely too heavily on an industry such as mining, says an Aboriginal tourism company seeking to pull East Arnhem Land out from under the shadow of Rio Tinto's impending closure of the Gove alumina refinery in the Northern Territory.

But Aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land will create hundreds of jobs and forge their own economic future beyond the scope of mining, says Djawa Burarrwanga, chair of Lirriwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation.

"Whatever the future holds in the resources sector, our communities will benefit most from developing our own businesses and creating our own sources of income," Mr Burarrwanga said.

The region has been too slow to diversify, Lirriwi Tourism spokesman John Morse says.

"The closure of the processing plant has been on the

cards for some time, and it's absolutely critical to have lots of different types of industries, because the economy of northeast Arnhem Land has been reliant on the mine for many, many years," he said.

"Arnhem Land is a microcosm of the Australian economy, and it's dangerous to become too reliant on any one sector."

Major destination

He said tourism was an industry with potential for growth, and that Arnhem Land could become a major tourism destination 'where people can have extraordinary experiences they can't get anywhere else in the world'.

The Yolngu communities may be affected badly by the refinery closure.

"Yolngu people are certainly not going to move their homeland – the bigger question is the impact on services that Lirriwi currently uses, the food outlets, service

stations and transport," Mr Morse said.

In 2013 the tourism company created part-time work for more than 200 Yolngu people, and has a long-term vision of employing 1000 people across Arnhem Land and creating 50 new businesses.

"That's not going to replace the economic value of the mine, of course not, but ... this is where Yolngu people want to go," Mr Morse said.

"They see tourism as getting off welfare, a new economy, but they also see this as being able to stay on Country, connected to their culture, jobs for their kids, justice, reconciliation, and there's a big social benefit as well."

Until now Lirriwi Tourism has primarily taken corporate and schoolchildren on multi-day tours to learn about Aboriginal culture, living in remote areas, fishing and weaving. From next year they hope to offer women's tours, homelands tours and art tours. – AAP

Aboriginal section first for Vic Rural Health Awards



HEALTH professionals have been recognised for their contribution to Aboriginal communities at the Victorian Rural Health Awards.

Hosted by Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV), the awards are a way of thanking health professionals for their dedication and commitment.

Organisers said it was the first year that Aboriginal health had been included as a specific category in the awards.

Those to receive awards included Shannon Drake, a nurse at the Rumbalara Health Service in Mooroopna, Dr Robert Shepherd, also from Rumbalara Health Service, Dr Gary Bourke, from the Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Wendy Owen, an Indigenous health promotion project officer with the Lower Murray Medicare Local, and Dr Elisabeth Wearne, who works at Lake Tyers Health and Children's Services, Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association, and the Gippsland

Lakes Community Health Service.

RWAV CEO Rod Jackson said his organisation was delighted to acknowledge their achievements.

State Health Minister David Davis described the winners as true health heroes.

"Victoria is fortunate to have the services of so many wonderful health professionals and the Victorian Rural Health Awards are a great way of celebrating the fantastic contribution they make."



Health Minister David Davis, Dr Robert Shepherd, Vanessa Murphy, Shannon Drake, and RWAV chairman Dr Philip Webster at the awards, presented in Melbourne.

Gathering held in Canberra



SEVENTEEN First Peoples nations sent representatives to the inaugural Gathering of Nations, held in the House of Representatives in Old Parliament House and at the Aboriginal Embassy, Canberra, last month.

Pangarte Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, of the Alyawarre Nation (NT), and Ghillar Michael Anderson, of the Euahlayi Nation (NSW), were chosen unanimously as joint head spokespersons for the Sovereign Union of First Nations and Peoples in Australia on behalf of the nations present.

They issued a statement following the gathering, saying that the Sovereign Union provides the umbrella organisation for nations that have declared their independence, and assists other nations in the process of becoming independent.

They said three of the nations present had already declared their continuing independence and pre-existing statehood. They were the Murrawarri Republic, the Euahlayi Peoples Republic and the Republic of Mbarbaram, in Atherton Tablelands, far north Queensland.

"The Sovereign Union provides a flexible structure for the declaring of independence, with templates of the documents that can be used as a guide," the statement said.

"The criteria for statehood are: a land base; population; ability to develop an economy and be sustainable; ability to govern; and the ability to trade, treaty and enter into international agreements."

They said the Sovereign Union had initiated the establishment of a commission of inquiry into all massacres and killings of Aboriginal people.

"Wayne Brennan, of the Gomeri

Nation, has been appointed the national coordinator to establish a framework for our own public coronial inquiry into the killing of our people," the statement said.

"This will be inclusive of a full review of the royal commission report into Aboriginal deaths in custody and the implementation of its recommendations.

"From the women's working group some key concerns raised were: the wellbeing of children, the safety of Sovereign Union members; and the condemnation of reasons for the Commonwealth Government's NT intervention, in particular the claim that all Aboriginal men in NT communities are paedophiles.

"The men's working group agreed to call upon all Tjilpi, head law men and law women to come to the next gathering, at Uluru in 2014, to affirm our law.

"Regarding the proposed issuing of 99-year leases in the NT, the Sovereign Union supports the Alyawarre Nation and People's opposition to the threat of these leases over their land.

"By seeking 99-year leases, the Commonwealth Government makes an 'admission against interest', that is, they admit that Aboriginal Nations still hold radical title to the land, subsurface, waters, seas and airspace.

"The Alyawarre Nation informed the gathering of nations that they continue to hold sovereignty, dominion and radical title under their law and culture."

The Sovereign Union participants agreed to attend the Gathering of Nations at Uluru, being called by Maurie Ryan, of the Gurindji Nation, and Ms Kunoth-Monks, in the first half of next year, to which they will invite foreign ambassadors and other international observers.

'The Sovereign Union provides a flexible structure for the declaring of independence, with templates of the documents that can be used as a guide.'



Joining in the celebrations for the launch of the Narooma Red Cross Hub were, from left, Red Cross ACT/NSW executive director Joan Hughes, Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council chair at Wallaga Lake Lorraine Naylor, Red Cross community engagement and support coordinator Tom Noonan, Wagonga LALC chair Viv Mason, Red Cross community engagement and support manager Shanna Provost and Wallaga Lake Elder Eric Naylor.

Red Cross opens hub in Narooma

By LAURELLE PACEY



THE Aboriginal community's appreciation of Red

Cross' work was abundantly evident at the opening last week of the Narooma hub of Red Cross on the NSW far south coast.

Many Wallaga Lake residents joined in the celebrations with others from the wider Aboriginal community, Red Cross representatives from Canberra, local volunteers, and the Eurobodalla mayor, as well as many local businesses and community organisations.

Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) chair Viv Mason gave the welcome to country, saying Red Cross was an organisation she had admired since she was a child.

Narooma Red Cross community engagement and support manager Shanna Provost was

stunned by the response to the opening.

Until recently, Ms Provost and her offsideer Tom Noonan had been working out of their cars and houses. Now they have a base from which to provide more sustainable support.

She said it was an honour doing her job, and she acknowledged the significant support Red Cross received from local organisations and businesses.

Involved

Red Cross is involved with the wider community in many ways, but particularly with the Wallaga lake community, Little Yuin Pre-School and the Gnaardi Women's Group.

Merrimans LALC's Lorraine Naylor praised Red Cross' 'wonderful work', particularly in her community.

"People look forward to the Red Cross coming to Wallaga," she said.

"They ask what they can do to help us and don't try

to force things on us like some others."

Mrs Naylor said Red Cross' work at Wallaga ranged from assisting an individual to working with the women's group, assisting with community meetings, and helping with a social once a month for Elders, which she said was 'a real hoot' thanks to Ms Provost.

"We also find that with Red Cross involved, things seem to happen faster," she said.

That ability to deliver support on the ground was also appreciated by Eurobodalla Shire Council, which works closely with the Wallaga community, particularly through the outreach centre at Wallaga.

Ms Provost said she hoped to be also working more with Wagonga LALC.

Red Cross ACT/NSW executive director Joan Hughes spoke of Red Cross' ability to harness 'the Spirit of Humanity', adding that Red Cross celebrates its centenary next year.



From left, IPA program officer Marjorie Gant, Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation chair Delma Loogatha, local MP Rob Katter, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation chair Tommy Wilson.



Members of the Woomera Dancers from the Mirndiyan Gununa Centre in front of the IPA declaration sign.

Protected area status for islands



TRADITIONAL owners in the Gulf of Carpentaria can now step up efforts to conserve the region's natural resources following the formal recognition of Thuwathu/Bujimulla (the Wellesley Islands) as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA).

Covering more than 1.7 million hectares in the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Thuwathu/Bujimulla IPA encompasses 30 islands and a diverse marine life, with extensive mangrove forests, salt pans, estuaries and beaches.

The IPA declaration was celebrated by the Lardil, Yangkaal, Kaiadilt and Gangalidda people at a ceremony on Mornington Island.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Senator Nigel Scullion said the area joined a further 60 IPAs protecting natural and cultural values nationally.

"The management of this area will help protect six of the world's iconic species of marine turtles, including flatback and green turtles which nest on the islands, as well as dugongs and seabirds," he said.

Protection

Traditional owners will now play a leading role in the management and protection of the country, including monitoring the dugong population, scientific research and working with local industry and authorities on land and sea management.

Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation chair Delma Loogatha recognised the contributions of those involved.

"The Elders, together with

the Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation, have worked hard to get to this stage, and the declaration of the Thuwathu/Bujimulla IPA is critical for protection of our culture and environment and it is an opportunity for traditional owners to step up and manage country," she said.

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation chair Thomas Wilson said his members supported the traditional owners of the Wellesley Islands to gain exclusive native title and assisted them to develop the IPA plan.

"This declaration will ensure that the islands are managed sustainably for future generations," he said.

IPAs now cover more than 48 million hectares or more than 36 per cent of the National Reserve System, Australia's network of protected areas.



The grandchildren of those lost in a local charter plane crash on November 24, 1999, lay wreaths on the memorial. This year's service was held before the declaration ceremony.



Elders show the Thuwathu/Bujimulla Indigenous Protected Area Management Plan to local children.



Mornington Shire Council mayor Bradley Wilson, at right, enjoying the ceremony with locals.



Local children enjoying the declaration ceremony and finding out more about the management plan.



Murgon fire captain Peter Angel demonstrates how to handle a blaze.



Tallis George, Carmello Cobbo and Myrtelle Jerome enjoying the day.



Gundoo Day Care's 'Kangaroo Kids' went to help Cherbourg Get Ready with aunts Sharon Speedy (standing) and Janelle Carlo.



Ariannah Bond-Duncan gets a reading lesson from her mum Erica and aunty Patricia.



RACQ rescue helicopter pilot Brent Hall with Cherbourg State School students Dion Walsh, Keanu Purcell and Gregory Sando.



Garry Sippel, of Dreamtime Reptiles, shows an olive python to Cherbourg State School students, from left, Alex Georgetown, Steven Walsh, Shaykeeda Bell and Dee-Anna. The snake can eat mammals the size of a small wallaby.

Cherbourg ready for disasters



THE Cherbourg community in south-east Queensland prepared for the storm season with a 'Get Ready Cherbourg Day' late last month.

The event at the Les Stewart Snr Memorial Sports Centre was held to raise awareness about how to keep

safe in an emergency and how to plan for fires, floods and storms. It featured demonstrations by emergency services including fire, ambulance, police and the CareFlight rescue helicopter.

The free family day also offered rides, giveaways, a barbecue and finished with a concert starring local band Muddy Flats.



Julia Bond, 5, Peta Seckold, Pamela Bone and Cherbourg fire captain 'Pickles' Brown had a great day. Captain Brown was on the hunt for more volunteer firefighters to help handle the expected coming summer blazes.

Corroboree Sydney Festival 2013



NSW Governor Marie Bashir leads the Gurung Parade through Hyde Park. *Picture by Jamie Williams*



The Bitch is Black Drag Show at the Corroboree Club. *Picture by Anna Warr*

Busy time in city



AFTER 11 days packed with events, culture, dance, arts and entertainment the Corroboree Sydney Festival came to a close late last month.

The organising team thanked participants, volunteers, artists and workers.

"We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the overwhelming support for the inaugural Corroboree Sydney," they said.

"A special thank you to our council of five Elders, who provided wisdom, advice and guidance; festival patron (NSW Governor) Professor Marie Bashir, who has been simply amazing; Hetti Perkins, creative director, and Professor Michael McDaniel, chair of the working group.

"We cannot wait until 2014!"

Events were held across the city, including at the Opera House, Art Gallery of NSW, the State Library, Corroboree Central at Pier 2/3, the Australian Museum and Bangarra Dance Theatre.



The festival's Firelight Ceremony. *Picture by Jamie Williams*



Jimmy Barnes and Archie Roach performing at the Corroboree Club. *Picture by Jamie Williams*



Pamela Saunders, of Aboriginal weaving group Wahi-Win Migay, at the Black Arts Market. She is from Cargo, NSW. *Picture by Anna Warr*

Perth the venue for 2013



Nyungar Elder Sealin Garlett, who gave the welcome to country, with Jannine Taylor, of Mungabareena Health Service in Wodonga.

BROOME REGION



Alex Ramirez, from the Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service.



New Victorian Aboriginal Health Service CEO Jason King, with JLTA's Vince Mason.



Magda Markezic and Michelle Quester, from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (NSW) representatives, from left, Geoff Du Toit, CEO Darren Ah See, Loretta Stanley, director Barry Smith, Jay Forrester (kneeling), Ray West and Lindsey Stewart.



NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed and solo karaoke winner Clinton Dadleh with NACCHO CEO Lisa Briggs.

INSTITUTE OF KOORIE EDUCATION



Deakin University Institute of Koorie Education staff, from left, Wendy Anders, Fiona Ryan and Amber Paterson at one of the stalls set up for the meetings.



NACCHO's Josie May, Dr Mark Wenitong and Dr Jason Agustino in Perth.

NACCHO annual meetings



NACCHO youth delegates with the NACCHO board members at the meeting in Perth. Picture by Tash Nannup



Sue Fatnowna, of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association, with Chrystine Stuart, of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives.



Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service workers, from left, Dot Henry, Jonathan Thorne and Gloria Askander.

We can help Govt – chair



AUSTRALIA'S peak Indigenous health organisation is looking to work closely with the new Federal Government, its leader says.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chair Justin Mohamed said his organisation could do much to help the Abbott Government achieve its goal of closing the Indigenous health gap.

"We're already working to further open lines of communication with the Government to achieve improved health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he told the *Koori Mail*.

Mr Mohamed was speaking after the NACCHO members' and annual general meetings, held late last month in Perth.

More than 300 people representing NACCHO member organisations around Australia were at the gathering.

A well-attended youth forum and health reform workshops were features of the agenda.

Mr Mohamed, who will serve as NACCHO chair for the coming year, said there was more unity than ever among NACCHO members.

"We are all working



Koori Mail director Trevor Kapeen presents the first copy of NACCHO Health News to NACCHO chair Justin Mohamed. The newspaper, produced by NACCHO and the *Koori Mail*, will be published several times a year. Mr Kapeen, who works for Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation in northern NSW, said that as a 100 per cent Aboriginal owned and controlled organisation, the *Koori Mail* was pleased to be working with an important organisation like NACCHO. Mr Mohamed welcomed NACCHO Health News as another important way of spreading news and information vital to NACCHO members and communities generally.

towards the same goals," he said.

"Right now it isn't exactly

crystal clear what the new government's priorities are.

"But our lines of

communication are open and we are ready to work with them."



Summer Finlay, from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.



Michelle Elwell, from the Australian Indigenous Health Infonet.

Bands will make Soundz



INDIGENOUS bands Zennith Boyz and Djun Djun Jarra will perform this month at the second UMI Arts free concert series.

Called UMI Soundz, the series is being run by UMI Arts in partnership with the Tanks Arts Centre in Cairns, far north Queensland. UMI Soundz is designed to shine a light on emerging as well as established Indigenous contemporary musicians and bands.

Zennith performs high-energy, reggae rhythms with a fusion of hip-hop and traditional music. The band has played at major events including the Byron Bay Bluesfest, Splendour in the Grass, Papua New Guinea's Australian Week and, most recently, the Big Talk One Fire Concert in Cairns.

Djun Djun Jarra, which means 'Fish Hook' in language, is a group of five young musicians who live and rehearse in Yarrabah, near Cairns. They learned to play instruments in primary school and by listening to their uncles.

UMI Soundz will be in Tank 5 at Tanks Art Centre in Cairns on Saturday, December 14. More details at www.tanksartscentre.com

● **Pictured: Zennith Boyz performing at the Big Talk One Fire concert during August.**

Picture: Romy Photography



Pair to star at NSW festival



COUNTRY singer Troy Cassar-Daley will headline the NSW mid north coast's Saltwater Freshwater Festival on January 26, along with Borroloola songwoman Shellie Morris, from the Northern Territory.

The 2014 festival, to be held in Kempsey, will feature a day of Aboriginal culture, music, fun, food, discussion, craft, dance, market stalls and a children's activity area.

The free annual event is the region's only festival showcasing local Aboriginal culture.

Originally from Grafton but now based in south-east Queensland, Cassar-Daley says he is looking forward to his January 26 visit to Kempsey – home of the Akubra hat and birthplace of country music legend Slim Dusty.

"The Saltwater Freshwater Festival is a special event for sure, a chance for everyone to get together and have a whole lot of fun. I can't wait to share my music with the crowds in Kempsey," he said.

Shellie Morris' music speaks of strength, pride and triumph over adversity. An Aboriginal woman originally from Sydney, where she was raised by



Shellie Morris

non-Aboriginal parents, she went on a journey to trace her Aboriginal roots and discovered a place of belonging in the Northern Territory.

As a 2013 Deadly and National Indigenous Music Awards winner, she has travelled the world as a solo artist and as part of collaborations



Troy Cassar-Daley

such as The Black Arm Band.

The festival will be held at Kempsey Showground, 10am-4.30pm on January 26. It is a drug- and alcohol-free event. Go to the website www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au for more information or to register as a volunteer or stallholder.

Ceramic art award entries being sought



APPLICATIONS have opened for the 2014 Indigenous Ceramic Art Award at Shepparton Art Museum in Victoria. The award offers \$20,000 for first prize, \$10,000 for second and an encouragement award of \$3000. All are acquisitive. An exhibition of entries will be held at the art museum from May 16 until August 10.

Previous prize winners include artists Janet Fieldhouse, Cynthia Vogler, Vera Cooper, Danie Mellor, Rona Rubuntja, Irene Mbitjana Entata and Carol Anilyuru Williams.

Next year's exhibition will be curated by filmmaker Nicholas Boseley, who will also produce a documentary on the award.

"Established under the patronage of acclaimed artist the late Dr Gloria Thanakupi Fletcher, this award celebrates and supports the rich and diverse use of ceramic medium by Indigenous artists and acknowledges the special industry of ceramic art," art museum director Kirsten Paisley said.

"As an acquisitive award, it contributes to the art museum's significant holdings of Australian ceramic art."

The Indigenous Ceramic Art Award is supported by major partners the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation, Margaret Lawrence Bequest and Mr Allan Myers, and sponsor S & J Rothfield Family Fund.

Applications for the 2014 award close on March 7. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au

Carriageworks to host NAISDA performances



CARRIAGEWORKS in Sydney is the venue for the NAISDA Dance College's end-of-year show, from December 11-14.

This year, students will perform *Ngalpun Mudth* ('Our Home' in the Kala Lagaw Ya language of Moa Island in the Torres Strait), which examines cultural heritage and explores relationships with land and sea.

The performances, which draw on the culture of Moa Island, also celebrate the start of a new cycle of traditional relationships with NAISDA Dance College, led by NAISDA graduate Dennis Newie. Tony Mudalyun Ganambarr and Heather Mitjamba Burarrwanga will also lead performances by the Datiwuy Clan, from Arnhem Land.

Also on the program are works from contemporary artists and choreographers

including NAISDA graduates Gary Lang and Frances Rings, as well as Vicki Van Hout and Sani Townson. A segment from Graeme Murphy's work *The Protecting Veil* is also scheduled, as are new dance works from choreographers Pam Williams, Paulina Quinteros, Kristina Chan and Aku Kadogo.

Two acts will also be choreographed by NAISDA developing artists Rodney Beatty and Kyle Shilling.

A community evening will be held at Carriageworks from 8pm on Wednesday, December 11, with the main *Ngalpun Mudth* performances from 8pm on December 12-14. A schools matinee is at 10am on December 13, and an afternoon performance will be held from 2pm on December 14.

More details at carriageworks.com.au or by telephoning (02) 8571 9099.

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Officially a legend!



KAMILAROI man Col Hardy, from Brewarrina in north-western NSW, is

officially a country music living legend.

He received the Australian Country Music Living Legend Award during a recent ceremony at Kempsey in northern NSW.

As a young man, Hardy became interested in music while listening to the radio. He taught himself to play guitar and won a talent quest in Walgett and then toured with The Willie Fennell Travelling Show. He moved to Sydney in 1962 to further his music career.

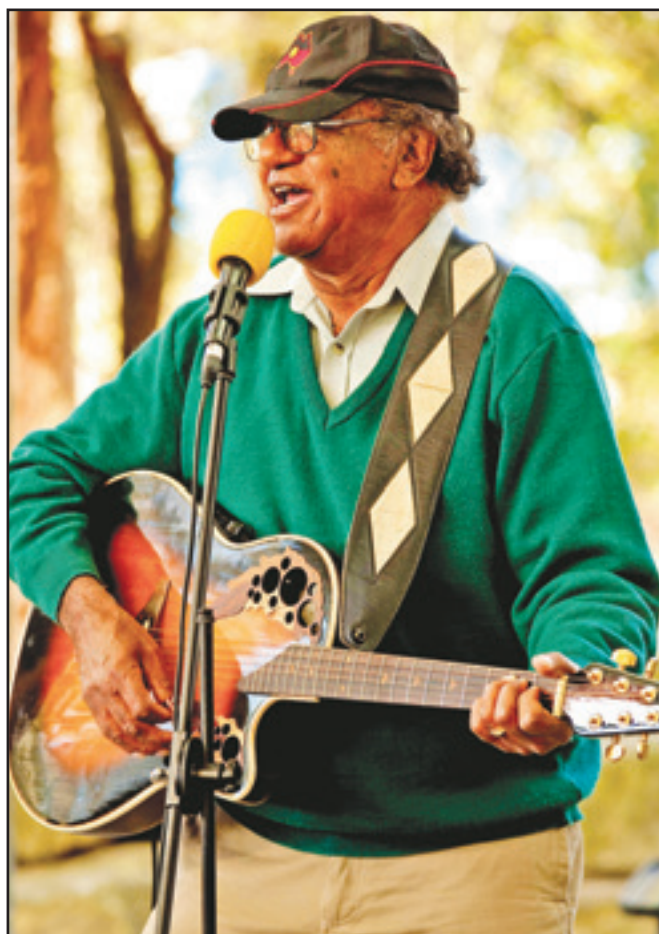
Hardy has sung in hotels and clubs across eastern Australia, and made many television appearances.

