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Rainbow champions for Sydney WorldPride



WITH WorldPride just around the corner, Sydney WorldPride proudly announced 12 more Rainbow Champions last week to celebrate those who have made a significant contribution to the Australian LGBTQIA+ community and culture.

Four of the Champions named were Indigenous. They were 'queen of the island' Crystal Love, Warramungu Wombaya artist Jessica Johnson, Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham AO, and Kuku-Yalanji, Waanyi, Gangalidda, Woppaburra, Bundjalung and Biripi descendant Steven Oliver.

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Steven Oliver

Fresh inquiry into outback shooting



IT'S already been the subject of a high-profile murder trial and next a coroner will examine the outback police shooting of an Indigenous man.

Kumanjaji Walker, pictured,

died on November 9, 2019 when Constable Zachary Rolfe, 30, shot him three times in the remote community of Yuendumu, 290km north-west of Alice Springs.

The inquest, which started on Monday, will also explore why police wanted to arrest the

19-year-old and how his death affected his family and community.

Constable Rolfe was acquitted of murdering Mr Walker at a March trial, igniting grief and anger in Yuendumu, with some community members decrying the justice system as

racist. The inquest will explore if there is systemic racism or cultural bias in the NT police force, whether it has been militarised and if the unnecessary use of force has increased.

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MY FAMILY

Jaunita Doyle – Kalkadoon



The Doyle family has been living on Kalkadoon – mum Jaunita’s Country – for the past eight years. “We were in Mount Isa and went to Moranbah because John worked in the mines,” Jaunita said. “Then we came back here and he worked in the mines before he opened up his own gym. “John does a lot of work with youth here, he gets them into the gym and works with them to get them healthy and fit. We all go, it’s a family-friendly gym and we’ve named it after the boys – Three Sons Fitness. “John used to play for the Cowboys and the Sydney Roosters in the NRL, and he played three games for Queensland in the State of Origin but because of injuries he had to stop.

“The boys love growing up in Mount Isa because we’re out bush every weekend and they’re chasing lizards and catching things. “So we all go out bush, cook up, have a look around. “John loves snakes, so he’s always catching snakes too. And my dad comes too, and they learn about culture and all that sort of thing. “Dad always teaches them what to look for on the ground, if they’ve seen spear tips and what plants are good for things. “I’m one of nine siblings who all live here in Mount Isa. “My sisters and I paint too. We’re Cungelella Art, and we started our own fashion label.”

Marley, 8, Jaunita, Jaydee, 12, Urijah, 6, and John Doyle

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OUR CHILDREN



Anmanarie Murray, 4, Nan Olive Lea and Rahzell Murray, 2, celebrate Children’s Day at Cherburg’s Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre. More pictures and story, page 27.

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Urea plant approval outrages opponents

By NICK PATON



TRADITIONAL Owners from Murujuga in Western Australia's Pilbara region are outraged by the

Federal Government's decision to approve the construction of a new fertiliser plant on their homelands which they say will desecrate sacred rock art and petroglyphs.

Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek announced on August 23 that a Section 9 application under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act (ATSHIPPA) to pause works on Perdaman's urea plant near Karratha had been rejected.

The announcement came after the minister visited the site a week earlier and met with members of Perdaman and the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation.

Home to more than a million petroglyphs dating back more than 40,000 years, Murujuga is a special place and contains the oldest, largest collection of Aboriginal rock art in the world.

And even though Murujuga has been nominated for a UNESCO world heritage listing, the site is also home to Australia's largest fossil fuel project, Woodside Energy's Burrup Hub – the latest addition of the massive Scarborough gas project.

Clinton Walker, a descendant of the Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people, runs Ngurrangga Tours. His company specialises in tours of the petroglyphs and surrounding areas.

Mr Walker started Ngurrangga Tours to educate and immerse people in the ways of his culture and history so that they can understand more about Pilbara Aboriginal culture and country.

He said he is feeling gutted knowing that another industrial plant is going to be built in Murujuga.

"I thought the government would've stepped up for us," Mr Walker said.

"But we should have known the government are useless."

"The government are always going to approve mining. They've proven time and time again that they'll put their industrial interests ahead of our Aboriginal heritage."

When he heard that the Section 9 application had been rejected, Mr Walker said he felt "lost".

"I'm supposed to be out today teaching kids about the area and Murujuga and the rock art, but I don't know if I can today because it just feels a bit pointless," Mr Walker said.

"It feels pointless because the way things are going, we're not going to have any rock art left in the future to teach about, so I'm feeling pretty down."

Environment Minister Tanya



Clinton Walker, a descendant of the Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi people is "gutted" knowing another industrial plant is going to be built in Murujuga.

Plibersek said she is comfortable with the project proceeding.

Ms Plibersek acknowledged the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and their Circle of Elders as the most representative organisation on cultural knowledge for the five traditional owner groups in the region.

"The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation does not support the making of the Section 9 declaration, based on agreements they made with (Perdaman) on the appropriate cultural treatment of the sites," Ms Plibersek told ABC Radio National.

"Traditional owners – like any group – can sometimes have different views," she said.

"I am satisfied, however, that the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation are the legally constituted and democratically elected group that safeguards First Nations culture in the Burrup area." Perdaman chair Vikas



Murujuga Traditional Custodians Raelene Cooper and Josie Alec are outraged that the Section 9 application was dismissed.

Rambal told the ABC that he welcomed the Minister's decision.

"It was an informed decision ... I am very pleased with the process she followed," he said.

"This Section 9 dismissal is a testimony of that check of the state and federal systems."

The project plans to use natural gas from Woodside's Scarborough gas project to create approximately two million tonnes of urea fertiliser.

Mr Rambal said the construction of the plant should start by the end of October this

year, with the first production of urea expected in late 2025 or early 2026.

Murujuga Traditional Custodians Raelene Cooper and Josie Alec made the Section 9 application. They launched the *Save Our Songlines* campaign last year to share their concerns of First Nations custodians about the threat posed by the fossil fuel industry to their sacred Murujuga rock art.

In a joint statement the women said the Environment Minister's decision had been made based on "faulty reasoning and false conclusions", also claiming that members of the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation had been gagged from expressing opposition.

"This is a very disappointing decision by a Minister who clearly hasn't done her homework."

"If she had read through all the documents provided as part of the Section 9 process she would not have made this decision, which is based on faulty reasoning and false conclusions."

"The Minister refers to a handful of sites but the documents provided to her by Perdaman mention up to twenty sites that will be impacted by this proposal."

Ms Cooper and Ms Alec said the Environment Minister suggested the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation is legally constituted to speak for Traditional Custodians but its own members and elders say they are gagged and cannot oppose or object to projects.

"The Minister wrongly suggests that the Murujuga Circle of Elders unanimously approved the Perdaman project but Elders repeatedly expressed opposition to relocating rock art."

"Mardudhunera women are not represented on the Circle of Elders despite being one of the five language groups. Murujuga Traditional Custodians and the wider community are outraged and disappointed by this decision."

Last month hundreds of people came together in the largest ever protest on the Burrup and marched to the proposed Perdaman site, where sacred rock art will be removed and desecrated.

Ms Cooper and Ms Alec said it is incoherent and dangerous to refuse to protect these sacred sites on Murujuga while the Minister is still considering a cultural heritage assessment under Section 10 of the Act.

"The community, the country and the whole world will be outraged if this leads to another Juukan Gorge because the Federal Government wouldn't stand up to industry and protect sacred Aboriginal sites."

The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation were contacted for comment.

Temaana's star is on the rise

By PETER ARGENT



MULTI-DIMENSIONAL Adnyamathanha, Narunga and Yarluyandi artist Temaana Sanderson-Bromley was announced the winner of the prestigious Don Dunstan Foundation OUR MOB Emerging Artist Prize during the 2022 OUR MOB awards ceremony at Adelaide Festival Centre last month. Along with the acknowledgement of his creativity, the award also has a purse of \$5,000.

At 18 years old, Sanderson-Bromley is the youngest person to ever win the Emerging Artist Prize.

He impressed the judges with his multiple artworks including hand painted ceramics, acrylic on wood sculptures and giclee print on archival cotton rag paper.

The artworks were inspired by his Country, the Flinders Ranges, and represent the diverse landscapes and colours.

He references different Dreaming stories such as the Yurlu (Kingfisher man) story that details how Wilpena Pound and Flinders Rangers were created.

"I draw a lot of motivation from my family my people and my culture," Sanderson-Bromley told the *Koori Mail*.



Artist Temaana Sanderson-Bromley was the youngest ever winner of the prestigious Don Dunstan Foundation OUR MOB Emerging Artist Prize

"When I'm on yarta (country) and see, I want to express it through my art as best I can.

"I started my art journey in 2018 when my sister (Iteka Sanderson-Bromley) was finishing Year 12 art course.

"At the time she was producing a plethora of works.

"She then roped me into creating my own work and through having the access to a studio and mentoring from Liz Wauchope I was able to begin to develop and grow my art skills.

"Shortly after this we started our family art collective called Malka Wiri Wiri.

"Among the things that drive me to produce and create art is my understanding that art is a platform and way of sharing my culture, my life, my muda (stories) and the way I interpret the world."

Sanderson-Bromley is also displaying his entrepreneurial skills, producing a range of Indigenous themed t-shirts, caps and accessories, which are

starting to have an impact on the market place.

"In terms of my business Mardlaapa Designs, I aim to create a popular and well known business where eventually it could become my full time job as well as wanting to pave the way and inspire other Aboriginal youth to become entrepreneurs.

"My ideas come from my land and creation stories such as the creation of Wilpena Pound.

"I enjoy painting about these as I can showcase my beautiful

country and it's many stories to the wider community.

"I also collect ideas from my day to day life and things that happen around me."

Since its inception in 2006, Adelaide Festival Centre's OUR MOB has showcased the quality and diversity of art by South Australian First Nations artists, boosting the careers of many artists, and generating direct-to-artist sales to support their art practices.

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Govts urged to stop jailing kids



INDIGENOUS, human rights and legal advocates are pushing for all states and territories to raise the age of legal responsibility from 10 to 14.

Cheryl Axleby, co-chair of Change the Record, the campaign to reduce over-representation of First Nations people in jail, said children should be looked after in communities, homes and schools – not sent to prison.

"We are calling on every state and territory government to heed the medical, legal and child development experts who have been crystal clear: no child under the age of 14 years old should be arrested, hauled before a court or convicted of a criminal offence," she said.

In NSW, a petition signed by more than 60,000 people calling for the government to raise the age was delivered to NSW Attorney-General Mark Speakman, by Labor representative Michael Daley, and Greens representative Sue Higgins.

NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) chief executive Karly Warner said that the petition demands an end to the practice of arresting, handcuffing, strip-searching and jailing children as young as 10.



Cheryl Axleby

"It's basic decency and common sense that children need support, love and second chances – they belong in their homes, in schools and in playgrounds, not behind bars," Ms Warner said.

In March, a NSW budget estimates hearing revealed that 293 children aged between 11 and 13 had spent time in custody in 2021.

More than half of these children were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

"As part of its Closing the Gap commitments, the NSW Government has promised to reduce the rate of Aboriginal children and young people in detention by at least 30%," Ms Warner said.

"Raising the age of legal responsibility to 14 would not only bring us in line with international standards, it would also bring NSW much closer to honouring this commitment."

In Queensland, Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman received a petition containing 26,853 signatures, calling for the age of criminal responsibility to be raised from 10 to 14 years old.

The push came less than a week after a heated debate in State Parliament about the issue, with the Queensland Government voting down a bill to raise the age to 14 years. Currently, 10 to 13 year olds can be arrested, strip searched and imprisoned in Queensland.

Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman told Parliament that the Queensland bill had come ahead of a federal decision between Attorneys-General nationwide about raising the age, and the lack of a suitable framework to deal with 10 to 14 year olds' harmful behaviour.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) chief executive Shane Duffy asked Queenslanders how they would feel if their 10 year old was locked-up.

Nationally, more than 200,000 people have signed the #RaiseTheAge petition. As well as petition handovers in each state and territory, the national petition was presented to Commonwealth Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus and Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney.

Apology delivered for nursing's racist past



LAST month Professor Karen Strickland, chair of the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (CDNM) delivered an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, for the hurt and harm caused by non-Indigenous nurses and midwives.

Prof Strickland addressed more than 300 delegates attending the 2022 Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) national conference on Gadigal land in Sydney.

The apology acknowledged the historical contributions of nurses and midwives in the implementation of racially discriminatory government policies, that intentionally or indirectly harmed Indigenous people under the guise of 'care'.

Nurses and midwives were involved in, and in some cases still are, causing harm to individuals, families and communities, and the professions denied Indigenous people entry into and influence within the nursing and midwifery professions and health service delivery.

Bwgcolman woman Dr Lynore Geia responded to the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery National Apology on behalf of CATSINaM.

"An apology from the nursing and midwifery professions is welcomed and long overdue," Dr Geia said.



Professor Karen Strickland, Dr Lynore Geia and Professor Roianne West.

"We know about the roles that nurses and midwives undertook in implementing the punitive government policies that saw the taking of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities, in establishing and maintaining racial segregation within hospital and health services, and through oppressive 'collegial behaviours' towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery students, intentionally hindering and in some cases preventing students from becoming nurses and midwives and fulfilling their desire to help

our own people."

Dr Geia said the apology would mark a new era in the partnership between the CDNM and CATSINaM, one founded on privileging the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives, promoting trust and supporting truth-telling and genuine collaboration for a new way of working.

"Purposeful action includes working together in real partnership for reform, recognising the unique knowledge and skills that Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Island nurses and midwives bring to the professions in developing reforms for better education, research and clinical practice outcomes. An apology means we commit to each other to repair the professional breach and to also maintain a formal process of accountability to each other for the work we need to do and will do."

The apology was delivered a day after the opening of CATSINaM's In Our Own Right: Black Australian Nurses and Midwives Stories 2022 national exhibition.

The apology also coincided

with the launch of CATSINaM's 'gettin em, keepin em, n growin em' (GENKE II) report, which outlines strategies for immediate and long-term initiatives that can only be achieved through consolidating strategic partnerships between CATSINaM, the Australian government and nursing, midwifery leadership organisations.

● Turn to pages 30-31 for more from the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) national conference.

Racism underpins deaths



SYSTEMIC racism underpins Aboriginal deaths in custody and authorities are not doing enough to address it, the Northern Territory Australian of the Year says.

Leanne Liddle called out a range of failings she said contributed to more than 500 deaths since a 1991 royal commission into the issue.

A law graduate and former police officer who is an Aboriginal justice director at the NT Department of Justice, Ms Liddle made the remarks in a speech at Flinders University in Melbourne. Recommendations from the

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody had never been discussed during her long career at South Australia Police, she said.

"The two most critical recommendations of the royal commission – of arrest and imprisonment as a last resort for Aboriginal people – were not spoken about in any training or deliverable or arrest in my decade plus time in SAPOL," Ms Liddle said while delivering the Elliott Johnston Oration.

"How does one ignore such an important and integral human right with an ad hoc dismissal when we knew what was at stake?" Ms Liddle said too much

money had been directed towards infrastructure used by all prisoners and law enforcement staff.

"I saw huge investments and substantial efforts placed into mitigating risks for government.

"Yes, there was new police cells ...yes, there were cultural awareness sessions for new police.

"But I knew that this was all just veneer – because I also knew that little had changed for Aboriginal people."

Aboriginal communities and representatives were not involved in high-level discussions about how to implement the findings, Ms Liddle said.

"They were just not around the tables. We were invisible," she said.

More than one in five people who died in custody in Australia in 2022 were Indigenous, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Ms Liddle said every major anniversary of the commission's final report had seen an increase in the rate of Aboriginal people in detention.

"This is the result of sordid party-political competitions to be 'tough on crime' and the overall increase in imprisonment rates."

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Northern Territory Australian of the Year Leanne Liddle.

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CREATIVE VICTORIA



Keeping kids safe is



FOUR Indigenous organisations were recognised for their valuable work at the Queensland Child Protection Awards in an awards ceremony at Parliament House last week.

Queensland Minister for Children Leanne Linard congratulated this year's Child Protection Week Awards winners.

"This year's winners were drawn from a diverse range of organisations under the theme of *Child protection is everyone's business*," she said.

"These community champions are helping disadvantaged children and their families survive and thrive and should be commended for their daily dedication to creating safer communities."

"Queensland Child Protection Week is an opportunity to start conversations about working together to create safe and supportive environments for our children and families."

Three Big Rivers, an Indigenous-led employment group, won the Transition 2 Success Initiative Award.

Partnered with Transition to Success in Townsville, the organisation works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people subject to Youth Justice and/or Child Safety Orders through the provision of a farmhand course.

The course had 10 participants complete re-vegetation projects in the local region. The partnership supported participants with an effective and productive transition into the workplace.

Three young people were offered paid traineeships after successfully completing the program.

The Family Participation Program, based in Logan, won the Our Children Our Future Award.

The Family Participation Program was launched by the



ATSICHS Family Participation Program team.

WINNER – OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE AWARD

Accepted by Kylie Fleming, inset, for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service and Family Participation Program team from Logan. The Family Participation Program (FPP) was launched by ATSICHS in late 2018 to address the over-representation of First Nation's children in the Child Protection System. After several reforms, FPP is now working primarily in the Investigation and Assessment phase and undergoing planning to reduce risk and ensure our babies are safe, at home with their children.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service in 2018 to address the over-representation of Indigenous children in the Child Protection System.

The team works to understand each individual family.

They aim to reduce worry and anxiety and provide much needed support to ensure impacted Logan family units are preserved.

Their efforts have resulted in a reduction in the amount of children entering into care and able to remain with their families.

The Yili Program won the Education Initiative Award.

The Yili Program is a neuroscience informed, youth

transition and engagement program for young people aged 10-15 years who are on bail reporting conditions and cannot have their needs met by alternative education facilities.

Short for Yiliyapinya which means brain from the Wankumara (Galali) language, the Yili Program seeks to break the cycle of detention by providing a bridging program to help young Indigenous people transition into mainstream community and schooling.

The program offers a second chance for children excluded from all other schools the opportunity to heal, prepare and demonstrate they are ready to re-enter more traditional

schooling models.

Linking with existing educational, employment and support programs, Yili focuses on the social benefits of community with culture, wellbeing, and educational outcomes.

The local Aunties, Uncles and Elders play a major role in designing and delivering cultural activities as well as mentoring. The Solid Voices of Tomorrow Project won the Youth Participation Award.

Solid Voices of Tomorrow is a Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak (QATSCIPP) project that supports young people to use their voices to tell their own stories.

QATSCIPP invited 14 indigenous young people to act as advisers and meet with the peak body regularly to share their views and be involved in the development of programs, initiatives and policies.

The young people were active, paid members of the working group and shared their ideas and concepts that would allow them to have more agency in their own lives.

QCPW kicked off last Sunday, September 4, (Father's Day) and runs until Saturday, September 10.

The week will be celebrated with about 100 events being held across the state to highlight child protection.



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Lucas Moore, second from right, QATSICPP and Solid Voices of Tomorrow participants.

WINNER – YOUTH PARTICIPATION AWARD

Accepted by QATSICPP Solid Voices of Tomorrow Project team which is lead by Lucas Moore, (second from right) himself a former QCPW award recipient Solid Voices of Tomorrow is a new QATSICPP project focused on bringing together and sharing knowledge about how QATSICPP and its members can engage and support young people to have a voice on issues and services that impact on their lives.

The project has aimed to:

- identify how children's and young people's stories can be best heard and acted upon in identifying their needs, designing services to meet their needs, developing policies, evaluating services and initiatives, conducting research, and reforming service systems
- developed a resource to support our staff and our members in engaging children and young people to advocate for themselves and for others in these areas.

To validate and strengthen the resource, QATSICPP established a group of 14 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 16-22 from across Queensland. The young people are being paid for their time, have attended monthly zoom group sessions and a one-day face to face forum since first coming together in October 2021.



Thomas Holden, chief executive of Three Big Rivers and his team.

WINNER – TRANSITION 2 SUCCESS INITIATIVE AWARD

Accepted by Thomas Holden, chief executive of Three Big Rivers and his team. Three Big Rivers is an Indigenous-led employment group. They partnered with Transition to Success in Townsville to help close the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people subject to Youth Justice and/or Child Safety Orders through the provision of a farmHand course.

WINNER – EDUCATION INITIATIVE AWARD

Accepted by Aunty Sheryl Batchelor.

Led by Sheryl Batchelor, a Kunja woman, the Yili team have 28 years of teaching and leadership experience in developing brain health, healing and fitness programs for vulnerable children and families. The framework of programs is based on providing an integrated approach, combining wellbeing, education, and cultural knowledge.

The Yili team are passionate about healing trauma in Indigenous youth and recognise the Inala community's social challenges. They are also familiar with many of the families who have lived in the area for generations.

Aunty Sheryl, founding director, Yiliyapinya and her team.



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The campaign heats up in fight for Marrabinya

By CATHERINE HUNT



MOB in western NSW are asking why a successful Indigenous health program is being defunded at the end

of the year, effectively shutting the program down. Patients, health workers and their supporters are planning to gather in Dubbo on Saturday, September 23, for a peaceful march and rally to protest the planned closure of Marrabinya, the health service that has been providing supplementary care and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with chronic illness in western NSW since 2016. The organisers hope to demonstrate the vital role the program plays in providing better care for people in the region.

Designed with Close the Gap objectives in mind, the Marrabinya program is a unique model. It was set up by the Western Primary Health Network (PHN), which oversees an area twice the size of the UK, as an Integrated Team Care (ITC) program – an Australian Government funded strategy seeking to address Indigenous-specific chronic disease. On the recommendation of the PHN's Aboriginal Health Council, the Marrabinya program was developed by Maari Ma, an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation serving communities in far western NSW, rather than being put out for public tender. As an Indigenous-led program, Marrabinya is able to deliver coordinated, multidisciplinary health services with cultural care across an enormous area.

The chronic diseases prioritised under the Marrabinya program are cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, chronic kidney disease and cancer.

A protest held last month saw



people come from around the state, many travelling hundreds of kilometres. Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation manager Donna Jeffries told the *Koori Mail* that patients who were concerned and confused about the future of their treatment left sickbeds to show their support and to tell their stories. One patient said they would not be alive were it not for

the support provided by Marrabinya. Others told how much it meant to have Aboriginal people delivering the services, and all made a plea for the service to continue.

Ms Jeffries said that currently Marrabinya staff liaise between the client's primary care provider, such as a GP or Aboriginal Medical Service, the client, and

the service they needed, like going for an x-ray or going to hospital. Coordinating these activities could be complicated and time-consuming for people in remote and regional areas and the service aimed to streamline the process.

Ms Jeffries, who has worked with the program since its inception, described the service's record as "unprecedented".

She told ABC radio that of Marrabinya's 4000-plus clients not one has had to go onto public waiting lists instead, they were contacted within 24 hours by one of the service's 10 Carelink workers, who then linked clients to the appropriate specialists, organising travel and accommodation for the client.

The program has been successful, with thousands of clients accessing the service since 2016.

Health care providers, local GPs, community organisations and local councils and councillors have all thrown their support behind the program, joining the growing number of voices calling on the Federal Government to intervene to stop the closure.

The peaceful protest march starts at the rotunda in Dubbo's Macquarie St, at 10.30am on Friday, September 23.

Above: Marrabinya staff and supporters.
Left: Marchers took to the streets of Dubbo in August to protest the decision to defund Marrabinya.



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Kicking up the dust



Desert Dust Dancers are all kids from around Mount Isa who go to school in Barcaldine at the Alice River Aboriginal Student Hostel. They perform regularly for tourist coaches in Barcaldine.



Desert Dust Dancers strut their stuff in the arena at the Mt Isa Rodeo. *Pics Stephen Mowbray*

By **CHRISTINE HOWES**

QLD BARCALTINE'S Desert Dust dancers were thrilled to have the opportunity to perform at the recent Mount Isa rodeo because most of them either come from the town, or close by.

They board for school in 'Barcy', as an alternative to travelling down south. "The kids are essentially all from up here," Alice River Aboriginal Student Hostel owner/operator Cheryl Thompson said. "We have the only privately run and operated Aboriginal student hostel and we take in kids from the remote communities from around Mount Isa. "And they come down and they go to school, so it is essentially like a boarding school. "We have 32 enrolled at the local state high school, from year six, so 11-year-olds through to our year 12, most of whom are 18. "We'll have three boys

graduating this year, the ones who graduated last year, they actually now stay with us and work as house parents." Cheryl said it had taken them some years to figure out how to navigate the system. "So we started from scratch, we didn't have any idea how to run a hostel," she said. "It has taken us a long time to work out because we're only funded through ABSTUDY, so we support the families with their applications." She said she had her own reasons for giving it a go. "I went to year 12 in Barcy, and I went away to become a school teacher," she said. "I taught for 20 years in Brisbane and schools around there, then I came home to do a project to help parents with their kids at school. "I came across these kids in Longreach and even though they lived across the road from the school, their attendance was low and their literacy and numeracy was extremely low. "I thought 'what is going on?' We had three houses on there which we just converted into a hostel and started the ball rolling.

"So there were eight kids and then they were only girls and it has grown from there. "We don't advertise, it is just all family, word of mouth. "And coming up here to rodeo, I get to catch up with all of the ex-students, the eldest would now be 26." She said they were family grouped, so they were not in isolation, and they worked outside of school. "As tour guides and as artists," Cheryl said. "We've taken on the contract at the school as the tuck shop and in the afternoons they work either with us or in local jobs or businesses. "We got a couple at IGA, one does work experience at the mechanics or tyre centre, one is at the builders, one is a cabinet maker and we've got one at the butchers as well. "There's a couple on a station and then the rest pretty much work for us at our cafe or our Desert Dreaming Centre doing tours and catering. "It is a beautiful life that we have, it is an absolute joy and a privilege to live and be a part of their lives."

Cheryl said their artwork had also been put up for sale at the rodeo markets. "The Queensland Desert Mob Art, that's what we're calling the kids work, is on all of the giftware," she said. "The next venture is photography, it is just another job or employment for the kids. "This is all my artwork that we've put all the prints on, just to show the kids the possibilities. "We have photos in there of the kids and a bit of one of their exhibitions they had in the other gallery. "And then we've invited two other ladies from Cairns who are doing basket weaving and badge making and jewellery. "They're going to come back to Barcaldine and do some workshops with the kids in basket weaving and jewellery-making, so it is all for the kids." She said they danced a couple of times a month for tour buses that came through. "This is the first time we've danced at the Mount Isa Rodeo, we danced at the Longreach Rodeo as well. "I think they did a great job," Cheryl said.



