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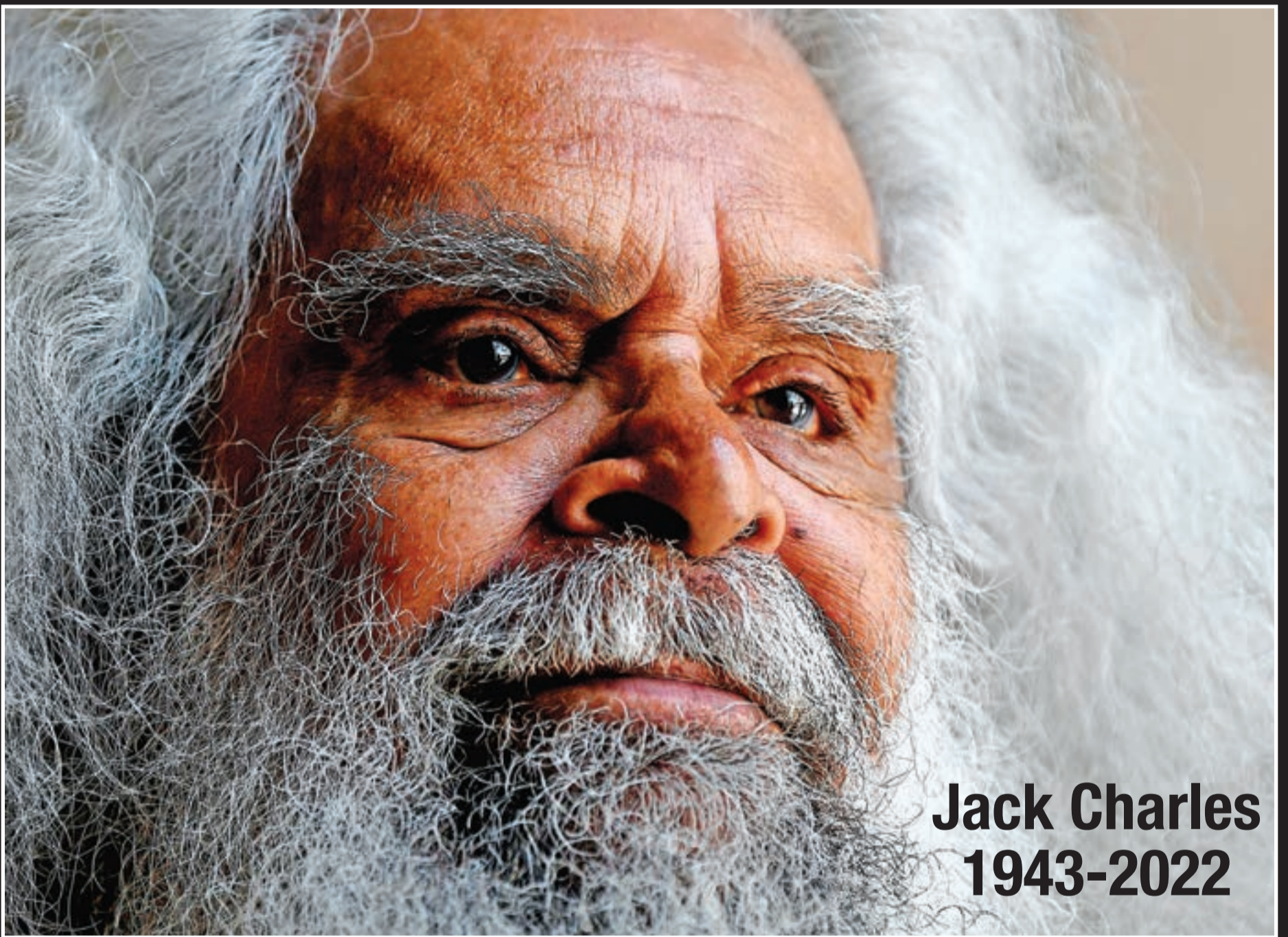
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Curtain falls on extraordinary life



**Jack Charles
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Celebrated actor Jack Charles has been lauded as an amazing storyteller and inspiration following his death in Melbourne at the age of 79. Tribute, pages 22-23

ROYAL RANCOUR



PROTESTS against the impacts of British colonialism were set to take place on the National Day of Mourning, announced by

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese following the death of Queen Elizabeth.