Golden Guitar

While performing in Tamworth in 1972 he was approached by Opal Records to record an EP, named *Protest Protest*, for which he won a Golden Guitar in 1973 at the Australasian Country Music Awards, making him the first Aboriginal person to receive the coveted award. Four albums later he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in Tamworth.

Hardy was also named 1990 NAIDOC NSW Aboriginal Artist of the Year.

He now performs with his own band, which includes Aboriginal guitarist Charley Boyter, who was a band



Country music living legend Col Hardy.

Picture courtesy of Taronga Zoo

member for many years with the late Slim Dusty.

Hardy also works with the Taronga Park Zoo Education Unit, which takes a 'Zoomobile' with a workshop called 'Animals of the Dreaming' to schools across NSW, teaching about protecting native fauna and the environment. Students get to see and

touch the animals, and Hardy sings and tells Dreamtime stories.

Col Hardy received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2007 Queen's Birthday Honours List, and in 2011 he won the Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Music at the Deadlys.



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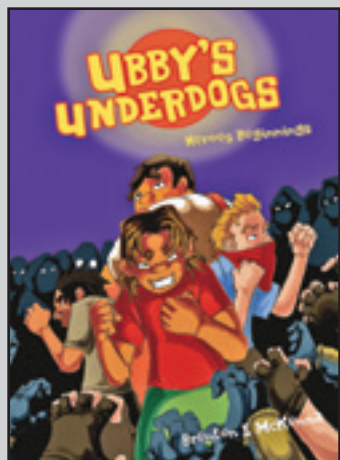
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Return of Ubbly and her gang



UBBY and her gang are back in the second episode in Australia's first Indigenous graphic novel trilogy.

Ubbly's Underdogs: Heroes Beginnings returns to 1940s Broome, where author Brenton McKenna takes readers on an adventure where mystical forces from two ancient cultures collide.

In this instalment, Ubbly – a smart, street-wise Aboriginal girl – and her small rag-tag gang known as the Underdogs set out to find their missing friend Sai Fong, the Dragon Summoner.

Their search is stymied by the conniving pearling master Paul Donappleton, while Yupman, the missing Sai Fong's guardian, faces his greatest fear from the past.

As the gang grapples with larger events, Donappleton's greed and desperation push the sleepy town to the brink.

Old myths and legends from an ancient scroll begin to take on a new meaning and it becomes a race to unravel the truth for all involved.

The work continues with established characters who have links to other worlds against a backdrop of fictionalised Aboriginal and Chinese mythology.

Brenton McKenna is a young Yawuru (Broome language group) artist and writer who fell in love with comic books at a young age. He studied visual arts for two years at Goulburn TAFE in NSW and in 2009 was one of 20 applicants to be awarded a mentorship with the Australian Society of Authors.

For the *Ubbly's Underdogs* series, he has drawn on his own childhood in Broome and the character of Ubbly was inspired by his grandmother, an Aboriginal woman who, he says, knew how to look after herself. McKenna has branched out into other projects including illustrating *Living Alongside the Animals – Anangu Way*, by Eileen Wani Wingfield and Emily Munyungka Austin (IAD Press, 2009).

The first Ubbly work, *Ubbly's Underdogs: The Legend of the Phoenix Dragon*, was published by Magabala Books in 2011.

Ubbly's Underdogs: Heroes Beginnings is available now.

Winners' artworks on show



WORKS by the winners of this year's Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award are now on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery in northern NSW.

Pottsville artist David

Miller's open-prize-winning work *Spirit of Ullagundahi* and the encouragement prize winning piece, a photographic diptych by Brittany Hegedus, of South Grafton, are featured.

Both winners were named last month by Keith Munro, the curator of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Programs at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney.

As the open prize winner, David Miller will have the opportunity to present a solo exhibition in the loft gallery in 2015.

Frances Belle Parker, who

won the award in 2011, is now showing her exhibition *Always...* in the loft gallery.

All exhibits are on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery until December 8.

● Pictured: Danielle Gorogo in front of her artwork *Tapestry of Inner Designs*.



Exhibition is a first

By PETER ARGENT



FRESH from her Don Dunstan Award at the 2013 *Our Mob* exhibition, Amanda Radomi's inaugural solo exhibition is now on at the Box Factory Community Centre in the Adelaide.

Featuring paintings she has completed in the past year, the exhibition has already resulted in sales and commissions.

Radomi's works feature strong colour.

"The paintings reflect my love of trees, nature and community," she said.

"The series of paintings called *Community* was inspired by the Ngarrindjeri story of Thukeri the Bony Bream, in which two men are punished for not sharing their fish with a stranger."

More than 100 people attended last month's



Artist Amanda Radomi with one of her works.

exhibition launch.

"I was extremely happy with the launch party. There was a steady stream of people in attendance all night

and sales far exceeded my expectations," Radomi said.

For details of the exhibition, go to www.adelaidecitycouncil.com



Thaylia has high hopes for single



HAVING recently backed Archie Roach on a major tour, Aboriginal singer Thaylia, pictured, has released her debut single *Hope*.

The Darwin-born contemporary acoustic singer/songwriter has produced a video to accompany the release.

Thaylia worked as a music lecturer with Abmusic and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and, after winning a position to become a music intern with the Sydney Festival for 2014, has relocated to Sydney.

She says *Hope* is a song about 'an awakening of one's consciousness and aligning with our truth to make the most of the present moment by taking chances with love, our dreams and with ourselves'.

"I have chosen this song as my first release because it is a true representation of where I am at today and sends a positive message about life, and embracing and living life to our highest potential," Thaylia said.

"It's about not being afraid to take chances despite living in a world of great uncertainty."

● **Thaylia will perform at Name this Bar, 197 Oxford Street, Taylor Square, Sydney on December 10. Doors open at 8pm. It's free entry and Thaylia says there'll be a free copy of her single to early arrivals.**



Letitia Kelly gave up smoking with the support of the Bugalwena Quit Smoking Program.

Quit program helps new life



SMOKING and pregnant women don't mix. That's

why the Quit for New Life program was established by the NSW Ministry of Health in partnership with NSW Kids and Families.

The program aims to cut smoking rates among pregnant Aboriginal women, women who have an Aboriginal baby and other people living in their homes.

Now the program is being extended to the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSW LHD).

NSW Ministry of Health's Tracey Greenberg said the objective was to support pregnant Aboriginal women and people in their homes to quit smoking and

remain smoke-free.

NNSW LHD cessation support leader Christine Sullivan said the program would be implemented in her region over the next three years.

"Women will be referred to the NSW Quitline, provided with ongoing smoking cessation care and, if clinically appropriate, provided with free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) through a voucher system," she said.

Support

"Household members are also able to receive the free NRT after they are assessed by the cessation support staff."

Once they are enrolled in the Quit for New Life program, the mother and household family members will be eligible for 12 weeks' free supply of NRT.

Letitia Kelly is one woman who has benefited from the program.

She smoked while working as a police officer and, after changing jobs to work in health, watched as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were supported to quit smoking.

She says she saw the change in people who were able to quit and recognised the benefits of giving up the smokes.

When she fell pregnant with her son, Ms Kelly joined the local quit smoking program. She says she was concerned about the dangers of smoking and the effects that would have on her unborn baby.

Ms Kelly gave up smoking with the support of the local Bugalwena Quit Smoking Program.

AMA seeks applicants



INDIGENOUS medical students are being encouraged to apply for the 2014 Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.

AMA president Steve Hambleton said an important part of closing the Indigenous health and life-expectancy gap was to build an adequate workforce that included Indigenous doctors and health professionals.

"There is evidence that there is a greater chance of improved health outcomes when Indigenous people are treated by Indigenous doctors and health professionals," Dr Hambleton said.

"The numbers of Indigenous doctors are steadily increasing, but every effort needs to be made to help make it possible for Indigenous people to study medicine.

"This is why the AMA offers the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship of \$9000 per annum for aspiring Indigenous doctors.

"The scholarship has assisted many Indigenous men and women who may not otherwise have had the financial resources to study medicine."

Applications for the scholarship must be in by January 30. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time at an Australian medical school and be eligible for Abstudy.

For further information on how to apply, visit ama.com.au

Submissions sought



RURAL Health West is seeking submissions for oral and poster presentations for its Aboriginal health conference in Perth on July 5-6 next year.

Organisers expect the conference to attract 150 delegates from around Australia. They say it will provide a forum to focus on developing commitments to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in rural and remote communities, particularly in Western Australia.

The 2014 conference theme is 'Strong commitments – healthy communities', and organisations or individuals are invited to submit abstracts in relation to research or projects across all areas of Aboriginal health, community engagement, education and workforce development.

For more information on the conference or for details on how to submit an abstract, visit the website www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/ aboriginalhealth or contact Rural Health West on (08) 6389 4500.

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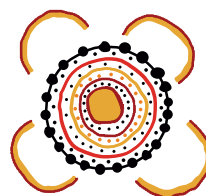
The Guri Wagir Aboriginal Health Program is coordinated by Central Coast NSW Medicare Local and works with local Aboriginal people, doctors and other health professionals to coordinate and deliver better healthcare.

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New horizons at UniSA



INDIGENOUS higher education is set to take a higher profile at the University of South Australia as part of a new strategic plan called Crossing the Horizon. Head of UniSA's David Unaipon College of Indigenous Research Professor Stanley Nangala says that while Indigenous education has always been important to the university, the strategy takes it a step further by setting clear goals and action plans.

"For some time, we have talked about the need to engage with Aboriginal communities in new and different ways, and Crossing the Horizon paves the way for this to happen," he said.

"The strategic plan clearly outlines that we will strengthen our position as the university of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in South Australia and beyond.

Reconciliation plan

"This is a bold, confident and inspirational goal and one backed by the vice chancellor's imminent signing of the first University of SA Reconciliation Action Plan."

Prof Nangala said Indigenous communities would benefit from 'the renewed excitement about the university's strategic vision which includes increased community engagement with schools, communities and parents'.

"The buzz of progress and the promise of even greater levels of growth can be seen in the magnificent blueprint for UniSA's expansion, and the opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are immense," he said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and communities need to know that the UniSA is serious in its commitment to (Indigenous) higher education in Australia and beyond.

More details at unisa.edu.au



Prof Stanley Nangala, left, at the University of South Australia.

Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples

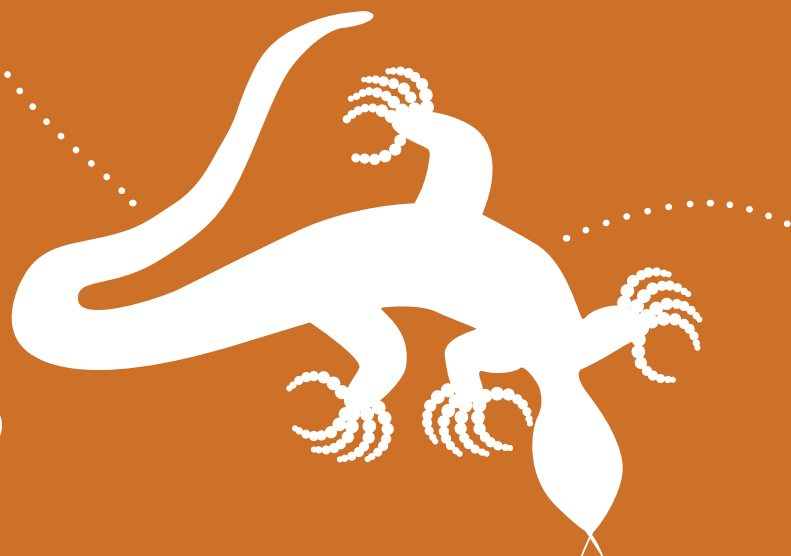
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Students manage course



INDIGENOUS students studying management by distance education at Charles Sturt University (CSU) were in Bathurst, NSW, last month for a residential school and the presentation of awards.

Course facilitator Dr Calvin Wang described as 'very interesting' the student group who made up the first Indigenous cohort studying the Bachelor of Business (Management).

"Many are aged in their 40s and 50s and hold senior positions in a range of Indigenous, government and non-government organisations in NSW and the Northern Territory," he said.

The students attended on-campus lectures last month and received certificates of achievement.

"All have signed up to a part-time four-year program and have to fit this in with full-time employment, family, and community commitments," Dr Wang said.

"They are great role models not only for Indigenous young people, but also mature-aged people hoping to advance careers or wanting to complete higher studies for aspirational reasons."

● Pictured left: Wiradjuri Elder Aunty Gloria 'Dindima' Rogers with Indigenous award recipients, from left, Christina Walker (Darwin), Mark Toomey (Dubbo), Michael Newman (Orange) and John Nolan (Gilgandra).

School right for Miranda



MIRANDA Fisher says she's glad her parents refused to buckle when she cried and begged for them to collect her from St Saviour's College in Toowoomba, south-east Queensland.

Miranda had been at the boarding school for just a fortnight when a deep-seated homesickness set in.

"I missed being around my family; my brothers, my parents, everything; sitting around yarning, having a good time," she said.

But her mother Rosetta and father George told Miranda to see out the term.

When Miranda, then 13, returned to Cherbourg she came to the realisation school was right for her.

"I realised it had become natural for me to go back to school," the recent Year 12 graduate said.

"It had to be done to succeed and show all those other young, little kids they can be whatever they want to be."

That's what Miranda's Year 6 teacher Eric Law and his wife Shirley, at St Joseph's school, Murgon, had told her.



Miranda Fisher with her uncle Greg and nan Dorreen.

Miranda said the talks they gave students made her realise she wanted a career that would allow her to help other people have an easier life.

Graduated

She graduated on November 15 and is set to start on a community services course in Brisbane.

"Youth justice is the way I want to go because of family and all these other young kids," Miranda said.

"I want them to see there's a better future for them than doing nothing. It's not easy. They have to want it too. You can't force them to do it."

"I want it and I want them to have a better future too."

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DARE awards in Toowoomba



MENTORS and secondary school students have marked another year of a University of Southern Queensland (USQ) program designed to raise Indigenous aspirations with the second annual DARE Awards ceremony in Toowoomba, south-east Queensland.

The DARE (Dream Aspire Reach Experience) program connects Indigenous secondary school students with USQ students, Indigenous organisations, business owners and Elders to address education barriers for Indigenous people. It involves face-to-face mentoring, and working with parents, teachers and the Indigenous community.

DARE mentor Joseph Roberson, who worked with students at Oakey State High School, said he loved the experience.

"It's so interesting and rewarding to work with students to guide them and build their confidence," he said.

"Mentors are role models – we can relate to the students as many of us were in a similar position not too long ago.

"It's about supporting these young people to build their aspirations and helping each of them believe they can achieve their goals."

DARE project manager Megan Darr said 2013 had been a great year for the Indigenous Secondary School Student Mentoring Program.



Mentors together with graduates involved in the University of Southern Queensland's DARE secondary school mentoring program with their awards at the ceremony in Toowoomba, southern Queensland.

"In addition to school placements, events such as the DARE Traditional Indigenous Games School

Competition and the DARE leadership camp were very warmly received by mentors and students alike," she said.

"Events such as these promote self-esteem, leadership and teamwork, whilst learning traditional culture."

Course wins praise



AN education course launched this year by Challenger Institute of Technology in Western Australia has proven a success.

Thirty-three students will graduate this year with a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE) qualification, which is designed for Aboriginal participants who want to move into roles in industry or training institutions.

Challenger Institute Aboriginal training and workforce development officer Lee-Anne Habel said the program had been successful because of the interactive, community-minded and supportive nature of course delivery.

"I am overwhelmed by the success of this pilot program, and the feedback that I have received from participants and industry has been amazing," she said.

"It's particularly pleasing that a number of graduates who are currently employed see this qualification as enabling them to expand their career options.

"The course has run five times this year, each class having more participants than the last, proving that word-of-mouth and positive community and industry awareness of the program is alive and well. There is already a waiting list for next year's course."

The course covers 10 units of



Daniella Borg with fellow Certificate IV in Training and Assessment graduates in the background.

competency and is delivered one week a month over three months.

Challenger Institute Aboriginal leadership lecturer and course facilitator Debbie Guy said there had been many student success

stories as a result of the program.

"The course participants have been very diverse, including a mix of males and females and ages ranging from 22 up to students in their early 60s," she said.

"For most participants, the course has been about recognising that they may not have been in the right career, with the program opening their eyes to the possibility of finding more meaningful

employment or training opportunities.

"It has been fantastic to see the improvement in the students' confidence, ambition and determination. This to me has been the most rewarding part of teaching the course."

One student who has thrived since completing the course is 44-year-old mother-of-nine Daniella Borg, of Middle Swan, Perth.

An Aboriginal education officer at Governor Stirling Senior High School, she said completing the course had been a confidence-boosting experience.

"I always strive to set a good example to my children that you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it," Ms Borg said.

"It was so great to get this qualification, as although I knew I had the capabilities to do my job well, I didn't possess the specific techniques to excel in my role. This course has taught me these skills."

Ms Borg, who completed the course in September, said she had many ambitions, including becoming a trainer. "Completing this qualification has given me the skills to be able to teach and mentor others in a similar position to what I am in, which will be very rewarding," she said.

The course will be held at the Challenger Institute Murdoch campus next year. Visit www.challenger.wa.edu.au for more information or to enrol.



Jack Charles and Kelton Pell in a scene from *Coranderrk*.

Spotlight on Coranderrk



THE Coranderrk Aboriginal Reserve in Victoria's Yarra Valley is the subject of a new book and a play to be staged this month in Sydney.

The Coranderrk station was founded in 1863 by members of Kulin clans who had been displaced from their lands by Europeans. They settled outside of present-day Healesville in Victoria and established a thriving farming community.

But by the 1870s, white farmers pushed to have the people of Coranderrk removed from the farming land they were cultivating.

Faced with the prospect of being dispossessed again, the people of Coranderrk launched one of the first sustained campaigns for justice, land rights and self-determination in colonial Australia.

They wrote letters to newspapers, sent petitions to ministers, and formed deputations to the Chief Minister by walking into Melbourne.

A parliamentary inquiry was appointed in 1881 to investigate the management of Coranderrk and decide on the future of the station and its inhabitants.

While both black and white people supported the Kulin people, the inquiry led to many being forced from the successful station, resulting in the *Aborigines Protection Act 1886*, which required 'half-castes under the age of 35' to leave.

The station went into a slow decline, was ordered to close in 1924, although some people stayed, and eventually became unoccupied.

In 1998, part of the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station was returned to the

Wurundjeri Tribe Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council when the Indigenous Land Corporation bought a large area.

The play *Coranderrk*, and the book *Coranderrk: We will show the country*, both focus on the inquiry, celebrating the collaboration between black and white people in pursuit of justice.

The play features an all-Indigenous cast, including Jack Charles, Kelton Pell and Bjorn Stewart. It is a dramatisation of the transcripts of the inquiry. The people behind the book and play are historian Giordano Nanni and Yorta Yorta/Kurnai playwright Andrea James.

The play is on at Belvoir, in Sydney's Surry Hills, from December 7-January 3. Details on (02) 9699 3444.

The book is available through Aboriginal Studies Press.

We welcome items for our **National Calendar of Events**. Please make them to the point and include all 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 specifically for and about carers that provides access to information, emotional support and referrals to a range of services for carers. Call 1800 242 636 Monday to Friday.

Counselling for Carers – Carers NSW supports unpaid carers across NSW through the National Carer Counselling Program. For information and support, call the Carer Line on 1800 242 636.

The Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative. Children who are eligible for the program can access funding of up to \$12,000 each financial year for a range of early intervention services. Children must be registered before age six to be eligible. For more information, call the Carer Line on 1800 242 636 or visit www.carersnsw.org.au

NSW-ACT

Ongoing: New Directions Mums and Bubs Program. A service helping to educate, support and provide professional friendly care for mums, bubs and children up to eight. Held at the Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service, 120 Tamar St, Ballina on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. Details: (02) 6681 5992

Until January 27: *Illuminate* exhibition. It resulted from a community initiative in the communities of Toomelah and Boggabilla. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney, daily from 10am-5pm. Free admission. Details: 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

Until December 7: Tiwi artist exhibition, featuring the works by Bede Tungutalum. It includes prints, carvings and pukumani poles. Held at Deport 11 Gallery, 2 Danks St, Waterloo on Tues, Thurs and Fri, 10am-5pm, Wed 10am-7pm and Sat 11m-6pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until December 8: *Always...* An exhibition by Frances Belle Parker. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy Street, Grafton, Tues-Sun 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until December 10: Redfern Wrap Around. Connecting community to services all under one roof. Held once a month at the Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo, Redfern, from 10am-2.30pm. Details: (02) 9288 5713.