Cheryl Thompson and rodeo clown Dexter Dallas Dick.



Cheryl Thompson, Naya Mahoney, 12) Geniva Turner, 11, and Marita Budden.

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Blak writers spell hope



IF festivals are any barometer of culture then the recent Byron Writers Festival should have readers and creators of First Nations writing feeling pretty good about things.

Returning to Bundjalung Country August 26-28, following the covid-hiatus, the festival delivered a program infused with more than 20 blak voices. The celebrated champions of blak writing were there. Rhoda Roberts, Melissa Lukashenko and Bronwyn Bancroft were among the wordsmiths whose works were given voice as performances or readings. Academic writers including Jackie Huggins, Marcia Langton, Bruce Pascoe and Paul Callaghan discussed the current political, historical and social debates concerning and affecting the lives of Aboriginal people. Newer writers included Ella Noah Bancroft, Kylie Caldwell, Daniel Browning and Evelyn Araluen, whose genres range across politics to poetry, Country to comedy, their young, proud, black voices signalling that there is so much more to come.

Running with Radical Hope as a theme, First Nations writers and



Professor Judy Atkinson



Professor Marcia Langton



Author/educator Paul Callaghan

the festival with his book, *The Dreaming Path: Indigenous thinking to change your life*. Callaghan joined Marcia Langton and Judy Atkinson in a panel session on *Indigenous Healing*. With chair Cheryl Leavy leading the discussion, the panel grappled with the devastation of trans-generational trauma and the many complex factors that come into play when trying to address the harms inflicted by and since colonisation began.

In a showcase panel including established performance poet David Hallett, Bundjalung descendant Evelyn Araluen read from her 2022 Stella Prize-winning debut collection of poetry and essays *Dropbear*, as well as more recent, less familiar work. *Dropbear* was among the best-sellers at the festival, sales no doubt boosted by her gentle, lyrical reading which conjured images of Country, reflecting on history and home.

Author Melissa Lukashenko gave an impromptu reading at a satellite event on Friday night, a tantalising taste from her new novel (publication pending) to tempt readers, reminding everyone why she is a many-times winner of literary awards and prizes.



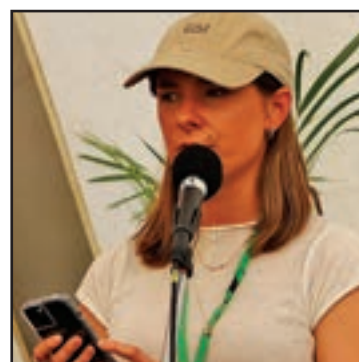
Cheryl Leavy from the Queensland Government.



Author, academic and activist Jackie Huggins.

thinkers were woven through the festival sessions. Some sessions had a strong Indigenous focus and others were organised around a literary form or a social/political

theme. But thankfully, the sessions were not run as a marginalised side-show, which often happens with Indigenous content at mainstream events.



Author/editor Evelyn Araluen.

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The quaint little picture house in Brunswick Heads (above) provided an intimate space to stage extracts and short works by Bundjalung writers Steven Oliver, Daniel Browning, Kylie Caldwell and Ella Noah Bancroft. Presented by NORPA and curated by Rhoda Roberts, *Bundjalung Nghari – Indigenise* was billed as an exploration of the “healing and resurgence of being back home on Country”. The writers performed their own works, with support from actors Sarah Roberts-Field and Tom Davies. Without the distractions of staging and scenery, just a simple set of two drawing-room chairs, and silhouetted by a single red light, the performances were captivating, the audience held to each story by the words alone.



The cast and writers from *Bundjalung Nghari – Indigenise* are Tom Davies, Billy McPherson, who introduced each performance, Rhoda Roberts, Daniel Browning, Sarah Roberts-Field, Ella Noah Taylor, Steven Oliver and Kylie Caldwell. Picture: Claire Conroy

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Wakka Wakka Cherbourg man Bowman Button marks 63 points to place second in the Indigenous Rodeo Championship Bareback ride.

Rodeo boys keep riding 'em rough

By CHRISTINE HOWES



CHERBOURG contenders Beau Button, Clinton Speedy, 9, Quayden

Langton, 13, with brothers Charles and Damien Bond were winners in their home town rodeo last year. So, Damien thought it was worth organising them to come to Mount Isa.

They did well with Bowman Button picking up second in the Indigenous Rodeo Championship Bareback ride.

"We all placed up the Cherbourg Rodeo last year, so I thought I'd bring the winners up," Damien said.

"We got funding from Stanwell, Tarong power station and Silver Lining helped us out.

"It's our first time going to Mount Isa, and this Indigenous event makes it easier.

"I was talking with some of the other guys from other communities and they just want to represent their elders, and past elders that used to ride in the rodeo.

"We also want to represent our community and our elders that passed away that used to ride in the rough talk events."

Damien said Beau was more than happy to be on



Cherbourg contenders Beau Button, 23, Clinton Speedy, 9, and Quayden Langton, 13, with brothers Charles and Damien Bond.

board with the young ones.

"He grew up riding rough stock, he's just getting back into it," Damien said.

"Keeping him out of trouble, that's the main focus for this, that's coming up here so we can start something for the younger fellows in Cherbourg who have just got nothing to do.

"I'm not saying anything bad about my community, but yeah, in every community there's suicides and stolen cars and it's just because kids have got nothing to do.

"This gives them focus, something to look forward to."

Indigenous Rodeo Junior Steer Champion Travis

Koolatah, 17, said the Indigenous competition had meant a lot to him.

"Yeah, it's pretty good to have an indigenous section this year," he said.

"First time being in something like this, kind of loved it.

"All the boys from the community come together and ride a few bulls and have a bit of fun and show them what we got.

"It's a really good event and I just love to ride for like where I'm from and just for who I am. I've got people looking up to me and they just always love what I do, and yeah, that's too good."

Inquiry to probe outback shooting



IT'S already been the subject of a high-profile murder trial and next a coroner will examine the outback police shooting of an

Indigenous man.

Kumanjayi Walker died on November 9, 2019 when Constable Zachary Rolfe shot him three times in the remote community of Yuendumu, 290km north-west of Alice Springs.

The inquest which started on Monday will explore why police wanted to arrest the 19-year-old and how his death affected his family and community.

Constable Rolfe, 30, was acquitted of murdering Mr Walker at a March trial, igniting grief and anger in Yuendumu with some community members decrying the justice system as racist.

Coroner Elisabeth Armitage had planned for the inquest to start at Yuendumu, but the two-day sitting was cancelled last month amid rising tensions.



Kumanjayi Walker

Counsel assisting the coroner, Peggy Dwyer, said the community was in a state of high conflict and community members don't feel comfortable having outsiders, including journalists, spending time in the community.

Ms Armitage had previously said the hearing, set down for three months, would give the teenager's family and community

the chance to express distress, concerns and hopes for the future.

"We will endeavour to not simply hear them, but understand them," she during a directions hearing soon after Constable Rolfe's trial.

"In a fair and balanced way, we will seek to better understand what happened ... and why it happened, with the goals of determining the truth and making recommendations that may assist in preventing future deaths in similar circumstances."

The inquest will also explore if there is systemic racism or cultural bias in the NT police force, whether it has been militarised and if this unnecessary use of force has increased.

It will also probe whether Mr Walker received adequate medical treatment after Constable Rolfe fired three shots into his torso from close range as the pair and another officer scuffled inside a dark room in Mr Walker's grandmother's home.

Mr Walker had stabbed the officer in the moments before and threatened two other policemen with an axe three days earlier as he escaped being arrested and fled into the bush.

Mr Walker died on the floor of the local police station about an hour after Constable Rolfe's second shot ripped through his spleen, lung, liver and a kidney.

The inquest's 54-item issues list also asks whether Constable Rolfe was suffering any health issues and whether he was taking medication to treat them.

Constable Rolfe's training for the use of force and firearms will also be examined, along with the force's broader policies and procedures, and whether they were complied with when police were sent from Alice Springs to the remote community to arrest Mr Walker.

Evidence will be sought about whether Constable Rolfe provided accurate and honest information when he applied to the police force and if the conduct of his

three team members has been the subject of any disciplinary action.

Other issues to be canvassed include whether the fairness or efficiency of the police force's coronial investigation was compromised, and if Mr Walker's family and community were adequately supported during the process.

Among the parties that will be represented at the inquest are Mr Walker's family, the Yuendumu community, Constable Rolfe, NT Health and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency.

Constable Rolfe's lawyer Luke Officer had previously raised concerns about some of the issues concerning his client, including the probe into drug use, his integrity, recruitment and any complaints or disciplinary action he may have been the subject of.

Ms Dwyer said the inquest would not be a roving royal commission into Constable Rolfe's actions and would focus on the NT Police Force response.

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Rocket mission patch features Kevina's artwork



THE old and the new – a boomerang and a 21st-century rocket – have been brought

together on a special mission patch designed by a local Indigenous artist to mark an upcoming test launch in South Australia.

The next mission from Southern Launch's Koonibba Test Range will blast off in coming weeks with preparations already underway.

Koonibba artist Kevina Ware designed the patch, the first of more to be commissioned by the company for future programs.

"This design depicts the two forms of defence, from traditional to modern day, being the boomerang and the rocket," Ms Ware said.

"The footprints represent the Aboriginal people that have walked through this country from the land to the sea for thousands of years. and the camps are where the people now reside in the area."

Southern Launch chief executive Lloyd Damp said Ms Ware's work was part of the company's ongoing relationship with the Koonibba Community Aboriginal Corporation.

"The Koonibba community has been instrumental in helping us to develop the Koonibba Test Range which was Australia's first licensed space launch facility," he said.

"Commissioning local artists



The mission patch designed by artist Kevina Ware is proudly worn by Elisha Buckley, the commercial operations manager at Southern Launch.

from the Koonibba community to design mission patches is something we will do as often as we can, and we look forward to showcasing their artwork on a global scale."

The artwork will be used on a range of merchandise with all profits going back to the Koonibba community.

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Medicine will help thousands



THOUSANDS of Australians suffering from chronic kidney disease will soon have better access to a life-changing medicine that slows the progression of the silent killer.

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme is being expanded to include dapagliflozin, a drug that helps damaged kidneys function better.

Kidney Health Australia chief executive Chris Forbes said they now have more tools that GPs can work with to help slow the progression and prevent kidney disease leading to kidney failure.



Malarndirri McCarthy

"We can get in front of this silent killer," he said. About one in 10 Australians suffer from kidney disease, with Indigenous Australians

impacted at four times the rate of non-Indigenous people.

Many sufferers lose up to 90% of their kidney function before they are diagnosed, leading to the need for lifelong dialysis.

"For so long we've had to focus on kidney failure, diabetes, hyper-tension and it

really is a burden on the patient and a burden on the health care system," Mr Forbes said.

Dapagliflozin, which is already used to treat diabetes and heart

failure, treats proteinuric chronic kidney disease by blocking a protein in the kidney.

This allows blood sugar, salt and water to be removed from the body through urine, which helps slow the decline in kidney function and reduces the need for many suffers to undergo dialysis.

"Every day not on dialysis is a good day. We're very excited by it," Mr Forbes said.

Chronic kidney disease is estimated to cost the Australian health system about \$5.1 billion every year.

Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health Malarndirri McCarthy said dapagliflozin's inclusion in the subsidy scheme

would likely help about 45,000 patients.

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Ms McCarthy said the treatment could also save many Indigenous Australians with the disease having to leave their communities for dialysis in regional centres.

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"I want to see more families being able to stay where they are without having to go to larger hospitals or interstate."



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The proposal may result in Transport for NSW:

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- carrying out investigations in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW 2010*
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Burn-off protects koalas



THE koala population on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke) might not appreciate the recent "picture perfect" hazard reduction burn-off, but local rangers know it's all for their protection.

In their first burn since 2006, Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) rangers used their knowledge to read the Country and carry out a lower intensity burn.

QYAC joint management coordinator Darren Burns said the modern technology-assisted burn reduced thick undergrowth and closed sedgeland swamp around the Flinders Swamp area.

"The burn-off will greatly mitigate the risk of intense summer wildfires and protect the island's significant koala habitat," Mr Burns said.

The burn was conducted by Traditional Owners in collaboration with Queensland Government agencies and Seqwater.

The satellite-imaging from the burn-off shows more than 440 hectares of land in a "a picture perfect mitigation burn".

"The burn still protected old growth trees and fringing habitat that is home to koala's and sugar gliders at extreme risk of



At least 50 koalas inhabit the burn area.

high-intensity burning during wildfires," Mr Burns said.

"Thermal drone technology was used before the burn to identify over 50 koalas in the targeted burn areas.

"This allowed the development of on-ground management and reduced threat to the koalas and other wildlife.

"Post-burn drone flights also showed koala numbers in the area have maintained similar density levels," Mr Burns said.

"We would like to thank all of the Queensland Government agencies and members of the community, who worked in collaboration with QYAC to complete the burn, which has significantly reduced dangerous fuel-loads and mitigated the risk of wildfires – and importantly its continued our protection of our koala population."



Traditional Owners joined forces with government agencies to conduct the burn on North Stradbroke Island to limit the damage caused by wildfires.

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Building a strong legacy for future generations

By CHRISTINE HOWES



TEN years ago, in 2012 Lockhart River community was looking for leadership and asked Wayne Butcher to run for mayor – so he did.

"It was a long time between drinks, I did a three-year term as a councillor when I was 18, back in 1989," he said.

He said that was back in the days of the Community Council.

"I was young and I wanted to try something that was challenging," Wayne said.

By the mid-1990s he had become deputy chief executive under current and then-chief executive David Clarke (Clarky).

"I had worked for the council in several roles from being a post office boy to unloading planes," he said.

"Back in those days you had to be multi-skilled.

"I trained four years under Clarky, and then I became the chief executive in 2004, when it was changed from Community Councils, under the Community Services Act, to a local government structure under the Local Government Act.

"I was the first chief executive for the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council.

"Current-Councillor Norman Bally was the last chair of the Community Council and Johnson Chippendale was the first elected mayor in the history of the Shire.

"He did 2004-2008, then Rodney Accoom did 2008-2012, and I've been mayor ever since then."

Wayne said he was undecided about running again last time around.

"People encouraged me again, actually, some people got wind of it and approached me separately and just said, 'Hey, you've got a bit of momentum going, I think you should go again,' you know?

"That gave me the confidence I needed to finish off the projects that we started doing."

The list was long.

"All the cultural precinct, finishing off the housing and building a new subdivision, keep building local businesses, finishing off the football oval and then the social club.

"So yeah, just to watch it come to fruition, I guess."

With two years still to go in his current term, it looks like most, if not all of that list will be achieved.

"I think the next couple of years we should be finishing them all off," he said.

"But the other thing I guess going back to when I started looking at the organisation, one thing I saw was there was a lack of capacity amongst our own people inside the organisation.

"There was an old working workforce, which we needed to replace and that's why we



Wayne Butcher crafts a spear.

"I always tell everyone, if you want to build a community, you've got to build the people first, the community will come after – that principle I've worked on all this time and I still do."

went on the youth strategy, we needed to build the capacity of our people.

"I always tell everyone, if you want to build a community, you've got to build the people first, the community will come after – that principle I've worked on all this time and I still do.

"I think there's still more room

for improvement, upskilling people who are in the workforce, and also keep on recruiting more young people into the workforce."

He said the other "problem" he saw was an over reliance on government funding.

"The organisation was solely reliant on government funds, Wayne said.

"There was no business model within it.

"Having that background in business, we restructured the organisation and lobbied the government very hard in those two large investments, housing and civil construction.

"We were missing out on those dollars, those dollars were



Mayor Wayne Butcher chairs the LGAQ's Indigenous Leaders' Forum in April 2022.

delivered on our behalf by the department to outside contractors who were building, maintaining and upgrading our houses.

"We had to get in there and compete and by competing, we needed the ammunition, and the ammunition was our people.

"We had to skill our people, we had to offer them apprenticeships, traineeships, and then capture that investment, delivered in a way that suited our community, at the pace of the community.

"We had to use that strategy of crawl, walk, run.

"And we went from building one or two at the beginning of five years, by the time we got to the fourth and fifth year, we were building the whole five houses every year ourselves."

Wayne said their other shining achievement was they now had 15 local businesses in the community.

He said an important part of their strategy was creating pathways and making sure there were opportunities for their kids coming out of school

"We lost some, but we got some wins, as well," he said.

"Chris Denilo and Benedict McEvoy are running the council store now.

Alistair Bowie has his own business, Perry Hobson is working in the concrete plant and Zali Hobson in the office in Cairns.

"Work experience during the school holidays was the beginning of it, then paid work experience came into play, and we funded that in-house.

"So simple."

He said they were also working with Bond University to transit some of their brighter kids into tertiary education.

"COVID really chilled the momentum of all our kids going to high school," he said.

"I went looking to build a relationship with Bond University and we have a scholarship, but COVID shut the uni down just after they started.

"We'll continue to build that relationship and hopefully eventually get some kids into finishing some tertiary education."



Margaret Rarru Garrawurra. Winner of the Telstra Art Award.
2022 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards.
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Danny Eastwood's view



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Basketball.

Favourite read?
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Favourite holiday destination?
New York.

What are you watching on TV?
The Rehearsal.

What do you like in life?
Connection to culture/doing my families legacy proud.

What don't you like in life?
Lack of gratitude.

Which Black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?
Cathy Freeman.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
My fiancé Tessa.

Who or what inspires you?
Mum and Bud (Pop).

What is your ultimate goal?
Meaningful contribution to Noongar community.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
Doing my best to contribute to platforms which raise visibility for Blackfella's doing mooditj (solid) things.

Quote



"We are calling on every state and territory government to heed the medical, legal and child development experts who have been crystal clear: no child under the age of 14 years old should be arrested, hauled before a court or convicted of a criminal offence,"

– Cheryl Axleby, co-chair of Change the Record

● See page 33

Unquote

Racism at the heart of deaths

Whether it be in hospital wards, police cells or remote Aboriginal communities, there is no doubt that racism often plays a part in the deaths of First Nations people.

Systemic racism has plagued various institutions within Australian society since the very first days of colonisation, and despite countless inquiries, Royal Commissions and inquests, the problems persist from one generation to the next.

And while apologies have been forthcoming in recent years – the most recent being from the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery – it is follow-up action that is required.

Professor Karen Strickland, chair of the Council, apologised last month to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the hurt and harm cause by non-Indigenous nurses and midwives.

The apology acknowledged the historical contributions of nurses and midwives in the implementation of racially discriminatory government policies, that intentionally or indirectly harmed Indigenous people under the guise of 'care'.

With the apology came a promise of "purposeful action" to ensure that such practices become a thing of the past.

So too, as Northern Territory Person of the Year Leanne Liddle pointed out while delivering a speech at Flinders University in Melbourne recently, the



failings of governments to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody have led to more deaths.

This is borne out by the sobering fact that more than 500 Aboriginal people had died in custody since the Royal Commission in 1991.

Ms Liddle said every major anniversary of the commission's final report had seen an increase in the rate of Aboriginal people in detention.

"This is the result of sordid party political competitions to be 'tough on crime' and the overall increase in imprisonment rates," she said.

And of course we all know where these shocking statistics start ... with children as young as 10 being locked up and institutionalised.

As our columnist Woolombi Waters points out: "What we are witnessing is the criminalisation of children not only accepted by our community and government, but enforced as a cultural norm. This begins from the interface between police and community, creating a culture of terror and child abuse within our most vulnerable families."

And it is from such beginnings, deaths in custody surely follow.

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Rainbow champions

By NICK PATON



WITH WorldPride just around the corner, Sydney WorldPride proudly announced 12 more Rainbow

Champions last week to celebrate those who have made a significant contribution to the Australian LGBTQIA+ community and culture.

From now until November, Sydney WorldPride is shining a spotlight on people from across Australia's diverse LGBTQIA+ community ahead of the first WorldPride festival to ever be held in the Southern Hemisphere in Sydney in 2023.

From high profile figures to grassroots change makers, Sydney WorldPride will recognise 45 Rainbow Champions, representing the 45 years since the first Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras took place on June 24, 1978.

Crystal Love was named as a Rainbow Champion in this round along with three other First Nations people at a special event organised by Sydney WorldPride on August 30.

Crystal Love is Australian and Northern Territory royalty. Living between Darwin and the Tiwi Islands, she's the queen of the Island. She is the star of the award winning documentary *BLACK DIVAZ* and can be found performing around Darwin and the world.

Crystal is respected for being the loving and caring person she is and when Crystal is called to the stage, she is always a headline act.

Crystal told ABC Darwin when she was growing up she didn't really even know what the word gay meant.

"It was hard growing up in Darwin because people weren't so accepting of other types of people and different sexualities," Crystal said.

"But my community have always been there for me."

"I am lucky because I always had my grandparents and my brothers and sisters looking out for me and taking care of me."

The other First Nations Rainbow Champions named last week include: Warramungu Wombaya artist Jessica Johnson, Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham, and Kuku-Yalanji, Waanyi, Ganggalidda, Woppaburra, Bundjalung and Biripi descendant Steven Oliver.

Rainbow Champions each receive a piece of handmade jewellery by Sydney-based LGBTQIA+ independent jewellery house, Maine+Mara. The jewellery incorporates Sydney WorldPride's branding, which Warramungu Wombaya artist Jessica Johnson designed as part of her business, Nungala Creative.

The remaining Rainbow Champions include Lawrence Bing (he/him) from NSW, Caroline Bowditch (she/her)



Sistergirl Aunty Crystal Love (she/her) from the NT is a First Nations Elder and mentor to the Sistergirl community of the Tiwi Islands, north of Darwin.



Warramungu Wombaya artist Jessica Johnson (she/her) from NSW is a graphic designer and advocate.

from VIC, Kerry Chin (he/him) from NSW, Keiynan Lonsdale (he/him) from VIC, Steph Lum (they/them) from the ACT, Jane Marsden (she/her) from NSW, Katherine Wolframme FRSA (she/her) from NSW and William Yang (he/him) also from NSW.

A total of 15 Rainbow Champions have been announced to date and last week's honourees join three previously announced Rainbow Champions: Whadjuk Noongar journalist and presenter Narelda Jacobs from Boorloo (Perth); author, gay history documenter, researcher, life-long activist, and "78er" Peter de Waal; and LGBTQIA+ advocate, host of the wildly-popular Rainbow History Class and TransAthletica Rudy Jean Rigg.

Sydney WorldPride's chief executive Kate Wickett said the perseverance, hard-work and sheer presence of all the Rainbow Champions being honoured have contributed to important advances for Australia's LGBTQIA+ community.

"From actors to operatic stars, to grass-roots activists and influencers, all the Champions we are celebrating today have made a significant contribution to the community and culture," Ms Wickett said.

"There is still much more to do to achieve equality for all LGBTQIA+ people but I am hopeful that by recognising the achievements of these Rainbow Champions we can build on our collective success and continue momentum for the future."

Sydney WorldPride is a mega Mardi Gras festival taking place from February 17 to March 5 in 2023.

Over 17 days, Sydney will host more than 300 LGBTQIA+ events including Rainbow Republic, Ultra Violet and Live & Proud: the Sydney WorldPride Opening Concert, as well as the much-loved Mardi Gras Parade, which will be returning to Oxford Street for the first time in three years.

● For more information visit sydneyworldpride.com



Yorta Yorta woman Deborah Cheetham (she/her) from VIC is a soprano, composer and artistic director of Short Black Opera, who has been a leader and pioneer in the Australian arts landscape for more than 30 years.



Steven Oliver (he/him) from QLD is an actor, comedian, playwright and poet who is a descendant of the Kuku-Yalanji, Waanyi, Ganggalidda, Woppaburra, Bundjalung and Biripi peoples.



Turstan, Nanny P, Brisco, Keon, Larell, Jake Knight, Bredo and To from St John's College Woodlawn learn about their culture on NAIDOC Day.

Lismore mob finally celebrate NAIDOC Day after the floods

By LIINA FLYNN



IT didn't matter that NAIDOC Day 2022 was celebrated nearly two months late for the mob on Bundjalung country in Lismore.

For Auntie Jenny Smith, it was about finally having a big celebration – nearly six months after floods destroyed homes, local businesses and communities.

"We've been through a disaster and now, it's about coming together as a community," Auntie Jenny said.

"Now we have to regrow Lismore and make our ancestors smile again.

"We need to start with fixing the environment and the river and then we can have places to live again, we can rebuild and move forward.

"Today we can show that all our families are standing together strong as one community and sharing our culture."

Opening NAIDOC day at Lismore Turf Club, Uncle Gilbert Laurie performed a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony.

Then, Auntie Jenny Smith shared the local lingo word Garama with hundreds of school children gathered at the event.

She explained it was a word for respect and invited everyone to respect a minute's



Uncle Billy Smith plays his music magic on stage for Lismore's NAIDOC Day.

silence, particularly for those who had passed since the last big Lismore NAIDOC event in 2019.

Auntie Jenny's son used to work at Lismore City Council, but had been lost to suicide.

Now, Auntie Jenny wears a council

t-shirt designed by a local Indigenous designer, in memory of her son.

For Lismore City Council, this year's celebration was a milestone event.

Mayor Steve Krieg launched the Council's new Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which he said was built on the

success and achievements of the previous two RAPs.

"We want to be the most inclusive workplace in all of Australia," he said.

"No matter where you are from, if you work here you need to feel safe and included and can come to work and feel good about it."

As the sun shone down, the Deadly Dancers strutted their stuff in front of the crowd. Then the musical entertainment kicked off with Uncle Billy Smith on stage with his guitar.

Local didge player Blakboi teamed up with Uncle Billy and Uncle Warren Caldwell to pay their respects to the late songman Archie Roach.

"Uncle Archie was a Bundjalung man and he was a musical inspiration to us," Blakboi said.

"We are going to play *Old Mission Road* in memory of him.

"Uncle Billy and Uncle Warren were born in a different era and the song pays respect to that.

"They experienced different attitudes to First Nations people then.

"It's uplifting that Uncle Billy is still playing his songs and he's still spreading the message of recognition, standing up for change and positive love - which is this year's NAIDOC theme, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!"



School children watching Uncle Gilbert Laurie and the smoking ceremony.



Lismore Heights Public School Deadly Dancers getting ready to perform for the crowd.



Marianne Brown

Rhonda Fenton McLean, Jennifer Laing, Brandan Harrington, Jenny Smith, Beverley Cook and Bill Smith.
Pictures: Liina Flynn



Children from Vistara and Rosebank Public Schools make reusable beeswax wrap cloths.



Blakboi and Uncle Warren Caldwell.