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MY FAMILY

The Karkadoo family - Doomadgee



Sitting down at the bottom, on the left is Leila Cove, 4, Naylor Ned, 4 and Lacey Cove. On the right, Trishelle Neade is holding Ethan Neade. Tennessee Fowler is standing next to them - in the blue and white jacket. Standing on the left is Robert Neade and in the back on the right is Manacaia Karkadoo.

When the rodeo is on, the Karkadoo family don't want to miss a moment of it.

This picture was taken at the rodeo where they all love being together.

"We are all one family and we are all from Doomadgee," Tennessee Fowler said.

"Trishelle is my Auntie.

"With the three little ones, the one in the middle, Naylor, is my little sister, and the other two, they're my cousin's sisters, and young fellow there, that's my little uncle and my little aunt.

"We've been to the rodeo and we spend a lot of time together as a family.

"We're up and down to Doomadgee and we communicate a lot.

"We came to the rodeo for the show rides, the little ones liked it a lot.

"We are Waanyi and Ganggalidda.

"We like fishing for black bream or spotted bream, swimming, camping and hunting for kangaroos, turkey and turtle.

"We're looking forward to celebrating as a family after the rodeo is finished."

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OUR CHILDREN



Mini hard rock fans Tadian Bird, Alexis Manfong, Kadisha Bird, Laura Tilmouth and Xavier Bird were along for the ride to see two of their favourite bands when Battle of the Bands winners Mulga Bore Hard Rock pulled off the gig of a lifetime as support act for their idols KISS. Jillian Mundy shares the thrill of the young rockers from the tiny town of Mulga Bore, pages 3, 66-67.

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Vic prisoner dies



AN Aboriginal prisoner in central Victoria has become the second Indigenous person to die in custody in the state in a matter of weeks. Clinton Austin, a 38-year-old Gunditjmara and Wiradjuri man, died at Loddon Prison in Victoria near Castlemaine

on Sunday, September 11. Mr Austin's family said they were devastated by his death. "We can't believe Clinton is dead. We don't know how we will face the next days," his family said in a statement. "Clinton was meant to be getting out of prison. He had his heart set on being an Aboriginal art teacher. His heart was for his son and for his art."

A Department of Justice and Community Safety spokeswoman said the death had been referred to the coroner to formally determine the cause of death. The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service (VALS) said it was helping Mr Austin's family in the coronial process. "We hope that the Coroner's Court of Victoria will thoroughly

investigate Clinton's death and will be respectful towards and prioritise the voices of Clinton's family throughout the coronial investigation process," chief executive Nerita Waight said. "VALS has serious concerns about the quality of healthcare provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prisons in Victoria. "We call on the State

Government to urgently address this issue and provide healthcare in prison that is equivalent to that in the community and that is culturally safe." Premier Daniel Andrews said he was aware of the prisoner's death. "The death of any person in custody is of great concern to all of us," he said.



KISS and makeup

Mulga Bore Hard Rock briefly met KISS backstage: Rebecca McLean, Tommy Thayer, Alvin Manfong, Niara Tilmouth, Gene Simmons, Tyrell Bird, Talvin Bird, Paul Stanley, Aiden Manfong, Eric Singer and Kirklin Bird. Picture: Nicklaus Myers

By JILLIAN MUNDY



BEST day of my life – these are words of Mulga Bore Hard Rock's front man 17-year-old Alvin Manfong. The teenage band from Anmatyere/Alyawarre Country Akaye (Mulga Bore) had just opened KISS' final Australian show on their *End of the Road* tour and briefly met their idols before marvelling at their extravagant fire breathing, blood spitting rock show. And it was all joy – to punters, the band, their entourage, support acts and the main act at the Gold Coast concert earlier this month. In June, Mulga Bore School Hard Rock won the Northern Territory Battle of the School Band's best band and best original song. Consisting of siblings and cousins and supported by family members, from the remote community 240 kilometres north-east of Alice Springs, the band who wear KISS-inspired makeup and rock KISS-inspired moves, penned a letter to the supergroup in a hopeful but seemingly unlikely bid to meet them on the Australian leg of their final international tour.