Until December 21: *Wanarn – Ngaanyatjarra*, a works on board exhibition. A collection of new paintings from the Western Desert. Held at Aboriginal and Pacific Art, 2 Danks St, Waterloo on Tues, Thurs

and Fri 10am-5pm, Wed 10am-7pm and Sat 11am-6pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 9699 2211 or visit www.aboriginalpacificart.com.au

Until February 23: *Koori Art Expressions 2013 and Saltwater Visions* exhibitions. Held at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney from 9.30am-5pm daily. Cost: \$7 adult, \$3.50 child/concession, \$17.50 family. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or visit www.anmm.gov.au

December 6: Goorie Men's Golf Day. Open to men from the Casino and Lismore area. There are limited numbers and includes a free lunch. Held at the Lismore Golf Course from 10.30am. Details: Les Roberts on (02) 6686 5644

December 7-January 3: *Coranderrk*. This production pays tribute to the resilience and adaptability of a people who rose to the challenge despite the odds. Held at Belvoir Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills. Performance times vary and admission fees apply. Details: (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

December 7: Film screening, *From The Edge*. A story of love, toil and triumph, heartfelt stories of growing up in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Held at the Roxy Theatre, 11 Pine Ave, Leeton, from 6.30pm. Free entry. Details: (02) 9653 2074

December 7: Yuin Back to Country celebration. A celebration of Yuin culture and history which includes the Doonooch dancers, traditional arts, crafts and games, entertainment and caring for country activities. Held at Tilba Showground, Tilba, South Coast, NSW from 9am-4.30pm. Free admission. Details: 1300 361 967.

December 11-February 2: *Responding to Country* exhibition. Fourteen Aboriginal artist living in Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbainggiri country (NSW) respond to country, memory and place. Artists include Braden Cutmore, Karla Dickens, Russell Meehan and Krystal Randall. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton from Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (02) 42 3177 or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

December 11-14: *Our Home 'Ngapun Mudth'* performance by NAISDA Dance College, held at the Carriageworks, Sydney. The performances draw on the culture of Moa Island. Held at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh, from 8pm. Costs apply. Bookings essential through Carriageworks. Details: (02) 8571 9099 or visit www.carriageworks.com.au

December 12-February 23: *Yirrkala Drawings* exhibition. A total of 81 Yirrkala drawings on show for the first time. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney, daily 10am-5pm. Free admission. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278 or visit www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au

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Thumbs up for Showcase plan



THE Jimmy Little Foundation will partner with the Aboriginal

Cultural Showcase to bring its 'Thumbs Up! to Healthy Tucker' message to audiences at the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January.

The foundation was established by country music icon the late Jimmy Little to pursue his dream of a healthier future for Indigenous Australians.

Under the partnership with the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase, foundation CEO Graham 'Buzz' Bidstrup and ambassador Queensland's Adam James will mentor emerging Aboriginal musicians through the showcase's talent development program, as well as delivering Uncle Jimmy Little's Thumbs Up! message.

"We are really pleased to be able to partner with the Jimmy Little Foundation for the 2014 Aboriginal Cultural Showcase," Tamworth Regional Council youth services coordinator Stephen Blanch said.

"The showcase is a great event for performers just starting out in the industry, connecting them with



Young performer Kelsey Strasek-Barker gets some welcome words of wisdom from Uncle Jimmy Little (now deceased) at the 2010 Aboriginal Cultural Showcase in Tamworth.

opportunities throughout the festival and with experienced mentors from right across Australia.

"Our partnership with the Jimmy Little Foundation not only gives us access to some great mentors for our up-and-coming musicians, but the message of the foundation is a really positive one for our

musicians, audiences and broader festival visitors."

The Jimmy Little Foundation's message is about eating good, nutritious food for a longer healthier life.

"Jimmy Little was a guest performer and mentor for the 2010 Aboriginal Cultural Showcase and inspired many of the young people in our

program who we are now watching forge their own careers," Mr Blanch said.

"We feel so fortunate to have this ongoing relationship with the Jimmy Little Foundation and pay tribute to Uncle Jimmy's influence on Aboriginal music and community health and wellbeing."

Exhibition at maritime museum



THE Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney is hosting works by young students

inspired by this year's NAIDOC theme 'We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963'.

The *Koori Arts Expressions 2013* exhibition features art by students from 29 public schools across Sydney.

In developing the artworks, students were asked to reflect on the connection to country that Indigenous people share and how the achievements of the past inform and help further aspirations and plans for the future.

Public Schools NSW executive director Murat Dizdar said *Koori Art Expressions* aimed to develop an understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage among all students.

"This year's theme represents an important part of Australian history and has resulted in some truly inspirational art," he said.

"Our students are highly talented and skilled, which is reflected in the work they have produced."

Paintings, photography, textiles, sculptures and ceramics are among the works on show.

Also on display at the National Maritime Museum is *Saltwater Visions*, a collection of bark paintings from the museum's Saltwater Collection (created in 1996) highlighting the efforts of Yolngu (NT Top End) people to share their connections to saltwater country.

The *Koori Art Expressions 2013* exhibition continues until February 16. *Saltwater Visions* is on until February 23.

For more details check out www.anmm.gov.au

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December 14-15: SPATE Celebration. Celebrating the 13th anniversary at the embassy on McCauleys Beach. It includes traditional ceremony and dance, a sovereignty forum, kids' activities, a concert featuring Coloured Stone, Joe Geia and Frank Yamma. Held at Kuradji on McCauleys Beach between Thirroul and Bulli from 11am-9pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Details Karen Gough on 0439 707 969.

January 6-16: North Coast Indigenous Swim and Survive Subsidy Holiday Program. Programs are taught by nationally qualified instructors for children between 18 months and 12. Held at various locations on the North Coast. Free lessons (for Aboriginal children only). Pre-enrolment by this Friday. Details: (02) 6618 0400 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive

Queensland

Ongoing: The Ration Shed Museum. When people were moved off the land and taken to Cherbourg they were cut off from their traditional sources of food and given weekly rations of mainly flour, sugar, tea, sago, rice, split peas and meat. The Ration Shed space is used to tell their stories. Details: (07) 4169

5753 or visit www.rationshed.com.au

Until March 2: *Traversing Borders*, art from the Kimberley exhibition. A collection of works from the Kimberley region in Western Australia including artists Rover Thomas, Queenie McKenzie, Jarinyanu David Downs and more. Held at QUT Art Museum, 2 George St, Brisbane from Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun, 12-4pm. Details: (07) 3138 5370 or visit www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au

December 14: *Our Dreaming: animating country* launch ceremony. This theatrical performance will be held at Maiwar Green, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, Southbank from 5-8pm. Free event. Details: (07) 3840 7768 or visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

December 14: Brisbane North Side Murri Xmas celebrations. Includes live entertainment, jumping castle, free barbecue, Murri Claus motorcycle escort and more. Held at Koobara Kindergarten, 421 Beams Rd, Taigum from 2-5pm. Details: (07) 3865 4044.

Northern Territory

Until March 2: *Treasures from Papunya and Road Cross* exhibition.

Held at Araluen Arts Centre, 61 Larapinta Dr, Araluen, NT from Mon-Fri 10-4pm & Sat-Sun 11am-4pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or visit www.artsandmuseums.nt.gov.au

Western Australia

Until December 22: *A Common Ground*, an exhibition of stories and tradition behind the sharing of food. Artists include Njalikwa Chongwe, Anna Fiala, Charmaine Green and more. Held at Mundaring Arts Centre, 7190 Great Eastern Hwy, cnr Nichol St, Mundaring from Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-3pm. Free gallery entry. Details: (08) 9295 3991 or visit www.mundaringartscentre.com.au

December 5: Curtin University free workshops, titled 'Building Mental Wealth'. Presented by National Congress of Australia's First Peoples director Tammy Solonec and Professor Pat Dudgeon of the School of Indigenous Studies, University of WA. Held at Centre for Aboriginal Studies. Building 211, Room 222/223, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley from 9am-4pm. Free event. Details: (08) 9266 9266 or register at the website www.workshopsbmw2013.eventbrite.com

December 6: Curtin University Public

Seminar - 'Building Mental Wealth Through Innovation: The Indigenous Way Forward'. Includes keynote speaker Professor Sandra Eades, who is a medical epidemiologist, and other Aboriginal guest presenters.

Held at Tim Winton Lecture theatre, Building 213, Room 104, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley from 8.30am-5pm. Free event. Details: (08) 9266 9266 or register at www.buildingmentalwealth013.eventbrite.com.au

South Australia

December 29-January 4: Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship National Convention. Held at the Lea Memorial Theatre, Port Augusta. Details: Neville Lilley on 0419 500 092.

Victoria

Until December 7: *Paddy Bedford - Masterpieces from the Estate* exhibition. Showcasing the works of the late Paddy Bedford. Held at William Mora Galleries, 60 Tanner St, Richmond, Tues-Fri, 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun noon-4pm. Free gallery entry.

Details: (03) 9429 1199 or visit www.moragalleries.com.au

Country carers



Monarto Zoo graduate trainees Jem Tesoriero, Michael Holland, David Wilson, Leon Dodd, Nathanael Janiak, Jarred Jackson, Chris Koolmatri and Ken Liddle.



SIX Aboriginal people can now pursue careers in conservation or horticulture after completing an innovative traineeship program at Monarto Zoo in South Australia.

SA Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology chief executive Raymond Garrard said the Murraylands Monarto Aboriginal Learning on Country program engages Aboriginal people in conservation and land management training, with additional support to successfully complete their qualifications.

"The six participants graduated from the 12-month traineeship with Certificate III or IV qualifications," Mr Garrard said.

He said the program was funded by various agencies in the Riverland and Murraylands regions, with support from the State Government's Skills for Jobs in Regions program. The traineeship provides accredited skill sets, job readiness training and pre-employment preparation.

"This demanding program requires the participants to complete all study components on time, otherwise they risk falling behind," Mr Garrard said.

"Throughout the program, our

Aboriginal workforce participation coordinators provide support and mentoring to the participants to help them remain engaged and complete their studies."

The Aboriginal Learning on Country program is supported by the State Government's Skills for All initiative.

"Skills for All aims to increase employment participation and skill levels, get more people into jobs and increase career opportunities by offering training for existing workers and those trying to break into the workforce," Mr Garrard said.

"Under Skills for All, South Australians

have access to government-funded training in courses that support the state's priorities, meet industry needs and develop the latest skills and knowledge.

"An extra \$27 million will be spent on training over the next two years to help South Australian industries meet their critical skills needs.

"All six graduates of the Aboriginal Learning on Country program will continue on in traineeships and employment at Monarto Zoo for the coming year.

"The program has equipped them with the tools to carve a career as a ranger or work in the horticulture industry."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Position	Salary Range	Closing Date	Information
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Visit the Positions Vacant page of www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au for further information including position descriptions or Workplace Relations on (02) 6660 0239. **Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.**

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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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VACCA
Connected by culture

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person to fill the following position:

Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making Community Convenor (AFLDM) (Eastern VACCA)

The AFLDM program provides the protection of Aboriginal children and young people through the involvement of family, in

a culturally relevant practice and the promotion of community connections. It enhances the family's roles and abilities in developing their own decisions and having an active role in identifying concerns, solutions and responsibilities in achieving safety for their children.

The AFLDM worker is required to coordinate the program by convening meetings with family, Elders and Departmental staff, undertake assessment for Aboriginal children and young people, work cooperatively with services and engage and educate families on the purpose, process and outcomes of meetings. This program works in partnership with the Department of Human Service AFLDM Convenor.

For further information please contact Siobhan Meehan on (03) 9871 9000.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please email recruitment@vacca.org

Applications close: Sunday 15th December 2013

Maritime Traineeships for Aboriginal people

Want to earn while you learn?

Roads and Maritime Services is now recruiting for Certificate III Traineeships in Maritime Boating Operations starting in 2014. Positions are for motivated and enthusiastic Aboriginal people in Sydney and regional NSW with a passion for work in a maritime environment.

As a trainee at Roads and Maritime, you will be involved in a two-year program that will incorporate a mix of on-the-job training and study including learning from your supervisor and team, attending formal training and developing practical skills and knowledge to work on and take charge of a small vessel.

As a pre-requisite to the traineeship, selected candidates will need to complete a Certificate I in Maritime Operations on Sydney Harbour with Tribal Warrior. Certificate I will be delivered in February/ March 2014, with accommodation and meals provided to the selected candidates.

Traineeship locations include **Rozelle, Eden and Coffs Harbour.**

To apply go to rms.nsw.gov.au/careers

If you have any questions or need assistance with your application, please email aboriginal.jobs@rms.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 31 December 2013.

These positions are identified for Aboriginal applicants.

Roads and Maritime is working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve.

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The University of Sydney aims to be recognised as Australia's leading university in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander higher education, research, and engagement.

We intend to be a university where all people are able to engage, reflect and grow as part of an honest, respectful and informed community.

We believe in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation at every level of our study, work and research. It is a core part of our purpose as a university.

We're looking for talented, energetic and focused people to fill a number of academic, research, policy, and student-support roles. People like us who value an open and supportive environment and who look forward to achieving great goals. Together.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Associate Lecturer/Lecturer in Early Childhood Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)*
Reference number 1626/0713

Senior Lecturer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Curriculum Development and Delivery*
Reference number 2030/0913

Development Manager, Indigenous Strategy and Services
Reference number 2140/0913

Senior Project Officer
Reference number 2319/1013

Project Assessment Manager
Reference number 503/0313A

Work Health & Safety Advisor
Reference number 1879/0813

Senior Project Manager
Reference number 504/0313A

Senior Support Analyst
Reference number 1772/0813

*Indicates identified positions within the Merit Appointment Scheme and where Aboriginality is an essential selection criterion and is authorised under the provisions of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

For more information and to apply, search via the reference number at sydney.edu.au/recruitment





Aboriginal Health Education Officer (Graduate)

The purpose of this position is to provide casework services aimed at enhancing the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and promoting access to services at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. This position also promotes cultural awareness in clinical teams and liaises with Aboriginal services in the community.

This position is responsible for the facilitation and smooth progression of Aboriginal Children and their family during their interaction with the Children's Hospital at Westmead. It also contributes to ensuring culturally appropriate development, planning and evaluation of health activities that directly contribute to sustainable health services for Aboriginal children and their families.

This position is Temporary Full Time up to 06/04/2014 and is classified as a Health Education Officer (Graduate).

****You may be required to work in any facility within The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.****

Position No: 168148

<https://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=168148>

Contact details: Lyn Biviano, +61 2 9845 2641

Email: lyn.biviano@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 18/12/2013

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MENTAL HEALTH

Broken Hill

Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Clinician

PFT, **Salary:** \$46,856–\$66,262 pa, **Recruitment No:** 164451, **Enquiries:** Dianne Johnson, (08) 8082 6134 or DJohnson@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au **Close:** 07/12/13.

- This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Corporation (APY)

www.anangu.com.au

CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENT MANAGER



The Corporation: APY is an Aboriginal corporation, established in 1981, with responsibility for the management, use and control of the lands vested in the Anangu people. These lands cover an area of over 100,000 square km in the north-west of South Australia.

APY enters in to a diverse range of contractual arrangements, including leases, licenses, funding agreements, services and construction contracts, across a diverse range of activities, including infrastructure, pastoral, mining, tourism, government, NGO, community and general commercial enterprises.

APY is entering a dynamic new era with many exciting new initiatives that will be progressed on a strategy of culturally appropriate land management and economic development that promotes sustainable employment opportunities for Anangu people.

The role: Reporting to the Finance and Economic Development Manager, the Contracts & Procurement Officer will be responsible for ensuring that all procurement and contracting activities are carried out in accordance with our documented systems and processes. The outcomes will be compliance with our governance requirements and alignment with our strategic objectives, including the promotion of Anangu employment. This position will be flexibly based in either Umuwa, on the APY Lands, Alice Springs, or Adelaide, with travel required. Salary package is expected in the range of \$70,000-\$90,000 p.a. and will be commensurate with skills and experience.

The person: A minimum of three years of contract administration and procurement experience, supported by technical qualifications in the same are essential. A working knowledge of contract law, legal principles and the ability to source and read legislation are desired. A high standard of written and verbal communication is also essential, together with a team-oriented, self-starting attitude.

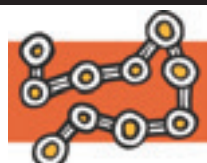
To find out more, obtain a job description and/or apply please email your cover letter and resume to sean.mccarthy@anangu.com.au

Applications close December 11, 2013

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Corporation (APY)

www.anangu.com.au

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER



The Corporation: APY is an Aboriginal corporation, established in 1981, with responsibility for the management, use and control of the lands vested in the Anangu people. These lands cover an area of over 100,000 square km in the north-west of South Australia.

APY participates in the consideration and development of a diverse range of infrastructure projects on the Lands. These infrastructure developments relate to a diverse range of sectors and purposes, including roads, water and wastewater, communications, power, energy and buildings for community, pastoral, mining, tourism, and other general civil purposes.

APY is entering a dynamic new era with many exciting new infrastructure possibilities that will be progressed on a strategy of culturally appropriate land management and economic development that promotes sustainable employment opportunities for Anangu people.

The role: Reporting to the General Manager, the Infrastructure Manager will be responsible for the strategic planning and delivery of infrastructure, ensuring also that all proposed infrastructure activities are considered on a basis of benefit to Anangu, culturally appropriate economic development, Anangu employment outcomes and other Anangu strategic objectives. This position will be flexibly based in either Umuwa, on the APY Lands, Alice Springs, or Adelaide, with travel required. Salary package is expected in the range of \$100,000-\$140,000 p.a. and will be commensurate with skills and experience.

The person: A minimum of five years experience in leadership roles in the infrastructure/development industry, supported by tertiary qualifications, is essential. Proven negotiation expertise with a wide range of stakeholders and a very high level of written and verbal communication skills is mandatory. A team-oriented, collaborative and self-starting attitude is also essential.

To find out more, obtain a job description and/or apply please email your cover letter and Resume to sean.mccarthy@anangu.com.au

Applications close December 11, 2013



CASEWORK MANAGER – OUT OF HOME CARE PENRITH NSW

Total Package: \$91,153

(Base salary \$78,500 including leave loading, plus superannuation and salary sacrifice opportunities)

Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to make a real difference in the day to day lives of Aboriginal children and families who are in need of support?

KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated is one of the largest accredited Aboriginal OOH services in NSW. We are currently expanding our service provision to the Metro West Region and are looking for a manager to lead our newest casework team.

This position sits within our dynamic Out of Home Care Program and will be based at our Penrith office.

As the Manager Casework you will be responsible for the growth, development and support of a team of dedicated caseworkers in conjunction with the Operations Manager. The agency will provide you with all of the supports and resources required to effectively carry out your role.

We are looking for a dedicated and motivated person to join our team and help us make a difference to the lives of children and families in their time of need.

For more information on the Manager Casework– Out of Home Care position you can download the job description from our website www.kari.org.au.

To apply for this position please contact Casey Ralph (Operations Manager) by phone 02 8782 0300 or email: casey.ralph@kari.org.au

Indigenous Mentor and Support Worker Sydney Region Contract Position

- **Do you have a passion for creating sustainable employment opportunities for Indigenous people?**
- **Are you able to engage and support Indigenous people into work and education?**
- **If you answered yes to these questions, then we have the perfect opportunity for you!**

This is an Indigenous-identified position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti- Discrimination Act 1977.

A4e is an international organisation that has been improving people's lives by supporting them into sustainable employment for over 20 years.

We have been operating in Australia since 2009 providing a range of programs, including specialist services for Indigenous people to access sustainable employment through our wholly Aboriginal-run Indigenous Business Services unit.

We are seeking three dedicated Indigenous Mentor and Support Workers to support the growth of these services in the Sydney targeting the Liverpool, Blacktown and Penrith areas.

The successful applicants will:

- Identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Have a minimum two years' experience; delivering training and mentoring services to Indigenous people;
- Have business acumen, including the ability to drive business growth and work effectively with other business units;
- Demonstrate high level communication skills, both written and verbal;
- Have understanding of the demographics and employer needs within the targeted delivery locations;
- Deliver employment support such as job search guidance, soft skills development and build motivation;
- Understand the barriers faced by Indigenous people and their communities;
- Have experience engaging with key stakeholders and liaising with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to engage people in services.

You must be able to:

- engage and work with partners to deliver

seamless, holistic services to Indigenous people

- engage professionally with employers and promote the benefits of a diverse workforce;
- work independently and towards KPIs and targets;
- travel within Sydney, and
- be willing to participate in professional development activities as part of the role.

It is desirable, but not essential, that the successful applicant:

- Have Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment and Training (TAE) (must be willing to undertake as part of the role);
- Have Mentoring qualifications such as Certificate IV in Mentoring and Coaching or Certificate IV in Mentoring Diverse Groups (Indigenous Mentoring) (must be willing to undertake as part of the role);
- Have experience in the Vocational Training or Employment Services industries.

In return we will offer you:

- A competitive salary package, including car allowance;
- On the job training;
- A challenging and rewarding role with career development and growth within the company.

This is initially a 3 month contract role commencing in January 2014, with a possible extension dependant on successful outcomes delivered.

Applications can be sent directly to Amanda Montalto, HR Manager at amontalto@a4e.com.au

Please Note: Applications will be reviewed as they are received and suitable applicants interviewed, so please do not delay in sending your application in as we intend to fill the position as quickly as possible.

Applications Close: 18 December 2013



Early Childhood Educator

Pathways Early Childhood Intervention Inc

Pathways Early Childhood Intervention provides family-centred services, to children with disabilities age birth to 8 years, in the Inner West and South East Sydney areas. Our growing team is based on the trans-disciplinary model.

We require an early childhood teacher to work in our preschool and be a part of an exciting opportunity to develop and expand the program. This is a one year contract and the number of days can be negotiated with the successful candidate, with a minimum of three days per week. Salary is based on the Educational Service (Teachers) Award 2010. We provide generous staff training and support, flexible working conditions and salary packaging.

Start day 20th January 2014.

Essential:

- Four year Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)
- Practical working knowledge of NQF and ELYF;
- Current first aid, asthma and anaphylaxis certificates and Supervisors certificate;
- Experience working with children who have disabilities and their families plus commitment to inclusion;
- Highly developed interpersonal, time management and organisational skills;
- Commitment to Family-Centred Practice and trans disciplinary team approach;
- Experience working with families from a CALD and Aboriginal background.

Desirable:

- Membership of ECIA NSW or other professional body;
- Ability to speak a language other than English;
- Knowledge of services system in the Inner West and South East Sydney.

For more information please email Elif on info@pathwayseci.com

Applications close 8th December 2013 and should include a CV, two referees and a cover letter which addresses the above criteria.