Lismore Heights Public School Deadly Dancers design and colour in their own drawstring carry bags during NAIDOC Day celebrations.



Jack and Lachie from One Mob radio (based in Coffs Harbour) recorded people's names and greetings in local language to use on the radio.



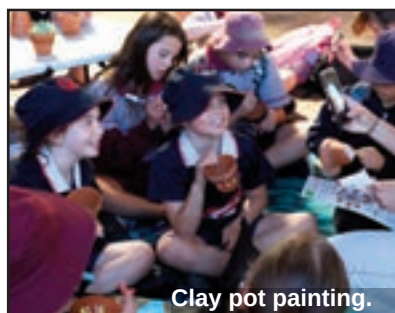
Bundjalung Elder Gilbert Laurie welcomes everyone to Country.



Staff from ACE Community Colleges give away bags of goodies.



Cultural dancers.



Clay pot painting.



Marianne Brown, Kerri Anderson and Narelle Downing.

Is globalisation taking us the wrong way?

We cannot discuss this climate crisis, global poverty, loss of democracy and epidemic of mental health without addressing globalisation and the global economy.

Economic globalisation could be the root cause for many of the problems we face as a global community, and our local unity could be the solution.

As the Northern NSW communities have experienced, great things happen when your community comes together to support, care and look after one another. We have also been shown that no one else is coming to assist us and that we are pretty amazing at self-organising.

We have seen the importance of food security during both the pandemic and the 2022 Northern Rivers floods. Food shortages and imports not being available has made a lot of people stop and think — is globalisation really the right direction?

Investing into our communities and creating thriving local economies is one of the most important things we can be doing at this time, perhaps moving away from supporting a system of globalisation could assist us all to get back to our truth and purpose.

Could globalisation be the key factor to the climate



Ella Noah Bancroft

crisis and cultural genocide in the global south?

So, what is globalisation?

It is the spread of the flow of financial products, goods, technology, information and jobs across national borders and cultures. Okay, I get that, trading, we have done it since forever as a human species. The Indigenous peoples and nations of the east coast have traded since time immemorial.

The issue is who are the biggest beneficiaries of globalisation? Our communities? No.

The corporations of course. Giant global corporations get a competitive advantage with globalisation reducing costs of operation by using slave

labour in the global south and manufacturing abroad.

They get access to buy cheaper materials and get access to larger numbers of customers.

So what's in it for us, the community? Globalisation tends to destroy small local run businesses. Just look at the towns that have fought for supermarkets to be banded in order to let the corner store survive. It also means if we have a pandemic or a global crisis or natural disaster, it can mean we are cut off from our food and supplies. But here's the absolute icing on the cake - did you know that our tax paying money actually pays fossil fuel, junk food and pesticides subsidies?

So through these subsidies we make all these things cheaper and easy to access, yet these things are destroying our planet and our people.

Is all this globalisation just leading to corporate rule?

It doesn't seem fair that large corporations can influence policy making and the media.

Through globalisation we have given rise to corporations that are so large that they actually affect our economic and political power.

Every country around the world has been sold a lie that economic wealth and expansion is the path we all

need to be on yet can we not see how the global north is responsible for so much of climate disaster, over-development and waste on this planet and it's pulling our global south on this journey to destruction.

So how about the global north actually starts taking a leaf out of the global south's book to slow down and localise? Global south countries are ending up in debt to the global north who are essentially continuing the concept of slave labour by accessing cheap workers and materials from the global south.

Some go into debt and are unable to pay off loans if prices of exports decline and forces the government to cut costs of social and local community programs.

I'm not suggesting that we eliminate trade treaties, but I do think we can regulate or modify them.

Trade treaties basically are "investor friendly environments" making taxes low, labor cheap and exploitation of natural resources easily accessible to those not living on that landmass.

Trade treaties allow the most profit to be extracted for the lowest cost. So are we perpetuating slavery and inequality with globalisation?

These ways of operating, working, extracting and abusing our world are

interconnected with white supremacy and the false illusion that money and the economic advancement of a country is the only way to gain true happiness. But we know that pre-globalisation, the health of our planet and the minds of our human beings were healthier too.

Economic development and growth are really about commodification of our entire planet. Turning our natural world into sellable goods and turning reciprocal human exchanges that are part of healthy societies into the value that one human is lesser than another.

All of this gives deregulated global banks and corporations the ability to accrue more wealth and power over our shared home, planet earth.

So what's the solution? I believe it's about returning to support local community.

Why are we letting big banks and corporations destroy our communities and our homes when they will never be there to support us in natural disasters?

It's time to make a stand and maybe make our way back to localisation.

So what are the actual benefits of localisation? Improving the health of our planet, increasing place based and skilled jobs, assisting in reducing poverty, taking back our democratic freedoms, making business

accountable, and increasing health and happiness of our planet and our people.

So how can we shift from global to local?

Start with investing in grassroots initiatives, this will strengthen our local economies and benefit our communities' direct needs.

Buy from op shops and second hand furniture rather than new furniture made overseas.

Lobby to end the subsidies for fossil fuels, pesticides and junk food. We can make the change and campaign to subsidise organic food, healthcare and Indigenous land management instead.

We need to shift the taxes and subsidies, renegotiate the trade treaties to protect local business and natural resources and tighten regulations on global banks and corporations.

Imagine a world where we really invested in our local communities, where we had fresh farmers' markets at supermarket prices, where crown land was given back for Indigenous agriculture and management, where we know that our children will have a future in their community and learn to live more fulfilling, fun and sustainable lives.

● Ella Noah Bancroft is a Bundjalung woman who has been at the forefront of the Koori Mail relief effort.

End youth detention now

Australia is not the country it tells the rest of the world it is... a place that is young and free, the lucky country. Far from it. Modern Australian history began its European conception after a brutal invasion and attempted genocide of our Mob and rather than freedom, it's an outsourced jail on the other side of the world. A living hell for many with a penal mentality that continues deep within our psychology nearly 250 years later... and for many children, rather than young and free, their lives are destroyed by the State before they have even begun.

Only five years after the Royal Commission on Institutional Abuse, more reports are acknowledging the fundamental abuse within our institutions is so firmly established, they are not capable of change.

The abuse of children as young as 10 years old within our youth justice systems is widespread, particularly in Tasmania, Western Australia, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

What we are witnessing is the criminalisation of children not only accepted by our community and government, but enforced as a cultural norm. This begins from the interface between Police and community, creating a culture of terror and child abuse within our most vulnerable families.

One report released to the Redfern Legal Centre under freedom of information laws, showed that more than 100 children between July 2020 and



Woolombi Waters

May 2022 were strip-searched as young as 13 years old. It confirms a damning report on police abuse of strip-search powers by the law enforcement watchdog in 2021.

The report finds illegal practices used, like forcing people to squat or move their genitals. Despite this misuse of power, the report is still to receive a formal response by the state government.

In NSW, police are only permitted to conduct field strip-searches if the urgency and seriousness of the situation requires it. The problem is in the interpretation of 'seriousness' which is then abused by officers in the field with children.

A police spokesperson claimed powers "such as searches and move-on directions have been

proven to significantly drive down crime" including knife possession and armed robbery. This claim is despite data showing most strip-searches are done on the basis of suspected drug possession.

The data obtained by the research showed nothing illegal was found in about 60% of more than 4000 strip-searches conducted during the same period. University of NSW lecturer Dr Vicki Sentas co-authored a 2019 report which found the use of drug dogs was helping to fuel massive increases in strip-searches.

She said: "Strip searches should never be used as proactive crime prevention to deter future offending... (they) are meant to be a last resort only to be used in serious and urgent circumstances".

This is confirmation of a serious abuse of power claimed to be used as a proactive policing tool, which is actually illegal.

The data also shows that our Mob, continue to be disproportionately targeted by police. Overall, despite comprising only 3.4% of the state's population, our Mob made up 18% of all children searched. This rate is increased throughout the state's central-west, in communities like Dubbo where more than 50% of people strip-searched were Blackfellas.

To compound the problem, after being targeted by police, the NSW government then refuses to close a legal loophole allowing prison staff to strip-search children once in detention. This leads us to another

recent inquiry in Tasmania looking at abuse by the state at the Ashley Youth Detention Centre. This small jail, is a work scheme for locals and the graduation rate of residents to the adult prison system is a shocking 100%.

Court documents within a class action against the detention centre representing more than 100 former detainees in Tasmania's Supreme Court, cites testimonies where children were whipped, kicked, bullied, encouraged to join gangs, sexually abused and stripped naked. The earliest abuse claim dates to 1961, while the most recent is from 2019. Many victims have post traumatic stress disorder and have attempted suicide.

In Western Australia the conservative Labor Premier Mark McGowan sanctioned the transfer of 17 young people and children, from youth detention to a maximum-security adult jail. Nearly all are Blackfellas and though representing vulnerable backgrounds and mental health were moved because of "extreme behavioural issues."

Advocates sounded the alarm after a teenager required medical treatment after self-harming.

Western Australia currently has the highest rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth detention.

In the Northern Territory, six years on from the Royal Commission established in the wake of the 4 Corners expose of the brutality and abuse at the Don Dale centre, the ABC recently

revealed the legislated independent visit system to youth detention facilities is also failing.

Only twice in the past 14 months have such visits taken place and during the past financial year, the Territory Families department said there had been 104 cases of self-harm and threats at Don Dale, and a further 35 at the Alice Springs detention centre.

Studies show that the criminalisation of children and young people equals, and leads to, serious and ongoing human rights abuses which are destroying vulnerable lives and ensuring that the 'graduation' to adult offenders is inevitable in many cases.

And yet the Attorney-General refuses, except in the case of the ACT, to make a decision about increasing the age of criminal responsibility to 14. We need a conscious effort with greater investment of both dollars and resourcing to care for our most vulnerable, and to move away from punitive approaches to anti-social behaviour by children and young people.

Currently there is no attempt by governments to close detention centres and replace them with secure therapeutic settings which focus on health, education and wrap around care in our community. Until we see this change, Australia will remain a penal colony for our most disadvantaged youth.

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Koori Mail correspondent.

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Manupi clan at Pitjamirra on Melville Island, Northern Territory.

No consultation needed: Santos



TRADITIONAL Owners from the Tiwi Islands did not need to be consulted on a massive offshore gas project because they were not relevant stakeholders, a barrister representing Santos claimed.

Tiwi Islander Dennis Tipakalippa from the Munupi clan is fighting the offshore energy regulator's decision to allow Santos to drill eight wells in the Barossa gas field, 265 kilometres north-west of Darwin.

Under the law, the Munupi people were relevant and interested parties who needed to be consulted on the project, Mr Tipakalippa's barrister Claire Harris QC said.

The clan's cultural and spiritual connection to the land and sea readily falls into the legal understanding of an interest, Ms Harris said.

But Santos has argued the Traditional Owners were not relevant people and therefore the company

did not need to consult with them.

The Tiwi Islanders did not hold individual interests in the project as their Sea-Country was a 'loose and extraordinary expansive' concept with no boundaries, the company's barrister Stephen Free said.

"It's more in the nature of a strong emotional connection than an interest," Mr Free said.

Even if the Tiwi Islanders were considered relevant persons, Mr Free said Santos would only need to consult with them on a collective basis through a representative body.

That body would have been the Tiwi Land Council which Santos contacted, the barrister said.

Earlier, marine ranger James De Santis told the court the gas project would cut into the migration path of the vulnerable olive ridley sea turtle.

"There's too much to lose out there if anything goes wrong," he said. "The drilling would disrupt the sea floor and a chemical spill would have a devastating effect on the thriving marine ecosystem."



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From little things...

By CHRISTINE HOWES



CHERBURG'S Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre director Jacqui Tapau believes early childhood is when education has to start, so she was delighted to host this year's – and usually every year, except during the COVID lockdown – National Children's Day.

"We talk about how education is important, early childhood education is where you got to start," she said.

"Because these kids, you know, we got all these social issues, and we talk about getting these kids and transition them into school.

"This is where we got to start.

"At the moment we have about 40 children registered for long day care and we've also now included the Early Years Place, which is an integrated service that targets young moms to engage in early childhood education.

"That means that they don't have to come into long day care, they can come and join in the playgroups, participate in some of the programs around positive parenting, autism and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

"We're just looking at growing up strong kids.

"That's some of the things we offer here, not only our young moms, but our older moms as well, or grandparents who look after their grandchildren."

She said she was excited about Children's Day.

"Today is Children's Day and it is exciting, because we want our children to grow up to be strong little Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and proud of who they are, and their identity," she said.

"Due to COVID, we put it off for a few years but this year we thought, no, let's go ahead and have it.

"We got a lot of young staff members here, so I've handed the reins over to them to organise.

"They've been good, they're our future, our upcoming leaders in this community, so I wanted to give them that responsibility to organise this and engage with our families."



Rayna Saltner-Gadd, 2, and Lesley Bell.



Tara Priestley and Les-Samuel Aubrey, 3.



Jai, 18 months, and Dale Bone, Shirelle Bone and David Hopkins Jnr, 10



Emanuel West holding Jeremiah Simpson, 2 with Kieralee Simpson and Norman West, 3 months.



Helen Jacobs, Polly Leedie holding Le-Andre Leedie, 2, and Kimberley Barrett.



Daisy Combo-Gadd, 13, Lakaishar Sandow-Carlo, 7 and Jack Day.



Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre director Jacqui Tapau, mayor Elvie Sandow and deputy mayor Tom Langton.



Returned bush block

By NICK PATON



A SPECIAL slice of Country is set to be transformed into a place of healing and remembrance for stolen children after being handed

back to the Sister Kate's Home Kids Aboriginal Corporation (SKHKAC) in Boorloo (Perth) on August 25.

Known affectionately as the "bush block", the 2.7 hectare parcel of land in Queens Park sits opposite the former Sister Kate's Children's Home and holds great significance for those who stayed at Sister Kate's as children.

The bush block was a safe space where the children of Sister Kate's would go to play, and a place where families who came to visit their stolen children in the home would secretly camp.

The land was divested to SKHKAC by the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) during a ceremony at the Canning Shire Council offices, along with a cheque of more than \$3 million from Lotterywest.

The substantial grant will assist SKHKAC to develop the site into a healing space for Stolen Generations survivors, their families, and the broader community to come together on Country.

SKHKAC chief executive Tjalaminu Mia told the *Koori Mail* that the handing back of the bush block means everything to her and all the other homees who were incarcerated at Sister Kate's over the years.

"It was almost 60 years ago since I first set foot on the site at Sister Kate's," Ms Mia said.

"And so for about the past 15 years, we've been working hard to come up with a concept and a vision that provides a place of healing on that site for our own healing as survivors and the healing of the younger generations."

"What we're doing is opening this vision up to the wider



SKHKAC staff member Micheal Spratt plays the yidaki as part of a smoking ceremony outside the Canning Shire Council offices in Boorloo (Perth). Mr Spratt also delivered Welcome to Country, with yidaki accompaniment

community, as a way of giving back to the community, and that includes all stolen generations survivors, the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and the non-Indigenous community too."

More than 100 people attended the ceremony which included speeches by survivors of the children's home and WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tony Buti, along with an emotional performance by Ballardong musician Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse.

SKHKAC staff member Micheal Spratt conducted a smoking ceremony and also performed a moving Welcome to Country accompanied by his yidaki.

Ms Mia said the bush block played a huge role in the young lives of Sister Kate's homees, who used the area to escape the harsh realities of life at the children's home and to reconnect with Country, family, and the

natural world.

She said to have the bush block returned is an opportunity to heal from the trauma that has impacted Sister Kate's homees after they were taken from their families and placed at the Sister Kate's Children's Home from 1934-1975.

"When the Government's Native Welfare Department placed us in the home and trained us as young domestic servants this oppressed us further because it was really about assimilating us into servitude, which was the way of the world for our parents and grandparents over the generations," Ms Mia said.

"It was to breed out the black and assimilate us into a white world devoid of any of our Aboriginal identity and cultural heritage," she said.

"We had heartbroken parents, heartbroken grandparents, our communities were torn apart, and we were heartbroken ourselves."



ILSC chair Ian Hamm officially hands over the Bush Block to SKHKAC's Tjalaminu Mia and Glenn Pearson.



is chance for healing



WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tony Buti is presented with a possum skin as a thank you by SKHKAC chief executive Tjalaminu Mia.

"The bush block is a place where we can sit down with people and start to tell the truth about what happened at the (children's) home."

ILSC chair Ian Hamm said the ILSC were enormously proud to take part in the handing back of the bush block to SKHKAC.

"Our function is small compared to what the SKHKAC have managed to achieve," Mr Hamm said.

"We only bought the land when it became available, and since then we've only helped and facilitated, but our efforts mean nothing unless you, the SKHKAC, are at the very centre of it."

"Our job at the ILSC is to divest this land, and handing this land back today fulfils the mission that we have at the ILSC and gives us purpose and meaning."

Chair of SKHKAC Glenn Pearson said many of the

experiences of the children of Sister Kate's are still lived today.

"And that's the work that's in front of us," Mr Pearson said.

"As part of the Place of Healing we want your kids to know their language, and we want your kids to know their history, and their place, and their Boodja (Country)."

The first children were taken to Sister Kate's in 1934 from the Moore River Native Settlement at the direction of Auber Octavius Neville, the Chief Protector of Aborigines in Western Australia.

As a result, the children at Sister Kate's often had limited or no contact with their parents, families, culture or Country.

"We understand now exactly what went on and what was the truth behind this dark history of Australia's past that we as Aboriginal children were part of," Ms Mia said.

"When we walk the bush block



A concept drawing gives a birds eye view of the proposed Place of Healing on the Bush Block located at Queen's Park in Boorloo (Perth).

and share our stories, people want to know, they want to understand what happened to us."

Once completed, the Place of Healing will include bush trails and raised walkways, yarning circles, events and gathering spaces, toilets, bush foods, a welcome centre, parking and feature garden.

"We're still in trauma recovery," Ms Mia said.

"And our children have unwittingly inherited that trauma so we're in trauma recovery mode and the transformation of the bush block will help to create a sense of place and belonging for us and our young ones," she said.

"We get to sit down in the bush, in cultural and emotional silence, and we speak our truth so others can know the truth, too."

"It takes a lot to open up wounds and share what happened."

"The Bush Block means everything to us, to get hold of that land, and build a place of healing, but it goes deeper than that for us home kids," Ms Mia said.

"The Bush Block was a place

from our childhood that bought us serenity, it bought us connection to Country, it bought us connection to the natural world."

The first stages of development for the Place of Healing on the bush block are set to begin in 2023.



Balladong musician Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse gave an emotional performance as part of the ceremony.



25 Acts of Individual Black Nurses and Midwives Activism recipients.

First Nations midwives and nurses stand strong

By RUDI MAXWELL



IN the late 1990s, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives recognised that they were stronger, together.

So 36 pioneering Indigenous health professionals formed the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSiNaM).

Last month, CATSiNaM celebrated 25 strong, staunch years at their national conference on Gadigal Country, in Sydney, with the launch of 'gettin em n keepin em n growin em': Strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery education reform (GENKE II), and the opening of *In Our Own Right: Black Australian Nurses and Midwives Stories Exhibition* and a gala ball.

CATSiNaM chief executive Professor Roianne West, a Kalkadoon and Djunke woman, told the *Koori Mail* that the conference had been brilliant.

"We reconnected with the 36 founding members, their families if they had passed – and they all said that they we could not have imagined where we would be today," she said.

"We now have 2000 voting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practising nurses and midwives and students."

Prof West said that the original 2002 report, 'getting em n keepin em': Report of the Indigenous Nursing and Education Working Group (GENKE I), aimed to address the detrimentally low numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives in the health workforce.

She said honouring and reviewing this work, this year CATSiNaM developed GENKE II 2022, which presented renewed strategies to address the persistent Indigenous healthcare concerns identified in the original report.

"Our workforce remains significantly under-represented at just 1.4% of the total Australian nursing and midwifery workforce," she said.

"The GENKE II report recommendations aim to address this shortfall through national strategies that privilege Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery knowledges and embed Cultural Safety across all the domains of nursing and midwifery education."

And Professor West had a message for any young Indigenous person thinking about nursing or midwifery as a career.

"They're two of the most honourable professions that you could enter into," she said.

"And we're proud to be associated with two important programs, birthing on Country and dying on Country."



Rikarli and Rayma Johnson, Buuja Buuja Butterfly Dancers.



Professor Kim Usher



National Apology Message Stick.



Uncle Michael West, Dr Lynore Geia and Kenton Winsley.



Kebi Kub Torres Strait Islander dancers.



David Nardoo, Tyla, Ruby and Tayla West.



Brendan Japangardi Kerin



All dressed up for the anniversary gala.



Aunty Emily Marshall and Linda Popple.



Referendum Council co-chair Pat Anderson.



NACCHO chief executive Pat Turner.



Rochelle Watson-Pitt



Brolga Dance Academy.



Kenton Winsley and Aunty Pam Mamm Award recipient Aunty Gayle Yarran.



Kisani Upward with image of Dr Sally Goold on screen and portrait.



CATSINaM National Exhibition Founding Members, onscreen.

Student of the year makes a difference



A PROUD Darkinjung woman and Woy Woy local has received two major awards at

TAFE for her commitment to her community services studies, despite many challenges along the way.

Jennifer Skinner, 53, studied a Bachelor of Community Services online after taking time out of the workforce to raise her children. She was named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the TAFE NSW Excellence Awards ceremony, and again at the recent TAFE NSW Gili Awards.

Ms Skinner plans to pass on her skills and knowledge as a TAFE NSW teacher, having recently been accepted into the TAFE NSW Teacher Scholarship Program to study a fee-free Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

"I've always had an interest in community



Jennifer Skinner received two major TAFE awards.

services," Ms Skinner said.

"I'm a bit of a people person and like to make a difference in people's lives – I'm the person people come

to when they need help. I realised it's something I'm good at, but I needed a qualification to back that up, so I decided to enrol in the

Community Services course

"I'm still in shock that I've won these awards – it's a huge achievement.

"It's been a remarkable journey with a lot of hurdles along the way, but I strongly believe I'm doing what I'm meant to do, and I've shown myself and my kids that anything's possible.

"I haven't let being in an abusive relationship or mental health issues get in my way – I've gone from thinking all hope was lost to re-educating and empowering myself.

"I'm a big believer that no matter what you go through in life, you can achieve anything.

"I'm incredibly grateful for all the help I've had – I honestly don't think I would have finished the course without the support of my incredible teachers.

"I'm looking forward to providing that same care and support to future TAFE NSW students, thanks to the TAFE NSW Teacher Scholarship Program."

Innovative STEM students shine in science and tech



FIVE of the best and brightest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior STEM

students have received \$5,000 awards for their innovative contributions to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The award winners were announced at the 2022 Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM education in Queensland.

This year's winners are Holly McLaurin from Boonah State High School, Caleb Baker from Thuringowa State High School, Alwyn Daniel from Gympie State High School, Tanu Nona from Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School and Jemima Bainbridge from Coolool State High School.

The awards are named after Professor Peter



Caleb Baker

Doherty, a Brisbane-born Nobel Prize winning scientist who was educated at Indooroopilly State High School and the University of Queensland.

The awards recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners – including volunteers, mentors and organisations – who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland.

Jarli hitchhikes a ride to the space station



FIRST Nations girl Jarli has a knack for fixing things and a dream of reaching the stars. Her dream became a reality when she hitched a ride to the International Space Station with NASA. Jarli is the first animated Aboriginal girl to go into space – and her journey has been made into an award-winning six-minute short film.

As an ambassador for Science Technology Education and Maths (STEM), Jarli has been created by scientists as a way to inspire young Indigenous people toward a career in STEM.

Proud Wiradjuri astrophysicist Kirsten Banks narrates the film and said, "Jarli shows our children just how far they can go through STEM – they really can reach the stars."

"When I look at the stars, I realise it's the same stars my ancestors have seen for thousands of

years," Ms Banks said.

"As Australia's space industry grows, Jarli shows our children just how far they can go through STEM – they really can reach the stars.

"With the bulk of Australian space infrastructure located in remote areas on First Nations and there are great opportunities for Australia's space future workforce in remote areas and beyond."

Beginning in the Aussie outback, Jarli's story ends with a "first-of-its-kind" Australian neuromorphic sensor transmitting data from space.

Ms Banks said encouraging young people into STEM was important because only 16% of STEM graduates are women, and just one in 200 First Nations people have a STEM degree, compared to one in 20 non-Indigenous people.

"The biases which affect these numbers start young, with attitudes towards STEM being developed during early primary

school," Ms Banks said.

Jarli actually became a reality when she was laser-cut onto the space-based sensor casing for Project Falcon Neuro.

Air Vice-Marshal Cath Roberts of the Defence Space Command said defence had committed more than \$7 billion to develop sovereign space capabilities in the next decade.

"The size of Australia's civil space sector is set to triple by 2030, with projections of more than 20,000 jobs being created," he said.

"Today's Australian primary school children will be starting jobs or higher level education by 2030 and we need to ignite their passion for space.

"Jarli shows children how their STEM studies, combined with boldness and a can-do attitude will open up many opportunities for their future."

To see the Jarli animation, visit www.airforce.gov.au/jarli



Jarli is the first animated Aboriginal girl to go into space

Young artists shine at OUR MOB awards

By PETER ARGENT



ALONG with the top gong received by Teemana Sanderson-Bromley, there were a handful of other award winners at the 2022 OUR MOB art spectacular.

The Trevor Nickolls Art Prizes returned for the second year after being established in 2021 through the Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation.

The prizes honour the generosity of artist Trevor Nickolls whose intention after his death was to provide support to Aboriginal artists.

A Ngarrindjeri artist, the late Nickolls was known for his high-key acrylic paintings juxtaposing Western Desert dot-painting and Arnhem Land cross-hatching with western symbolism.

The Trevor Nickolls Art Prize for OUR MOB winner was prolific Gudjula and Girramay artist Kat Bell.



Teemana Sanderson-Bromley with his Pathways painting.

At the corresponding 2021 OUR MOB Awards Bell secured the Country Arts SA Regional Emerging Artist Professional Development Award for her *Birthing Pod* works using acrylic on canvas and for *Gathering on the Mighty Murray River*, using hand-stitched and embroidered yarn, threaded onto bamboo stick.

The OUR YOUNG MOB winner for this year is 17-

year-old artist Macinta Fowler.

Also, on the night of Thursday August 18, the 2022 Country Arts SA Professional Development Initiative Award was presented to Yamatji Wajarri artist Sherrie Jones.

A final accolade, the Ku Arts OUR YOUNG MOB award was won by 17-year-old Kamilaroi artist Zachary O'Donnell.