With plenty of hustle from filmmaker and mentor Rebecca McLean and media coverage, including a front cover on the *Koori Mail*, the right people noticed and Mulga Bore Hard Rock were propelled onto the journey of their dreams. The band, aged 13-18, rocked up and delighted diehard KISS fans with their truckloads of talent, energy, charisma and ambition. They played four originals and with KISS' permission a cover of *Detroit Rock City*. In their set was *Hey Mr Teacher* – an obvious dedication, another with a message for youth *Fame Not Shame*. From side stage KISS and their other support acts Wolfmother and Tumbleweed rocked on and took photos – later dishing out praise and posing for photos. Before the Gold Coast gig, while KISS had been a major influence for the versatile young band, who also play country music and rock and roll shows, they were a world away. KISS, whose two original members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley are now in their seventies, has toured the world for almost half a century, with a massive entourage in tow and 14 semi-trailers of gear.

They put on a spectacular show, complete with moving stage, a trapeze wire and fireworks. Mulga Bore Hard Rock are still in school, bar bass guitarist and backing vocalist Kirklin Bird, aka Desert Demon, who is 18. They rocked up with their families and a small entourage of supporters in a 24 seater bus and borrowed most of the gear they played on from Tumbleweed. The band's only female member percussionist and vocalist Niara Tilmouth, aka Queen of Hearts, who is also a massive Dolly Parton fan had only turned 15 the day before the big gig. She met Gene Simmons and fist bumped him back stage and described the experience to the *Koori Mail* – "he's real, we saw it now and he's tall and creepy". Up until then they had only seen KISS on a screen. On stage later that night Simmons lived up to his "creepy" persona spewing what appeared to be something like a couple of jars of watery raspberry jam, resembling coagulated blood, down his chest. Thirteen-year-old drummer Aiden Manfong aka Fox, who started drumming only a decade ago on a plastic drum from Kmart, couldn't wipe the ecstatic

grin off his face after KISS drummer Eric Singer sought him out for a fist bump. Professional musician Pitjantjatjara man Russell Smith, a friend of Rebecca's who assisted Archie Roach on tour for years, came on board as tour manager. Before the gig, he urged the band to act professionally at every turn and not squander the opportunity. "Nervous is good," he told them. Mulga Bore Hard Rock did not disappoint – they rocked the stage with true professionalism, not missing a beat and the crowd clapped and cheered. "When I first started someone did exactly the same to me," Russell said. "You've got to throw them off the edge and they'll learn to swim and get it right. "If you don't they come and kick you in the arse later in life. It's a hand up not a hand out. "It's not all about white bands in this country." The gig was made into an extension of a school excursion to perform in the Darwin BEAT Festival, a Northern Territory school's annual performing arts showcase. It's the first ever KISS excursion ever, anywhere, that

Mulga Bore teaching principal Pesala Brown, who was part of the entourage, has heard of. She was quick to remind the *Koori Mail* that being in the band involves plenty of literacy, especially reading and writing songs. "There's so much learning going on – we've been preparing for this, practising songs and performance, being backstage, being on the big stage, everything is a learning experience," she said. "These guys are passionate about music, so why not use that as a focus and strength at school. They love coming to school. They come to school every day. "I think they can be rock stars and school students at the same time." The band are all keen to make a career in music. Rebecca McLean, who ran a music video workshop with Mulga Bore Hard Rock and their uncle's band MB Reggae earlier this year, said the whole crazy journey was sparked when they dreamed of including KISS in their music clip. The band's story will be the subject of a documentary she is making with the community of Mulga Bore. See our picture feature of the band's epic day, pages 66-67.