Interview date will be: 11th December.

Pathways is an EEO employer. Employment is subject to the Working with Children Check.



Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Engagement Officer

headspace Mt Druiitt, Parramatta and Penrith

Mt Druiitt, Penrith and Parramatta headspace brings together an integrated and collaborative team of co-located and affiliated services, working as a coordinated network. Mt Druiitt, Penrith and Parramatta headspace aims to provide a one stop shop approach of services to young people aged between 12-25yrs who are at risk of mental health and substance use issues across Western Sydney. headspace is Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation. The mission is to deliver improvements in the mental health, social well being and economic participation of young Australians. To this end, headspace aims to be the focal point for youth mental health issues across the country.

headspace Mt Druiitt, Penrith and Parramatta is currently seeking the services of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Engagement Officer to operate across the Mt Druiitt, Penrith and Parramatta headspace sites and assist in the development, implementation and review of local referral networks, community awareness and community education strategies aimed at local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people.

The role will also co-ordinate and support our Youth Advisory Groups and ensure that dialogue is created to understand the issues that are important to young people. This position is a new and innovative way of operating within contemporary mental health care. The role will also benefit from operating within a multi-disciplinary team and access to a broad range of community based services.

It is essential that applicants can demonstrate:

- Ability to work with various cultural groups and specifically with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders
- Demonstrated experience and understanding of working with diversity within different communities
- Sound experience within the mental health and community sector
- Demonstrated ability to consult with a wide range of stakeholders to develop local referral networks and implement community awareness and education campaigns
- Ability to document, monitor and review community awareness strategies and plans
- Excellent computer skills, including the ability to utilise social media and to produce flyers/newsletters
- Demonstrated problem solving skills
- Superior ability in effective communication, both written and verbal.
- Candidates must be willing to undertake working with children and criminal history checks.

Closing date is the 13th December 2013

Interested applicants should submit their applications addressing the above criteria to recruitment@ucmh.org.au.

For further information, please contact: Frances McMurtrie, Acting Clinical Practice Manager: frances.mcmurtrie@ucmh.org.au

Please note: Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. We would like to thank you for your interest in this position.



Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Applications can be lodged online at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4985 3150.

Revenue Officer

Rankin Park
Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
Enquiries: Susan Hewitt (02) 4921 4898
Reference ID: 169693

Administration Officer (Level 3)

Narrabri District Health Service
Exemption is claimed under Part 9A, Section 122J of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
Enquiries: Sharon Simpson (02) 679 92800
Reference ID: 168800

Closing date: 15 December, 2013

These are targeted Aboriginal Positions. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal descent. Aboriginal applicants must demonstrate Aboriginality in addition to addressing the selection criteria.

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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Youth Administration Traineeship

- **Certificate III in Business**
- **Temporary Full time**

The Phoenix Youth Centre is the home of Maribyrnong Youth Services and provides a safe and healthy environment that welcomes, supports and values young people.

The Youth Administration Trainee, with support from the Team Leader Youth Facility and Resources, will contribute to the Maribyrnong Youth Services team, assisting in the delivery of highly efficient administration support, including excellent customer service.

This positions gives the youth trainee the opportunity to learn a broad range of skills and achieve a business administration qualification.

Enquiries: Leanne Watt on (03)9091 4700.

To apply for this job go to:
www.maribyrnong.currentjobs.com.au
& enter ref code: **1435046**.
Applications close **08 December 2013**



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Senior Policy / Project Officer – Food Security local solutions



**Together as
partners**

- **Ongoing part time position**
- **Location negotiable**

Develop local solutions that integrate the importance of food security in remote marginalised Aboriginal communities. Work with external agencies to develop, deliver and evaluate local solutions for food insecurity and lead external policy and systems changes to support improved foods security.

Applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This is a special measure and a position which involves providing services to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our communities.

For enquiries, please contact Lajia Brown-Tamwoy on (08) 8100 4625.

For further information and to apply online, visit our careers page and search job reference number 492658.

redcross.org.au

Applications close midnight Sunday 17 December

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Fantastic opportunities to join our state of the art, purpose built facilities Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Child Care Family Centre located in Doonside.

Early Childhood Educator (Diploma)

The positions are to start in January 2014. The successful applicants will be required to work 40 hours a week across Monday to Friday, with an RDO each month.
If you are passionate about educating children in the early years and would like to join our team see the criteria below:

The successful applicant will have;

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Diploma in Children's Services (as assessed and recognised by ACECQA).
- Current First Aid Certificate.
- Current Asthma & Anaphylaxis Certificate.
- Have knowledge of the National Quality Framework (NQF) which includes
 - > Early Years Learning Framework
 - > National Quality Standards (NQS)
 - > Education and Care Services National Regulations
- Completed an approved child protection course.
- Demonstrated skills in; programming, planning, documenting children's learning and reflective practices.
- Current working with Children Check.
- Be forward thinking, creative and eager to take on new challenges and ideas.

Your role and responsibility:

- Observe, plan and evaluate for children's development while meeting individual needs.
- Implement and maintain all elements of the National Quality Framework.
- Create a stimulating, positive and culturally relevant learning environment.
- Maintain positive relationships with children, families and team members.
- Be committed to ongoing learning.

Bus Driver/Ground's Person

The successful applicant will work Monday to Friday, 20 hours per week, 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. The position will attract a split shift allowance.

The successful applicant will have;

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Full C Class Drivers License.
- Excellent driving history (must be able to provide authorised copy of driving history from RTA).
- Agree to complete a Working with Children Check.
- Be physically able to operate lawn mowers, leaf blower and other small machinery.
- Perform physical tasks/ duties including climbing ladders.
- Be able to work with minimal supervision.
- Sound knowledge of the Blacktown LGA

Your role and responsibility:

- Drive a 12 seater mini-bus to pick up and drop off children aged 0- 5 years of age within the Blacktown LGA.
- Maintain Ngallu Wal grounds to ensure a high standard of cleanliness and repair (which includes a Child Care Service).
- Abide by WHS policy and procedures at all times.
- Maintain positive relationships with children, families and team members.

Cert III Children's Services

The positions are to start in January 2014. The successful applicants will be required to work 40 hours a week across Monday to Friday, with an RDO each month.

If you are passionate about educating children in the early years and would like to join our team see the criteria below:

The successful applicant will have;

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Certificate III in Children's Service (as assessed and recognised by ACECQA).
- Working knowledge of the National Quality Framework (NQF) which includes
 - > Early Years Learning Framework
 - > National Quality Standards (NQS)
 - > Education and Care Services National Regulations
- Current First Aid Certificate (or willingness to obtain).
- Current Asthma & Anaphylaxis Certificate (or willingness to obtain).
- Completed Working with Children Check.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Initiative and capacity to work with minimal supervision and in a team environment.

Your role and responsibility:

- Work with children aged 0-6 years of age.
- Maintain positive relationships with children, families and team members.
- Be committed to ongoing learning.
- Assist in implementing and maintaining elements of the National Quality Framework and EYLF.
- Create a stimulating, positive and culturally relevant learning environment.

Experienced Child Care Cook

This position is to start in January 2014. The successful applicant will be required to work 30 hours a week across Monday to Friday.

Cooks are an integral part of a Child Care Centre. They play a major role in the nutrition and diet of children.

The successful applicant will have;

- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Completed a certificate showing you have successfully completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) competencies, through a registered training organisation e.g.
 - > Menu planning
 - > Nutrition and
 - > Safe food handling
- Competent food safety skills and knowledge of food safety regulations.
- Experience in menu planning, assessing requirements and food ordering.
- Excellent communication, written and interpersonal skills and the ability and commitment to uphold high standards of work.
- A current Working with Children's Check.
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Experience in Child Care settings is preferred but not essential.
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.

Your role and responsibility:

- Menu planning and food ordering.
- Prepare age appropriate meals for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.
- Preparing meals for children with special dietary requirements.
- Maintaining our food safety program and schedules.
- Keeping a clean and tidy kitchen environment.

Only applications with a covering letter addressing the above criteria and attached CV will be considered.

Please email yawarracccc_karen@inet.net.au to submit your application by close of business on Friday 6th December 2013.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement and genuine occupational qualification for this position and authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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Justice and Community Safety

ACT Corrective Services

Many backgrounds. One rewarding career.

Are you interested in playing a crucial role in protecting the community and assisting in the rehabilitation of offenders?

ACT Corrective Services is looking for mature people with demonstrated life experience, high personal integrity, self-confidence and good communication skills to become Correctional Officers. The ability to operate effectively as an individual and within a team, as well as having the capacity to deal with people from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds is essential.

Correctional Officers maintain a safe and secure environment for detainees as well as contribute directly to their well-being and rehabilitation. Working within our current highly skilled team, new Correctional Officers will perform duties at the Alexander Maconochie Centre, Court Transport Unit and at the Periodic Detention Centre, with each centre providing its own unique set of challenges.

Successful candidates will receive extensive paid training prior to commencing work as a Correctional Officer. Candidates who successfully complete this training will be appointed on a permanent or casual basis. ACT Corrective Services offers new Correctional Officers a generous salary ranging between \$53,417 - \$64,102 per annum, plus significant allowances (dependent upon work location) and between five to seven weeks annual leave following an initial paid training period. These allowances and conditions make ACT Corrective Services one of the best paid corrections agencies in Australia.

If you would like to be considered for the next training course commencing in April 2014 applications need to be submitted by Monday 23 December 2013. Applicants will be required to undertake pre-employment testing including psychological, communication and literacy tests.

Additional information and application kits can be downloaded from **www.jobs.act.gov.au** or to discuss this rewarding career opportunity contact the **Workforce Development and Training Unit** on (02) 6205 4910.

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General Manager, Community Correctional Services (Gippsland Region)

- **High Profile Community Outcomes**
- **Regional Lifestyle in Gippsland**
- **VPS6 Salary Package (\$99,466 - \$133,106 + Super)**

The Department of Justice is one of Victoria's largest service delivery organisations, providing services to support a safe, just, innovative and thriving Victoria. A significant division of the Department is Corrections Victoria, including Community Correctional Services which plays a critical role in overseeing the supervision of adult offenders sentenced by the Courts to serve community-based orders, or conditionally released from prison by the Adult Parole Board (APB). Currently undergoing significant change and reform, an opportunity presents for the GM in Gippsland Region to truly make a positive behavioural change both internally and with offenders adopting law-abiding lifestyles.

Reporting to the Regional Director, Gippsland and being a vital part of the Regional Leadership team you will lead and manage the Community Correctional Services across the region. You will provide clarity and direction to the team and strive to set performance benchmarks in service delivery outcomes. You will engage proactively with a broad range of stakeholders both internally and externally to build partnerships which aid the delivery of successful outcomes.

Ideally coming from a complex and high-risk operational environment, you have a proven track record for delivering outcomes. You are well regarded for your leadership and have the ability to bring teams together in achieving within a regulated and legislative environment. You are passionate and committed to making a difference in the community and are attracted to a challenging and rewarding role with unlimited potential!

To apply for this position please submit your resume to www.sacsconsult.com.au/candidates and click on Employment Opportunities and select the role, or call **Jarrod McLauchlan** on **03 8622 8524** or **Elise Frazzetto** on **03 8622 8509** for a confidential discussion. **Application closing date – 8th December 2013.**



Department of Justice



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Justice and Community Safety

ACT Corrective Services Alexander Maconochie Centre Offender Services and Corrections Programs

Indigenous Liaison Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 6
Salary Range: \$70,913 - \$81,460 (PN: 14914)

Details: Under the limited direction of the Classification and Case Management Coordinator coordinate, administer and manage case management and functions, including undertaking record keeping. Coordinate, administer and manage reception, screening and induction processes and programs according to ACTCS policy. Develop, monitor and review offender case plans, and assist in maintaining systems for reviewing and monitoring detainee progress. Assist, administer and participate in multi-disciplinary meetings on the development of individual case plans and program pathways, and the monitoring and reviewing of progress made by individual detainees.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry is considered essential (s42, Discrimination Act 1991). The primary focus of this role is assistance for Indigenous clients; however the position holder will also be required to provide case management services and supports to non-indigenous clients. Tertiary qualifications in Social/ Behavioural Sciences or Welfare are highly desirable. Relevant experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a key requirement of this position. The successful candidate will be required to undergo a criminal record check. Eligible applicants may be required to undertake psychological aptitude testing as part of the assessment process. Eligible applicants may be required to maintain a current working with vulnerable people check. A current driver's licence is essential.

Note: Prior to commencing in this role, a current registration issued under the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* may be required. For further information on Working with Vulnerable people registration refer to - http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people.

Contact Officer: Megan Valler (02) 6205 8032 megan.valler@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 18 December 2013

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EMPLOYMENT OFFICE Learn more and apply online at KAMSC.ApplyNow.com.au/



NATIONAL DIRECTOR – ANTaR Sydney, NSW

ANTaR is seeking a new National Director to lead its work in support of justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The National Director assists ANTaR to achieve its goals through the efficient management of ANTaR's National Office in Sydney, oversight of national campaigns, and working with the Board to provide support to the ANTaR network.

The person we are looking for will have experience in leadership, strategic development and sustainable management of organisations or departments, campaigning, policy and advocacy experience, a demonstrated passion to promote a better community understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society, and a commitment to enhancing their rights.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Further information, a position description and ANTaR's Strategic Plan may be obtained on line at www.antar.org.au/news or email Gary Highland on: gary@antar.org.au or by phone: 0418 476 940.

Applications should address the selection criteria and be sent to ANTaR National President Dr Peter Lewis via email above by;

Closing Date: 5:00 pm, Monday 9 December 2013.

Senior Manager, Ngarara Willim Centre

- Newly created role
- Engagement with external and internal communities
- Support Indigenous students and their learning



RMIT is a global university of technology and design, focused on creating solutions that transform the future for the benefit of people and their environments. RMIT is Australia's largest tertiary institution with a total student population of 82,000 students which includes 30,000 international students.

An opportunity has arisen to join RMIT as Senior Manager, Ngarara Willim Centre to provide Indigenous leadership within the Academic portfolio and to assist the University's engagement with community. A key priority of the role is increasing the numbers of Indigenous students enrolled in and completing RMIT programs in order to 'close the gap' in educational opportunity and achievement for Indigenous peoples.

The recently endorsed purpose statement for the Centre has a focus on strategic engagement with the Indigenous community, assistance to students, engagement with research and teaching and assisting all students and staff in their acquisition of cultural competence. The Senior Manager is a member of the senior management team within the Office of the Dean of Students and reports directly to the Dean.

The successful candidate will hold postgraduate qualifications, have a track record of successful leadership and be able to demonstrate capability in building and managing a team. Knowledge of issues in Indigenous education and the capacity to build strong relationships with Indigenous communities is critical. A collaborative and facilitative style is essential, as is the capacity to be a well organised manager within RMIT. S/he will have a background in tertiary education, government or community service.

CLOSING DATE: 23 December 2013

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position, classified under 'special measures' of section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010. Only Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS:

Confidential enquiries and requests for Position Description to Denise Wiseman on +61 412 403 567 or denise@carolwatson.com.au or Carol Watson on +61 419 523 410 or carol@carolwatson.com.au

Applications to: amanda@carolwatson.com.au

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This position has been identified for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

To apply, please go to www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search Reference No: 000025AR.

Enquiries:

Janelle Clarke on 9219 5146

E: janelle.clarke@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

or Scott Hawkins on 9219 5109

E: scott.hawkins@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Please note Legal Aid Christmas shutdown period: 23 December 2013 – 10 January 2014.

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Enquiries:

For the period 4 December 2013 to 18 December 2013 – Paul Johnson on 9219 5774

or paul.johnson@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

For the period 6 January 2014 to 20 January 2014 – Matt Greenaway on 4725 4604

or matthew.greenaway@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer

Wollongong

Position No. 50078520

Permanent Full Time

\$86,085 – \$92,377pa

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer is responsible for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage and land matters on infrastructure projects to ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage guidelines, policies and practices are implemented to meet legislative, business and social responsibilities.

Closing Date: 8 December 2013

Applicants can apply online at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/careers

For additional information on this position, please contact Roma Sidhu on 1300 305 855.

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Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is a community service organisation that has been helping people battle poverty and disadvantage since 1976.

As an organisation committed to social justice, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, is working towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We employ direct services, administrative and management staff in the following areas:

- women and girls
- young people
- families and children
- financial inclusion
- business and finance
- marketing and fundraising
- organisational development
- social policy and research

We advertise all our positions at www.goodshepvic.org.au where you can also register to receive job updates via email for all Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service's vacancies.

Please remember to follow the application process outlined in the position description and address the **key selection criteria** if you wish your application to be considered.

Employment is subject to a current Working with Children Check (E) & Police Record Check.



Health
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Aboriginal Trainee (Dental Assistant Grade 1)

Ref: 164800, Temp F/T up to January 2015 at Surry Hills

Salary: \$950.50–\$1,019.20 pw

Enq: Marianne Weston, (02) 9293 3262

Closing Date: 13 December 2013

Dental Assistant (Grade 2) – Aboriginal Oral Health

Ref: 163848, Temp F/T up to January 2015 at Surry Hills

Salary: \$1,041.40–\$1,146.50 pw

Enq: Yolima Ramirez, (02) 9293 3345

Closing Date: 13 December 2013

Hospital Assistant (Grade 2) Cleaner

Ref: 161499, F/T at RPA

Salary: \$42,958 pa

Enq: Robert Harding, (02) 9515 8122

Closing Date: 20 December 2013

Aboriginal Administrative Officer (Level 3)

Ref: 148469, F/T at RPA

Salary: \$51,495–\$53,190 pa

Enq: Steven Cowan, (02) 9515 8041

Closing Date: 20 December 2013

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

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Aboriginal Children and Family Justice Program (ACFJP)

Intensive Support Case Workers X 2

**Full time position
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Jesuit Social Services in partnership with The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) seek two full-time experienced support case workers for a new and exciting project to work with Aboriginal children and their families.

The three year program funded by The Attorney-General's Department (Commonwealth) aims to provide an integrated, intensive support service to Aboriginal children, 10-14 years of age who have current involvement with police. The service approaches the work through both a justice and a family lens, recognising the importance of an approach that engages with all members of the family including siblings, parents, carers and Elders.

The successful applicants will have demonstrated skills and a strong understanding of culturally appropriate service delivery in relation to Aboriginal children, their families and communities.

Reporting to the Coordinator ACFJP, the positions will provide integrated, trauma informed and intensive case management support to Aboriginal children, 10-14 years of age and their families who have come in contact with the criminal justice system and will initially be based at The Brosnan Centre in Brunswick.

Tertiary qualifications in Social Work, Social Sciences and/or experience in a similar role are essential.

**For further details please contact Roger Pugh
on (03) 9387 1233.**

Applications must respond to each of the Key Selection Criteria and include names and contact details of two (2) referees. A position description is available on our website www.jss.org.au Please send your application, in confidence, to hr@jss.org.au.

Members of the Aboriginal Community are strongly encouraged to apply

**Applications close
5.00pm on Wednesday 11th December 2013**

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Corporation (APY)

www.anangu.com.au

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Corporation: APY is an aboriginal corporation, established in 1981, with responsibility for the management, use and control of the lands vested in the Anangu people. These lands cover an area of over 100,000 square km in the north-west of South Australia.



The APY governance and senior management consists of an Executive Board, a Director of Administration and a General Manager. The organisation manages and coordinates, in partnerships with government and NGOs, a diverse range of activities on the Lands including the provision of social and community services, cultural, land management, infrastructure, pastoral, mining exploration and tourism activities.

APY is entering a dynamic new era with many exciting new initiatives that will be progressed on a strategy of integrated service delivery and culturally appropriate land management and economic development activities. A key objective is growth of sustainable employment opportunities for Anangu people.

The role: Reporting to the General Manager, the Executive Officer will be responsible for: To provide professional and confidential secretarial and administrative support to the General Manager and to the Board; Ensure effective internal and external communication to a broad range of stakeholders to assist in the administration of APY; Develop, maintain and implement an external communication strategy to ensure APY members are well engaged and informed in APY administration.

This position will be flexibly based in either Umuwa, on the APY Lands, Alice Springs, or Adelaide, with travel required. Salary package is expected in the range of \$60,000-\$80,000 p.a. and will be commensurate with skills and experience.

The person: A minimum of three years experience in a position as a departmental/company executive or personal assistant, supported by business administration qualifications in the same are essential. A high standard of written and verbal communication is also essential, together with a team-oriented, self-starting attitude. It will be seen favourable if you have experience living and working in remote communities.

To find out more, obtain a job description and/or apply please email your cover letter and resume to sean.mccarthy@anangu.com.au

Applications close December 11, 2013



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Macquarie Fields Local Area Command
Macquarie Fields
Clerk Grade 3/4
Permanent Full-time
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 000028IG

Salary Package: \$75,642. **Salary:** \$62,587 – \$68,531. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is responsible for providing advice and support to Police in the management of local Aboriginal issues. They assist in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders, Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts to strengthen cooperation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with local policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Part 2, Division 2, Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- This position is 35 hours per week on a rotational roster system and may include overtime/shift allowances.
- Applicants **must** include/attach date and place of birth, driver's licence number and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to criminal record, probity and prior employment checks. The position is subject to the terms of the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. Under the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child related employment.
- For your application to be considered you **must** attach an up-to-date resume and supply written responses addressing each of the selection criterion using the text boxes provided in the online application.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Police Check (criminal history) and a Working With Children Check prior to commencement.
- Applications can only be submitted electronically online via the Jobs.NSW website.

Enquiries: Joanne Gardiner on (02) 9605 0405.

For the selection criteria, a full downloadable position description, information package and to apply, please go to Jobs.NSW (www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) and search for Requisition Number 000028IG.

Closing date: Sunday 15 December 2013

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National
Native Title
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Northern Territory
Notification day: 11 December 2013



DI2013/003 Wallace Rockhole Powerline ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area is a 100m wide and approximately 15 km long corridor covering 1.5 sq km, located approximately 22 km south west of Alice Springs.

Relevant LGA: MacDonnell Shire

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the NT Department of Lands Planning & the Environment and Department of Mines and Energy.