The 2022 OUR MOB exhibition has been on display

to the public at Adelaide Festival Centre's Festival Theatre Galleries from August 19 and continued to October 7 along with the OUR YOUNG MOB exhibition at Children's Artspace until October 9.

"OUR MOB is one of our most important and anticipated annual programs at Adelaide Festival Centre," the centre's chief executive and artistic director Douglas Gautier said.

"This art exhibition brings artists, industry partners and art organisations from all over the state together to celebrate great artwork and community.

"It was again another exceptional collection of First Nations art and we congratulate this year's winners.

"We look forward to celebrating their success for years to come."

OUR MOB is held in the spirit of reconciliation to demonstrate the power of art in bringing together diverse peoples in harmony with a common goal.



Artist Kat Bell's entry, *The Memory Dress*, was the Trevor Nickolls Art Prize winner.

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Art Fair takes a new direction



WITH a new artistic director at the helm, change has come to Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF). Newly appointed Torres Strait Islander woman Francoise Lane has taken over the role from previous director Janina Harding.

Francoise has been involved with CIAF since 2013 and has worked closely with the team for the past two years to deliver exhibitions.

Francoise is an artist and a designer whose maternal family are from Hammond Island. Francoise identifies as both Meriam and Kaurareg.

Inspired by her family, Kerriri (Hammond Island) and the natural reef and rainforest landscapes of her tropical North Queensland home, Francoise is a multi-



CIAF general manager Darrell Harris welcomes new artistic director, Francoise Lane. Picture: Blueclick Photography

disciplinary creative whose practise spans textile design, visual and surface pattern art,

and sculpture. Francoise and her husband Andrew Lane established Indij

Design in 2011, a 100% Indigenous owned, award-winning architectural and

design company.

"We are in times of great opportunity," Ms Lane said. "The intersection of design and art is an exciting one and it will be wonderful to explore what this could add to CIAF."

CIAF chair Tom Mosby said Ms Lane was "well placed to build upon the remarkable achievements of her predecessor, Janina Harding".

"After a two-year COVID hiatus CIAF made a stellar come back in July 2022 with record art sales exceeding \$1 million for the first time and attendance across the five-day program of more than 60,000 visitors," he said.

Ms Lane is now working towards the delivery of CIAF's 14th anniversary season that will take place at Cairns Convention Centre and cultural venues in the city from July 12-16, 2023.

East Arnhem Live kicks off new music festival fun



TWO worlds will come together for a good time when the new East Arnhem Live music festival kicks off this year.

Set in East Arnhem Land's spectacular and unique landscape, the festival brings together Yolŋu musicians with the music from across Australia.

Member of renowned East Arnhem band Yothu Yindi and festival committee member Stu Kellaway said they "wanted to create a festival that was a huge celebration".

"It's two worlds, coming together for a good time over three days of music," Stu said.

"East Arnhem Live will be a truly unique festival experience and we hope that it will be a platform for discovery of some of the musical talents on the line-up that call this part of Australia home."

Line-up announced

Some of the breakthrough artists include Andrew Gurruwiwi Band, Arafura Swamp Band, The Beddy Rays, Dhapanbal Yunupingu, East Journey, Emma Donovan and the Putbacks, Garranali Band, Julian BelBachir, Salt Lake Band and Wirrinyga Band - and each day, includes traditional Yolŋu bungul.

Yolŋu woman and artistic director Rosealee Pearson said the festival is for music lovers looking for adventure and something a little different and will be "a fusion of everything that makes this area of Australia unique - with a whole lot of fun thrown in".

The festival is located just outside the township of Nhulunbuy and visitors are encouraged to check out accommodation and other tours while they're in town via the Visit East Arnhem website.

The festival is an initiative of Yolŋu Radio. For more information or to buy tickets, visit eastarnhemlive.com.au

Tiddas delivers a love letter



WHEN *Tiddas* hits the stage this September, prepare for secrets to bubble to the surface.

At the heart of this love story are five sisters and their enduring, unconditional friendship - as they start to question their bond of sisterhood in their monthly book club in Brisbane.

This First Nations led work is the stage adaptation of Anita Heiss' best selling novel *Tiddas*.

Tiddas, a commonly used term in the community for "women who are like sisters", is about five best friends since childhood - Izzy, Veronica, Xanthe, Nadine and Ellen.

Their monthly book club meetings cover life, love, literature and everything in between.

Tiddas' director Nadine McDonald-Dowd said, "if you've ever been in a relationship with a group of people you consider to be family, this will hit you in the heart".

"While *Tiddas* is a love story to Brisbane, it's also a love story to women in their 40s and those really solid relationships we have.

"We don't get to see many stories on stage about women in their 40s or 50s that don't depict us in a certain, socially stereotyped way: married with kids, focused on a career, and having

everything in place by then.

"These women are complex, they are challenged, they feel every rigour of emotion, they have a really important bond and, in the end, they don't have it all.

"But leave us ultimately questioning what 'all' really is."

Heiss and McDonald-Dowd began collaborating in January 2020 to adapt *Tiddas* for the stage as part of La Boite's Artist-in-Residence program, conducting play readings and workshops remotely when COVID struck.

Heiss said, "I was looking for something to challenge me in my art form and this was a fantastic opportunity where I was learning every step of the way".

The cast of homegrown talent includes Chenoa Deemal as Ellen, Anna McMahon as Veronica, Louise Brehmer as Nadine, Phoebe Graineras Izzy and Shakira Clanton as Xanthe. Roxanne McDonald plays Mum/Noon and the versatile Sean Dow plays the roles of Richard, Asher, Spencer, Craig and Rory.

Tiddas is co-produced by La Boite, Brisbane Festival and QPAC and premiers at La Boite's Roundhouse Theatre from September 5-24.

For more information and tickets, visit laboite.com.au/shows/tiddas

Some of the cast of *Tiddas*.





Kalkadoon sisters: Jauntia Doyle, Dale Bruce, Cheryl Perez and Glenda McCulloch.

Kalkadoon sisters do it together

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ONE of these Kalkadoon sisters – Jauntia, Dale, Cheryl or Glenda – started painting one day, and because they always do things together, they all painted. Now they have Cungelella Art and fashion label Myrrdah – and showed their first collection at Fashion Week in Sydney. “We’re that close that once one starts something, the other ones start something,” Jauntia said. “It took a long time, especially over

COVID, that delayed a lot of things.” She said it all might sound simple, but it wasn’t. “There’s a lot behind the scenes,” she said. “We’ve started the label, we’ve got a website, so you can buy it online. “Essentially we put our artwork on linen, now you can buy our artwork on clothing. “So it’s wearable art. “There’s a heap of work that goes into that, to get that little collection up and running – working out pattern sizes, working with pattern makers, picking something that will fit

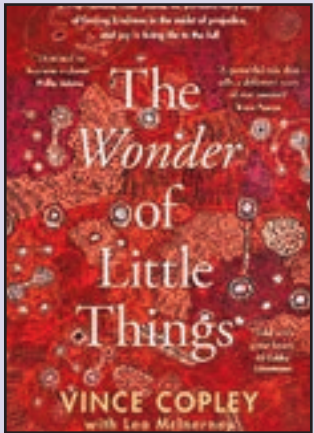
“The four of us are all different shapes and sizes, so if all of us decide we like the same piece, there’s a lot of back and forth over that.” Their country is their inspiration. “Kalkatungu land – the sunsets, the spinifex, the red dirt – if you look at our paintings, there’s a lot of pink, a lot of red oxide,” she said. “Colours that represent our sunsets and the red dirt we’re surrounded by. “We all do our own paintings, but then a lot of times I’ll come in and if Dale’s baby’s crying and she’s doing a painting while she walks off, I’ll maybe help on her

painting for her. “We help each other heaps because we’re all mums and we’re all in and out of the studio here. Well, it’s not really a studio, it’s my sister’s backyard.” She said it was all about family. “Myrrdah is a nana on one side and Cungelella is another nana on the other side,” she said. “Our pieces in our first collection were all named after aunties as well. “We named them after the really strong women in our family who shaped the women we are, so all those pieces mean something to us.”

Vince finds kindness in the wonder of little things



IN a South Australian home for Aboriginal boys, Ngadjuri author Vince Copley befriended future leaders Charles Perkins, John Moriarty and Gordon Briscoe. They were friendships that would last a lifetime. They also shaped Vince, who later teamed up with Charlie Perkins to advance the rights and improve the lives of First Nations people. In his new book, *The Wonder of Little Things*, Vince tells the tale of his life from being born on a government mission into poverty in 1936 to becoming a champion footballer and premiership-winning coach. It’s the story of a First Nations Elder who shares his extraordinary story of finding kindness in the midst of prejudice, and joy in living life to the full. Along with other Ngadjuri people, Vince



was active in recovering and protecting Ngadjuri cultural heritage. He repeatedly requested access to anthropologist Ronald Berndt’s field notes on Ngadjuri culture, embargoed until 2024, which were based on conversations with Barney Warrior, his grandfather. Sadly, Vince died in January 2022, having not had the opportunity to read his grandfather’s stories. At every step, with his beloved wife, Brenda, Vince found blight in the

darkness, the friendly face in the crowd, the small moments and little things that make the world go round. In his book, Vince tells his story with humour, humility and wisdom. Written with his friend Lea McInerney over many cups of tea, the book is described as an Australian classic in the making, a plain-speaking account of hardship, courage and optimism told without self-pity or big-noting. Vince’s love of life will make you smile, his heartache will make you cry, and his determination to enjoy life in the face of adversity will inspire you to find the wonder in little things every day. The book is published by Harper Collins. “Welcome to my story. It’s a simple story of a simple person, who’s lived a long life now with some struggles along the way. I didn’t learn a lot in school, not in the classroom, anyway. But I learned a lot from life.” – Vince Copley

Purrumpa to blossom in Adelaide



PURRUMPA - the largest national gathering of First Nations arts and culture in 50 years is set to blossom again in Adelaide this year. Purrumpa is a Kurna language word meaning “to flourish” and the event is the first since the last national gathering of its kind in 1973. Established by Australia Council’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board, the first gathering was a milestone event which set out policy, encouraged excellence and

the preservation of First Nations culture through creative expression. Australia Council executive director for First Nations Arts and Culture Francesca Cubillo, said the name Purrumpa was generously gifted for use by Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O’Brien. “Purrumpa is set to be a momentous occasion as we celebrate the achievements of the past five decades and reflect on what the next 50 years could look like,” she said. “Purrumpa will include deep listening, as well as important conversations

about First Nations peoples’ self-determination, development, and priorities for the national advocacy of First Nations arts and culture.” Purrumpa is supported by the South Australian Government and organised by the the Australia Council and the First Nations Strategy Panel. Purrumpa will be held over five days on Kurna Yerta at the Adelaide Convention Centre from October 31 to November 4. For more information, visit australiacouncil.gov.au and type purrumpa in the search bar.

Fashion sector set to flourish



THE recipients of a new fund supporting First Nations fashion and textile design have been announced.

The First Nations Textile Design and Fashion Innovation Fund is a new opportunity, created by the Australia Council for the Arts. It is open to First Nations individuals, groups and organisations working in the textile design and fashion sector. The fund provides grants from \$5000-\$25000.

This year 21 applicants were successful, including First Nations owned and run businesses, designers and community arts organisations from across the country.

The grants will support production and design, as well as professional development and increased digital visibility for the First Nations textile design and fashion sector.

Fund recipient and founder of Gammin Threads, Tahnee Edwards said, "this grant will allow me to develop an accessories range to strengthen and diversify Gammin threads product offering".

"It will help me to broaden my skills and processes in product design and development as well as supporting Gammin threads revenue growth by offering additional pieces and price-points, engaging more diverse audiences, and ensuring everyone can have access to First Nations design," she said.

Australia Council executive director First Nations Arts and Culture Franchesca Cubillo said the new fund will bolster the sector.

"This investment supports the continued strength, flourishing and visibility of First Nations textile design and fashion – and its important contribution to cultural expression," she said.



Flourish Fund recipient and founder of Gammin Threads, Tahnee Edwards said the grant will help grow her business, "ensuring everyone can have access to First Nations design".



Flourish Fund recipients:

Tiwi Designs Aboriginal Corporation NT for training initiatives in silkscreen artwork translation, screen making and textile production.

Kinaway Chamber of Commerce VIC for its KIN Textile Library, artistic resource.

Liandra Gaykamang NT The Deep Sea Collection: Together, Apart Lets Interact.

House of Darwin NT scaling their retail footprint and activations nationally and internationally.

Lyllardya Houston NSW Walumarra Collection 2022.

Gammin Threads VIC Gammin Threads accessories range.

Nathan McGuire NSW Solid Ochre Debut Collection at Australian Fashion Week May 2023.

Ikuntji Artists Aboriginal Corporation NT Ikuntji Artists at the London Pacific Fashion Week 2022 + Pacific Arts.

Ananguku Arts & Cultural Aboriginal Corporation SA Iwiri and Ku Arts Textile Project.

Injalak Arts & Crafts Aboriginal Corporation NT Arnhem Land Textile Design Workshop hosted and run on country by Injalak Arts.

Maria Caldwell NSW Bundjalung Textile & Design Industry Development for emerging/mid-career creatives.

Jarin Baigent NSW for Jarin Street – Manufacturing support and digital marketing/presence support.

Paul McCann VIC Paul McCann: Evolution of Indigenous artistic practice across fashion design, jewellery and painting.

Jedess Hudson QLD Pixelated Dreaming – Digital Fusion for Fashion.

PR Creative NT Studio North x Yarrenyty Altere Artists Capsule Collection.

Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation WA Emerging Juluwarlu designs and designers sharing Yindjibarndi culture.

Rebecca Barlow WA Mambakoot Collection Deadly Denim.

Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation NT research on digital marketing platform for Indigenous Art Centres' textiles and fashion.

Ngali Pty Ltd VIC Ngali – expanding First Nations creativity in the domestic and global fashion market.

Julie Appo QLD Gnarla will support activities to extend Julie's art practice, with an online retail platform.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council QLD Yarrabah Fashion Style 2023.



Silkscreening with Flourish Fund recipients, Tiwi Designs Aboriginal Corporation.



Morrgul builds capacity



ABORIGINAL businesses competing for contracts in regional Western Australia are set to get some more help to build capacity.

Broome based not-for-profit organisation Morrgul has secured the five-year \$1.47 million contract

to continue to deliver the McGowan Government's Aboriginal Procurement Advisory Service.

The advisory service supports Aboriginal business owners through the tendering process to win tenders to supply goods and services to local and State Governments, and to demonstrate their business capability and

capacity to potential buyers

Morrgul has supported more than 50 businesses in securing State Government contracts to deliver a wide range of goods, services, and works resulting in the employment of more than 350 Aboriginal people across regional WA since 2017.

Over the next five years, the advisory service is projected to

secure more than \$50 million in Aboriginal procurement contracts, generating more than 500 new jobs across regional WA.

The Aboriginal Procurement Advisory Service is administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and is available at no cost to all regionally based Aboriginal businesses across WA.

Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan said, "over the past 12 months, the Aboriginal Procurement Advisory Service has assisted Aboriginal businesses to secure \$8.4 million of work".

"This includes \$1 million in the southern regions, through projects such as the Bunbury Outer Ring Road project," she said.

Employment

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Hairdresser training turns heads



FIRST Nations remote communities across the Northern Territory will have better access to be able to study hairdressing on their home soil, thanks to a new program by Charles Darwin University (CDU).

A new partnership between the university and CDU alumni Gary Strachan, The Deadly Hair Dude, will train First Nations students in remote communities in the art of foiling and clippers in a bid to inspire them into hairdressing and employment opportunities.

As a part of the partnership the students will gain a Certificate I and II in Workplace Skills giving them basic hairdressing skills, and offering a pathway to pursue the Certificate III in Hairdressing at CDU if they choose and become hairdressers through apprenticeship or by fulltime study.

The students gain key qualifications and skills in hairdressing to set them up for a long career as a part of the initiative. Once completing the traineeship, students can choose



Deadly Hair Dude Gary Strachan and student Kyle Bambra give CDU's Asia Pacific College of Business and Law Dean Professor David Low a new 'do.

to continue studying a diploma or take their skills into remote communities.

CDU lecturer in hairdressing Leah MacLean said the partnership would support a

pipeline of graduates wanting to study hairdressing in the Northern Territory.

"This is a great partnership, which gives students essential basic hairdressing skills and

opens the pathway for them for further study and qualifications for an enriching career," Ms Maclean said.

"There is a huge shortage of hairdressers across the Territory,

so the more we can support remote students into study pathways, the more we can get students into industry, into meaningful careers and fill the gaps."

A former lawyer, the Deadly Hair Dude, Gary Strachan dedicates his days to improving access to hairdressing in remote Indigenous communities.

Mr Strachan came up with the idea when representing Aboriginal community members as a lawyer and noticing many of them needed vital access to hairdressing services before court appearances.

"I wanted to support small remote communities as much as I can with the trade I know best," Mr Strachan said.

"This partnership will allow students to return to community to work as hairdressers and provide a new service in remote areas. It's also a way to engage young people in education and new skills that support their communities."

With CDU already having two hairdressing training salons in Darwin and Alice Springs this initiative will give students once they have graduated, the option to study at those locations should they wish.

Racism impacts work



ELIMINATING racism in the workplace and securing ongoing employment for Indigenous Australians must be a priority for all organisations, the jobs and skills summit in Canberra was told.

University of Queensland Business School Indigenous engagement director Sharlene Leroy-Dyer said a first step was recognising racism as a genuine work health and safety issue.

Dr Leroy-Dyer said Indigenous workers who experience racism and a lack of action to combat it will often leave the workplace.

She told the summit this continues to perpetuate a welfare mentality rather than empowering Indigenous people to take up employment opportunities.

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University of Queensland Indigenous Engagement Director Sharlene Leroy-Dyer is a descendant of the Guringai, Gadigal, Wiradjuri and Dharug peoples.

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"We would like to see a racism-busting agenda spearheaded by the union movement that ensures responsibility for tackling racism is shared by all: employers, government, business and sector bodies, and the public."

– Dr Leroy-Dyer

Dr Leroy-Dyer said. "We would like changes to the inherent, unsafe reporting mechanisms around racism and changes to recruitment to eliminate racism."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar said Indigenous women and girls in particular were calling for the right to have a say on

workplace reform.

"Their right to be at the table to inform these processes going forward, that are so needed, that will impact and create opportunities," Ms Oscar said.

"No one can do that without (Indigenous women) at the table."

Dr Leroy-Dyer said paid cultural leave and cultural clauses in employee agreements and awards should be a priority.

She also called on the government to make a genuine commitment to improving skills and job prospects in rural and remote areas.

"The time for platitudes is passed, it is now time for action," Dr Leroy-Dyer said.

More than 140 more business, community, union and government representatives gathered at Parliament House in Canberra to discuss Australia's economic challenges.

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 Chris or Stuart a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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ABOUT US

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council ICN 3832 (SWALSC) is the Central Services Corporation (CSC) providing support for the six regional corporations to implement the South West Native Title Settlement.

On behalf of the regional corporations we are seeking chief executive officers to progress the implementation of the Noongar Settlement, and to advance and strengthen Noongar culture, language, heritage, and society.

THE OPPORTUNITY

- Multiple CEO positions available based in Perth and regional areas of the South West.
- Work to deliver real benefits for Noongar people and communities.
- Full time position, 3-year contract.
- Annual salary of \$158,008 + super and other incentives.

To be suitable for this role you will have the ability to engage constructively with regional corporation directors, the Noongar community, and staff, to ensure that the strategic and operational goals of the corporation are met.

For more information and a copy of the job description, contact Dore Baker: 0408 405 010, or dore@bakerpersonnel.com.au.

I work for NSW



Administrative Support Officer

Location: Parramatta / Flexible
Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4
Employment Status: Ongoing / Full-Time
Salary Range: \$74,117 to \$81,158 p.a
Salary package: \$90,369 p.a

Closing Date: 19 September 2022

Enquiries: Glen Ramsay on (02) 7814 2710 or Glen.Ramsay2@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply for this position please visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and refer to Job ID **000093YJ** to see full position description.

BLZ SL0516



Senior Early Intervention Clinician- headspace Kempsey

Are you looking for a change? Come and join or team here at headspace Kempsey, supporting young people between the ages of 12 and 25. As well as looking after the initial intake and assessment, you will develop and maintain appropriate referral pathways and work with other services in the local service system to support and provide therapeutic intervention, group work and community awareness activities to young people and service providers as required.

We're looking for someone with:

- Tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or related disciplines, and/or are registered with AHPRA or AASW
- A demonstrated understanding of mental health issues affecting young people and their families and carers; best practice treatment options; support services; and co-morbidities;
- Demonstrated skills and understanding in working with young people experiencing mental health issues
- Experience in a similar role

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Please contact meg.mcspaul@samaritans.org.au for more information or to apply directly.

I work for NSW



Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (Female) Macarthur Community Teams

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Remuneration: \$55,492 to \$81,731 per annum
Reference Number: REQ336055

Being female is recognised as a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 31(2h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Aboriginal Mental Health/ Social and Emotional Wellbeing Peer Support Worker (AMHW)

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time
Remuneration: \$1090.41 to \$1606.00 per week
Reference Number: REQ336060

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations. **For more information, please visit:** steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Enquiries: Ann Baker on 0459 871 540 or Ann.Baker@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 18 September 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Numbers above.

BLZ SL0529



People and Capability Manager

Be a part of MITS growth and share the lives of young Indigenous people pursuing education in Melbourne. This end to end role provides great variety and involvement for an experienced HR generalist who puts people first and cares about their development and wellbeing.

Get in touch for more information or for a full Position Description visit the web site www.MITS.vic.edu.au and apply for the role via the link. Interested? Contact Hilary Dixon at Careers@MITS.vic.edu.au

Njernda Aboriginal Corporation POSITION VACANT

BUSH KINDER TEACHER

Berrimba Childcare Centre's Bush Kindergarten Teacher is responsible for developing and providing a high quality cultural and developmental 4YO and 3YO kindergarten programs, which strengthen our children's connection to culture, community and country.

More information or Duty Statements: Visit: www.njernda.com.au/employment-opportunities

Or email: jobs@njernda.com.au

Applications close: COB Friday September 23, 2022

Applications MUST address the selection criteria



Aboriginal Health Coordinator

- Be part of a purpose-driven organisation committed to community development and a social model of health
- Attractive salary packaging
- Ongoing full time position

About us

Your Community Health provides a comprehensive range of medical, dental and allied health services and support programs to anyone, through a combination of outreach, client-based and centre-based activities. Our purpose is to enable health, wellbeing and dignity for all people in northern Melbourne by providing responsive and accessible services. We provide priority access to those most at risk of health inequalities and those that may face barriers to accessing traditional health services.

Inclusivity Commitment at Your Community Health

Your Community Health is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible environment where people and communities of all identities and backgrounds are accepted, safe and celebrated.

We welcome people of all ethnicities, faiths, socio-economic circumstances, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities, bodies, migration statuses, ages and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent at our services.

Your Community Health look to actively encourage members applications from of the LGBTQIA+, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and those with lived experience in areas in which we work. We work to address barriers in full participation.

About the role

For further information about this role, please visit our website at www.yourch.org.au.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted directly at our recruitment hub at yourcommunityhealth.recruitment.com.au enter ref code: 6025805.

An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is sought for this role by Your Community Health as a special measure pursuant to Section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.



Curriculum Resources Writer – Secondary or Primary

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- Are you ready to write engaging curriculum resources for teachers?
- Do you want to be part of a team that makes a difference in the education sector?
- Are you interested in seeing better outcomes for First Nations people?

ABOUT AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER EDUCATION

We work together respectfully, by listening and learning, to collaboratively create educational resources for all Australians, to increase awareness and understanding of our shared history, its ongoing impact, and help pave the way for meaningful actions.

We focus on teachers. They impact the learning and perspectives of the next generation. Our resources are created by applying the Australians Together Learning Framework and are developed alongside First Nations educators to ensure they're authentic and transformative. We provide:

- a vast array of educational resources to expand teacher knowledge, build confidence and help shift teaching practice
- inspirational resources that encourage, support and guide schools towards whole-of-school change
- an extensive suite of curriculum resources, activities and tools which equip teachers to bring First Nations perspectives to the classroom.

THE ROLE

As a **Curriculum Resources Writer**, you'll work under the direction of the Product Specialist – Curriculum Resources to contribute to the expanding suite of Australians Together curriculum resources. You'll be responsible for writing and refining curriculum resources and materials that are aligned with the Australians Together guidelines and that teachers will want to use.

You'll write curriculum resources that meet AITSL Teaching Standards 1.4 and 2.4 and that assist teachers to deliver the Australian Curriculum's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority. You'll be writing for the year levels and learning areas you're most familiar with. In primary years these often have a cross- or inter-disciplinary teaching and learning approach.

To ensure the accuracy and relevance of the resources, the role includes consultation with First Nations cultural experts.

YOU ARE:

- **culturally savvy:** you understand the importance of cultural intelligence and intercultural understanding and the place it has within the education sector
- **a writer at heart:** you can organise ideas, structure a piece of curriculum and your sentences make sense; you're a stickler for spelling and grammar and have an excellent eye for detail
- **a curriculum expert:** you know what engages students and meets the needs of teachers; you're familiar with the Australian Curriculum and AITSL Standards
- **a lover of research:** you love fact finding and assessing sources for quality and relevance
- **detail-oriented:** you have an excellent eye for detail; you can plan, juggle and organise your goals and tasks to ensure everything runs smoothly
- **proactive with a can-do attitude:** you're enthusiastic and motivated with a can-do approach; you thrive in a team environment and can work independently when needed; with your great time-management skills, you can plan effectively to get things done
- **a fast learner:** you instinctively adapt to change and challenges while keeping your cool.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Essential:

- Passion for working with First Nations or other non-dominant cultural contexts
- A tertiary qualification in education
- Classroom experience in the last four years
- Evidence of experience producing high-quality, effective teaching and learning resources
- Excellence in managing time and meeting deadlines
- Excellence in written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency in computer skills, especially MS Word
- Ability to work autonomously or as part of a team

Desirable:

- Experience working with First Nations or other non-dominant cultural contexts
- Knowledge and experience of inquiry-based learning

We're committed to providing a culturally safe workplace. We encourage First Nations people and people from diverse cultures, abilities and identities to apply. Applicants are required to have suitable work-from-home office arrangements.

TO APPLY

Contact careers@australianstogether.org.au if you'd like a detailed job description, or email us your CV and cover letter if you think you're the right fit. Applications close at midnight on Sunday 2 October 2022.

Australian Volunteers

- Full-time 10-month contract (maternity backfill)
- Melbourne based

Bring the incredible story of the Australian Volunteers Program to life by creating engaging social media content about volunteers and partners!

Social Media Coordinator

As a Social Media Coordinator, you will work in a highly productive and collaborative public diplomacy and communications team to support the delivery of the Australian Volunteers Program. The role will also work closely with our overseas teams to produce engaging content about our volunteers and partners in 26 countries across the Pacific, Asia and Africa.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Demonstrated excellence in producing engaging social media content in a variety of formats specific to different audience needs.
- Experience in producing creative, engaging content for Facebook and Instagram, and experience managing video projects.
- Developed reporting skills and the ability to analyse social media performance metrics to optimise strategies and content.
- Awareness of current and predicted social media trends.
- Ability to make creative decisions and produce original, compelling content that is on brand and adheres to strategy.
- Exceptional writing skills, strong editing skills and a high level of online literacy.

Application Procedure: For a full outline of the position and applicant requirements please visit the AVI website www.avi.org.au/careers

Applications Close: 22 September 2022 - will be assessed as they are received and suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date.

Australian Volunteers

- Full-time permanent role
- Melbourne based

Manage a diverse range of communications, marketing and stakeholder engagement activities to help deliver the Australian Volunteers Program.

Communications Manager

The Communications Manager role is responsible for raising awareness of, and participation in, the Australian Volunteers Program through coordinated advertising, media, events and recruitment marketing; external communications and stakeholder events; management of the program's brand and associated brand assets; and development and maintenance of the program's website.

To be successful in this role, you will have:

- Strong experience in communications, stakeholder relations and developing and implementing stakeholder engagement plans, including appropriate systems and processes.
- Proven ability to develop and implement marketing campaigns, including tracking and reporting.
- Demonstrated experience managing website development and maintenance, including SEO and analytics.
- Experience in brand development, implementation and management, including the design and production of merchandise and collateral.
- Experience in media management and sound understanding of media landscape preferred.
- Knowledge of the following software (or similar): Salesforce, Adobe Creative Cloud suite, Canva, Silverstripe Content Management System (CSM).
- An understanding of the Australian Federal Government's aid program, of the Australian Volunteers Program, and DFAT's approach to Public Diplomacy.

Application Procedure: For a full outline of the position and applicant requirements please visit the AVI website www.avi.org.au/careers

Applications Close: 22 September 2022 – applications will be assessed as they are received and suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date.



An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Government Committee member wanted for a reputable NSW not-for-profit in the Hunter region

The recently refreshed Governance Committee of Carrie's Place are currently looking for volunteer members with knowledge, passion and experience in a range of technical areas including legal advice, social work and community development.

We are currently expanding our Committee and are searching for an identified Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member to bring their expertise and values to grow the organisation and sustain our culturally appropriate service provision in the community.

Carrie's Place provides domestic and family violence and homelessness services in the Hunter Valley region of NSW including the areas of Maitland, Port Stephens and Cessnock. Carrie's Place has a 43-year history of changing the lives of many. Carrie's Place is a service underpinned by the values of social justice.

Carrie's Place is a non-government and not for profit Incorporated Association in NSW.

If you would like to gain board experience with a supportive committee and a highly skilled senior management team, please contact Jayne Clowes, CEO cp.ceo@carriesplace.org.au

Youth Family and Community Resource Officer

Youth Justice; Region – North Queensland; Service Delivery – Child and Family

Temporary Full-time until 30/6/2023 with possible extension.

Applicants are required to nominate an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person who is recognised and accepted within the community as a referee to support their ability to meet the key responsibilities

Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs

Salary: \$78,393 - \$85,958 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/439448/22

Key Duties: Provide early interventions to ensure that young people are held accountable for their offending behaviour. We help support them to become responsible members of the community.

Skills/Abilities: Provides high quality support and intervention services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention, with the aim of reducing reoffending.

Enquiries: Hayley McIntosh 07 4796 6700

To apply please visit www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 9 September 2022



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FIELD TECHNICIAN

The **nbn** is looking for ambitious go-getters to join our Field Services team to be the friendly faces, confident voices and skilled hands working on our network and in communities. As a **nbn** Field Technician you'll connect people across Australia to the **nbn®** network and bring them closer together each day.

If you love to get hands on, great at problem solving, and a people person with a passion for customer service, we have great roles on offer where you will make a real and positive difference in the lives and livelihoods of our customers.

Our Field Services teams are **nbn's** professional, trusted and essential customer-facing workforce. From here, discover a diverse and dynamic field environment where no two days are alike. Whether helping customers receive the best service in their home or business, providing fibre connections for the first time, inspecting and maintaining the network or in our industry leading, purpose-built training environment, you'll encounter new experiences around every corner and constant opportunities to learn and develop.

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Joining our team, you'll be an integral part of a supportive, inclusive and diverse team, rich with experience and a desire to share knowledge, skills and perspectives freely and frequently. Your contribution will be critical to **nbn** achieving its bold and important purpose. Together we'll make a significant, meaningful and lasting contribution to our nation, operating and improving a network that continues to deliver vast possibilities to Australian homes and businesses and propels our nation into the future.

A career at **nbn** has more to offer. You'll work alongside some of the most skilled, professional and dedicated people in the industry and work together towards our vision for Australia. From here, we're proudly uplifting the digital capability of our Nation and ensuring Australia is along for the ride.

Where to from here?

We have lots of opportunities and If you want to join us, we want to hear from you.

Please apply by visiting our careers page <https://www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/careers> and send your resume only. We do not require a cover letter or any selection criteria to be addressed.



Sydney Swans First Nations Community Engagement Officer

Casual Position – Flexible Location

WHY CHOOSE THE SWANS?

- Admired Australian sporting team
- Inclusive environment with a rich First Nations history
- Hands on, people focused approach

Our club was born almost 150 years ago from hard work, grit and a relentless drive for success. We are rich in history and ambitious about the future. Together we share the journey and celebrate the wins. We are proud to be one of the leading football clubs, both on and off the field, in Australia.

We are committed to supporting Reconciliation for First Nations Peoples and through cultural consultation, create a supportive environment in which people feel a sense of belonging to our football club and to each other.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Our First Nations Community Engagement Officers will play a key role in establishing strong cultural relationships, and maintaining positive and supportive engagement, with local community members, Academy participants and their families.

This will primarily be delivered through the Sydney Swans First Nations Academy Program including:

- Participant health and wellbeing support
- Return transport of participants to training sessions and talent assessment days
- Assisting with the delivery of the First Nations Academy curriculum (football, cultural and mental health sessions)
- Assisting with the delivery of the First Nations Academy camp to create a positive experience for all participants
- Internal and external champion of the First Nations Academy program
- Liaison with key program partners including local Lands Councils, Aboriginal Medical Services, Clontarf, Black Dog Institute and AFL NSW/ACT

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Ability to demonstrate culturally appropriate / responsive leadership
- Strong relationship and stakeholder management skills
- Reliability to deliver practical program outcomes
- Effective communication style and ability to engage meaningfully with First Nations youth and their families with passion and commitment to build engagement and make a difference

TO APPLY

To be considered for this role please submit a one-page cover letter that addresses:

- Why you are the ideal person for the role
- Why you want to join our team

Send the cover letter along with a copy of your CV to - hr@sydneyswans.com.au

Applications should be a maximum of four pages, including cover letter, and less than 5MB in size.

Applications close 15 September 2022

The Sydney Swans considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for this role.

The Sydney Swans are committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people. All staff must hold (or be willing to obtain) a Working with Children Check as part of their employment with us.



Expressions of Interest Graduate to Intermediate Solicitor

Permanent and Temporary roles - flexibility options for hours of work

Expressions of interest are being sought from graduates through to more experienced Solicitors wishing to join our NSW or ACT team in 2022-23.

Western locations: Armidale, Tamworth, Moree, Walgett, Bourke, Broken Hill, Griffith, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, or Bathurst.

Coastal locations: Redfern, Parramatta, Newcastle, Wollongong, Nowra, Moruya, Kempsey, Lismore, or Coffs Harbour.

ACT: Canberra

The Aboriginal Legal Service provides culturally appropriate information and referral, legal advice and court representation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, women and children in NSW and ACT. It is committed to achieving justice for Aboriginal people and the Aboriginal community.

The primary responsibility of a **Solicitor, Criminal Law Practice** is to undertake Criminal Appearance work as directed, covering matters **within Local Courts, Children's Courts, District Court and/or Court Circuit (requiring travel).**

Minimum Skills and Expertise

- Knowledge and appreciation of the cultural and social needs of Aboriginal people combined with continuing respect and support for Aboriginal cultural practices in dealing with clients, their families, communities, and staff.
- Legal qualifications and an NSW Practising Certificate (or be able to obtain one immediately).
- Up-to-date knowledge of the Criminal Law, including practice and procedure.

How to Apply

Please review the position description and application package at https://www.alsnswact.org.au/solicitors_bulk_expressions_of_interest

Please submit your expression of interest in a Solicitor role with the ALS to email address: alsrecruitment2022@alsnswact.org.au

Applications for this position close 19 September 2022.

Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply



Positions Available – CatholicCare Bourke

- **Youth Worker (x2)**
- **Aboriginal Early Childhood Educator**

CatholicCare provides a broad range of innovative social services in response to the needs of communities in western NSW.

We currently have three positions available in Bourke.

Youth Worker (x2) – We are seeking one male and one female Youth Worker for our Youth Club program to support high risk youth through intensive case management, mentoring and support as well as recreational and educational programs for young people after school, during holidays and some weekends.

Both positions are full time, based in Bourke and offer a maximum term contract to 29 March 2024. If further funding is made available, an additional contract may be offered.

Aboriginal Early Childhood Educator – We are seeking a person who identifies as Aboriginal to support Aboriginal families to provide developmentally rich learning environments for children 0-5 and to assist Aboriginal children with transition to school.

This position is part time, based in Bourke and offers a maximum term contract to 17 December 2025. If further funding is made available, an additional contract may be offered.

If you don't have a current Resume, you can send in a letter or email telling us why you are interested in the role, and we will happily assist you to complete the application process. If you would like more information or if you would like to speak to one of our senior Aboriginal Leaders, we can also put you in contact with them.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For an Information Package and the Selection Criteria, please visit:

Website: www.ccwf.org.au/about-us/employment

Email: careers@ccwf.org.au

Phone: 02 6850 1788

Applications Close: 5.00 pm Monday 26 September 2022

Proudly part of the Catholic Social Services network and the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.



Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Indigenous Corporation is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation and Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, that provides legal and non-legal support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced domestic, family and /or sexual violence.

Thiyama-li provides culturally appropriate and trauma-informed legal and non-legal support services to the Aboriginal communities of Moree, Walgett and Bourke in New South Wales.

Thiyama-li Family Violence Service is seeking to recruit the following position based in Moree, NSW:

Chief Executive Officer – 35 hours per week

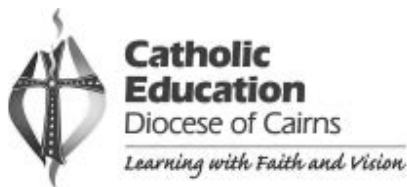
Salary will be paid in accordance with the SCHADS award and conditions of employment will be negotiated with the successful applicant commensurate with qualifications and experience. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the position as authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

The Chief Executive Officer reports directly to the Board, and is accountable for the effective leadership, management, and operational delivery across the organisation whilst meeting funding objectives.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and Selection Criteria and address in writing the selection criteria for their application to be considered. To obtain a copy of the recruitment package please contact Denise at denise.ranby@thiyamali.com.au or 02 6752 1188.

Applications addressing the selection criteria are to be forwarded to Chairperson glen.crump@gmail.com

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 23rd September 2022



Director - First Nations Education

Catholic Education, Diocese of Cairns, NQ
Newly created role

Catholic Education Services (CES) in the Diocese of Cairns embraces 30 schools. Over the next five years there are two new schools planned. Currently there are 11 500 students and 1500 staff in our Catholic Education community.

One of the CES strategic priorities is to ensure "First Nations communities and families are honoured, their cultures and beliefs respected, and our schools committed to Closing the Gap imperatives for every First Nations student."

This newly created leadership role will join a supportive environment with the focus on embedding First Nations perspectives in all aspects of the Catholic Education community and developing a system wide strategy to improve first nation student learning outcomes. The role will work collaboratively within the leadership team, with a focus on research, innovation, and formation.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with leadership experience in, or with exposure to, an educational setting, you are encouraged to visit traksearch.com to obtain further information.

To express your interest, simply send a resume from the Trak Search website; or by email to jobs@traksearch.com quoting ref number TS1488. Enquiries are also welcome to John Cheshier on 0417 068 220.

Closing Date: Friday 23rd September 2022.

I work for NSW



Aboriginal Health Practitioner

Department: Western Sydney LHD

Location: Blacktown Hospital

Employment Status: : Permanent Full-Time

Remuneration: \$63,561 to \$83,799 per annum

Enquiries: Rachael Coombe on 0428 392 565 or Rachael.Coombe@health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 11 September 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at

healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com

Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ335585**



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
Campbelltown

A school of Good Samaritan Education

educating girls in Years 7-12 in the Good Samaritan Tradition

St Patrick's College for Girls is an innovative Catholic educational community with high academic standards and a strong co-curricular program. We are dedicated to educating girls for the 21st Century and developing confident, independent women.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Temporary full time for 2022

We are seeking an Aboriginal Education Assistant to provide cultural and educational support for our Aboriginal students and the wider community.

This is an identified Aboriginal position – exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

Essential criteria:

- Ability to liaise with students, staff and parents in matters relating to Aboriginal students.
 - Connected to the Dharawal Aboriginal community.
- Desirable criteria:
- Have or is working towards a Teacher's Aide Certificate.

Role description and employment application are available from the College website www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

For a discussion about the role, please call the Principal, Sue Lennox, on 4629 2999.

A valid Working with Children Check clearance is required for this position and must be provided at the time of application. Evidence of COVID-19 vaccinations will be required for the successful applicant.

To apply, submit completed employment application and all documentation to:

The Principal

Ms Sue Lennox

St Patrick's College for Girls PO Box 943

Campbelltown NSW 2560

Phone: 4629 2999

Email: employment@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for applications:
Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 4pm

ARMAJUN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE Inverell, Aboriginal Designated

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Armajun Aboriginal Health Service in is currently looking for an experienced and motivated, **FULL-TIME**, Operations Manager – to join their team in Inverell.

Inverell is nestled in a picturesque valley beside the Macintyre River of NSW. Inverell is renowned for its temperate climate, appealing CBD, its beautiful restored buildings, and the production of many fine gemstones from which Inverell has earned the epithet of 'Sapphire City'. Inverell is continually growing with many innovative industries and a progressive business community.

There is always plenty to see, do and experience, with both visitors and locals being able to enjoy a wide range of unique opportunities. The town and its surrounds offer boutique shopping, cultural endeavours, outdoor adventures including Copeton Dam, fishing and water sports, cycling, natural splendours, and more. There are many hidden gems just waiting to be discovered at Inverell.

Inverell is around 3 hours' drive from the Coast, seven hours drive from Sydney, and around five hours drive from Brisbane. Link Airways offers flights from Inverell to both Sydney and Brisbane.

Armajun Aboriginal Health Service works closely with our Aboriginal communities in the New England region to provide a quality and culturally appropriate health service. Holistic health care is ensured through a range of services including General Practice, Dental, Drug & Alcohol, Social & Emotional Wellbeing and other Allied & Specialist Health services.

There is currently an opportunity for an Operations Manager to become part of this team of passionate and dedicated professionals. As the Operations Manager strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential to managing and motivating teams effectively. In addition, the successful candidate will have strong organisational skills and the ability to effectively manage priorities. You will be an adaptable individual who's able to multitask and work in a fast-paced environment.

Your values will align with the concept of Aboriginal Community Control and you will have the capacity to lead a diverse multicultural team.

Importantly, *Armajun* is looking for an honest, compassionate and responsible individual who's values align with that of the organisation. You'll be passionate about the work you do, and keen to work within a multidisciplinary team in order to achieve positive outcomes for the organisation and community.

If this sounds like you, please contact Belinda Butler, Human Resources Coordinator bbutler@armajun.org.au or Debbie McCowen, CEO dmccowen@armajun.org.au or on (02) 6721 9777 to discuss the position and/or request an information package.

Applications close Monday 3rd October 2022

This position is Aboriginal designated under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act (1977)



Applications sought for appointment to the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service Audit and Compliance Committee

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service is one of the world's oldest and most respected national parks agencies. We manage 890 national parks and reserves, covering over 7 million hectares or 9% of the landmass of NSW. We work with communities to deliver effective conservation for our biodiversity and cultural heritage and provide world class visitor experiences for the whole community to enjoy.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council

Appointed by the Minister for Environment and Heritage, the 19-member Council, constituted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, advises the Minister and the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment on a range of strategic, conservation and park management issues.

Applications are invited for the following four positions on the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council (the Council), for terms of up to four years:

- A person with **expertise and experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation**.
- A person with **scientific qualifications in areas associated with the conservation of nature**.
- A person with **qualifications in cultural heritage research**.
- A person with **expertise and experience in bush fire management**.

The Council will meet between four and six times per year either face-to-face or online. Sitting fees are payable (Chair \$350, and Members \$220, per full day). Reimbursement of approved travel and other expenses is paid in line with NSW Government policy.

More Information about the Council and applying for membership is available on the Environment website at: environment.nsw.gov.au/advisory-council

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022.

NSW NPWS Audit and Compliance Committee

The NSW NPWS Audit and Compliance Committee (the Committee) oversees, on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the compliance of the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment with his/her legislative responsibilities under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or any other Act.

Applications are invited to fill the following three independent roles on the Committee, for terms of up to three years:

- A person with **expertise in the protection of natural or cultural heritage** who is not employed in the NSW Public Service.
- A person with **scientific qualifications and expertise in nature conservation** who is not an officer of the NPWS.
- A person with legal or **financial experience and expertise** who is not employed in the NSW Public Service.

The Committee will meet at least twice per year and up to four times per year based on need. Sitting fees are payable (Chair \$350, and Members \$220, per full day). Reimbursement of approved travel and other expenses is paid in line with NSW Government policy.

More information about the Committee and applying for membership is available on the Environment website at: environment.nsw.gov.au/audit-and-compliance-committee

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022.

I work for NSW



Senior Mental Health Professional (CNS2, Snr Psych, OT/SW Lvl 3) Aboriginal GOT IT Program

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time
Remuneration: Dependent on Qualifications
Clinical Nurse Specialist Grade 2 – \$1,976.09 to \$2,040.99 pw
Occupational Therapist Level 3 – \$2,014.10 to \$2,081.54 pw
Social Worker Level 3 – \$2,014.10 to \$2,081.54 pw
Counsellor Level 3 (Charles Sturt Graduate) – \$2,014.10 to \$2,081.54 pw
Psychologist – \$1,365.31 to \$2,029.47 pw
Enquiries: Ann Baker on 0459 871 540 or Ann.Baker@health.nsw.gov.au

In this role Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles in NSW Health organisations.

For more information, please visit:
steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 18 September 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ338912**

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Be Passionate. Have Purpose. Make your next career choice the right one.

TAFE NSW has two rewarding opportunities where you can make a real difference in the lives of students and communities.

- Share your knowledge and experience by joining the Aboriginal Network at TAFE NSW
- Play a key role in community engagement and providing educational experiences for Aboriginal Students.

Team Leader Aboriginal Student Support – Identified

- Permanent Full-time
- Location negotiable within the South Region

This role plays a vital role in providing high level support, supervision and leadership of quality customer service within the Aboriginal Student Support Team. We are looking for someone with a passion to deliver service excellence, strong leadership skills and has the ability to motivate and manage a dispersed team.

Aboriginal Education & Engagement Coordinator – Identified

- Permanent Full-Time
- Located at the Bega or Moruya Campus

The Aboriginal Education & Engagement Coordinator plays an integral role in collaborating with a diverse range of stakeholders to ensure local TAFE NSW initiatives, programs products and services meet the needs of Aboriginal communities and students.

Virtual Yarn Session

Register to attend our yarn to learn more about the role and hear from our deadly team. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and obtain tips and information about the application process. You will be able to register online by visiting iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and searching by Job Reference Number. The Yarn will be virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Date: Wednesday 14 September 2022
Time: 11am – 12pm

Applications Close: Sunday, 2 October 2022 at 11.59pm

For further information and to apply for the role/s please visit online iworkfor.nsw.gov.au

Team Leader Aboriginal Student Support
Job Reference Number: 000091ZV

Aboriginal Education & Engagement Coordinator
Job Reference Number: 000091ZM

BLZ RB0199



The GO Foundation is hiring!

We are recruiting two energetic, passionate, and suitably qualified team members to join our Scholarships Team in Sydney.

The **Scholarships Program Manager and Scholarships Program Officer** bring to life the vision that everything we do is focused on creating the best outcomes for our Scholars in a culturally safe manner. Working as part of the Scholarships Team and reporting to the Head of Scholarships, these roles have day to day connection with schools, GO Scholars, and their families.

These are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified roles.

Find out more at:
<https://www.gofoundation.org.au/careers/>

Applications close: 21 September, 2022.



Counsellor/s

About Relationships Australia

- Based at Harris Park
- Part time permanent position (hours and days are flexible, preferably 3 - 4 days/per week)
- Approx \$43 - \$47 per hour + super + salary packaging

Relationships Australia NSW (RANSW) provides a safe, judgement-free environment where individuals, couples and families can address the critical matters impacting their relationships, and their lives.

We currently have 2 counselling roles available in our Wattle Place Centre. Wattle Place is a place of understanding, support and hope for the Forgotten Australians, Stolen Generation, Former Child Migrants, people wanting to access the National Redress Scheme and on occasion people impacted by past Forced Adoption practices.

What you'll do

You'll provide high quality counselling, therapeutic case work, social connection and practical support to our clients. This includes duties such as supported file release, supporting family reunions and completing documents and statements for those accessing the National Redress Scheme. Support is provided in person, over the phone, online and in partnership with other services.

Critical to your success will be your ability to build trust with people who have experienced being let down by services and the system, how you create a safe place for healing without over-promising and your trauma informed counselling approach.

Our work is not for everyone, please go to www.wattleplace.org.au to learn more and determine if we are the best fit for you. This position is not suitable for new graduates.

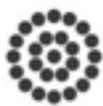
What you'll bring

- Minimum qualifications at a degree level in Psychology, Social Work or related field
- Minimum 3 years experience providing trauma-informed counselling and therapeutic casework ideally to people impacted by childhood trauma is essential not negotiable
- Understanding of institutional care and Out-of-Home Care in Australia and the issues/ barriers faced by Forgotten Australians and Stolen Generation
- Using structured evidence-informed counselling modalities to respond to the challenges facing our clients
- Experience supporting those impacted by a range of additional vulnerabilities, eg mental health distress, and/or people with disabilities is an advantage

Next Steps

Interested? Apply online today as will be interviewing soon. If you would like a position description or have any questions, please email employment@ransw.org.au. Previous applicants need not apply.

For further information and to apply via our web site
<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/53705/relationships-australia-nsw>



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Development Manager

Economic Development Queensland/ Brisbane CBD

Salary: \$139163 to \$152674 p.a.

Location: Brisbane CBD

REF: QLD/439893/22

Key Duties: The role of Development Manager will focus on research, feasibilities, due diligence and project creation, working across the whole State on a diverse range of product types. These could include large complex urban sites which facilitate renewal, regional residential projects which respond to community need; commercial and industrial activities which generate on-going employment opportunities and other projects which activate further economic development. You will develop potential opportunities into business cases, focusing on innovative solutions that deliver great community outcomes.

Ideally you will be able to demonstrate exceptional research and feasibility skills, along with strong written communication skills. You will be able to demonstrate strategic skills and be able to learn new systems/procedures/governance processes easily. This role will focus exclusively on the front end of projects, so a curious mind and a passion for problem solving will see you succeed in this role.

EDQ is also looking for people that can contribute to a workplace culture that supports inclusion and diversity and encourages and supports employees as individuals in an inclusive environment by applying diverse and inclusive thinking to our business. We recognise, respect and value First Nations people and cultures and actively engage through our work to contribute to better outcomes for First Nations people.

A detailed position description is attached. Please apply through the link provided.

For further information about this position and details on how to apply, please visit the Queensland Government Smart Jobs and Careers website www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au.

Enquiries: Sam Betros Ph: (07) 3452 7887

Application Details: www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Tuesday, 13 September 2022



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I work for NSW



Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee Griffith (Permanent Full-Time)

- **Salary Packaging – up to \$9k for living expenses + \$2.6k meal & entertainment + \$9k remote area housing + novated leasing**
- **Corporate Health and Fitness program**
- **Flexible working arrangements**
- **Genuine welcoming and supportive staff and communities**
- **Career development opportunities**

Known for our innovative consumer focused models of care which are designed for the rural and regional population we serve, our Mental Health teams provide critical services within acute, sub-acute and community settings throughout the Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

As a member of our team, you will have the opportunity to work within talented multidisciplinary environments, have excellent support with ongoing development and access to key technologies connecting you with colleagues and consumers based throughout the district.

Our multidisciplinary teams provide career paths for both nursing and allied health staff, new graduates, and established professionals. We are committed to providing safe, effective, quality care through listening to consumers and continually exploring ways to do it better.

Want to learn more about the Griffith lifestyle?

This position has been designated as a targeted role. Preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles within NSW Health. For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Under supervision and as part of the multidisciplinary team, the Trainee will participate in the development and implementation of mental health services to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people and the wider community.

To support the development of the Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee over a 3yr period, the successful applicant will be required to attend and participate in residential teaching blocks four times each year.

Follow MLHD on FB, LI and Instagram and visit mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications Close: 21 September 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at jobs.health.nsw.gov.au
Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ337761**.

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Indigenous Careers at Westpac

Multiple roles across multiple locations

We're always on the lookout for amazing talent to join our teams at more than 1,000 locations across the country.

If you identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander and are looking to grow your career, we would like to connect with you!

Don't worry about what stage of your career you are at, our fully Identified Indigenous Careers Team are here to help you discover your new career with Westpac Group that suit your circumstances and experience.