Parties to the agreement and their contact addresses:

Power and Water Corporation	Central Land Council
GPO Box 1921	27 Stuart Highway
Darwin NT 0801	Alice Springs NT 0871

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1 To the extent that any of the Relevant Acts constitute or amount to a Future Act, the Parties consent to the doing of any or all of those Relevant Acts (without conditions) subject to the provisions of this ILUA and agree not to challenge the validity of the Relevant Acts at any time in the future.

4.2 The right to negotiate provisions of Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA are not intended to apply to the doing of any or all of the Relevant Acts, and the Parties intend for this ILUA to be for the carrying out of the Project *activities conducted or authorised under any Relevant Acts to develop, construct, install, use, operate, maintain, repair, replace and further develop the Powerline in the ILUA Area*.

4.4 The Parties acknowledge and agree that while this ILUA is registered on the Register all Relevant Acts that may have been done invalidly, are to the extent that it is necessary to so provide, valid to the extent that they affect Native Title in the ILUA Area in accordance with section 24EBA(1)(a)(i) of the NTA.

“Powerline” means the proposed high voltage electricity distribution line and associated assets used to transport electricity from Alice Springs to Hermannsburg via Wallace Rockhole.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified. If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth). You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001 by 11 March 2014**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Lisa Jowett on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Education &
Communities

Major Initiatives Data and Evaluation Advisor Senior Education Officer (TAFE)

Permanent full-time

Position number: 172289

Location: Oxford Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney

Total remuneration package valued up to \$120,532 pa (salary \$106,348 to \$108,980 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This role exists to provide policy advice and assistance to the Aboriginal Education and Community Engagement Unit on the implementation, monitoring and reporting of State and Commonwealth priorities and funding programs.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Tertiary qualifications in an area relevant to policy work.
- Demonstrated comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures, histories and contemporary issues, particularly as they pertain to education and training.
- Demonstrated ability to collect and/or access data sources, analyse and critically interpret datasets, and to write reports and recommendations using the results.
- Demonstrated experience in identifying, developing and monitoring programs, and ability to provide advice on complex policy issues.
- Demonstrated high level ability to prepare or contribute to the preparation of timely and well researched submissions, briefs and reports on complex issues.
- Proven expertise in developing policies and procedures, and substantial analytical problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated high level verbal and written communication and negotiation skills.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Notes: This is a permanent full-time appointment. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

This is a child-related position. If you are not currently employed in a child related position in the Department of Education and Communities, you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment (if you do not already have this). For more information, visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check. In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their application and resume online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.

Enquiry Officer: Catherine Jensen-Lee (02) 9244 5751

To apply online, please visit the JobsNSW website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au and search for reference 172289.

Closing date: Wednesday 18 December 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.

N36055

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 18 December 2013



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD, 4003 on or before 17 March 2014. After 17 March 2014, 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: Kabi Kabi First Nation

Federal Court File No: QUD280/2013

Date filed: 31 May 2013

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: Application covers about 11,699 sq km, extending approx. 50 km north of Brisbane to about 40 km south of Bundaberg.

Relevant LGAs: Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Moreton Bay, Somerset and Sunshine Coast Regional Councils.

Application boundary compiled using data sourced from, and with permission of the Department of Natural Resources & Mines, Qld.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Victoria

Notification day: 11 December 2013



National
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VI2013/009 Dja Dja Wurrung and Excalibur Mining ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

Agreement covers about 2.8 sq km over Mining Licence MIN5425 in Wedderburn.

Relevant LGA: Loddon Shire

Agreement area boundary compiled using data sources from, and with permission of, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, VIC.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Gary John Murray, Robert Herbert Nicholls,
Rodney John Carter, Graham John Atkinson,
Carmel Priscilla Barry and Connie Harrison-
Edwards, on behalf of the Dja Dja Wurrung
Native Title Group
C/- Native Title Services Victoria Ltd
642 Queensberry Street
North Melbourne VIC 3051

Excalibur Mining Corporation Ltd
C/- Elletson Mining Consultants Pty Ltd
4 Bayview Street
Bolwarra VIC 3305

The agreement contains the following statements:

6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to the grant and use of the Licence.

6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties:

- agree to the grant by the State of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree to the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree that any such Licence granted, or any mining carried out in respect of the Licence area pursuant to the Licence is valid.

"Licence" means the mining licence that is applied for by the proponent and is proposed to be granted and registered by the State pursuant to the MRSDA in respect of the Licence area, being Mining Licence Application Number 5425 and includes any renewal, amalgamation or variation of the Licence by the State pursuant to the MRSDA or any other applicable laws.

"MRSDA" means the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* (Vic).

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. **The application must be made by 11 March 2014.** If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Maryanne Harvey on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Ground-breaking employment opportunity for an innovative person with a passion for mental health!

Eastern Sydney Partners in Recovery
Kings Cross/Woolloomooloo

The Partners in Recovery (PIR) program is an exciting new program that aims to support consumers with a severe and persistent mental illness who also have many needs, and their carers and families to access services and supports from multiple sectors.

**SUPPORT FACILITATOR
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specialist**

- 1 position available
- Provide culturally appropriate assistance to consumers with a focus on accessing, advocating and maintaining services for ATSI consumers living with a mental illness
- This position will also include community development to engage with communities to support and promote the PIR model
- Reflective practice development sessions and training and development opportunities

The Support Facilitator ATSI Specialist will be part of the Neami staff team and will work within a collaborative team approach. By using a community development approach, the Support Facilitator ATSI Specialist will build their local knowledge of the available services and will seek to encourage a recovery orientated approach by these services.

Applications close: Sunday 8 December 2013

visit www.neaminational.org.au to apply



Education &
Communities

Team Leader, Community Engagement

Clerk Grade 11/12

Temporary full-time

Position number: 173444

Location: Sydney CBD

Total remuneration package valued up to \$141,593 pa (salary \$110,699 to \$128,023 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The position manages and supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs for Connected Communities.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Proven high level understanding of Aboriginal histories, cultures, languages and contemporary issues.
- Demonstrated successful application of Aboriginal educational programs and initiatives designed to improve Aboriginal student performance and commitment to the values of public education.
- Demonstrated high level capacity to work cooperatively and collaboratively with key community groups, especially the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc around the implementation of the Connected Communities strategy.
- High level capacity to facilitate the development and support of strategic projects and provide advice, reports and briefings in relation to Aboriginal education in NSW Government schools.
- Demonstrated capacity to analyse performance and financial data and provide strategic advice on resource allocation and usage dedicated to supporting Aboriginal students in NSW Government schools.
- High quality interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, particularly with Aboriginal community members.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Notes: This is a temporary full-time appointment for a period up to 30 June 2018.

Special Notes: It is a requirement that all candidates submit their application and resume online. No paper based or late applications will be accepted. Applicants must address their suitability to the selection criteria/pre-screening questions.

Enquiry Officer: Geoff Muir (02) 9244 5061

To apply online please visit JobsNSW website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au/ and refer to keyword 173444.

Closing date: Wednesday, 18 December 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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PROPOSAL TO GRANT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES

(Section 29)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of South Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, C/- Energy Resources Division, Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (DMITRE), Level 6, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 has received the following Petroleum Exploration Licence applications (PELAs) under the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000:

Number: PELA 604
Area: 9,384km² approx.
Applicant: SAPEX Limited

Number: PELA 605
Area: 1,644km² approx.
Applicant: Dunstone

Number: PELA 607
Area: 2,747km² approx.
Applicant: Dunstone

Number: PELA 626
Area: 9,695km² approx.
Applicant: Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd

Number: PELA 627
Area: 9,490km² approx.
Applicant: Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd

Number: PELA 628
Area: 9,890km² approx.
Applicant: Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd

Number: PELA 630
Area: 392km² approx.
Applicant: Bridgeport Energy Limited

Locality:
Coordinate descriptions for the application areas are available from The Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy via the address below. GIS data is also available via the South Australian Resources Information Geoserver (SARIG) at: <https://sarig.pir.sa.gov.au/Map>

Nature of the acts:

Grant of an Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of five (5) years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for a further two (2) five (5) year terms. The *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* also provides a holder of an Exploration Licence with a right (subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*), to apply for a Production Licence where a discovery that warrants production is made. Production Licence rights include the right to undertake regulated activities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* to enable the petroleum to be produced, processed, transported and marketed. The act may also include the grant of appropriate Production, Retention or Associated Activities Licences emanating from the issued Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* or any substituting legislation as well as any Speculative Survey Licences outside of but abutting the licensed area necessary for the recovery of petroleum within the licensed area.

Notification day:

11 December 2013

Native title parties:

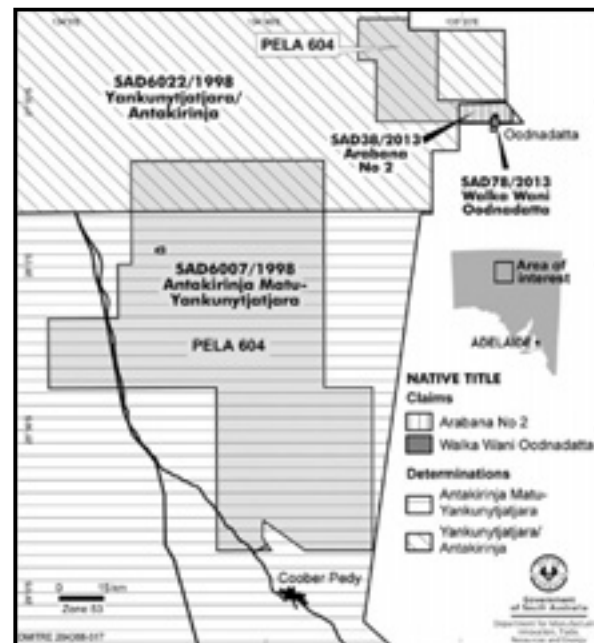
Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the area covered by the Exploration Licence application.

The three (3) month period closes on 11 March 2014. 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*. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, NSW 2000, telephone: (02) 9227 4000. Any negotiations conducted in respect to the Exploration Licences will include matters relating to the conduct of any future production and associated infrastructure and facilities and the issue of the necessary licences or authorisations to undertake these activities (including associated exploration activities) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

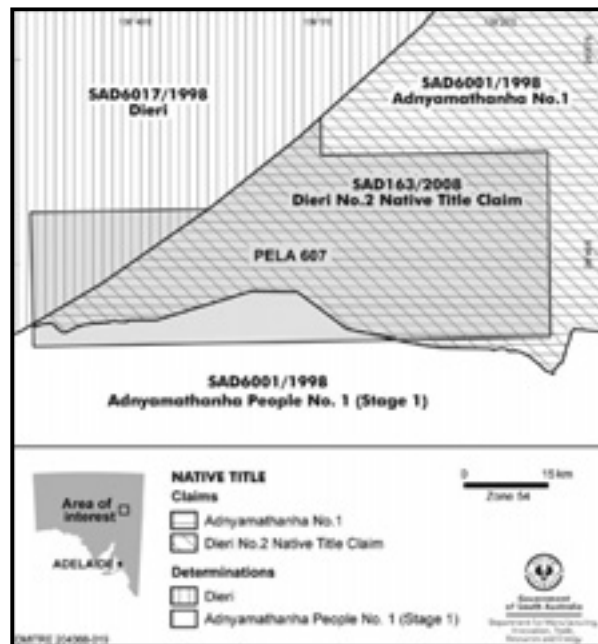
The Exploration Licences will be granted if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (i.e. 11 April 2014) there is no native title party in relation to the area of the Exploration Licences.

For further information about the acts (including spatial data or plans of the PELA areas), contact the General Manager Licensing and Legislation, Energy Resources Division, Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy, Level 7, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000, or telephone (08) 8463 3203.

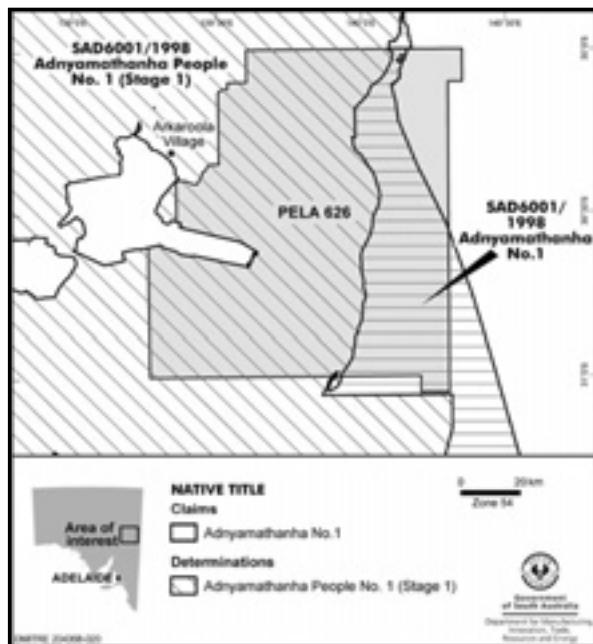
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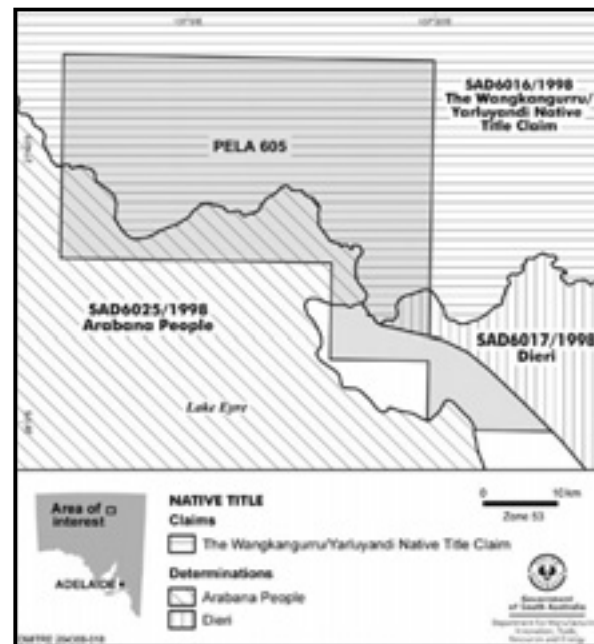
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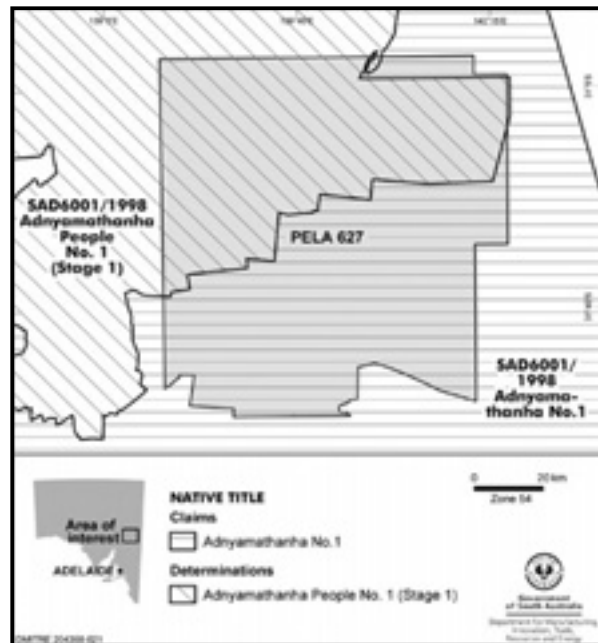
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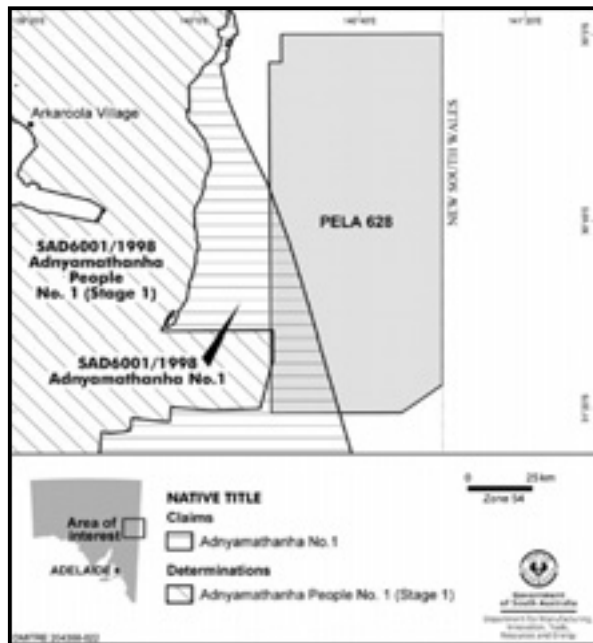
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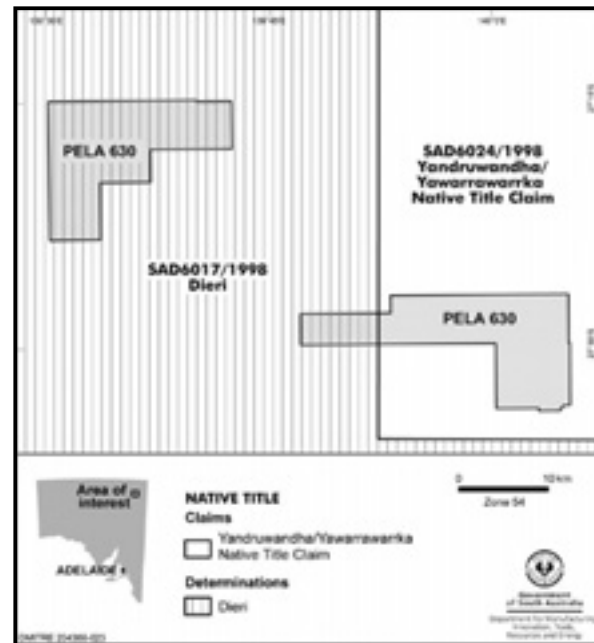
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CANCEL NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands hereby give notice in accordance with Section 170(6) of the *Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA)* that it is intended to cancel the following Notice of Intention.

PARCEL OF LAND:

LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 451 on Deposited Plan 76785 formerly Part Lot 281 on Deposited Plan 92277 shown as Part Lot 281 on Deposited Plan 69775, being part of "Rubbish Disposal" Reserve 41105. Volume 3163 Folio 053 Area: 4.5131 hectares.

PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plans 76785, 92277, 69775

PURPOSE: To be used for the purpose of "Rubbish Disposal" only.

DATE OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION: 12 December 2011 **DOCUMENT:** L826758

LAND SITUATED IN: Derby-West Kimberley (Shire of) **DoL FILE:** 03313-1989/2 **DoL REF.:** 101028

The notice of intention for the above proposal was issued under the *Land Administration Act 1997* in accordance with the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993*, and is being cancelled under the provisions of the Land Administration Act 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Baker, Assistant State Land Officer, Department of Lands, PO Box 1143, West Perth 6872 or by telephone (08) 6552 4590.

Dated this 20 day of September 2013

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
27/339	KALNORTH GOLD MINES LIMITED	431111	15.18HA	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 26' S Long: 121° 53' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
28/2226	SHANNON RESOURCES PTY LTD	431734	197.43HA	71km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 31' S Long: 122° 9' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
45/2728-I	DYNASTY METALS AUSTRALIA LTD	434252	36.01HA	89km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 8' S Long: 118° 54' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE, PORT HEDLAND TOWN
45/3320-I	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	434264	19.78HA	30km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 25' S Long: 119° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
46/831-I	MESA MINERALS LIMITED	434289	6.60HA	56km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 41' S Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
47/1700	INDEE GOLD PTY LTD	429943	2429.68HA	93km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 54' S Long: 118° 3' E	ROEBOURNE SHIRE
47/892-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	434868	46.79HA	92km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 16' S Long: 117° 0' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
51/1400	RICHMOND RESOURCES PTY LTD	434674	1658.21HA	29km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 21' S Long: 118° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
77/1931	CORPORATE & RESOURCE CONSULTANTS PTY LTD LEGENDRE, Bruce Robert TE JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD	434602	50.73HA	91km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 31' S Long: 119° 49' E	KONDININ SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 4 December 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 **4 March 2014**. 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. 4 April 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of an application
for determination of native title
in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 18 December 2013



National
Native Title
Tribunal



This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30, Perth, WA, 6837 **on or before 17 March 2014**. After 17 March 2014, 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: Harvey Murray (Yilka #2) v State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD303/2013

Date filed: 6 August 2013

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description of the application area: Application covers about 3.5 sq km over 2 portions located approx. 88 and 58 km north east of Laverton.

Relevant LGA: Shire Of Laverton.

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 Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nmtt.gov.au.

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Shared country, shared future.

Pathway camp for next generation



RISING South Sydney star Alex Johnson was among 37 players who last week attended a

NSW 2014 under 20 Origin Pathway camp at Narrabeen.

The camp was on Friday and Saturday, November 29-30.

It included presentations on Origin history and culture, individual position sessions with Blues coaching staff and

an on-field session led by NSW coach Laurie Daley.

"These camps are something that Ricky Stuart brought into the Origin system when he was in charge and I continue them because I believe they have some real merit to them," Daley said.

"Aaron Woods and Boyd Cordner made their State of Origin debuts this year and they were members of these squads in previous years."



South Sydney youngster Alex Johnson at the 2014 under 20 Origin Pathway camp at Narrabeen, on Sydney's northern beaches. **Picture: NSWRL**

NOTICE TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that Stoney Pinch Pty Ltd (ACN 125 154 038) of 174 Fullerton Road Dulwich SA 5064 (and its successors and assigns) is the registered holder of Mineral Claim 4360, and has made application for an Extractive Mineral Lease in respect of the land covered by the Mineral Claim and upon grant of the Extractive Mineral Lease, proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Extractive Mineral Lease which will incorporate the (*Land*) described below.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

MC 4360 is located on a parcel of Crown Land described as Crown Record Vol 5656 Fol 588, Allotment 6, Deposited Plan 27366. The Mineral Claim is located approximately 2.5 kms north of the Renmark Airport and is accessed from Government Road, Renmark West via Roper Avenue and Cuttle Street.

Located approximately 1.5 kms south of the entrance to the Crown Land, the Mineral Claim is 500 metres wide by 300 metres deep, with the coordinates of the four corner pegs being:

	NW Cnr	NE Cnr	SW Cnr	SE Cnr
East	468,770	469,270	468,770	469,270
North	6,218,120	6,218,120	6,217,820	6,217,820

TOTAL AREA: 15.01 hectares

GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS

Open cut quarrying of sandstone, limestone, sand and gravel. The principal product is hard rock used for revetment / armour protection at locks, weirs, regulators and other infrastructure works associated with the River Murray and tributaries. No permanent plant or infrastructure will be located on the site.

STONEYPINCH PTY LTD SEEKS TO NEGOTIATE A NATIVE TITLE MINING AGREEMENT UNDER PART 9B OF THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA).

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, STONEY PINCH PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act 1971 authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiations of negotiations, Stoney Pinch Pty Ltd and any other native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister, may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

CONTACT

Any person who holds, or may hold, native title in the subject land is invited to contact:

John Chappel, Director, Stoney Pinch Pty Ltd.

Mobile: 040 701 0363 **Email:** hchappel@ozemail.com.au

Post: PO Box 692 Renmark SA 5341.

Festival launched



COACHES Wayne Bennett and Laurie Daley renewed their All Stars rivalry yesterday (Tuesday) when they launched details of the 2014 Festival of Indigenous Rugby League at Newcastle's Hunter Stadium.

Daley will coach a non-elite Indigenous team that will play Bennett's Knights in a trial match at Hunter Stadium on February 8 that will mark the culmination of a week-long celebration in Newcastle of Indigenous rugby league.

The Festival of Indigenous Rugby League will be run in place of the traditional rugby league All Stars which is being rested in 2014 post-World Cup, but it will feature extensive community activities, as well as a Murri v Koori match and curtain-raiser games between the Queensland and NSW under 16 boys teams and Queensland and NSW Indigenous women's teams prior to the trial match.

Also at the launching at New Lambton was ARL Indigenous Council chair Linda Burney, NRL chief operating officer Jim Doyle, Knights CEO Matt Gidley, Knights players Jarrod Mullen, Willie Mason, Chris Houston, Jeremy Smith and Indigenous team members, plus Jillaroos and NSW Indigenous women's team member Emma Young.

Three boys in touring rugby union team



THREE Indigenous lads are in the 30-strong Australian Rugby Union Schoolboys team (16-18 years) squad that is on a Grand Slam tour of the United Kingdom and

Ireland.

They are Adrian Henley from Trinity Anglican School, Cairns, Keith Morgan from St Edmund's College, Canberra, and Moses Sorovi from St Peter's Lutheran College, Brisbane.

The tour is held every four years.

The 30-strong team includes players selected from the Australian Schoolboys and Australia A side following the Macquarie Bank Schools Rugby Tri-Nations Series against Fiji and New Zealand in September and October.

The Aussies' first warm-up match was on Friday, November 22, against a Wales A team in Neath. The Welch team won 18-15 after each side scored two tries.

Henley was in the Australian team that took on Wales last Thursday at Neath. Wales won that game 26-12.

The Australians then headed to Cardiff to support the Qantas Wallabies in their final spring tour match against Wales at Millennium Stadium last Saturday.

FUNERAL NOTICE

CREIGHTON, Darrell James

Late of Wollongbar, formerly of Moree.

Passed away suddenly on 28/11/2013 at Lismore Base Hospital.

Much loved husband of Dianne
Loving father of Grantley & Sheridan
Loved Grandfather.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN & FRIEND TO MANY

Relatives and friends of the late DARRELL CREIGHTON are invited to his funeral service to be held on Saturday 7/12/2013 at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, cnr of Boston & Gwydir St., Moree commencing at 10am.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	08/2507	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1BL	104km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 34' S	Long: 116° 14' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2508	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1BL	102km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 33' S	Long: 116° 15' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2509	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1BL	104km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 34' S	Long: 116° 16' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2510	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL	106km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 35' S	Long: 116° 18' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2511	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	4BL	110km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 38' S	Long: 116° 16' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2523	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL	101km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 52' S	Long: 116° 45' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2524	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	2BL	80km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 55' S	Long: 116° 57' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2525	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	10BL	93km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 22° 55' S	Long: 116° 49' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2526	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	5BL	46km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 10' S	Long: 117° 13' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	08/2527	MINING INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	42BL	61km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat: 23° 5' S	Long: 117° 5' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1398	MAINCOAST PTY LTD	25BL	19km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat: 31° 22' S	Long: 121° 26' E COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1403	GOLD FIELDS AUSTRALASIA PTY LTD	26BL	37km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 17' S	Long: 122° 3' E COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	24/190	BULLABULLING PTY LTD	12BL	26km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S	Long: 121° 13' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2343	CONNOR, Brendan Gabriel	44BL	89km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 32' S	Long: 122° 21' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2344	NORTHERN DEEPS PTY LTD	29BL	145km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 31° 13' S	Long: 123° 21' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/2353	BLACK RAVEN MINING PTY LTD	10BL	106km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 12' S	Long: 122° 47' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	38/2887	GSM MINING COMPANY PTY LTD	18BL	10km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 42' S	Long: 122° 27' E LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1766	AURIGEN PTY LTD	39BL	149km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 50' S	Long: 123° 3' E MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/1769	PUCK RESOURCES PTY LTD	6BL	49km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 5' S	Long: 121° 47' E LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	40/327	ALPHABRASS RESOURCES PTY LTD	23BL	25km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 4' S	Long: 121° 29' E LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/1840	STRAITS EXPLORATION (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	9BL	61km S'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 14' S	Long: 122° 21' E EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/3221	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	200BL	139km SW'ly of Telfer	Lat: 22° 47' S	Long: 121° 31' E EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/4271	ATLAS IRON LIMITED	1BL	69km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 34' S	Long: 119° 14' E EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2837	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	11BL	71km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 10' S	Long: 116° 43' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2839	POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	6BL	78km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 22° 13' S	Long: 116° 45' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2952	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	5BL	27km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 45' S	Long: 117° 32' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	47/2963-I	ROBE RIVER MINING CO. PTY LTD	7BL	105km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 8' S	Long: 118° 44' E EAST PILBARA SHIRE
		MITSUI IRON ORE DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD				
		NORTH MINING LTD				
		CAPE LAMBERT IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)				
		PANNAWONICA IRON ASSOCIATES (REGISTERED BUSINESS NAME)				
Exploration Licence	51/1597	STRATUM METALS LIMITED	29BL	87km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 48' S	Long: 119° 20' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/1599	ZEEDAM ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	6BL	62km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 44' S	Long: 117° 53' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2931	HAYERFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	2BL	144km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 25° 31' S	Long: 117° 40' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2973	COSMOPOLITAN MINERALS LIMITED	44BL	182km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 59' S	Long: 119° 58' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/2995	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	73BL	81km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 23° 51' S	Long: 120° 18' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/936	RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	41BL	77km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 24' S	Long: 118° 39' E SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/1992	EXTENSION HILL PTY LTD	2BL	63km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 37' S	Long: 117° 11' E YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3198-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	156km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 13' S	Long: 120° 26' E WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3199-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	163km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 15' S	Long: 120° 9' E WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3201-I	FMG RESOURCES PTY LTD	70BL	155km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 25° 18' S	Long: 120° 13' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3202-5	KRONOS GOLD LLC	728BL	104km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat: 24° 3' S	Long: 120° 24' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	69/3215	PLATINA RESOURCES LTD	130BL	52km E'ly of Balladonia	Lat: 32° 34' S	Long: 124° 24' E DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4485	WESTERN BARITE PTY LTD	15BL	37km N'ly of Mount Barker	Lat: 34° 18' S	Long: 117° 37' E CRANBROOK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4531-I	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	69BL	21km NW'ly of Quairading	Lat: 31° 52' S	Long: 117° 11' E CUNDERDIN SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE, YORK SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4532-I	EAST PILBARA IRON PTY LTD	70BL	15km W'ly of Quairading	Lat: 31° 59' S	Long: 117° 14' E BEVERLEY SHIRE, QUAIRADING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/4540	HORN RESOURCES PTY LTD	33BL	35km E'ly of Moora	Lat: 30° 39' S	Long: 116° 19' E MOORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/4786	JACKSON MINERALS PTY LTD	136.51HA	57km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 16' S	Long: 121° 14' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4787	HAYES MINING PTY LTD	8.40HA	39km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S	Long: 121° 10' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/4788	BIDDLE, Dennis William	202.13HA	35km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S	Long: 121° 25' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
		BIDDLE, Christopher Dennis				
Prospecting Licence	26/3979-83	JACKSON MINERALS PTY LTD	632.79HA	10km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 40' S	Long: 121° 31' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2164 & 2166	LANDTEC PTY LTD	380.81HA	36km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 25' S	Long: 121° 31' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2171	PROSPEX RESOURCES PTY LTD	79.97HA	40km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 28' S	Long: 121° 43' E KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	29/2336	MOSCUFO, Daniel John	179.38HA	3km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 42' S	Long: 121° 2' E MENZIES SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1789	RATSCH, Mark William	100.00HA	45km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 11' S	Long: 121° 2' E LEONORA SHIRE
		RATSCH, Pamela				
Prospecting Licence	36/1790	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	19.62HA	35km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 0' S	Long: 121° 2' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	36/1791	ENTERPRISE METALS LIMITED	8.42HA	36km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 28° 2' S	Long: 121° 1' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8289-S	LORENTZ, Wolfgang Michael	9.61HA	23km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 46' S	Long: 121° 31' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8291	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	187.54HA	38km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 40' S	Long: 121° 38' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8439	KIN MINING NL	12.04HA	14km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 0' S	Long: 121° 18' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	37/8441	LAINE, Timo Kalevi	110.09HA	37km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 55' S	Long: 121° 42' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5445-7	CONNOR, Brendan Gabriel	362.57HA	48km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S	Long: 121° 48' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	39/5448	CONNOR, Brendan Gabriel	120.99HA	48 km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 59' S	Long: 121° 48' E LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	40/1332-S	CHITTLEBOROUGH, Graham John	9.93HA	37km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S	Long: 121° 25' E MENZIES SHIRE
		GRINHAM, Gaye Leonie				
Prospecting Licence	45/2893	HAOMA MINING NL	31.73HA	10km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 15' S	Long: 119° 44' E EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	47/1709-I	HAMERSLEY IRON PTY LIMITED	23.56HA	33km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat: 22° 46' S	Long: 117° 29' E ASHBURTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2846-9	FITTON, Grant	744.73HA	15km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 39' S	Long: 118° 37' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2850-3	KUBLER, Joachim Joseph	776.26HA	15km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 41' S	Long: 118° 36' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	51/2854-8	LOPRESTI, Stephen	885.46HA	18km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 42' S	Long: 118° 36' E MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1588	WESTDEEN HOLDINGS PTY LTD	191.94HA	55km SW'ly of Bencubbin	Lat: 31° 1' S	Long: 117° 20' E WYALKATCHEM SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	70/1647	SIMS, Jeremy	16.23HA	33km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat: 33° 36' S	Long: 115° 48' E DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of Special Prospecting Licences, which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term up to 4 years from the date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 4 December 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 **4 March 2014**. 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. 4 April 2014**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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Schools play at Palm



By ALF WILSON

TWELVE teams contested the annual Obe Geia Challenge junior rugby league competition on Palm Island. Nine visiting primary school teams made the ferry trip to the north

Queensland Aboriginal community on November 9. Sides consisting of Aboriginal players included Bwgcolman State and St Michael's Catholic School, from Palm Island, and Townsville's Shalom Christian College. The carnival is named after Obe Geia Jnr – the only Palm Islander to have played NRL football for the north Queensland Cowboys – and he was there. Girls also took part in the carnival that attracted a large crowd at

Barracudas Oval. In an exciting final between Townsville schools Heatley and Kelso State School, scores were locked at 8-all when the siren sounded. However, Heatley won the carnival on a countback after scoring the opening try. The Challenge is a partnership between the Palm Island community and the North Queensland Cowboys. Each young footballer earned the right to play thanks to their regular attendance and positive behaviour at school.

“It’s a massive day for the kids, especially the ones who come over from Townville,” Cowboys community manager Fiona Pelling said. “They have four hours of travel to Palm Island and back, as well as five modified length games of rugby league, but you can see much they enjoy it and how much they get out of it.”



Shalom players, from left, Edrick Swan, Javarn Cannendo, Lucas Peters and Amelios Barry.



Magnetic Island players in blue behind the Palm Island Bwgcolman side.



The Bwgcolman Barracudas (2) side from Palm Island.



The St Michael's Obe Geia team.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease applications.

The applications to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 30083 sought by ALICE SPRINGS SAND SUPPLY PTY LTD, ACN 009 594 165 over an area of 55 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the KULGERA locality. 	Extractive Mineral Lease 30059 sought by OSTOJIC GROUP PTY LTD, ACN 009 629 805 over an area of 16 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MARY RIVER locality. 	Extractive Mineral Lease 30069 sought by KENNETH JOHN CHAMBERS, over an area of 16 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.
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Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mineral Titles Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s) for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, GPO Box 4550, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000 or GPO Box 9973 Sydney, NSW 2001, or telephone (02) 9227 4000.

Notification Day: 4 December 2013



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-0110	Rusa Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	7626 km²	Shire of Carnarvon (84.3%) Shire of Ashburton (15.7%) Shire of Exmouth (<0.1%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin. The application occupies a total of 97 5'x5' blocks of which 85 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SF50 (Hamersley Range), 9 are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet S49 (Cloates) and 3 blocks are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG50 (Meekatharra). The north-west corner of the application is located approximately 87 kilometres south-south east of the township of Learmonth, the south-west corner being approximately 100 kilometres north-north-east of the city of Carnarvon and the north-east corner approximately 92 kilometres south-west of the Nanutarra Roadhouse on the North West Coastal Highway. The application commences at a point 114°15'4.72"E, 22°59'55.38"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°45'4.74"E, 22°59'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°45'4.74"E, 23°4'55.37"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°50'4.74"E, 23°4'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°50'4.74"E, 23°14'55.37"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°55'4.74"E, 23°14'55.37"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°55'4.75"E, 23°34'55.38"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°25'4.74"E, 23°34'55.39"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°25'4.76"E, 23°49'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°30'4.77"E, 23°49'55.40"S, thence south along meridian to a point 114°30'4.79"E, 24°14'55.41"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°25'4.79"E, 24°14'55.41"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°25'4.77"E, 23°59'55.41"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°55'4.75"E, 23°59'55.42"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°55'4.74"E, 23°54'55.42"S, thence west along parallel to a point 113°50'4.74"E, 23°54'55.42"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°50'4.73"E, 23°44'55.42"S, thence east along parallel to a point 113°55'4.73"E, 23°44'55.41"S, thence north along meridian to a point 113°55'4.72"E, 23°24'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 114°15'4.73"E, 23°24'55.39"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 114°15'4.72"E, 22°59'55.38"S. All coordinates are in Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	SHIRE
STP-EPA-0111	Rusa Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	7691.63 km²	Shire of Murchison (50.6%) Shire of Shark Bay (45.5%) Shire of Upper Gascoyne (3.9%)

LOCALITY

The application is located in the Southern Carnarvon Basin and the Perth Basin. The application occupies a total of 100 5'x5' blocks which are situated in the 1:1 000 000 mapsheet SG50 (Meekatharra) The application is straddled north to south by the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP). The south-west corner of the application is located approximately 147 kilometres north-north east of the township of Kalbarri and approximately 49 kilometres east-south-east of the Overlander Roadhouse on the North West Coastal Highway and, the north-east corner being approximately 166 kilometres south-west of the peak of Mount Augustus. The application commences at a point 115°50'4.88"E, 25°39'55.39"S, thence east along parallel to a point 116°5'4.89"E, 25°39'55.38"S, thence south along meridian to a point 116°5'4.91"E, 25°59'55.38"S, thence west along parallel to a point 116°0'4.91"E, 25°59'55.39"S, thence south along meridian to a point 116°0'4.94"E, 26°19'55.40"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°40'4.91"E, 26°19'55.42"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°40'4.95"E, 26°24'55.42"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°30'4.94"E, 26°24'55.43"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°30'4.95"E, 26°29'55.43"S, thence west along parallel to a point 115°25'4.94"E, 26°29'55.43"S, thence south along meridian to a point 115°25'4.95"E, 26°34'55.43"S, thence west along parallel to a point 114°55'4.92"E, 26°34'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 114°55'4.91"E, 26°9'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°0'4.91"E, 26°9'55.44"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°0'4.91"E, 26°4'55.45"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°5'4.91"E, 26°4'55.44"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°5'4.90"E, 25°59'55.44"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°10'4.90"E, 25°59'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°10'4.90"E, 25°54'55.43"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°15'4.90"E, 25°54'55.43"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°15'4.89"E, 25°49'55.43"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°40'4.89"E, 25°49'55.40"S, thence north along meridian to a point 115°40'4.89"E, 25°44'55.40"S, thence east along parallel to a point 115°50'4.89"E, 25°44'55.39"S, thence finally north along meridian to the starting point of 115°50'4.88"E, 25°39'55.39"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: 4 December 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 **4 March 2014**. 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 (**4 April 2014**), 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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Back to WAFL, but choice of club a shock

Krakouer rejects old club

By CHRIS PIKE



ANDREW Krakouer was always likely to return to play in the WAFL once his AFL career ended at Collingwood, but he

shocked observers by signing with reigning premiers West Perth rather than coming back to Swan Districts.

Even though Krakouer originally came through the ranks at South Fremantle before being drafted into the AFL by Richmond, it was Swan Districts who he signed with for 2008 before a stint in prison.

Krakouer then returned in 2010 and had one of the most remarkable individual seasons, leading Swan Districts to the premiership and that saw him return to the AFL and spend the past three seasons at Collingwood.

When his time with the Magpies came to an end following the 2013 AFL season, many predicted Krakouer would return to Swan Districts, but the club is in some financial difficult, and West Perth was quick to swoop and sign the 30-year-old for the next two WAFL seasons.

West Perth won the 2013 WAFL premiership, but was somewhat embarrassed during the league's NAIDOC Week's celebrations when it was the only club without an Indigenous representative.

Excited

As a result, not only are the Falcons excited to have Krakouer on board as a player, but also to head up their Indigenous programs.

"Stephen and Brad Hill went to the AFL and when Anton Saylor went up north for work, West Perth were the only WAFL club without an Indigenous player," chief executive David Crute said.

"That was pretty embarrassing."

Swan Districts understandably was unhappy that Krakouer decided not to return to them after his AFL career, but coach Greg Harding won't be holding any grudges.

"We tried to secure the services of Andrew Krakouer for the next few years, but it just wasn't to be," Harding said.

"The relationship between Swans and Kraky has been mutually beneficial for both parties and we wanted that association to continue, but unfortunately Andrew didn't choose us. So we simply move on and look to unearth the next champion from within our own ranks."

Krakouer, the son of the great Jim, will bring with him to West Perth



Andrew Krakouer

his history as a 137-game AFL player, AFL grand final player and as the 2010 Sandover Medallist, 2010 Simpson Medallist and premiership player, and with the feeling he has plenty of good football still left in him.

Andrew Krakouer's journey is quite the remarkable one. Growing up in a famous football family, there was always pressure to perform and he was drafted by Richmond in 2000 before going on to play 102 matches until the end of 2007.

He then returned to WA and played with Swan Districts in the first part of 2008 before life and his career hit its biggest hurdle, but he bounced back inspirationally in 2010 with Swans when he returned to the WAFL.

During his 2010 WAFL season, Krakouer dominated the competition, culminating in his 40-possession, four-goal grand final performance that saw Swan Districts upset Claremont by a point to win the premiership.

Krakouer then ended up at Collingwood in 2011 and had a tremendous first season as part of the team that made the grand final before losing to Geelong.

He was restricted to just 12 games the last two years due to injury, but still showed he was capable of some outstanding football and now that is what West Perth hopes he can deliver back in the WAFL over the next two seasons at least.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Mining Lease	08/501	RED HILL IRON LIMITED	151.61HA	29km W'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 43' S Long: 116° 3' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	08/505	RED HILL IRON LIMITED	25.54HA	25km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat: 21° 48' S Long: 116° 10' E	ASHBURTON SHIRE
Mining Lease	09/152	SWEETMAN, Joshua Leigh	53.70HA	40km NE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat: 24° 44' S Long: 114° 1' E	CARNARVON SHIRE
Mining Lease	29/423	KALGOORLIE NICKEL PROJECT PTY LTD	822.10HA	43km S'ly of Menzies	Lat: 30° 4' S Long: 121° 8' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Mining Lease	45/1242	BUCKSKI HOLDINGS PTY LTD	432.58HA	20km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat: 20° 28' S Long: 118° 41' E	PORT HEDLAND TOWN
Mining Lease	45/1243	GIRALIA RESOURCES PTY LTD	6378.76HA	32km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Mining Lease	46/525	CHICHESTER METALS PTY LTD	4968.52HA	70km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 22° 30' S Long: 120° 3' E	EAST PILBARA 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: 4 December 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 **4 March 2014**. 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. 4 April 2014**), 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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Public Notice

Notice of proposed grant of a variation to a sales permit

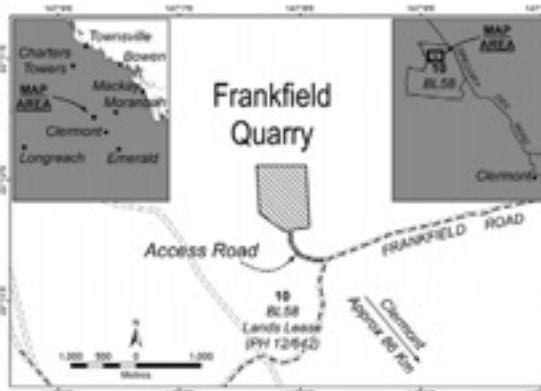
Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) section 29

The current holder named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of a variation to the sales permit shown below under the *Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)*.