Career Pathways

There are various career pathways for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to prosper and grow at Westpac Group, including:

- Direct Employment roles
- Graduate Program
- University Internships
- Full Time Traineeships
- School Based Traineeships

Job Opportunities

We have a number of job opportunities available across multiple divisions across the Group, including:

- Consumer and business banking (Everyday Banking)
- Customer Service & technology
- Corporate Services
- Finance
- Legal and Secretariat
- Risk
- Human Resources
- Westpac Institutional Bank (Financial Markets)
- Specialist Business (Superannuation, BT Platforms, Auto Finance, Investments & Operations)

You can express your interest to indigenouscareers@westpac.com.au

Westpac has been granted an S126 Exemption to sections eight (8) and fifty-one (51) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997 (NSW); this allows us to advertise and recruit roles exclusively to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

Exciting I.T. Career Opportunity!

Njernda Aboriginal Corporation

Echuca-Moama

- **IT Officer**
- **IT Helpdesk Support Worker**

Drive our work in innovating and evolving our IT systems and processes

Applications close: Friday September 16, 2022

MORE INFORMATION:

Visit: www.njernda.com.au or contact
E: jobs@njernda.com.au
P: (03)5480 6252

Aboriginal Population Health Trainee (Health Manager Level 1)

Department: Sydney Local Health District
Location: Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPAH)
Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time up to October 2025
Salary: \$1,459.45 to \$1,963.21 per week plus Superannuation
Enquiries: Chinonye Maduka on (02) 9515 9420 or via email at Chinonye.Maduka@health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 21 September 2022

Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

To apply visit jobs.health.nsw.gov.au
 Search for Job Reference Number: **REQ334458**

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Permanent Full Time – Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee – Deniliquin

- **Salary Packaging – up to \$9k for living expenses + \$2.6k meal & entertainment + \$9k remote area housing + novated leasing**
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Our multidisciplinary teams provide career paths for both nursing and allied health staff, new graduates, and established professionals. We are committed to providing safe, effective, quality care through listening to consumers and continually exploring ways to do it better.

Deniliquin is 1 hour north of Echuca, 2 hours west of Albury and 3.5 hours from Melbourne.

This is an identified position in accordance with Section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent.

Stepping Up aims to assist Aboriginal job applicants by providing information about applying for roles within NSW Health. For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Under supervision and as part of the multidisciplinary team, the Trainee will participate in the development and implementation of mental health services to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people and the wider community.

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Follow MLHD on FB, LI and Instagram and visit mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications Close: 16 September 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at jobs.health.nsw.gov.au
 Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ334836**.

- Full-time 1 year contract until October 2023
- Melbourne based

An exciting opportunity for a Fundraising Officer has opened to be part of the Australian Volunteers International!

Fundraising Officer

The Fundraising Officer is a talented and motivated professional, responsible for developing and helping implement a range of fundraising initiatives. This role is part of the Communications & Campaigns Team and supports the management of fundraising activities, including AVI's End of Financial Year Fundraising Campaign and Christmas Appeal. The Fundraising Officer will also help AVI achieve its fundraising objectives by supporting the maintenance of a robust CRM and Donor Management System.

Proven stakeholder management skills and ability to build constructive and effective relationships with donors. Have the ability to build strong and lasting relationships and work collaboratively across teams. With at least minimum of three (3) years' fundraising or marketing experience. Preferably Bachelor's degree in communications, business, public relations, or a related field; Certificate in Fundraising, Diploma in Fundraising, or similar qualification; Competence in Microsoft Office suite and donor management systems; Experience in Salesforce

Application Procedure: For a full outline of the position and applicant requirements please visit the AVI website www.avi.org.au/careers

Applications Close: 25 September 2022 - will be assessed as they are received and suitable candidates may be interviewed before the closing date.

Kickstart your career with us today

Exciting and rewarding career opportunities are available for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people working in WA, NT, ACT, NSW & VIC.

If you would like more information about working at MacKillop, contact **Esmail Manahan, National Leader, Aboriginal Service Development** on esmai.manahan@mackillop.org.au or 03 8687 7496.

mackillop.org.au

Where carers can get support.

carergateway.gov.au
1800 422 737
 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
 Emergency respite available 24/7

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service

Servicing the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys
 ABN 52 730 046 875 ICN 27

Is seeking a

Chief Executive Officer

About the Organisation
 Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service strives to make a difference in the health outcomes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities it serves by providing a culturally appropriate and holistic primary health care service in the Macleay and Nambucca Valleys.

About the opportunity
 Reporting directly to the Durri ACMS Board of Directors, you will be responsible for implementation and oversight of the overall strategic and cultural direction set by the directors of Durri ACMS. Through your leadership, you will manage and support managers and their teams to improve health outcomes and ensure the achievement of the established strategic goals.

In recognition of your hard work and dedication you will enjoy an excellent salary of \$219,336.00 base rate per annum to be negotiated plus super and salary sacrificing benefits up to \$15,900, motor vehicle and equipment.

This is an identified position under Section 14D of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

To apply visit www.durri.org.au to obtain an Application Pack or phone Katherine Holtzen (Chairperson BOD) on 0429003482

Application closing date: Friday 30 September 2022

University of Newcastle, Gosford – Central Coast Campus Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1.3



Urbis has been commissioned by the University of Newcastle ('the Proponent') to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for 305 Mann Street, Gosford, within the Central Coast Local Government Area (LGA) ('the subject area'). The subject area is the site of the newly proposed Central Coast Campus of the University of Newcastle. The subject area is legally described as:

Lots 1, 2, 4, 29, 30 and 32 of Section 1 in Deposited Plan 1591.
Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 91163.
Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 91164.

The proposed works are to be undertaken as a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) and will include the demolition of existing structures, excavation and bulk earthworks for site levelling, and construction of a new educational building on the western portion of the subject area with provision of open public space to the east.

The ACHA is to be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act). The assessment will detail any potential Aboriginal cultural heritage resources within the subject area and provide recommendations regarding management of those resources.

The proponent can be contacted directly via:

Simone O'Connor
Project Director
APP Corporation Pty Ltd
E: simone.oconnor@app.com.au

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010) and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 21st September 2022

Owen Barrett Consultant Urbis Pty Ltd
Level 8 123 Pitt Street,
Sydney, NSW, 2000
P: +61 2 8424 5135
E: obarrett@urbis.com.au

Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest to the Department of Planning and the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council; unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

NOTICE

EASTERN MAAR PEOPLES (VID21/2019) NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

16 September 2022, Lighthouse Theatre Warrnambool, 185 Timor Street, Warrnambool



Background

The Eastern Maar Peoples have made a claimant application to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) ('NTA'). The claim is called *Ivan Couzens & Ors on behalf of the Eastern Maar Peoples (VID21/2019)* ('Native Title Claim'). This is an authorisation meeting to consider proposed amendments to the existing claim as described below, as well as other associated matters requiring the consideration of the native title claim group.

THIS NOTICE INVITES all members of the native title claim group as described below to attend the native title Authorisation Meeting at the date time and location below.

The native title claim group is the Eastern Maar peoples, being those descendants, including by adoption, of the following persons:

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| 1. King of Port Fairy and Eliza | 7. Robert and Lucy (parents of Alice Dixon) |
| 2. Old Jack (father of John Dawson) | 8. Barney Minimalk |
| 3. Charlie and Alice (parents of Albert Austin) | 9. Nellie Whiturboin |
| 4. Samuel Robinson | 10. Louisa (mother of Williams Rawlings) |
| 5. Mary Caramut | 11. Richard Sharp |
| 6. Lizzie (mother of Frank Clarke) | |

Who:

- (i) either identify as being from the eastern domain of the Maar speaking people and are recognised as being from the eastern domain by the Eastern Maar people; or
(ii) otherwise identify as Maar, Gunditjmarra, Tjap Wurrung, Peek Whurrung, Keeray Wooroong (Kirrae Whurrung), Kuurn Kopan Noot, Yarro Waetch (Tooram Tribe), Djargurd Wurrung, Gulidjan and/or Gadubanud and are recognised as being from the eastern domain by the Eastern Maar people.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

WHEN: Friday 16 September 2022
WHERE: Lighthouse Theatre Warrnambool, 185 Timor Street, Warrnambool VIC
TIME: 10am – 12pm

The purposes of the Authorisation Meeting are to:

- CONFIRM** the Eastern Maar native title group decision making process for Full Group Meetings/Authorisation Meetings of the Native Title Claim group.
- Consider **AUTHORISING** persons to be (or continue to be) the Applicant in accordance with section 66B of the NTA subject to proposed terms and conditions;
- Subject to 2 above, consider **AUTHORISING** the Applicant to make an application under section 66B of the NTA to replace the current Applicant;
- CONSIDER** legal advice in relation to the powers of the Applicant.
- Consider **AUTHORISING** the Applicant to act according to conditions imposed by the native title claim group in accordance with section 251BA of the NTA.

The purposes of the meeting are also for the native title claim group to:

- CONSIDER** options to reach agreement with certain respondent parties to the Native Title Claim over contested areas in the northern portion of the Native Title Claim area.
- CONSIDER** legal advice regarding the options for agreement addressed at 6, above.
- PASS** any necessary Resolutions to give effect to decisions made in relation to 6, above.
- DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND AUTHORISE** matters relating to our mother tongue language.



Map of Native Title Claim area

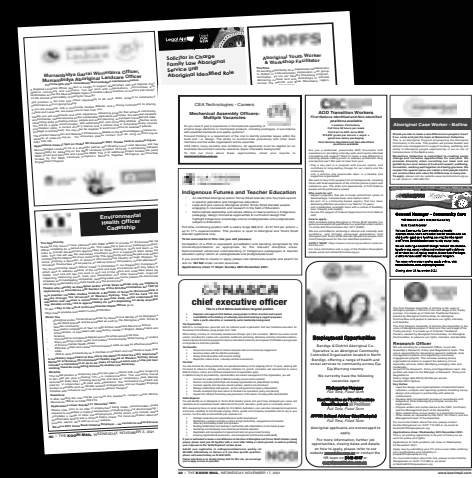
IMPORTANT

There is a preference that people attend the Authorisation Meeting in person. Access via videoconference will be provided to those that cannot attend on the day. To attend online please register your details with Community Liaison Officer Marcus Paterson on 0434 632 875 or marcus.paterson@fnlrs.com.au by close of business 13 September 2022

Please contact **Community Liaison Officer Marcus Paterson** on **0434 632 875** or marcus.paterson@fnlrs.com.au to confirm your current contact details by COB 13 September 2022. Materials and videoconferencing links will be sent ahead of the sessions by Marcus.

For travel and accommodation assistance, where required for you to attend this meeting, please contact Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation Administration Officer Katie Clark on **0427 271 937** or admin@easternmaar.com.au by **COB 13 September 2022**

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT GEOTHERMAL

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal (EPG) Numbers 2021 and EPG 2022 shown below under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010*.

Nature of Act(s): Grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010* authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy for a maximum term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for terms not exceeding five (5) years

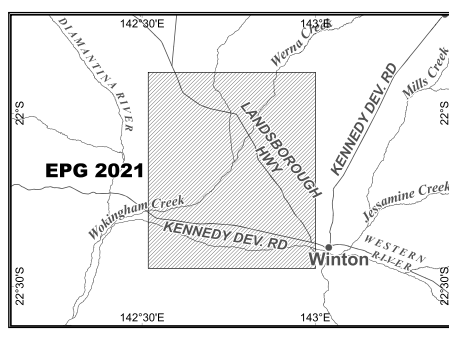
Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Exploration Permit Geothermal be granted under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010* by the Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

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 Exploration Permit Geothermal. 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, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: 1300 720 980 or Email: nativetitleQLD@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3052 4040.

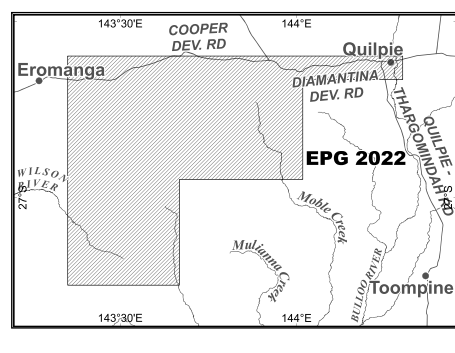
Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit Geothermal, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit Geothermal application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8118 or Email: petroleumhub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 21 September 2022

Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2021 sought by ALPHA RESOURCES PTY. LIMITED ACN 010 176 744, over an area of 986 sub-blocks (3,120 km²) centred approximately 30km East West of Winton, in the locality of Winton Shire Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2022 sought by ALPHA RESOURCES PTY. LIMITED ACN 010 176 744, over an area of 1250 sub-blocks (3,833 km²) covering area spanning from Eromanga to Quilpie, in the locality of Quilpie Shire Council.



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NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

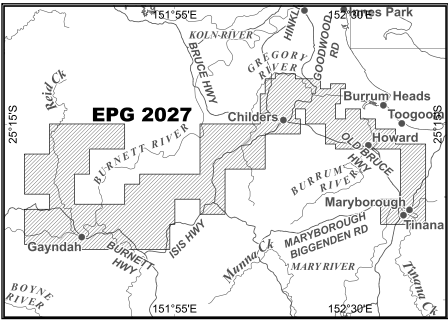
The Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermals (EPG) Numbers 2027, EPG 2028 and EPG 2026 shown below under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010*.

Nature of Act(s): Grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010* authorises the holder to explore for geothermal energy for a maximum term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for terms not exceeding five (5) years

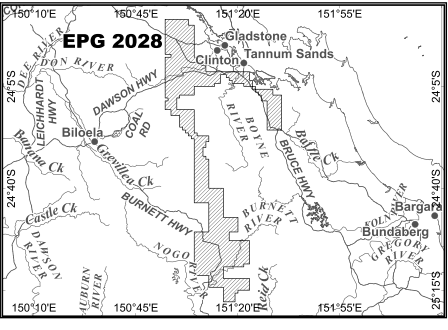
Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Exploration Permit Geothermal be granted under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010* by the Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

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 Exploration Permit Geothermal. 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, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: 1300 720 980 or Email: nativetitleQLD@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3052 4040.

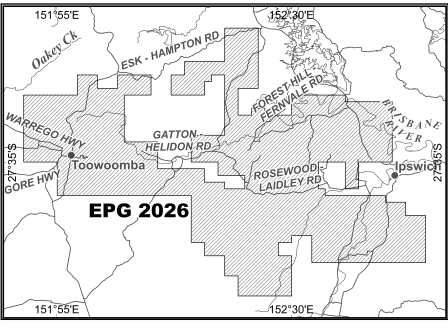
Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2027 sought by WITHIN ENERGY PTY LTD ACN 652 405 831, over an area of 1007 sub-blocks (3,117 km²) covering area spanning from Maryborough to Gayndah, in the locality of Bundaberg Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2028 sought by WITHIN ENERGY PTY LTD ACN 652 405 831, over an area of 1009 sub-blocks (3,146 km²) covering area spanning from Gladstone to Agnes Waters, in the locality of Gladstone Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2026 sought by WITHIN ENERGY PTY LTD ACN 652 405 831, over an area of 1049 sub-blocks (3,187 km²) covering area spanning from Toowoomba to Brisbane, in the locality of Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Logan city Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Somerset Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.



Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit Geothermal, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit Geothermal application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Level 4, 1 William Street, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3199 8118 or Email: petroleumhub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Notification Day: 21 September 2022



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, Industry Regulation and Safety, 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	15/1813	BROSNAN, Allan Neville	28BL	10.3km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 56' S: Long: 121° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1909	ABEH PTY LTD	26BL	33.2km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 23' S: Long: 121° 24' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	25/594	BLACK CAT (KAL EAST) PTY LTD	5BL	27.4km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 48' S: Long: 121° 44' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	27/677	AUSTRALIAN NICKEL COMPANY LIMITED	9BL	31.2km NE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 16' S: Long: 121° 35' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1165	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	29BL	64km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 21' S: Long: 120° 30' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	30/543	BLACK RIVER RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	8BL	102.9km W'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 57' S: Long: 120° 1' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3581	CAZALY RESOURCES LIMITED YAMARNA WEST PTY LTD	60BL	133.4km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 49' S: Long: 123° 25' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2348	LEGACY IRON ORE LTD	4BL	42.1km NE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 28' S: Long: 122° 32' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2059	PAYNE GULLY GOLD PTY LTD	70BL	47.5km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 49' S: Long: 118° 5' E	CUE SHIRE, MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2114	PLATINA RESOURCES LIMITED	51BL	18.8km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat: 26° 34' S: Long: 118° 41' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1235	FLEET STREET HOLDINGS PTY LTD	20BL	51km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 9' S: Long: 119° 46' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/2257	PLAYA ONE PTY LTD	21BL	99.2km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 32° 3' S: Long: 120° 16' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/6126	QUADRIO RESOURCES PTY LTD	80BL	44.3km SE'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat: 30° 30' S: Long: 117° 2' E	DALWALLINU SHIRE, WONGAN-BALLIDU SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/6141	XTRANA METALS PTY LTD	19BL	44.5km NW'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 38' S: Long: 117° 52' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2900	GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	35BL	53.8km NE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 9' S: Long: 119° 55' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2932	ELECTRIFICATION METALS PTY LTD	133BL	79.2km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat: 29° 10' S: Long: 118° 29' E	MENZIES SHIRE, SANDSTONE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6729-S	KELLETT, Mark Brendan HALDENWANGER, Andre MCEWAN, John Bernard	7.85HA	19.3km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 6' S: Long: 121° 4' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6730	WHITTARD, James Barry	9.99HA	7.5km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S: Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6731	WHITTARD, James Barry	9.99HA	7.2km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S: Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	15/6732	WHITTARD, James Barry	10.00HA	7.5km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 53' S: Long: 121° 12' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	25/2685	BLACK CAT (KAL EAST) PTY LTD	148.08HA	40.3km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 30° 55' S: Long: 121° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	38/4559-S	SMITH, Bradley Adam	1.92HA	16.1km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 41' S: Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	46/2090	TMB NULLAGINE PTY LTD	200.26HA	20.5km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 52' S: Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA 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: 7 September 2022

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 **7 December 2022**. 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. 7 January 2023**), 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, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

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FIRST PEOPLES OF THE MILLEWA-MALLEE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM (VID630/2015) NOTICE OF MEETING TO REPLACE THE APPLICANT

Members of the First Peoples of the Millewa-Mallee (FPMM) native title claim group are invited to attend a meeting to authorise an application to the Federal Court, pursuant to s 66B of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) to replace one or more of the people named as the Applicant on the FPMM native title claim.

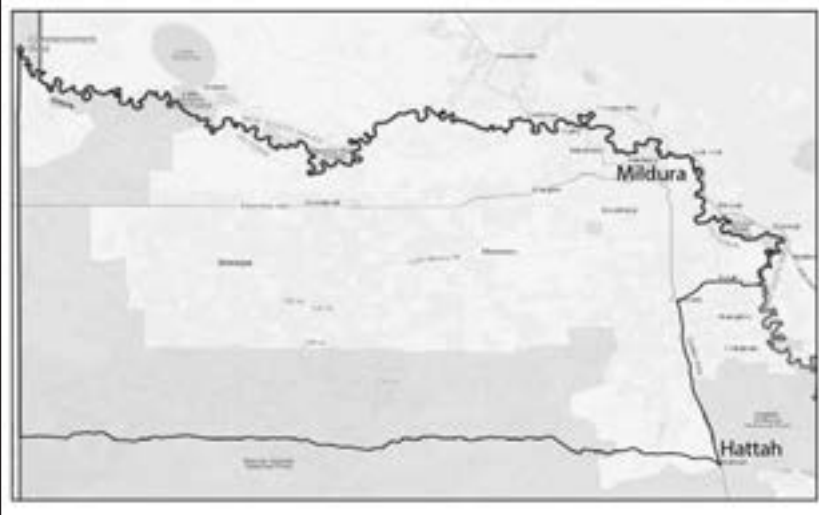
Date: Sunday 18 September 2022

Time: 10:00am

Location: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Office, 308-390 Koorlong Ave, Irymple VIC 3498

The FPMM native title claim group is those persons who are members of the FPMM families of polity descended from the named Apical Ancestors John and Nelly Perry and/or Elizabeth Johnson. A map of the FPMM native title claim area is below.

If you would like more information, or require travel or accommodation assistance to attend the meeting, please contact First Nations Legal & Research Services Community Liaison Officer, Marcus Paterson at marcus.paterson@fnlrs.com.au or 0434 632 875 or toll free 1800 791 779.



NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING OF WADAWURRUNG TRADITIONAL OWNERS NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP TO AUTHORISE THE FILING OF A NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION IN THE FEDERAL COURT

Meeting Date: 10 September 2022

Meeting Time: 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Meeting Place: Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre
613 Main Road, Golden Point



AGENDA & PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for Wadawurrung Traditional Owners to discuss and consider authorising a new native title determination application covering the area displayed on the map (Proposed Claim Area). This meeting follows on from the series of meetings convened in 2021 and earlier in 2022, where filing of a native title determination application was discussed.

Before a new native title determination application is filed in the Federal Court of Australia, those people who claim to hold native title rights and interest in relation to the proposed application area must 'authorise' one or more members of the native title claim group to make the native title determination application and to deal with matters arising in relation to it. The meeting at which those decisions are made is called an 'Authorisation Meeting'. This meeting is to be held for that purpose.

The **Agenda** for this Authorisation Meeting is:

1. Welcome to Country and introductions;
2. To discuss, consider and make decisions in relation to the decision-making process of the claim group for the purpose of authorising the making of a Wadawurrung native title determination application and dealing with matters arising in relation to it;
3. To discuss, consider and make decisions whether the people present at the meeting are sufficiently representative of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners to be able to make decisions including authorising the making of the proposed native title determination application;
4. To discuss, consider and make decisions in relation to authorising a new native title determination application to be filed in the Federal Court of Australia covering the area shown in the map (Proposed Claim Area);
5. To discuss, consider and make decisions to authorise a person or persons, to be the 'Applicant'. It is the Applicant's role to make the native title determination application on behalf of all the people in the native title claim group, and to deal with matters arising in relation to the application under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth);
6. To discuss, consider and make decisions whether the authority of the Applicant should be subject to conditions, and, if so, what conditions; and
7. To discuss, consider and decide a name for the application - the claim group will need to decide on a name which will be used by the courts and other parties to refer to the application.

PEOPLE WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING

The meeting is open to all members of the Wadawurrung native title claim group, being all persons who:

- a) are biological descendants of apical ancestor, John Robinson (also known as John Robertson); and
- b) identify as, and are accepted as a Wadawurrung person in accordance with Wadawurrung traditional laws and customs.

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the proposed area, but do not know whether you fall within the above description, please contact the Contact person to obtain further information.

Costs associated with attending the meeting, such as travel expenses, will not be covered. Those attending are expected to attend the Authorisation Meeting at their own expense.

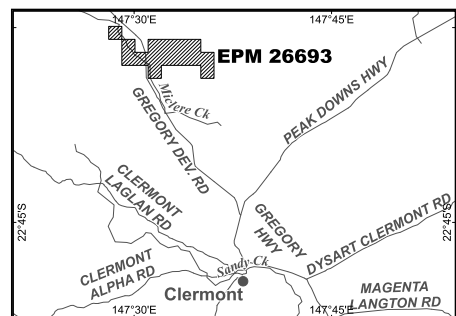
Light refreshments and lunch will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

Please contact Paul Davis - the Contact person, with any queries on 0417 593 000 or paul@wadawurrung.org.au.



NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Exploration Permit for Minerals 26693 sought by ZWAAR RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 608857521, over an area of 15 sub-blocks (47 km²), centred approximately 34 km North West of Clermont, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



A map of the study area in south-eastern Australia. The map shows the coastline with the Connors River flowing into the ocean. Bruce Hwy runs north-south. A shaded, irregularly shaped area represents the study site. Two locations are marked with dots: Carmila, located within the shaded area, and Clairview, located south of the shaded area. The map includes latitude and longitude coordinates: 149°20'E and 149°40'E along the top and bottom edges, and 22°S along the left and right edges.

A map showing the location of EPM 28213. The area is shaded with diagonal lines. It is bounded by St. Lawrence to the east and Bruce Hwy to the south. The map includes latitude and longitude coordinates: 149°20'E and 149°40'E on the horizontal axis, and 22°20'S on the vertical axis. The text 'ST LAWRENCE CROYDON RD' is visible at the bottom left.

Map of the EPM 28217 area in St. Lawrence County, New York. The map shows the intersection of St. Lawrence Croydon Rd and Bruce Hwy, with the Styx River and Marlborough Sarina Rd also visible. A shaded area indicates the EPM 28217 location. Coordinates 149°15'E, 149°30'E, 22°30'S, and 22°30'S are marked.

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A map of the study area showing the location of EPM 28240. The map includes the Burdekin River, Burdekin Falls Dam Rd, Broughton Rd, and Harvest Home Rd. A hatched rectangle indicates the location of EPM 28240. Coordinates 146°40'E, 147°E, 20°20'S, and 20°20'S are marked.

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 addition of excluded land into the Exploration Permit for Minerals and the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after 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, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

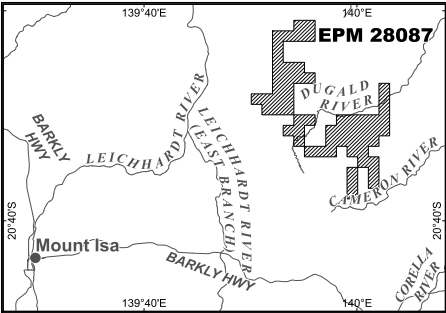
Notification Day: 21 September 2022

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

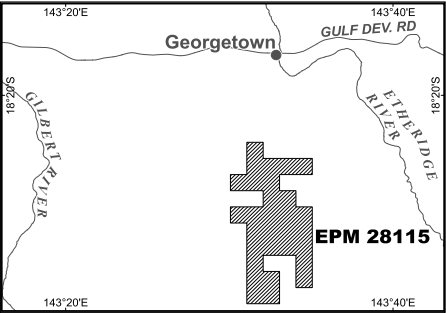
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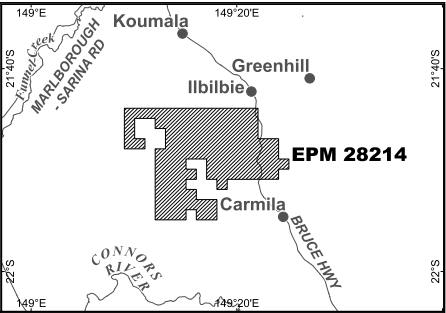
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28087 sought by REVOLUTION MINING PTY LTD, ACN 153732533, over an area of 60 sub-blocks (192 km²), centred approximately 56 km North East of Mount Isa, in the localities of Cloncurry Shire Council and Mount Isa Council.