Existing sales permit to which this notice applies:

Sales permit number and name	Location of sales permit (refer to map)	Description of area of application	Current applicant ACN
SP201209003	Approx. 92km north west from Clermont	Current land tenures Lot 10 on BL58 – Pastoral Holding Lease PH12/642 (quarry and access)	Capricorn Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd (ACN 115 192 384)
Frankfield Quarry Joint Venture	Local Government area: Issac Regional Council	Area of land applied for in the Sales Permit: 68 ha plus access routes	Central Highlands Gravel Pty Ltd (ACN 112 876 963) Mt Rolfe Pty Ltd (ACN 156 260 794)

Nature of the acts: Grant of a variation to the sales permit under the *Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)* authorises the holder to



get quarry material and carry out associated activities subject to the *Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)*, under revised conditions for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of subsequent extensions each not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the variation of the sales permit conditions be granted under the *Forestry Act 1959 (Qld)* by the Chief Executive, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Forest Products, GPO Box 46, Brisbane, Qld 4001.

Further information: Further information about the proposed variation in conditions, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the area of the sales permit, may be obtained from Forest Products

DAFF, North Forest Management Area, 25 Mabel St, Atherton, Qld 4883, phone (07) 4095 7050, or

Forest Products DAFF, Floor 6, 80 Ann St, Brisbane, Qld 4000 phone (07) 3224 2720.

Native title parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the variation of the sales permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, phone (07) 3248 1100 or email <qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au>.

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Notification Day: Monday 16 December 2013

Great state. Great opportunity.



Tanaya blazes a trail



YOUNG West Australian showjumper Tanaya Radecker had to look no further than her older brother Xavier for inspiration.

In 2011, Xavier finished third in the 80cm showjumping at the national interschool championships at Werribee, Victoria.

Xavier has since drifted away from competitive showjumping, but little sister Tanaya was inspired by his achievements and now is blazing her own trail.

Tanaya was selected for the WA team this year and last month won the 90cm national interschool primary showjumping championship against some of Australia's most talented young showjumping riders.

The 10-year-old then won supreme national showjumping rider from a field that included secondary and primary students.

She was selected for the WA team earlier this year for the nationals at Brigadoon, Perth, in October.

Tanaya is in Year 5 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pinjarra. She lives at Pinjarra, about 85km south of Perth.

Her 'superstar' pony is called Morningside Music Maker (Maxine).

Tanaya has been riding virtually since she could walk

— not surprising given that her whole family is involved with horses. She started competing at small shows from the age of six, but was asked to join the school's equestrian team when the family moved from Kalgoorlie to Pinjarra when she eight.

She admired her older brother when he was selected for the nationals in 2011, and dreamed of doing the same when she was older.

Two years later, her dream was realised when she was selected for nationals in both 80cm and 90cm for showjumping.

A blood nose that lasted an hour forced her to retire from the 80cm championship, but she went on to win 90cm primary school national showjumping championship.

Because she won all three of her 90cm showjumping classes, she also was named supreme national showjumping rider, selected from primary and secondary students.

Her mum Rhonda Radecker wasn't sure of Tanaya's ambitions, but said Tanaya was hoping for selection in next year's nationals in Sydney.

It will be her last year riding as a primary school student.

"I do know though, Tanaya just enjoys riding and having fun with her pony and not taking it all too seriously," mum Rhonda said.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Tanaya in action.



Tanaya Radecker with some of the spoils of her showjumping success.

IMP CEO, coach Tim Rowe resigns



INDIGENOUS Marathon Project (IMP) CEO and coach Tim Rowe is to

leave the organisation.

IMP founder and director Rob de Castella announced that Rowe was about to cross the finish line.

Rowe will be moving back to Sydney at the end of this year's program.

IMP is a health-promotion charity that aims to change the lives of young Indigenous men and women by training them to run the annual New York City Marathon.

In the process, it aims to build self-esteem and create

inspirational leaders who promote health and fitness and address chronic disease and social dysfunction in Indigenous communities.

Rowe joined IMP in 2011 and has overseen the program's growth over the past three years.

Since 2011, 28 Indigenous men and women have completed the New York City, Boston or Tokyo marathons.

Rowe said the opportunity to change a life, and see the positive impact that it could have on family, friends, communities and the wider Australian public had personally been something very special.



From left, IMP staff member Nadine Hunt, IMP founder Rob de Castella, marathon runner Emma Cameron and IMP CEO and coach Tim Rowe.

Argun wins again

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION Badu Island side Argun Warriors took out the final of the Dan Ropeyarn Memorial Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Cup rugby league carnival at Bamaga,

beating another star-studded side 8HB Brothers 46-12.

Ten sides competed in two pools of five at the QRL-sanctioned carnival at Bamaga's Yusia Ginou Oval.

The other teams were Injinoo Crocs, Alau Eagles, New Mapoon, Palm Island Stingers, Napranum Natives, Coen Colts, Roos and Chivarii Warriors.

Players and supporters were there from the NPA,

Torres Strait Islands, Cape York and even as far away as Cairns, Yarrabah, Townsville and Palm Island.

Newcastle Knights NRL player Travis Waddell lined up with the Roos.

Referees travelled from Cairns, including Northern Division regional coordinator David Maiden.

Twenty qualifying matches were held to determine who would meet in the semifinals.

In the final analysis, strong defence was one of the reasons for the Argun victory which complemented their abundance of attacking flair.

In their qualifying games, Argun scored 138 points and conceded just 42.

By comparison, 8HB Brothers had good defence in the lead-up matches, scoring 94, and conceding 44.

Argun Warriors were coached by Tala Nona and

the manager was Barry Nona.

Argun Warriors founder and team organiser Keiji Bowie said the standouts in the forwards were Masi Nona, Ricardo Laza, Dicky Mills and Joe Tamwoy.

Player of carnival was Windsor Bowie (Injinoo Crocs); best back Robbie Congoo (Roos); best forward Matt Bon (Alau Eagles), and player of grand final, Eddie Daniel (Argun Warriors).

Grand final: Argun Warriors 46 (Eddie Daniel 3, Benaia Bowie 2, Yamba Bowie, Patock Tamwoy, Dale Pablo tries; Patock Tamwoy 5, Harold Mosby, Dale Pablo goals) d 8HB Brothers 12 (Thearon Pearson, Noel Underwood 1 tries; Robbie Amber 2 goals).

Semifinals: Argun Warriors 22 d d Roos 12, 8HB Brothers 26 d Alau Eagles 18.



From left, Oscar Fourmile (8HB Brothers), Cyprian Mossman (Argun Warriors), Milton Mossman (8HB Brothers) and Jack David (Argun Warriors).

Seahawks escape after drawn final

By ALF WILSON



TORRES Strait Islanders Mark Dau, Keith Pabai and Elia Ware played leading roles for the Yarrabah Seahawks team that won the final at the Mossman All Blacks rugby league carnival in one of the most exciting deciders of the year.

Scores between Yarrabah and Mossman were deadlocked 22-all at full-time and remained that way after a further two five-minute periods.

QRL Northern Division regional coordinator David Maiden said it

was an exciting game.

"They had it in the rules that if they were still tied after two periods of five minute golden point time, then the first try scorer was declared the winner and that was Yarrabah," Maiden said.

Ware, who scored a brilliant try in the Seahawks 28-22 semifinal win over Julaymba, said the trio were proud Torres Strait Islanders.

"It was great to be part of the winning team," he said.

Six teams competed at the November 9-10 carnival at the Mossman Showgrounds, in far north Queensland.

The other sides were Knights,

Mudgindigi Warriors, Cooktown and Julaymba.

Points after the qualifying rounds were: Mossman 23.5, Yarrabah 19, Julaymba 14.5, Knights 11.5, Mudgindigi Warriors 6, Cooktown 0.

The player of the carnival was Mossman utility Dan Sagigi.

In the semifinals Yarrabah beat Julaymba 28-22 and and Mossman thrashed Knights 54-0.

It has been a great season for Yarrabah. They also won the recent All Blacks carnival at Gordonvale and were runners-up at the Ipswich Murri Knockout to Southern Dingoes.



The winning Yarrabah Seahawks team.

Yarrabah side wins at Gordonvale

By ALF WILSON



YARRABAH side Bukki Buna won the final of the Gordonvale Aboriginal All Blacks rugby league carnival, beating Torres Strait Islander team

Descendants 24-20.

Five sides contested the carnival at Gordonvale's Alley Park from September 20-22 which was hosted by Southern Suburbs Club.

The other teams were Innisfail Waru, Black Cockatoos and Hope Vale Dhurrbil.

A sixth side, Cape Cluster premiers the Kowanyama Wallabies, had nominated but withdrew late because of a death in the community.

Qualifying games were held over the first two days and at the completion the points table was: Bukki Buna 16.5, Descendants 14.5, Innisfail Waru 10, Black Cockatoos 7, Hope Vale 3.

The final saw Descendants, the victors at of the 2013 Rockhampton Reconciliation All Blacks carnival, race to a 16-4 half-time lead that looked like a winning break.

But the classy Bukki Buna hit back.

In one semifinal, Bukki Buna defeated Black Cockatoos 26-22. Descendants beat Innisfail Waru 28-18 in the other semifinal.

In the losers' plate final, Innisfail Waru defeated Black Cockatoos 36-32 in a thriller.

Bukki Buna back Charlie Murgha was named player of the carnival.

Best forward was Brandon Tatipate; best back, George Toby; highest pointscorer, Fred Koraba.

Qualifying Games: Descendants 22 d Innisfail Waru 12, Bukki Buna 20 v Black Cockatoos 20, Descendants 26 d Black Cockatoos 18, Bukki Buna 34 d Hope Vale 16, Innisfail Waru 28 d Black Cockatoos 0, Descendants 44 d Hope Vale 20, Innisfail Waru 34 d Hope Vale 16, Black Cockatoos 44 d Hope Vale 16.



Gordonvale All Blacks carnival winners Bukki Buna, from Yarrabah.

Port Augusta wins

Story and pictures by
PETER ARGENT



A BRILLIANT 69 from Travis McNamee and a cameo by Russell Coulthard was the backbone of Port Augusta's comfortable 55-run in the final of the 2013 Lord's Taverners statewide Indigenous championships in Adelaide late last month.

The tournament was held at Park 25, in the north-east corner of the Adelaide Central Business District on November 25-26.

Five teams from around the state played three rounds of Twenty20 cricket before Port Augusta and the Riverland played off in the final.

Three-way tie

Evergreen Coulthard, along with Port Lincoln allrounder Jeremy Johncock and Riverland wicketkeeper-batsman Gilly Taylor shared the prestigious Vince Copley Medal as the best players in the tournament.

Port Augusta went in to the final having won both round-robin matches. The first win was on

the back of a brilliant 83 and two wickets by Coulthard against Karna.

Port Augusta's day two match against Port Lincoln was a key clash, with the winner assured a spot in the final.

After a slow start, Port Augusta managed a competitive 8-126 from 20 overs.

In their chase, Port Lincoln started much the same as their opponents, with a combination of tight bowling and sure fielding, they fell 22 runs short.

Against Port Lincoln, the veteran pairing of Coulthard (3-14) and Mark Austin (2-17) were the star bowlers, while Karl McKenzie produced an important 36 with the bat.

"The conditions were similar to what you encounter in Alice Springs during the Imparja Cup," Coulthard said.

SA Boomerangs captain Jamie McCafferty produced a pair of unbeaten half centuries on Monday, while Kynan Betts smashed a brilliant unbeaten 82 for Port Lincoln against Karna.

A number of the 2014 Imparja Cup participants are expected to come out of the 2013 Lord's Taverners state-wide championships.



Port Augusta, the carnival winners, standing, from left, Josh Coulthard, Bobby Shane Dudley, Phil Kartinyeri, Jayden Roderick, Jason Dawson, Mark Austin, Russell Coulthard (capt); kneeling, Anthony McKenzie, Travis McNamee, Karl McKenzie, John Austin; team mascot, O'Shea McKenzie Warren.



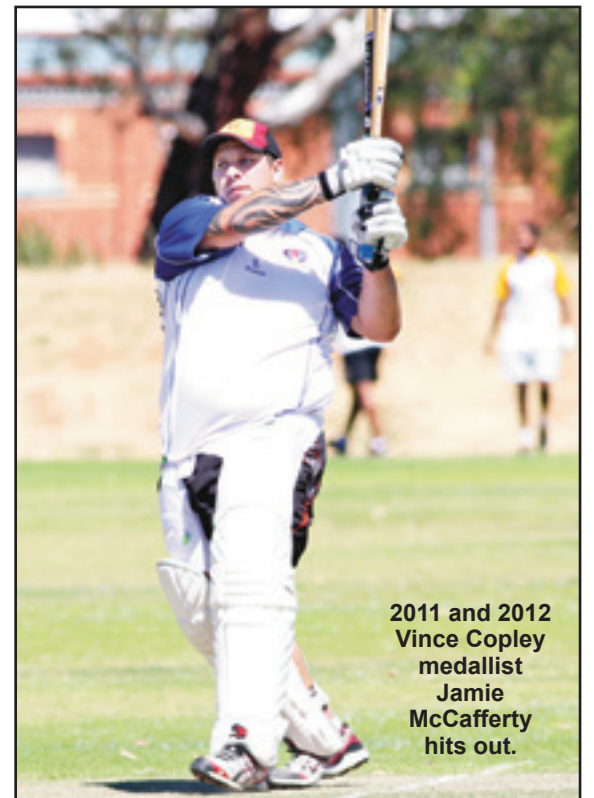
Fielding trophy winner
George Halls.



Gary Abdulla, winner of the
bowling trophy, presented by
Cricket Australia's Indigenous
cricket officer Paul Stewart.



Gilly Taylor is presented with the batting trophy
by Cricket Australia's Paul Stewart. Taylor also
won the wicketkeeping trophy.



2011 and 2012
Vince Copley
medallist
Jamie
McCafferty
hits out.



It's cricket boys... not rugby.
Peter Thomas snaffles a
catch while avoiding a
Karna team mate going for
the same ball.



Russell
Coulthard
holds Port
Augusta's
winning
trophy.



The Vince Copley Medal is shared by three players, from left,
Russell Coulthard, Jeremy Johncock and Gilly Taylor.

statewide cricket



Anthony McKenzie straight drives Port Augusta to victory.



Former Adelaide Crows AFL great great Graham Johncock in the field.



Russell Coulthard cuts to the boundary during his 83 against Kaurana in round one.



Freddy Agius plays a late cut.



Jeremy Johncock on his follow-through.



● ABOVE:
Kynan Betts
sends the ball
to the
boundary.



● LEFT:
Jordan
Charles plays
a classic hook
shot.

● RIGHT:
Howzat! Port
Augusta's
Mark Austin
appeals.



Backstop's
backstop...
Port
Lincoln's
Harry Miller
takes the
catch while
Kingsley
Bilney is on
hand to back
him up.

Bivens stakes claim

By CHRIS PIKE



YOUNG West Australian batsman Alistair Bivens has recently scored his maiden first-grade century to continue his push towards a cricket debut for his state at the top level.

Bivens was already in the radar of the WA side having trained with the state's squad in a bid to win a spot in the West Australian Sheffield Shield squad or with the Perth Scorchers on a community and development rookie contract for the Twenty20 Big Bash League.

Bivens has continued to improve as a high-class batsman every season he has come through the ranks at his local club Gosnells and now fresh off scoring his maiden century, he continues to move towards higher duties for Western Australia.

He made his first grade debut for Gosnells in 2009 after averaging more than 58 in six second grade matches and he has continued to put in some solid performances, but it has been the start to the 2013-14 season that has seen him really show what he is capable of.

Bivens' first innings of note came in the second game of the season in October when he made a terrific not out 81 when batting at No 4 for Gosnells against Perth.

He then backed it up with an outstanding unbeaten 105 against Willetton in early November in what was the first century of his career.

He backed it up with a 77 in the one-day colts clash against Bayswater-Morley the very next day and that really made the WA selectors take notice as they continue to consider him for a contract with the state side, and indeed for a spot with the Scorchers in the upcoming Big Bash League.



Alistair Bivens, left, with D'Arcy Short.

Bivens is known as a top-order batsman, but can chip in with some bowling from time to time and that has seen him claim a first grade best of 2-29 last January against University, while at colts level, he picked up 3-15 and 3-18 on two occasions.

Career-best bowling

His career-best figures of 3-10 came in second grade action, also against University, in 2009-10 in the same match he scored 87 not out in a performance that showed he was ready to take the next step into first grade action despite still being a teenager.

Bivens has also been at the past four Imparja Cup tournaments representing WA.

He hasn't quite set the world on fire, making just 445 runs at an average of 21, but he did make a 50 not out in the tournament earlier this year where he teamed with Michael Bailey for a strong partnership of 109 for the second wicket.

Meanwhile, Bivens isn't the only young Indigenous cricketer at his local club Gosnells looking for more opportunities at the next level.

One of his teammates is D'Arcy Short, who already has played a one-day match for WA in November 2011 when he looked

good with the ball, taking 2-14, but made just three with the bat.

The 23-year-old, who has also represented the Northern Territory, has not been able to break through for another appearance for WA since that debut against New South Wales in Sydney, but he continues to be a solid contributor with Bivens at Gosnells.

Short had a solid first grade season last year with Gosnells, scoring 567 runs at an average of just over 35, with a highest score of 120, while also picking up eight wickets to continue to press his claims for more opportunities for WA.

NSW names Imparja Cup teams



THERE are two new faces in the NSW Imparja Cup men's cricket team heading to Alice Springs next February.

The newcomers are Chris White, from Kempsey, and Sydney University Green Shield captain Jonte Pattison (Central Coast), replacing Aaron Muir and Kris Halloran.

The women's team includes three newcomers – Nikki Squires (Central Coast), Tylor Gilbert and

Maddison McCooey.

They are replacing Veronica McCooey, Ranae Melville and Rhiannon McCooey.

The all-Indigenous Imparja Cup runs from February 9-16.

The NSW men's team will be seeking to regain the Cup after having won it the previous two years.

They lost the final to Queensland this year after dominating all their qualifying matches.

The NSW women's team has won for the past six years, but

with more state and territory teams coming on board, their task should become more challenging.

Veteran Jeff Cooke again will lead the men's team.

Cooke, who has scored a century in county cricket in England, is captain of Western Suburbs in the Sydney grade competition.

Jake Turner plays first grade with Sydney.

Jonte Pattison was recently selected in the NSW under 17 team.

Lain Beckett (Illawarra) has recently been selected as a member of the NSW under 19 Cricket Academy for the 2013 season.

Julie Muir is back at the helm of the women's team.

Ashleigh Gardner is part of the NSW under 18 squad.

Taylor Gilbert and Jemma Astley are also part of the Cricket NSW Academy Program.

The men's team is Jeff Cooke (captain, Western Suburbs/Central North), Nathan Price (Randwick Petersham), Andrew Gordon (Western Suburbs), Jake Turner (Sydney), Tyrone Thomas (Southern), Lain Beckett (Sutherland-Illawarra), Harrison Kelly (Central North), Dan Caldwell (Northern District),



NSW cricketer Samantha Hinton at a previous Imparja Cup with Faith Thomas, the first Aboriginal woman to play cricket for Australia. That was in 1958 when she played against England.

Jonte Pattison (Sydney University/Central Coast), Damien Duroux (North West Sydney), Jack Manning Bancroft (University of NSW), Chris White (Parramatta/North Coastal), Pat Rosser (Western).

Women's team: Julie Muir (captain, St George-Sutherland), Samantha Hinton (vice-captain, St George-Sutherland), Veronica Gordon (St George-Sutherland), Nicole Honeysett

(Western), Roxsanne Van Veen (St George-Sutherland), Ashleigh Gardner (Bankstown Sports), Rheanna Lotter (St George-Sutherland), Nikki Squires (Northern District/Central Coast), Taylor Gilbert (Northern District/Western), Jemma Astley (Northern District/Central Coast), Ricki Lee Bell Sloan (Parramatta-Blacktown), Maddison McCooey (Penrith).



Pat Rosser at the 2012 Imparja Cup carnival. He will be back next year.

The world is their stage

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE disappointment surrounding the results of the recent All Stars tour to Ireland should not disguise the positives of the trip and the concept.

To allow players from any sport to celebrate their culture on an international stage is something that should not only be encouraged, but supported at every level.

It is a statement not only on how far our country has come, but provides a meaningful platform for future development.

It is not only an international stage in terms of the actual sport, but also a stage to promote and educate.

It is a far cry from the first tour where our ancestors were more seen as curiosities or novelties.

The AFL's Indigenous All-Stars tour of Ireland was only the fourth overseas sporting tour by an all-Indigenous Australian team.

In doing a bit of research, I was able to reflect on why our tour was a significant event on a number of levels.

The first trip took place 145 years ago with the 1868 Aboriginal cricket tour of England.

In between was the 1973 tour of a rugby league side to New Zealand.

An all-Indigenous cricket team toured the UK in 2009.

The 1868 cricket squad became the first organised group of Australian cricketers to tour overseas.

Unlike the touring sportsmen

of today, we don't know why these men got on the Parramatta in early February 1868 and headed into a fate that was at best uncertain – and possibly doomed.

The Aboriginal cricketers came from the western districts of Victoria.

The towns known as Warracknabeal, Ararat, Moyston and Horsham were the traditional homelands to the Jardwadjali and Djab Wurrung people.

There is no real trace – no diaries, no blogs, no Tweets – of any of the players' thoughts while on tour.

I wish we had a record of their impressions and their memories as this must have been an adventure of a massive scale.

The cultural shock – let alone the change of climate – would have been daunting to say the least.

What we can be sure of is that the men on the 1868 tour were brave.

One account I read reminds us of what part of our history was like.

Living pieces

It is well to remember that at the time when Aboriginal heads were being collected in European museums, the cricketers must have seemed something like living museum pieces.

We know that the trip by sea lasted four months and the team were in England for nearly 12 months.

While on tour, they played 47 games in total.

There were 19 draws, 14 wins and 14 losses.

The best of the batsmen and the bowlers were Johnny Mullagh (Unaarrimin) and Johnny Cuzens (Zellanach).

Historian David Sampson has written that the displays of Aboriginal weaponry during the tour of Britain were more appealing to many spectators than the cricket itself, as demonstrations of boomerang and spear-throwing took centre stage.

Wotjobaluk warrior Dick-a-Dick's (Jungunjinanuke) challenge to the crowd to throw cricket balls at him elicited the most interest.

As the projectiles rained down and whizzed past his head, Dick-a-Dick was cool and poised as he moved easily out of the way or deflected the balls with consummate ease with his



Peter Callaghan demonstrates his boomerang throwing skills during the 2009 tour of the UK by an Australian Indigenous cricket team. The All-Aboriginal 1868 touring cricket team found themselves doing the same sort of thing.

thin shield.

The power of a tour like ours was that we were there representing our culture with pride and promoting the strength of our people and our rights for continued recognition.

Social media allows us to send our personal messages to an international audience and the collective power of having all the boys together gives us a great opportunity to promote key ideas.

This is what has allowed the All Stars camps to work, whether they have been held in Darwin, Sydney or Alice Springs.

Not only has it provided the local communities with the chance to see their AFL heroes in the flesh at schools and in town, but it has enabled the Indigenous players at the elite level to come together to chart our destiny.

This is something the 1868 cricketers desperately craved and would never realise.

Some people were sceptical as to what the purpose of the tour to Ireland was meant to represent.

Some came out and said it was reverse discrimination.

The subtext of this was simply: "Why aren't we taking our best side?"

Even the Irish Gaelic Athletic Association wanted the very best players to play – not some second-string team.

We know the reality of this is far different despite the final results.

With names like Buddy Franklin, Steven Motlop, Mathew Stokes and Daniel Wells selected in the squad, this was no second-tier team.

Filled with pride

This side took their responsibilities as professional players and represented our culture and Australia with pride.

The true benefits of the trip will only be fully understood in the future as the professional and personal benefits to the players become more obvious.

It is a concept that should grow into the future.

Not only in other sports, but across all other cultural fields of endeavour.

The world is our stage.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Damien Hooper lines up another fight



UNDEFEATED World Boxing Council (WBC) world youth silver light-heavyweight

champion Damien Hooper has lined up a pre-Christmas fight, this time in Melbourne.

No opponent has been announced, but Hooper is expected to fight at the Melbourne Pavilion, Flemington, on Wednesday, December 11.

Hooper won the vacant WBC world youth silver title when he stopped Thai Yodkhunsuk Mor Poowana (birth name Panya Chomphooghuang) in the second round in Brisbane on November 16 after being knocked down in the opening round.

The Thai's blazing start shocked Hooper, who wasn't expecting such early fireworks.

But he said he had learned some valuable lessons and would be better prepared from now on.

"What a comeback year after the Olympics... so happy to be in my position... signed with Ricky Hatton have a great team... Matt Clark, Brendan Bourke, Gareth Williams. Won a world youth title last fight... five fights, five knockouts and whaa, gonna make it 6 KOs for the year one. Love representing me and my people," he posted on Facebook.

In his five professional fights, Hooper has spent just 14 rounds in the ring and is yet to go beyond five rounds.

He had a distinguished amateur career before turning pro earlier this year.

He had his first pro fight in Brisbane last April and has won three fights on a technical knockout and the other two by knockout.

Local knowledge a big advantage



KAMILAROI man Bradley Moggridge was well acclimatised for the 34th annual national

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander golf championships in Canberra.

His local knowledge paid off as he won the 72-hole stroke tournament from Robin Harrison at the Federal Golf Club.

Moggridge, from Canberra, totalled 311 over the four days.

Nyoongar woman Dorothy Rodney won the women's title.

Wisdom of Elders

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

ALTHOUGH most of the community work I am involved in with the team from Titans 4 Tomorrow has a focus on youth, I always try to ensure I make contact with the Elders of the community wherever possible.

The generation gap is not confined to Indigenous communities, but the message in most places can be similar.

I remember when we visited a remote community, the message from the kids was that the Elders did not want to talk to them.

When we met with the Elders, their message was that the kids did not want to listen to them.

One of the most rewarding activities of that particular program was when the kids invited the Elders to a dinner that they prepared and served and then shared with them.

The appreciation of the Elders was obvious as they were all made to feel special.

The pride on the faces of the youth showed how important it made them feel.



Jamal Idris shares a moment with one of the local Elders during a Gold Coast Titans visit to Coffs Harbour. Picture supplied

It was not life-changing as such, but it was affirming and it showed how easy it can be to build bridges and to allow communication to begin.

The simplicity of this was brought to me on two recent visits to Coffs Harbour.

The first visit was for the Grace Roberts Community Awards that honour a local Aboriginal woman who history records as being a positive role model for her people, and a person of great substance.

Positive impact

She had a positive and lasting impact on Coffs Harbour's local community and is recognised for her leadership and guidance.

From her determination, and by example, she improved the quality of life for Aboriginal people in the Coffs region.

The Grace Roberts Community Development Award was established because local Aboriginal people wanted to

recognise individuals or a group within their community who encompassed the qualities of Grace Roberts.

They were in essence honouring an Elder who left a lasting legacy for others to follow.

All nominees were deserving of the awards, but two speeches on the night made an impression on me.

Reuben Robinson took out top honours, and received a standing ovation, when he was presented with his award.

His passion for his people was obvious and he is dedicated to creating a better future not only for this generation, but for those who will follow.

In doing so, he recognised the work of the likes of Grace Roberts and the influence that Elders and other role models had on moulding his own personal commitment.

Reuben is a founding member of CHASE. It helps the

community with many activities, including an annual family Christmas gathering.

He is a board member of Galambila Aboriginal Medical Service and was instrumental in the acquisition of the dental service.

His work for his people in his own time is inspirational and he is a true leader.

Uncle Terry Donovan won the Community Worker Award and his speech also resonated with me.

Better outcomes

He was nominated by North Coast Medicare Local for his work in the Closing The Gap program and his work as an Aboriginal outreach worker has seen improved health outcomes for this community.

Uncle Terry spoke of the time he spent with his Elders and how their stories shaped him as an Aboriginal man.

I thoroughly enjoyed the

sense of celebration and the great relationship that has been established with the Coffs Harbour City Council and the Yandaarra Aboriginal Consultative Committee.

A couple of weeks later, I had the opportunity to return to Coffs when the Titans players were doing some great community work while there on a training camp.

As well as communicating some positive messages as part of an anti-bullying program, some of the Indigenous players, including Jamal Idris, Ryan James, Aiden Sezer, Maurice Blair and Albert Kelly were able to meet with Elders and members at Jagun Aged Care to show their respect.

Some of the local kids were also able to attend and enjoyed a few activities, a workshop and a sausage sizzle with the whole group.

Magnets

Jamal and local hero Albert were magnets for the kids, but as always, Jamal was able to sum up the importance of giving back.

"I lived in an Aboriginal community where we learned a lot from our Elders," he said.

"It is great to be able to come to these sorts of events to give back to community."

"When I look at these kids, I see myself 10 years ago."

Meeting their heroes makes kids realise that they are just the same as themselves.

For the kids to witness Jamal sitting down with an Auntie to hear her story is true role modelling.

At Titans 4 Tomorrow, we pay our respects to Elders past – present and future.

What we are trying to say to the kids is that they are our leaders and Elders of the future and that they need to carry the wisdom of our current Elders with them.

We should all celebrate the wisdom of our Elders.



Desert kids enjoy a day at the cricket



YOUNG Alice Springs cricketers experienced the highlight of their short cricketing careers when they represented a number of local schools in a MILO

in2CRICKET on-field demonstration at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, last Friday.

The Braitling Primary School, Living Waters Lutheran School, Gillen Primary School, Centralian Middle School and Santa Teresa (Ltyente Apute) kids practised their skills during the lunch break of the Chairman's XI match against the touring English side.

The MILO in2CRICKET program

is a way for children aged 5-10 to develop social skills, physical fitness, sportsmanship and basic cricket knowledge.

The 6-12 week program is designed to be inclusive and action-packed.

Each participant received a starter pack, including a bat, ball, T-shirt, a bucket hat, a backpack, MILO products and more.

● **LEFT: Santa Teresa (Ltyente Apute) students at the MILO in2CRICKET demonstration at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, during the lunch break on the first day of the match between the touring English side and the Chairman's XI. Picture: Getty**

Seven new faces

Two more join five chosen in national draft

By PETER ARGENT



ANOTHER two Indigenous players have joined Australian Football League (AFL) clubs following on from the five selected in the AFL's national draft held on Queensland's Gold

Coast.

In the rookie draft last Wednesday, Zac Bates and Charlie Cameron joined the previous national draft selections of Jarman Impey, Sean Lemmens, Malcolm Karpany, Dayle Garlett and Jay Kennedy-Harris.

The first Indigenous footballer selected this year at pick 21 was Murray Bushrangers livewire utility Jarman Impey.

The Shepparton-based Impey is a dynamic impact player, averaging 16 disposals and three tackles in five matches for Victoria Country.

"When you arrive, you hope to get the player you want and fortunately Jarman was there," Port Adelaide recruiting manager Geoff Parker said.

"Ken (senior coach Hinkley) said he wanted a small defender with speed and aggression and Jarman ticks those boxes.

"He can also be very dangerous around goals where he reads the ball well off the hands.

"His other strengths include an excellent step through traffic and elite leg speed."

Bolter

A bolter in the 2013 AFL draft was Salisbury lad Sean Lemmens, who was a part of the SA under 18 program as an over-ager and was selected by Gold Coast in round two at pick number 27.

He is a hard-running defender with clean hands and a potent attacking game.

Gold Coast recruiting manager Scott Clayton said Lemmens – the club's third recruit – had a tremendous upside.

"Sean is a really strong defender and is great in heavy traffic," Clayton said.

"He can defend his man well, and will no doubt add further depth to our defensive stocks."

Malcolm Karpany, who was collected by the West Coast Eagles, told the *Koori Mail* he'd been dreaming of being on an AFL list for a very long time.



Jarman Impey



Malcolm Karpany



Dayle Garlett



Jay Kennedy-Harris



Sean Lemmens



Zac Bates



Charlie Cameron

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"I was at a school graduation ceremony at Rostrevor College when I heard," Karpany said.

"A friend, Rowan Nicholas had the AFL app on his phone and that is how I found out.

"Then, my aunty had it confirmed when she received a phone call from my manager, Michael Doughty."

"I can't believe how quickly things have happened.

"I actually barracked for the Power as a kid and always looked up to Adam Goodes as a role model."

Karpany flew to Perth on the Sunday after the draft and was off to Broome the following day for a fitness camp.

Dayle Garlett (selection number 38) – expected to be collected 12 months earlier – was given his AFL opportunity by Hawthorn after 51 goals in 21 games with Swan Districts in the WAFL this year.

Reigning premiers Hawthorn believe Garlett is capable of coming into their program and have an impact if he's able to get through the training and play the pre-season games.

'Serious talent'

"There's no doubt Dayle's got some serious football talent and we've been in constant contact with him over the past couple of years and felt really comfortable with the selection," Hawks recruiting and list manager Graham Wright said.

Diminutive Jay Kennedy-Harris, who is seen a long-term replacement for Aaron Davey, said being selected by Melbourne at pick number 40 was one of the best moments of his life.

It was a nervous wait and it was a huge relief when he heard his name called out.

He is noted as a player who loves to take the game on and has a strong defensive side.

New Demons senior coach Paul Roos

believes Kennedy-Harris is a traditional pressure small forward who can be used in the midfield.

Rookie draft selections Charlie Cameron and Zac Bates were acquired by the Adelaide Crows and Geelong respectively.

Cameron is a Swan Districts utility player and was the Crows' first rookie selection at number seven, while West Adelaide junior Bates – originally from the Riverland – was picked by Geelong at pick number 46.

Bates moved to Adelaide in 2011 from Barmera Monash and has played in all of the Bloods' junior grades as well as some reserves football over the past two years.

He has displayed tremendous promise.

He would have come close to senior South Australian selection if it wasn't for a hamstring injury late in the season.

Cameron is noted for his physical style of football and is good at winning the contest ball.

Along with a strong skill-set, defensive pressure to the opposition is a feature of his game.

Jamie Bennell, who previous played AFL football with Melbourne, Brett Goodes and young Giant Zachary Williams had their names announced as upgraded rookies at the national draft.

Derick Wanganeen, Neville Jetta and Murray Newman were retained as rookies after initially being delisted.

Centralian kids find it's cool to be in the pool



MORE than 160 Indigenous children from communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia converged on Alice Springs last month for the bush schools

swimming clinic and carnival.

Some travelled up to six hours for the two-day event on November 20-21.

It was run by Swimming Northern Territory with help from the Yipirinya School.

Children learned basic skills and games on the first day and took part in a carnival on the second day.

Two members of the Australian swim team – Ellie Cole and Aisling Scott – also helped with the event.



Bo De La Cruz, second from left, with Palmerston Girls Academy who will be at the Ella Sevens at Alice Springs, from left, Mehli Chisholm, Tayla Thorn and Jessica Dhalthangu.

Ella 7s coming to Alice Springs



RUGBY union's Ella Sevens is coming to Alice Springs – this time for the inaugural National Indigenous Schoolgirls Ella Sevens, to be held from December 10-12.

Selected from 130 nominations across Australia, 55 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schoolgirls aged between 15 and 17 will take part in rugby sevens and personal development programs, including education, employment, leadership and mental health.

Driven by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) and Australian Rugby Union, the camp reinforces rugby's commitment to provide sport for the Australian Indigenous community.

The camp is part of the Australian Rugby Union's (ARU's) 'Pathway to Gold' program, which identifies athletes to represent Australia, particularly in the build-up to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where rugby sevens will feature for men and women for the first time.

Throughout the Alice Springs event, the girls will be mentored by high-performance staff and athletes from ARU's Rugby Sevens program, including Qantas women's sevens coach Tim Walsh and national Indigenous women's sevens coach Selena Tranter.

Walsh and Tranter will be accompanied by current members of the Qantas women's sevens team Charlotte Caslick, Emilee Cherry, Shannon Parry and Alicia Quirk.

Former Qantas women's sevens player Bo de la Cruz will conduct an education and leadership workshop. She is a program manager at the Palmerston Girls Academy near Darwin, an initiative of Role Models and Leaders Australia.

Four students from Palmerston – Mehli Chisholm, Jessica Dhalthangu, Bianca Stokes and Tayla Thorn – will accompany Bo at the camp.

Variety of sports

The girls already share school and regional representative honours across a variety of sports, including AFL, athletics, basketball, rugby league and touch football.

The Alice Springs tournament is the last event in the Ella Sevens calendar for 2013 that has seen more than 600 Indigenous men, women, boys and girls participate in rugby sevens at Coffs Harbour, Cairns and Ballymore (Brisbane).

The Alice Springs Ella Sevens will culminate with a tournament on Wednesday, December 11, at Anzac Oval, where the girls will get the chance to show their skills for selection in the national Indigenous schoolgirls sevens team to tour New Zealand in 2014.

Goodbye 'Mango'

Matt Bowen at a recent North Queensland All Blacks rugby league carnival.
Picture by Alf Wilson



By ALF WILSON



FORMER North Queensland Cowboys champion back Matty Bowen played his last game on Australian soil before leaving for

England when he shone for his community side Hope Vale Brothers at the John Bowen Memorial Indigenous rugby league carnival at Cooktown.

His team beat Yarrabah side Bukki Buna 24-22 in a thrilling final.

Eight teams battled it out at Cooktown on November 23-24.

The other sides were Northern Peninsula Area, Barkey Warriors, Mala Yabbas, Dhuwaay, Cape United and Kaantju Mitpi.

In the semifinals, Hope Vale Brothers beat Barkey Warriors and Bukki Buna defeated NPA.

The 31-year-old Bowen retired from the Cowboys after the 2013 season after having played 270 games.

He will leave early in the New Year to

play in the English Super League for Wigan Warriors.

One of his first assignments could be against Sydney City Roosters for the world club championship, where the reigning National Rugby League (NRL) premiers take on the English Super League champions.

The Cooktown carnival was QRL-sanctioned and senior referee Rod McCrae said Bowen showed his class.

"Matty was the difference in the final and his cousin Brenton Bowen played as well," McCrae said.

"There were nine Bowen family members in the winning team.

"In the semifinal, Matty scored a 90m intercept try and even in defence he cut off so many opposition attacking raids.

He often zig-zagged across the field and it was great seeing him there."

McCrae said it rained most of the first day and during parts of the second day.

"There was some good quality football and the organisers did well," he said.

For Bowen, it would have been

wonderful lining up for his home community in his last Australian game.

Bowen's representative honours included 10 matches for Queensland between 2003-07, one Test for Australia in 2004, one Tri-Nations game in 2004, and Prime Minister's XIII games in 2005, 2010 and 2011.

He attended Abergowrie College and had played with Souths Club in Townsville.

Debuted against Broncos

Bowen made his debut for the Cowboys against the Brisbane Broncos in round one of 2001 and is a household name in North Queensland.

He played for the Indigenous All Stars in 2011 and 2012 and was in the Prime Minister's XIII in 2011.

He holds the record for the most number of games for the Cowboys and featured in their only NRL grand final appearance in 2005.

He was the NRL's top try-scorer in 2005 and 2007 and was named the NRL's best player in his position in 2007.

Indigenous XI takes on Barmy Army



A NORTHERN Territory Indigenous XI triumphed over the Barmy Army in a friendly T20 cricket match in Alice Springs last Thursday.

The match, at Albrecht Oval, was part of the build-up to the

two-day game on Friday and Saturday between England and the Cricket Australia Chairman's XI at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

The social match was organised at the request of the Barmy Army and was played in a light-hearted spirit.

Scores: Indigenous XI 6-143, Barmy

Army 7-108.

The Indigenous XI was made up of non-elite community members from throughout the Territory.

Dave Kirren (Katherine) top-scored for the Indigenous XI with 49 off just 28 balls.

Opener Doug McClure set the tone

with 36 off 29 balls.

But Indigenous XI female cricketer Camella Grey was named player of the match for her 1-13 off three overs and outstanding fielding.

Imparja Cup Cup-founder Ross Williams played for the Indigenous XI and scored 10 runs off 19 balls.



Cricket Northern Territory's Marcus Rosas, who captained the Indigenous XI, Barmy Army co-founder David Peacock, Indigenous XI player Nathan Rosas and Barmy Army trumpeter Billy Cooper in Alice Springs ahead of the friendly T20 match. Picture supplied



Bring on the best



Anthony Mundine lands a right on Shane Mosley during the World Boxing Association (WBA) international super welterweight title bout at Allphones Arena, Sydney, last Wednesday night. *Picture: Getty*



BRING on the best – that was Anthony Mundine's confident declaration after he beat ageing and stricken American superstar Shane Mosley in their bout for the

vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) international super welterweight title last Wednesday.

The 42-year-old American retired after the sixth round following what doctor Lou Lewis described as a severe back spasm.

While the nature of the stoppage disappointed some of the crowd at Sydney's Allphones Arena, Mosley said he couldn't move, with Lewis and referee Raul Caiz Snr confirming the fighter was genuinely hurt.

An honest Mosley said he believed Mundine was in front at the time of the stoppage, with all three judges agreeing with the verdict.

Ahead on points

Mundine was leading 58-56 on two cards and 60-55 on the third.

A gracious Mundine expressed sympathy to Mosley, but was looking to capitalise on securing the biggest scalp of his career after producing one of his best performances.

The 38-year-old Australian still hankers for a shot at peerless WBA champion Floyd Mayweather.

While the win and his new title should improve his current ranking of tenth, he doesn't expect to get the next crack at the unbeaten American.

'Choc' focussed from outset

ANTHONY Mundine declared he planned to stamp his authority on Shane Mosley from the outset of what he labelled his 'do-or-die' fight, after winning his battle with the scales.

Mundine, who had struggled in the past to make the super welterweight limit, came in at 69.65kg, just under the 69.85kg limit for the bout for the vacant WBA international title.

Mosley, who turned up ten minutes late to the weigh-in, was 69.10kg.

The title apart, continued relevance on the international scene and potentially bigger fights were the prizes for the two skilled veterans.

Neither had the perfect preparation with the fight being postponed for five weeks.

Mosley had to make two extra long-distance plane trips, while Mundine had to deal with the firebombing of his cafe.

Before the fight, Mundine was ranked 10th by the WBA, while Mosley wasn't

rated by that organisation.

However, the win is certain boost Mundine's ranking and keep alive his dream of a bout with WBA champion Floyd Mayweather, universally acknowledged as the world's best pound-for-pound fighter.

A loss to 42-year-old multi world title winner Mosley would have scuppered that dream and Mundine had suggested it could end his career, although his father and trainer Tony didn't necessarily believe that would be the case.

Earlier, Mundine branded fellow Australians and former opponents Daniel Geale and Sam Soliman as 'haters' for helping Mosley prepare for the title bout.

Mosley had utilised the services of Geale and Soliman in the lead-up to the fight, with the former having fought 'The Man' twice and the latter thrice.

"They (Soliman and Geale) are nothing but haters. They are jealous and envious of me," Mundine said. – AAP

"Obviously, I want Floyd. (He's) the best of the best.

"But that's not going to happen (next).

"You've got to do your time and beat the right fighters

"There's Cotto out there. There's Alvarez.

"They are the type of calibre of fighters I want to fight."

A foot blister was Mundine's only slight post-fight injury.

He ruled out a rematch with Mosley, who said he would wait until he got home and looked at a tape of the fight before deciding whether to retire.

Unsure of Mundine's future

Mosley, who had never previously been stopped, wasn't sure whether the nature of Mundine's win would open the door to the Australian fighting in the United States.

Despite the less than ideal finish, it was one of the best performances of Mundine's 13-year professional career.

It dropped Mosley's record to 47-9-1.

Mundine improved to 45-5.

It was the first time in his professional career spanning 20 years and almost 60 fights Mosley that had been stopped.

"I felt I was behind. I felt Mundine was outpointing me but felt I was still a puncher's chance ... I just couldn't move," Mosley said.

Mundine said his heart went out to Mosley.

"I know he's a warrior, one of the best fighters to ever live. Not someone to punk out for something stupid. Obviously back spasms got him," Mundine said.

"I just want to fight the best fighters ... I just want to mix it with them."

In the main support bout, rugby league star Blake Ferguson was outpointed in a four-round heavyweight contest by fellow boxing debutant Luke Turner. – AAP