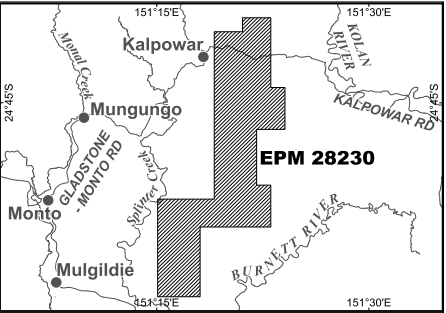
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28115 sought by RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 000057125, over an area of 30 sub-blocks (97 km²), centred approximately 20 km South of Georgetown, in the locality of Etheridge Shire Council.



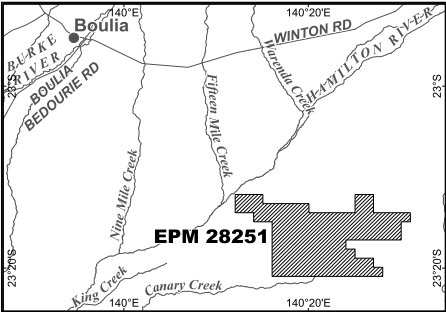
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28214 sought by ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 008737424, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (318 km²), centred approximately 17 km North West of Carmila, in the localities of Isaac Regional Council and Mackay Regional Councils.



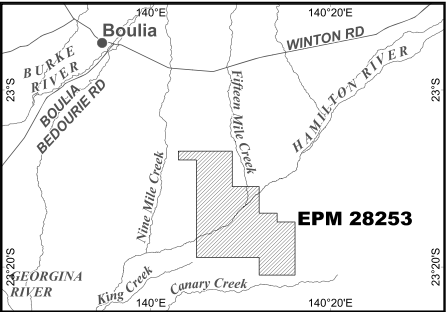
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28230 sought by EMX-NSW 1 Pty Ltd, ACN 165156913, over an area of 80 sub-blocks (249 km²), centred approximately 5 km East of Kalpowar, in the localities of Bundaberg Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council.



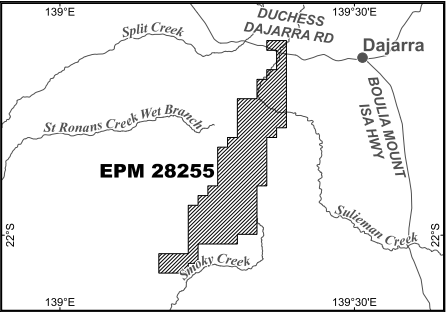
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28251 sought by CHASE MINING CORPORATION LIMITED, ACN 118788846, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (315 km²), centred approximately 61 km South East of Boulia, in the localities of Boulia Shire council and Diamantina Shire Council.



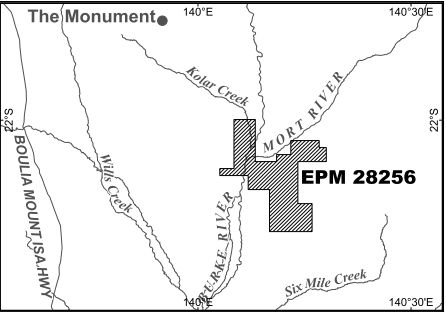
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28253 sought by CHASE MINING CORPORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 118788846, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (315 km²), centred approximately 44 km South East of Boulia, in the locality of Boulia Shire Council.



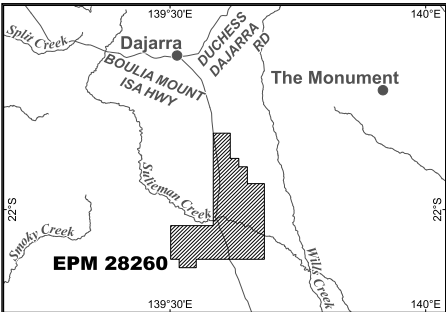
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28255 sought by NEODYS PTY LTD, ACN 656502635, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (318 km²), centred approximately 28 km South West of Dajarra, in the localities of Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council.



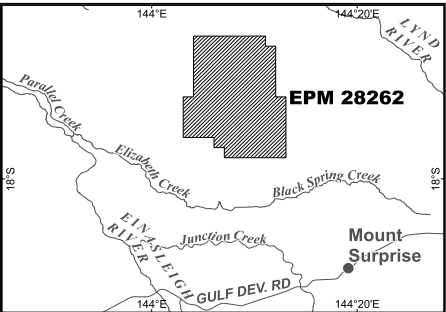
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28256 sought by CHASE MINING CORPORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 118788846, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (317 km²), centred approximately 48 km South East of The Monument, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



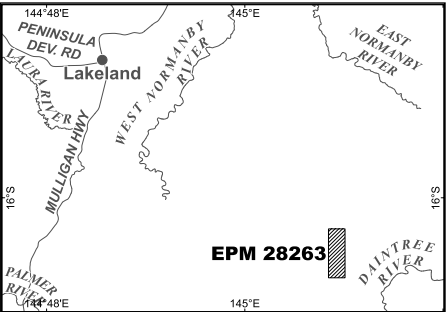
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28260 sought by SHERLOCK MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 162743991, over an area of 93 sub-blocks (295 km²), centred approximately 34 km South South East of Djarra, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



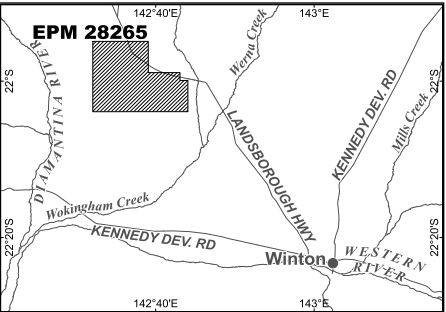
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28262 sought by CALDERA LITHIUM PTY LTD, ACN 656679042, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326 km²), centred approximately 36 km North West of Mount Surprise, in the localities of Etheridge Shire Council and Mareeba Shire Council.



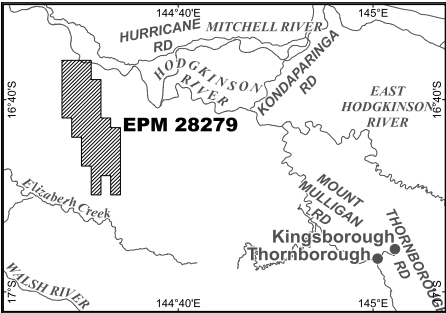
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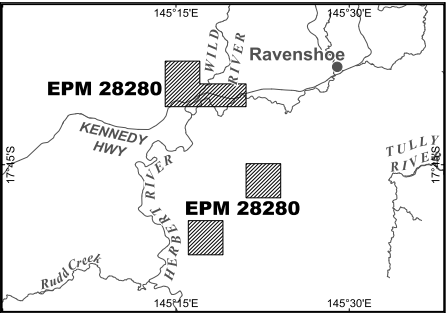
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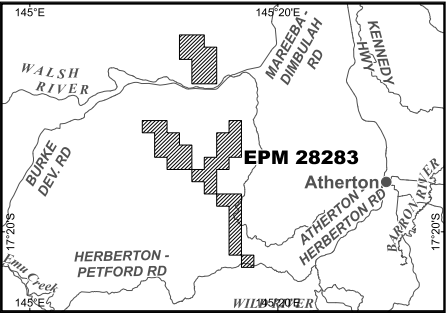
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28279 sought by PROGRESSIVE MINERALS GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 652465588, over an area of 50 sub-blocks (164 km²), centred approximately 58 km North West of Thornborough, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



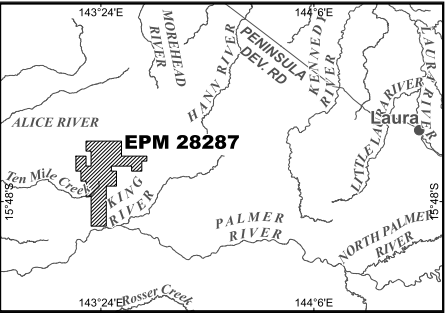
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28280 sought by PROGRESSIVE MINERALS GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 652465588, over an area of 38 sub-blocks (124 km²), centred approximately 23 km South West of Ravenshoe, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



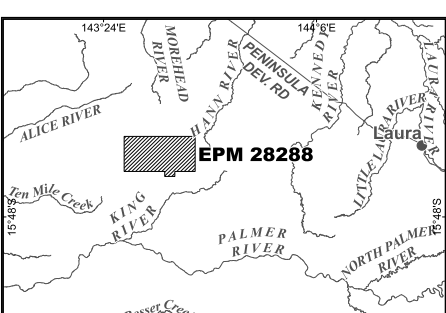
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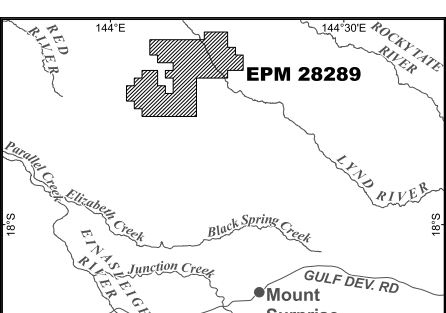
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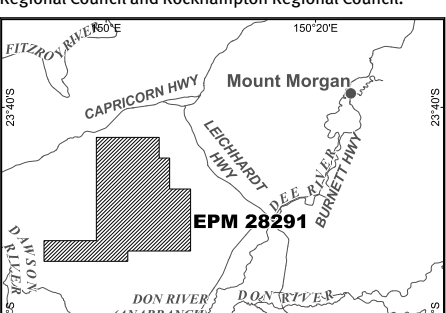
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28288 sought by PACGOLD LIMITED, ACN 636421782, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (329 km²), centred approximately 90 km West of Laura, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



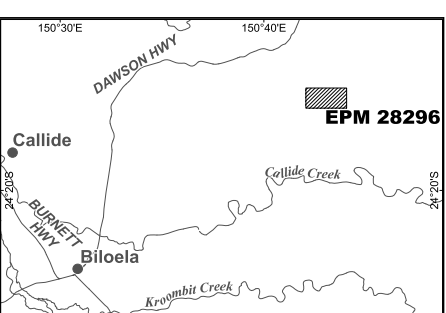
Exploration Permit for Minerals 28289 sought by CALDERA LITHIUM PTY LTD, ACN 656679042, over an area of 92 sub-blocks (300 km²), centred approximately 55 km North West of Mount Surprise, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 28291 sought by ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 008737424, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (313 km²), centred approximately 38 km South West of Mount Morgan, in the localities of Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council.



Exploration Permit for Minerals 28296 sought by SIGNATURE GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 142902985, over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 25 km North East of Biloela, in the locality of Banana Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals for a term not exceeding five (5) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to renew and grant the Exploration Permit for Minerals subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and the Native Title Protection Conditions.

Name and Address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Exploration Permit for Minerals be granted subject to the provisions of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Resources, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

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 addition of excluded land into the Exploration Permit for Minerals and the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after 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, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit for Minerals Application may be obtained from the Department of Resources, Mining Registrar, Mineral Assessment Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland, 4810. Telephone: (07) 4447 9230 or Email: MineralHub@resources.qld.gov.au.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of the Exploration Permit for Minerals to which this notice applies, is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit for Minerals may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit for Minerals with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit for Minerals is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland, 4000. Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 21 September 2022



Renotification of a non-claimant application for determination of native title in New South Wales

Notification day: 21 September 2022

Important note: This application is being renotified in newspapers that circulate throughout the application area

A 'non-claimant' application has been made to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) seeking a determination that native title does not exist in the area described below. The Applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, which is set out in their application and summarised below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), there can be only one determination of native title for an area. Unless there is a relevant native title claim, as defined in section 24FE, over the area described below on or before **20 December 2022**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**.

A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in this area may wish to file a native title claimant application or become a party to this non-claimant application. These may be the only opportunities to have those rights and interests taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Any other person may also wish to become a party.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 20 December 2022**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **20 December 2022**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.



Applicant's name: Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council

Federal Court File No: NSD1120/2021

Non-native title interest: The applicant holds an estate in fee simple in relation to the application area but, pursuant to s 36(9) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW), is subject to any native title which existed in relation to the land immediately prior to its transfer to the applicant

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination that native title does not exist in Lot 176 in Deposited Plan 752047

Description: The application area covers about 9.35 hectares, located at the north eastern end of Lancewood Road in Dural
Relevant LGA: The Hills Shire Council

For assistance and further information about this application, call Huia McGrath on 08 6317 5442 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.



156, 166, 173, & 183 Rickard Road, Leppington, NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1



Urbis has been commissioned by Aland ('the Proponent') to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for Site A and B, Rickard Road, Leppington, NSW ('the subject area'), legally described as the following:

Site A

173 Rickard Road - Lot 2, DP 812366
183 Rickard Road - Lot 1, DP 812366

Site B

156 Rickard Road - Lot 38A, DP 8979
166 Rickard Road - Lot 37, DP 8979

The subject area is located within the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) and within the bounds of the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

The ACHA will support a Master Plan for the proposed development of the subject area. This involves the preliminary planning for Sites A and B, intended to inform a planning proposal for the future development of the Leppington town centre. The subject area is under the Western Sydney Parklands State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), within the Camden Growth Centres precinct.

The proponent can be contacted via:

Number: 1300 513 317

Email: leppington@aland.com.au

The ACHA is to be carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act). The assessment will detail any potential Aboriginal cultural heritage resources within the subject area and provide recommendations regarding management of those resources, including if an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit will be needed.

The Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by Close of Business, 21 September 2022.

Kirsten Downey Consultant Urbis Pty Ltd
Level 8, 123 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000
E: kdowney@urbis.com.au

Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of registered Aboriginal parties to Heritage NSW and Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the party specifies that they do not want their details released.

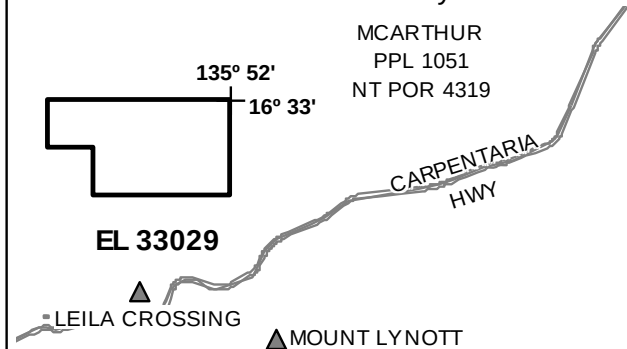
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mining and Industry, C/- Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of her intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

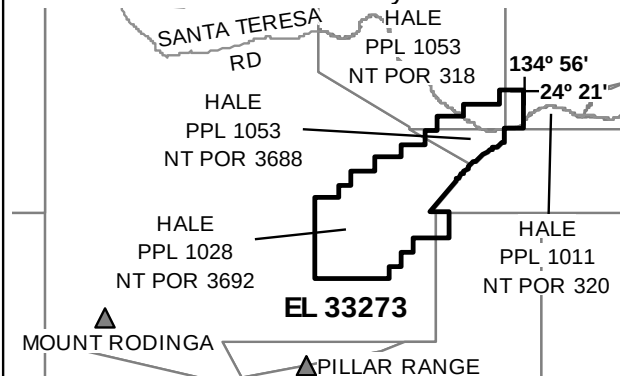
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 33029 sought by CERBERUS RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 615 192 535 over an area of 7 Blocks (24 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MALLAPUNYAH locality.



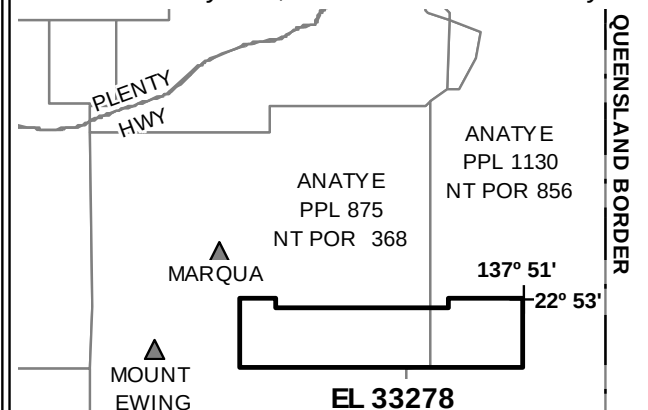
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Exploration Licence 33273 sought by ECOSTORAGE SOLUTIONS PTY LTD, ACN 653 988 419 over an area of 113 Blocks (329 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PELLINORE locality.



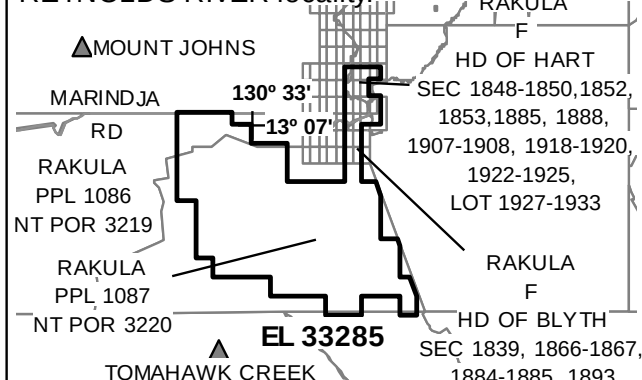
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Exploration Licence 33278 sought by PLUTONIC LIMITED, ACN 632 991 167 over an area of 198 Blocks (627 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TOKO locality.



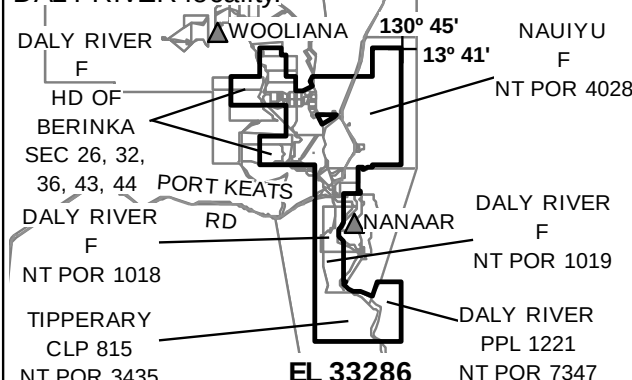
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Exploration Licence 33285 sought by URO CORPORATION PTY LTD, ACN 653 927 998 over an area of 91 Blocks (299 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RIVER locality.



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Exploration Licence 33286 sought by URO CORPORATION PTY LTD, ACN 653 927 998 over an area of 28 Blocks (89 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mineral Titles Act 2010* authorises the holder to conduct activities in connection with exploration for minerals for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, GPO Box 4550 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 1993* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. 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 this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane QLD 4001, or telephone (07) 3307 5000.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure

as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 7 September 2022

Brown, Tagaroos win at Gumbaynggirr

By KRIS FLANDERS



SPEED. Skilful hands. A good passing game. A great sidestep. A strong defensive mindset – these are just some of the attributes required to be a top Oz Tag player, and Adina Brown has them in spades.

At the recent International Tag Series held on Gumbaynggirr country in Coffs Harbour on the NSW mid-north coast, Brown played for Australia in the Mixed unders-22 division. She said to play on this soil was magical.

Australia's teams in Oz Tag are called the "Tagaroos".

"Coffs Harbour is a special place," Brown said.

"I have lots of my Mob up that way, my sister came up from Nambucca Heads to watch me, which was great because I don't get to see her that often. As you get older too, your parents can't get to as many games so that was great to have them there in the crowd."

The International Tag Series had 30 nations represented with the Australian Tagaroos fielding 16 sides ranging from boy's and girl's 18s right through to the men's 60s divisions.

Brown and her mixed under-22s side defeated Italy, Cook Islands, Greece, China and New Zealand throughout the tournament, and they qualified for the final, that saw a 19-3 victory over Samoa.

"It was amazing, our team worked well together, not just on the field but off it as well," Brown said.

"We only had a trial and one training session really before the competition. But even after just that small time together we really clicked and I know I've made lifelong friends too."

"In the competition we had six games and in the final we knew that everyone had to play their role. It was one of those games where we had a pretty big win although during the game it seemed a lot tougher."

Wearing the green and gold for Australia carried on a wonderful family tradition in the sport. Brown says to be able to follow in her brothers quick footsteps makes her feel incredibly special.

"Growing up my brother (Marlyn) was known as a top Oz Tagger who played for Australia and was often player of the tournament," she said.

"So for me to continue that family representation and make my mob proud made all my hard work pay off."

"My family have always supported the big and little wins of one another, whether that be sporting and professionally as well."

"It's been good to have that competition when we were younger and now that we're older it's not a sibling rivalry but more about pushing each other and celebrating each other's successes now."

"Oz Tag is a sport that I enjoy, it's always great to play a sport that you're good at too. But I love that I can continuously grow my skill-set and get better. The sport itself has really grown and it's played everywhere now."

Opposition defences find it tough to stop Brown and the only thing capable of slowing this speedster down at the moment is her studies.

She is taking some time out to finish off the final year of her university studies meaning she will miss out on the national championships in November. It's a call Brown is comfortable with. She values the importance of education.

"I haven't missed a nationals tournament since I was about 14," she said.

"It was a hard decision to make but I know that I'm capable of playing again for Australia."

"Oz Tag will always be there as will my hunger and desire for the sport."

"When you study something that you're enthusiastic about makes it so much easier."

"Education is something that can make you better and it opens more doors, learning more skills, it shapes the person you'd like to be."

"I moved to Canberra to do a Bachelor in Communications and Media and majoring in Business Management."

"I love writing and talking non-stop with the ultimate goal of becoming a sports broadcaster."



Adina Brown with the spoils of victory at the International Tag Series.

Intercol rivals play off on court

By PETER ARGENT



WOODVILLE basketballer Trasen Pickett-Carbine and Alice Springs export Drew Willie played key roles for their respective teams in

one of the biggest schoolboy sporting rivalries in South Australia.

Both were playing in "First V" basketball Intercol at the St Peter's College courts as part of the annual winter Intercollegiate sporting contests between Saints and Prince Alfred College students. The sports included Australian rules football, soccer, hockey and rugby. The basketball match in which Trasen (PAC) and Drew (Saints) played in has a more than 60-year history.

Trasen played as a starting point-guard and Drew a power forward coming off the bench.

Drew and the Saints won bragging rights, and the trophy, winning 53-46.

"It was the most vocal crowd I've ever played in front of," Trasen said after the game, which had upwards of 500 vocal students as spectators.

"The game had plenty of momentum swings and we fell short in the end after leading at half-time."

"They went on a nine-point run early in the third term which changed the direction of the contest."

A talented footballer, Trasen recently won the 2022 NAIDOC SA Sportsman of the Year award.



Inset: Trasen Pickett-Carbine, left, and Drew Willie. Main: Trasen Pickett-Carbine fires off a pass in the Intercol basketball final in Adelaide. Pictures: Peter Argent

Finals footy and the greats who starred

Finals footy! It is the best time of the NRL season. Some of the greatest games will be played and some of the greatest players will play their greatest games when the September action begins.



Kris Flanders

Our Mob have played starring roles in finals and in winning grand-final sides throughout the years.

From 1986, the award for the best player in the grand final was named after the legendary South Sydney player and coach, Clive Churchill, one of four original rugby league Immortals. To win the Clive Churchill Medal is one of the most highest individual honours in the game.

The late, great Artie Beetson led his beloved Eastern Suburbs to premiership glory in 1974 and 1975. Beetson scored a try in the '74 decider against Canterbury 19-4, which snapped a 29-year drought for the tri-colours. The following year 'Big Artie' was at his powerhouse best as he skippered Easts to a 38-0 flogging of St George. Beetson again scored a try in the premiership decider.

In 1987, Manly Sea-Eagles finally put previous grand final defeats behind them when they beat Canberra Raiders 18-8. The victory saw the great Cliff Lyons win the Clive Churchill Medal.

In 1997, the 'Super League War' split rugby league down the middle in which two competitions were played simultaneously – the Australian Rugby League competition, and the breakaway Super League competition. In that year, Newcastle won the ARL grand final while Brisbane won the Super League grand final in which the Broncos defeated Cronulla 26-8 and where Steve Renouf was named man of the match. Renouf was simply brilliant that night scoring three tries.

The following year the two warring codes reunited to form the NRL with 20 clubs. That season's grand final saw Brisbane defeat the Bulldogs 38-12. The Broncos were minor-premiers and were the game's benchmark side. Rampaging Gorden Tallis was at his brutal best in attack and defence and he maintained that form in the decider where he scored a try and was named Clive Churchill medallist.

In 2007, a young, fresh-faced Greg Inglis gave the rugby league world one of its first chapters in his incredible story in that year's grand final. 'GI' was awesome for Melbourne Storm scoring two tries, his second being a cracking 60m special which included that trademark fend-off. While the Storm won 34-8 against Manly, they would later be stripped of the 2007 and 2009 NRL titles for salary cap breaches.

In 2015, perhaps the biggest performance from an Indigenous player in a grand final belongs to Johnathan Thurston. The North Queensland halfback confirmed his status as a rugby league legend and a possible future Immortal when he kicked the winning field goal to hand the Cowboys the premiership in extra time.

**Next edition – My finals Top 10*

**Kris Flanders is a proud Gumbaynggirr man who has 25 years' experience working in Indigenous media with ICAM, Living Black and NITV where he was the sports presenter. He is a passionate writer and sportslover.*



Wakefield Trinity's David Fifita attempts to get past Toulouse Olympique's Nathan Peats (left) and Dominique Peyroux during the Super League match at St James' Park, Newcastle earlier this season.
Picture: Getty Images

League is heading toward a Super finish

By TOM LAW



THE maxim "quality over quantity" has never been more appropriate in Super League

Europe. In an effort to maximise gate and catering takings, two double-header rounds of fixtures were organised including on the English Bank Holiday weekend of 27-29 August.

This has necessitated rapid turnarounds of as little as four days for would-be internationals, and despite the much changed team sheets and reduced quality, there was plenty of action and league table permutations.

Toulouse Olympique and Nathan Peats had their relegation confirmed in a 24-8 loss to Catalans Dragons, in front of a season-high crowd of 9168. It was only the second ever French derby in Super League, and it is unknown when such another clash will take place. It hampers efforts to grow the game and develop player pathways ahead of the 2025 World Cup in France.

Peats signed for Toulouse midseason from local side Albi, and seems determined to remain in France.

He told the *Koori Mail* of his new-found love for all things French, and with Toulouse determined to remain full-time in the second division next season, there is a good chance that his contract will be extended into 2023.

Replacing them will, in all likelihood, be Leigh Centurions. Financed by controversial local businessman Derek Beaumont, the club has assembled a full-time squad comprised of 17 overseas players in a league predominated by part-time, majority homegrown squads. Amongst the international contingent is Blake Ferguson, who, despite only signing in May, has two pieces of silverware – the 1895 Cup and the Championship league. The latter was secured in a 100-4 victory over York on 21 August, in which Ferguson got on the scoresheet.

Earning themselves a reprieve was Wakefield Trinity. Having helped secure longstanding prop

and fan favourite David Fifita, he announced he was departing at the end of the year. After seven years of service, the 'big bopper' saw off his stint at Belle Vue with a win over Hull KR on August 24, even kicking a conversion having been given ceremonial tee duties as the game wound down. His departure coincides with that of his brother Andrew from Cronulla, with David hoping to link up with him for one final swansong in 2023. David spoke to the *Koori Mail* before the start of the season, revealing that Andrew very nearly signed for Wakefield in 2021 before his horrific injury. That scuppered playing reunion may now finally occur in Australia next year.

Hull FC's season ended in fairly anonymous circumstances, with late season signing Will Smith part of a squad ultimately unable to reignite a latent play-off push. Smith signed in late July and has scored twice in that time but will return to Australia once the season finishes.

Leeds Rhinos started the season closer to the relegation scrap than the play-off fight.

The arrival of Australian coach Rohan Smith mid-season saw a rapid reversal of fortunes, with the likes of Aidan Sezer hitting form at the right time. Their August 24 clash against Huddersfield saw Sezer receive a yellow for an off the ball challenge.

St Helens's seemingly processional run to the league leaders shield was delayed by rivals Wigan.

A derby on August 26 in which Bevan French scored two tries and Jai Field one saw Wigan prise apart the reigning champions 30-10. However, the nature of the bank holiday scheduling meant that they were missing a host of first-teamers for their game against Hull KR on August 29, with none of their three Indigenous players (French, Field, and half-back Cade Cust) making the cross-country trip. They went down 38-28 against a team that earlier in the season Wigan had dismantled with ease.

**The Super League Europe play-offs begin on the weekend of September 10, with the grand final in Manchester on September 24.*

Gilly's seal of approval from SA's 'King' Kerley

By PETER ARGENT



IN a rare event two years in the making, all six of SANFL Central District Football Club's Magarey

Medal winners were reunited for a special function, among those the league's only Aboriginal player to win it, Gilbert McAdam.

The former football and Bulldogs club greats who won the SANFL's fairest-and-best award were Gary Window (1965), John Duckworth (1979), John Platten (1984), McAdam (1989), Paul Thomas (2004) and Brad Symes (2012).

Their recollections of football and their time at the club entertained a packed house at Grand Central.

McAdam, one of four brothers from Alice Springs, along with Greg, Adrian and Ian, holds a special place in SANFL history as the first and, to this point, only Indigenous footballer to win the Magarey Medal. He also was runner-up in 1988.

McAdam revealed that the



Football great Gilbert McAdam was honoured by his former SANFL club Central District at a function to honour all six of the Bulldogs' Magarey Medal winners. Picture: Peter Argent

decision to join Centrals and be coached by football legend the late Neil 'King' Kerley was because he perceived it as his

best chance to make it into AFL football. He holds the recently passed Kerley as a strong father figure in his football journey.

MC Mark Soderstrom said that in recent discussions with Kerley's widow Barb, daughter Gail, and SA Football Hall of Famer Kevin McSporran, that McAdam was among Kerley's only two "pets" in over four decades as a senior coach.

"Barb said that Neil would come home from training, and he would tell her that 'Gilbert could do this, Gilbert could do that; he is special'," Soderstrom said.

Before coming to Central District and dominating in the SANFL between 1988 and 1990, McAdam had been in Perth and played three games with Claremont in the WAFL in 1986.

He was drafted by St Kilda and would play 111 games in the AFL with the Saints and the Brisbane Bears.

Along with Sonny Morey (1970) and Eddie Sansbury (2011), McAdam is one of three Aboriginal Norm Russell Medal winners as the Bulldogs' best-and-fairest. His older brother Greg won what is now called the Barrie Robran Medal as North Adelaide's best-and-fairest footballer in 1980.



Women's football has a long history.

Never forget the origins of women's footy

AS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we know that history is important and we cherish that of our ancestors and our people. The AFL, though, has chosen to close the history books of women's football prior to the start of the AFLW.

This has caused huge controversy in the industry and it has broken many hearts.

Women's football didn't just appear when the AFLW began in 2017. Women's football has a longer history than that. I have photos of my grandmother in a team photo as a young woman.

Lately, though, there has been a shift in this thinking, ever so slightly, during round 1 of the current AFLW season. This is due to one of women's football's pioneers, Debbie Lee, who now works at AFL House as the lead for the national women and girls action plan. Lee is unapologetic in bringing the history of women's football to the forefront. I attended a function recently that was a huge "Thank You!" to those early-day trailblazers. At this event, the room was full of those who played before us. One of those was a lady called Lynne Smith.

Lynne shared her story that, as a teenager, she loved football and wanted to play but that she wasn't allowed to. So she put an ad in her local newspaper, *The Sun*. In the ad, she wrote and asked other girls who also wanted to play football to call her. She put in her Aunt's phone number because she didn't have a house phone. Well over 60 women called and they were asked to meet at a nearby oval from where they started a football league of four teams. The rest is history, really "herstory"!

There was so much of these great stories shared at the event. The room was full of people who's actions in the past really built the foundations of what the AFLW was built upon.

I left thinking why are we as an industry so quick to close the books on these amazing stories. Imagine hearing more of these stories like that of Lynne Smith; stories of those who worked tirelessly without recognition for years. Let's do this before the keepers of these herstories pass.

**Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*



Shelley Ware

Making a big impact in the AFLW

By HALIM MELLICK



KRSTEL Petrevski played her first game for West Coast in the AFLW and her all-round pressure and intensity

at the contest helped her new team win their first opening-round match.

The Eagles finished as wooden-spooners last season but this season they have a bunch of new promising up and coming talent, including Petrevski, who had a bad run with injuries when she was at Melbourne.

The Kija-Jaru Halls Creek woman has football in her DNA. She is the cousin of fellow West Coast Eagle Samo Petrevski-Seton and Melbourne's Toby Bedford. She could be what the Eagles have been waiting for to turn their fortunes around in the AFLW.

West Coast defeated Port Adelaide in an entertaining match at Lathlain Park in Perth, 6.4 (40) to 4.4. (28). It was Port Adelaide's first game in the AFLW.

Suiting up for the Power was another West Australian, former Fremantle forward Gemma Houghton.

The Yindjibarndi woman Houghton grabbed the start of her seventh season in the AFLW with both hands. She kicked her way into the history books by becoming Port's first-ever goalkicker, a sweet return for someone who grew up barracking for Port Adelaide.



West Coast's Krstel Petrevski executes a fair bump on a Port Adelaide opponent in round 1 of the AFLW. Picture: Halim Mellick

Fixture-release and broadcast deal for WNBL



BASKETBALL fans will have access to more free-to-air WNBL action after the league entered into a two-year partnership with ESPN and the Nine Network.

The WNBL is also set to return to a full 16-round home and away season, tipping off on November 2.

These announcements are sure to make for some very happy basketball fans.

Across the 2022-23 and 2023-24 WNBL seasons, fans will once again be able to catch all 84 regular season games plus finals live, with 68 games on Nine's free streaming service 9Now, and 16 on leading sports network ESPN.

The WNBL will join the NBA, NBL, WNBA, FIBA and NCAA Basketball at ESPN's Home of Hoops.

This broadcast deal provides basketball fans more opportunity to keep up with Australia's elite athletes, as eight Australian Opals including five-time WNBL Champion Lauren Jackson, are locked in to return to the WNBL for season 2022/23 after the home court FIBA Women's World Cup in September.

On top of showing the games live, both ESPN and Nine will profile the league via on-air programs and digital channels, providing a significant platform for the WNBL to increase its visibility and reach. This will provide more value for existing partners of the league and clubs, and exciting opportunities for new partners.

The new season will launch in Western Australia with the grand final rematch between Perth Lynx and Melbourne Boomers to open round 1.

The Southside Flyers, featuring Lauren Jackson, will tip off their season on November 5 with a game at their new home stadium, the State Basketball Centre

Townsville Fire's New Year's Eve game will feature in the fixture once again.



Tai Tuivasa (top right) has his sights set on one of the biggest names in the UFC, Jon Jones (top left).

No Bones about it – Bam Bam wants Jones

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



MIXED martial arts star Tai Tuivasa has responded favourably to UFC legend Jon Jones' off-the-cuff suggestion they should soon meet in the Octagon in what would be a tantalising prospect for fight fans.

World No 3-ranked heavyweight Tuivasa, known in the biz as 'Bam Bam', accepted Jones' challenge after the man they call 'Bones' called the Australian out online.

Tuivasa (15-4) has racked up five consecutive wins with five consecutive knockouts in the UFC heavyweight (120.2kg) division.

At the weekend, he fell short to world No 1 Frenchman Ciyrl Gane (12-1) in Paris as the main event in UFC 279.

The American Jones (26-1), the former UFC light-heavyweight (93kg) champion, is soon expected to make his heavyweight debut.

Pound-for-pound – a measurement used to compare fighters' skill levels, regardless of what weight class they are in – Jones is currently ranked 12th in the world.

Tuivasa had an interesting take on Jones' dialogue.

"He messaged me actually, which was pretty funny," he said. "I must have said I'll fight him (in another interview) and he's going, like, 'Keep winning, you'll get your wish' or something."

"I don't know if he was trying to scare me or turn me on, but it did kind of both."

Tuivasa remains full of admiration for Jones.

"I think Jon Jones is the best fighter to ever fight," he said.

"Just how he fights. How he fights, he is probably the best fighter to ever step foot in the cage. Will I fight him? Yes."

"He's one of the greatest to do it, but I'd love to fight him. Win or lose, I'll go in there and have a whack."

"If I dink him, I sink him. Dink him, I sink

him. That's fair dinkum, you know what I mean?"

Jones responded by blocking Tuivasa on social media.

Tuivasa grew up in Mt Druitt in the western suburbs of Sydney and remains strong to his roots. He is proud in displaying his Aboriginal and Samoan heritage on the world stage. Tuivasa is one of 13 Australians currently in-contract with the UFC. The card in Paris featured fellow Aussie Robbert Whittaker (24-6), who defeated Italian Marvin Vettori (19-6-1) in an earlier middleweight bout (83.9kg).

There are 13 weight divisions across the UFC: strawweight (52.2kg), flyweight (56.7kg), bantamweight (61.2kg), featherweight (65.8kg), lightweight (70.3kg), super-lightweight (74.8kg), welterweight (77.1kg), super-welterweight (79.4kg), middleweight (83.9kg), super-middleweight (88.5kg), light-heavyweight (93kg), cruiserweight (102.1kg), heavyweight (120.2 kg), super-heavyweight (no weight restrictions).

Williams happy to be back home, and with Perth Glory



FOOTBALL journeyman David Williams has joined his fifth A-League club after taking up a one-year contract with Perth Glory.

The speedy striker spent the past three seasons in the Indian Super league with ATK and ATK Mohun Bagan where he won a championship.

He told the club's passionate fanbase what he wants to achieve this season.

"It's been a while since I've been in the A-League, but I cannot wait to get back out there playing in front of my family and friends," he said.

"I've had some good time away with my family and am now ready to get back into football and focus on getting fit, meeting my

new teammates and preparing as best we can for the season ahead.

"Ruben (Zadkovich, head coach) and I have been friends for quite some time; we played for junior national teams together and he knows me well."

"He gives me great confidence to come to Perth Glory and showcase what I can on the field and there's also an opportunity

for me to make a difference off the field which was a big attraction in joining the club.

"I know what this city and state has to offer and I'm looking forward to this next adventure with my wife and two young boys."

"I bring experience to this squad and I will be a positive influence on the young players."

"I will push them to be the best they can be, while also

doing my own job.

"I know it was a difficult season last year, but we have seen in the past across the whole league that things can change in an instant."

"With the way I play, I want to be able to entertain the Perth Glory members and fans and anyone else who attends our games and make them want to come back and create the best atmosphere in the league."

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Pam Dancey – at right in the middle row – with her rugby league teammates in the late 1950s.

Pam Dancey's football legacy is an inspiration

By MAXINE HICKS



PAM Dancey was small in stature when she attended the Dirranbandi school to Year 9. She loved rugby league and enjoyed playing football with her friends, either at school or for fun.

Dancey, who lives in St George in south-west Queensland, came from a family that wasn't shy of hard work and she too learnt that from a young age.

When she was about 15, Dancey was asked if she wanted to play football in the local women's side. She said yes and from that day forward she would play at any given chance.

She mostly played on the wing but sometimes she would play at dummy-half.

When asked about her time playing football, Dancey recalls that the girls team from Mungindi were a formidable side, but that her team from St George was, too.

She remembers staying mainly

injury-free, and only occasionally would she get cut by burs on the field. Dancey quickly became a player to watch. If given too much of a headstart she was very hard to run down.

Travelling to away games meant it would be a dusty ride to and from because many of the roads in use back then were unsealed.

After a while, Dancey had to make a decision. She was soon to be married and so football had to make way for her new life. She was married in 1960 when she was 21 at Dirranbandi. She settled down to married life and had four boys and two girls. Three of her boys continued the Dancey legacy of rugby league until age became a factor.

Two of her great-grandchildren are taking up where she left off on the football field.

Pam Dancey is 83-years-young and she takes life at a much slower pace. But one thing remains, she still enjoys watching rugby league, whether it's at games from the sideline, or on the television.

Pam Dancey, 83-years-young, played rugby league in her teenage years and early 20s.

Picture: Maxine Hicks



Sisters Katie and Emily Turnbull started playing rugby league for St George in western Queensland.

Picture: Maxine Hicks

Keeping a family sporting tradition alive

By MAXINE HICKS



EMILY Turnbull comes from a family who have a strong history of rugby league, and sport – her great-grandmother Pam Dancey played football in 1950s and her great-great uncle Tom Dancey won the Stawell Gift in 1910.

Emily and her sister Katie are continuing their family's sporting tradition in rugby league.

Emily started playing rugby league in primary school which, at first, she never took that seriously. That was until former NRL star and Wallaby Matt Rogers came to town and spoke to her St George High School team of his travels throughout his career as a professional footballer and that nowadays he has his own business, Rogers Sports Management.

That talk, and the visit, was enough to convince Emily to stick with football.

Such was Emily's skills on the football field that after playing her first game (in October last year) she was chosen by selector and NRLW great Ali Bragg to play against Gladstone.

Emily's plays at front and second row but often shifts to the centres.

Gladstone was her first taste of rugby league at a higher level. Later, she won selection to play for St George against Barcaldine.

Emily's family moved to Toowoomba where she and Katie continued playing. They joined the Toowoomba Valleys club.

The sisters are putting in the hard yards. Emily is aiming higher. One day she wants to play for Queensland and Australia, she said.

Emily and Katie will continue in rugby league, remembering also what their great-grandmother Pam Dancey and great-great uncle Tom Dancey achieved all those years ago.

Koorie Academy and All-Stars to battle in Treaty Cup



THE Koorie community in Victoria will make a statement toward a Treaty at a basketball event later this month.

The Treaty Cup will see a youth Koorie Basketball Academy (KBA) team play against an All-Stars team at the

Narrandjeri Basketball Stadium in Thornbury, in Melbourne, on Saturday, September 18.

The event will be more than just sport though, with a range of traditional and cultural displays on show.

The KBA is the brainchild of Gunai-Kurnai man and former Victorian basketball great, Ricky Baldwin.

Baldwin has taken the academy to the international stage – first at John Cain Arena in Melbourne in July when the Australian Boomers played China and Japan at the Asian World Cup Qualifiers, and in Bendigo, in country Victoria, when the Boomers played Iran.

The event at Thornbury, however, will be a standalone

event. A warm-up game will be played before the main event, with a three-point competition at half-time.

A traditional Welcome to Country will be held with Bandoktati dancers and the national anthem will be sung in traditional language plus a yidaki player. DJs MC Troy Benjamin and Natasha Ferre

will provide the beats. An array of prizes are on offer such as signed and framed basketballs and NBL and Boomers jerseys and signatures from current NBA stars. It is largely in support of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria which is pushing for a Treaty for First Nations people and Victorian governments.

Cooley honour at Olympic Park

By KRIS FLANDERS



THE man behind cricket's rise in the Aboriginal community has been honoured at a venue known to all Australians and many across the world.

La Perouse man Peter Cooley was acknowledged by Cricket NSW at the unveiling of their new headquarters of Sydney's Olympic Park Precinct at Homebush – the venue home to many timeless and memorable sporting moments.

One of the new meeting rooms at Cricket NSW HQ is now named the Peter Cooley Room. It is an honour that came as a shock to the great man.

"A big surprise and something I didn't believe at first," Cooley said after having time to let it all digest.

"It didn't sink in straight away.

"To be selected out of what I would have imagined was thousands of nominations is quite humbling.

"Cricket NSW wanted to honour everyday people who'd given to the sport."

Cooley's contributions to cricket, and Aboriginal cricket, is immeasurable.

He's been cricket-mad from a young age and has been involved in the game as a player, official and in administration.

"I started the La Perouse Cricket Club," he said, "and to have the community playing cricket at a local level for so long and give enjoyment to them, to see the young ones coming through means a lot.

"Being involved with the National Indigenous Cricket Championships (previously the Imparja Cup) and winning both as a player and as an official was a great thing.

"And as mentor for the Aboriginal men's and women's cricket teams touring England in 2018 to commemorate the 1868 team, being connected to those teams is by far the highlight of my cricket career."

Over the next decades, the Peter Cooley Room will be used by cricket administrators and players in which big

decisions will be made.

It's a scenario Cooley thinks is still quite unbelievable.

"There might be future Australian players sitting in that room," he said.

"Hopefully, it's also an inspiration to young Aboriginal players coming through when they enter the centre and see my name and other names on the rooms.

"They can learn about my story and what I've given to the game as an administrator and player and representing my Mob."

Cooley said to be able to share this incredible honour with his family brings a smile to his face.

"My family were obviously very proud," he said.

"My family were the ones who had to put up with me being away from home and putting a lot of time into cricket.

"They've always been so supportive of my passion.

"So I accept that room being named after me on behalf of my family."



Peter Cooley and daughter Janna Martin-Cooley inside the Peter Cooley Room.

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Jada on standby as World Cup looms



IT'S a small step but Jada Mathysen-Whyman is edging ever closer to winning a cap with the Matildas.

The soon to be 23-year-old No 1 goalkeeper at Sydney FC in the A-League Women's was on standby for the Matildas in the national team's games against Canada at the weekend.

Mathysen-Whyman was called up as an emergency when Australia played Brazil last year, joining Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon in the national team.

Next year, Australia (and New Zealand) will host the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.



Jada Mathysen-Whyman is edging ever closer to an international debut for the Matildas.
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What a time to be alive with the G.O.A.Ts

We are living in an age of unprecedented Blak G.O.A.T.ness – that is, we are bearing witness to some of the greatest exponents in world sport. Sure, sport in the barely-amateur past was great and everything but looking back through the benefit of hindsight and measuring that against what we have today, it all looks rather quaint. In this era, sport and the athletes in sport have access to the latest in science, bio-science and nutrition. Let's have a quick look at what we have seen with our own eyes.



Darren Moncrieff

Last week, the indisputable Greatest Of All Time women's tennis player Serena Williams put her racquet away for the final time after 23 grand slam singles title and just three days shy of her 41st birthday. Our columnist Kris Flanders namedrops a few G.O.A.Ts in his column (page 50) when reflecting on previous grand finals in rugby league, among them the great Johnathan Thurston, Artie Beetson and Steve Renouf – men whose feats on the field surpass that of their peers. Our regular contributor Peter Argent writes about an Aussie rules G.O.A.T. in Gilbert McAdam (page 51) whose standout 1988 and 1989 seasons in the SANFL catapulted him into the AFL. Mixed martial artist Tai Tuivasa is heading toward G.O.A.T. territory with his incredible rise in the Octagon. The great Cathy Freeman will always and forever be the G.O.A.T. of athletics. Her rise in the 1990s capped by gold at the Sydney Olympics has yet to be matched by any Australian since.

Those are just some of the obvious selections at the elite level, but is that where all the G.O.A.Ts live? Not necessarily. While this may go against what I said above about amateur sport, there are plenty of G.O.A.Ts running around the countryside in state and regional sport. There are those of whom personal circumstances prevent from progressing further up the sporting food-chain or maybe they are just as happy knocking about in the bushes. Whatever the reason, pop down to your local field or courts and you will see people you may even know personally who are absolutely head and shoulders above their peers in whatever sport they are playing. There will be deadset G.O.A.Ts at the Koori Knockout, there is no doubt. Back in my old hometown, there were at least two or three former teammates who would have absolutely carved it up in the WAFL and VFL/AFL but whose ties to family and land was too strong for them to want to make the move to the big cities. It was a true pleasure standing alongside these blokes, who count as my relations, on the football field, seeing them execute incredible skills close up and learning from them.

So, outside from what we see on TV, one doesn't have to look too far in finding a sporting G.O.A.T. They live among us.

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Farrer takes the Indigenous Marathon Project experience home to Halls Creek



LUNGKA-Kija man Seymore Farrer brought the Indigenous Marathon Project experience to his

hometown in the East Kimberley in the far north of WA recently, in which he ran 25km with an eye on tackling New York City.

The run through Halls Creek was Farrer's third milestone event, with an upcoming 30km

run in Alice Springs later this month which will determine his selection to run the New York Marathon in November.

Part of the IMP engagement for young people is the attainment and completion of a Certificate IV of Indigenous Leadership and Health Promotion, which includes units focussed on community organisation and media training. As a component of this unit,

Farrer organised the event in Halls Creek himself and mapped out a course inviting his friends and local community along to witness and participate in this incredible achievement.

In addition to running his prescribed 25km, Farrer organised a smoking ceremony, and 2km, 5km and 10km fun runs for community members in which they joined Farrer at different parts of his 25km run.

The Yura Yungi Medical Service coordinated 715 health checks for participants and the local Clontarf Football Academy and Shooting Stars joined in the run. Garnduwa and Jungarni Jutiya Indigenous Corporation held fitness activities for kids on the oval and ran a barbecue.

Across the course of the afternoon around 200 people attended, a turnout bigger than anticipated.

Dharawal running group on the up in the Illawarra

By KRIS FLANDERS



LAYNE Brown graduated from the 2017 Indigenous Marathon Project which later inspired him to create a regional running group for his people.

Since his graduation, Brown has competed in several marathons, here and overseas in Singapore. In 2017, along with family and friends, Brown started The Dharawal Running and Walking Group for mob, located in the Lake Illawarra region south of Sydney.

Today, Brown reflects fondly on his time with the IMP and how his involvement helped shape him today.

"Through the IMP I learnt more about myself, my culture and who I wanted to be as an Aboriginal man," he said.

"I still love running and it's a good marker for me, if I'm feeling down or haven't run in a while, then I know it's time to get out there and do that again."

The Dharawal running group sessions, he said, feels natural.

"It's been amazing; since we started we've had some members go on to run marathons.

"We've normalised running in this community, people know if they want to get fit and healthy, they know now who to talk to. It's about giving and helping others. It's so special to be able to do activities in a group.

"It honestly doesn't even feel like exercise when we get together. It's



Layne Brown drew on his time at the IMP to create a running group in the Illawarra region of NSW.

definitely a recipe for success. It's not too serious, we have a laugh and then we knuckle down and get our sweat on."

Vanessa Cavanagh joined the running group. She said she never thought she was capable of running even a few hundred metres. Now, with the support from the group, she happily clocks up the kilometres.

"I'd never run much in my life, aside from high school," she said.

"I wasn't achieving any health goals at all. I was letting gym memberships lapse and had all these plans but never followed through with them.

"Then Layne started this group and said bring your kids along too. That was a big thing that it was family orientated and laidback. I felt comfortable and welcomed. My kids could see the benefits and see that their mum was happy and they could run alongside me."

There has to be something in the water around the Lake Illawarra region.

Three people from the area have been involved with the IMP – Brown, his sister Maiquilla, and Hayley Pymont, who is part of the 2022 squad.

Brown has known Pymont for some time and has been impressed by her tenacity and dedication to take on the marathon challenge.

"I saw Hayley as a young woman growing up and she has a solid story and has overcome some hardship to be where she is today," he said.

"I encouraged her on a few occasions to try out for the Indigenous Marathon Project. It's so magical to now see her embarking on that journey herself. "She's an amazing person."



Williams bound for Glory



TWO-time Soccerroo David Williams has returned home to take up a one-year deal with Perth Glory following a three-year stint in the Indian Super League.

The Queenslander earned a reputation as one of the A-League's most potent strikers, finding the net 40 times in 179 games in the top-flight.

In 2019, Williams joined ATK in the ISL where he won a league title. He scored 17 goals in 55 appearances there.

Williams played for the Soccerroos in a 2008 World Cup Qualifier.

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Former Australian international and football journeyman David Williams has landed at Perth Glory ahead of the new A-League season.

Picture: Getty Images

No Bones about it – Bam Bam wants Jones



LICKING his wounds from defeat at UFC 279 in Paris at the weekend, Tai Tuivasa has his sights set on one of the legends of the Octagon.

Tuivasa, known in the biz as 'Bam Bam', came up short to Frenchman Cyril Gane in their heavyweight bout on Sunday morning (AEST).

Tuivasa had earlier accepted a somewhat cryptic challenge from American Jon 'Bones' Jones.

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Tai Tuivasa has his eye on a big fish in the UFC.

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR 50th KNOCKOUT



PREPARATIONS for one of Aboriginal sports' biggest events are well underway and tracking toward a grandstand finish with less than a month to go until the big show.

The annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout – the Koori Knockout – will play out for the 50th time this year.

The 2022 edition will be

played over the traditional October long-weekend – from Friday, September 30 to Monday, October 3 – at Nowra/Bomaderry on the NSW south coast.

Organising for the event ramped up earlier this year when restrictions on large gatherings surrounding COVID were eased by the state health department. The air-borne pandemic which sent the world in a spin since early 2020 forced the postponement of the carnival twice – in 2020 and in 2021.

Hosts for the 50th Koori Knockout, the South Coast Black Cockatoos, which won the tournament in 2019, have received a record number of nominations from teams across NSW.

Team divisions at the Knockout are men, women and junior boys and girls.

The Black Cockatoos have secured the Bomaderry Sports Complex to run the tournament.

The complex carries several fields for the multitude games

and teams over the four days of competition.

The Koori Knockout provides an economic windfall for host towns and regions and nearby businesses with thousands of travelling fans and hundreds of players and team support staff injecting several thousands of dollars into local economies.

● Koori Mail will carry full coverage of the Knockout leading into and after the event.



2022 Koori Knockout on Sept 30-Oct 3

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