First Nations women demand their voices are heard on family violence

By RUDI MAXWELL



FIRST Nations women are 32 times more likely to be hospitalised and 11 times more likely to die from assault than other women in Australia. And yet, there is no national plan or policy that addresses the specific safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children.

Last week Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar hosted the the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (women's voices in Bunuba language) Women's Safety Policy Forum online.

More than 150 women – including specialist experts, researchers, frontline workers and women with lived experience of violence – attended the forum.

It provided a dedicated space for First Nations women to speak on their own terms to government, policymakers and service providers about addressing violence in First Nations communities.

"The forum is part of an important process that ensures Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's voices are having input into government policies," Ms Oscar told the *Koori Mail*.

"The voices we heard at the forum have made it clear that First Nations people must have a right to their voices, agency and self-determination and be designing any response to family violence in our communities.

"They spoke powerfully about the forces that continue to prevent us from designing the systems, structures and ways of life that meet our needs and aspirations.

"These systems do not know us, they are unwilling to learn from us, they perpetuate harm and have formed the conditions for violence to take hold.

"The solutions we need to end violence sit with us. We know what works, and we know what does not.

"I thank these women for their potent truth-telling and for their insistence that real and lasting change can only happen when First Nations women are leading that change."

Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney told the forum the Labor Government has committed to delivering a dedicated National Plan for First Nations people to end family violence and violence against women.

Noongar lawyer and academic Hannah McGlade told the *Koori Mail* that a standalone plan for First Nations women was needed.

"We need to ensure that we have a process of integrity reflecting the fundamental human rights principle of Aboriginal women's right to self-determination," she said.

"Our Prime Minister made a historic commitment on election night to respect Aboriginal people, to respect Aboriginal voices and rights and we need to see this now."

Delegates also stressed that family violence is a significant contributor to rapidly increasing rates of First Nations women in incarceration and a leading cause of the removal of First Nations children into the out-of-home care system.

Ms Oscar said the standalone national safety plan would centre the specific needs of First Nations women and children, because it would be designed by them.

"Our women have a right to their voice," she said.

"Women have a right to agency.

"They have a right to having free and informed consent into these processes if they are to produce plans that are going to affect positive change for families and communities.

"So we have to ensure that these processes are well informed by women who are experiencing these issues on the ground."



Bunuba woman June Oscar, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

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Protests on Queen's Day of Mourning



PROTESTS for Indigenous people will be held on the National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II.

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British monarchy represents a violent history.

Macquarie University academic and Wiradjuri woman Sandy O'Sullivan said they were subjected to racism for refusing to celebrate the Queen's reign.

"Along with many other Aboriginal people, I experienced a lot of racism and derision around raising the fact that we weren't celebrating the reign of the previous monarch, Queen Elizabeth II," they said.

"For many it's because during that reign there was little that she did to reset that relationship, to make reparations and to speak out."

Macquarie University research fellow and Dharug community member, Jo Rey, questioned the monarchy's future.

"While the Queen is dead, colonisation is alive and well, living in every bureaucracy. The fate of the monarchy is

ephemeral. The fate of the planet is more important," Dr Rey said.

First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria co-chair Aunty Geraldine Atkinson, who is a Bangerang and Wiradjuri elder, described the proclamation ceremony for King Charles III in Edinburgh as tone deaf.

"When our people are still dying behind bars due to unfair policies and the indifference of politicians who have ignored countless calls for reform, it's hard to swallow millions of dollars being spent on this kind of pomp and ceremony," she said.

Yet some Aboriginal supporters of the Queen paid tribute including former Indigenous Advisory Council chair Warren Mundine who criticised the AFL's scrapping of a planned minute's silence during the AFLW's Indigenous Round.

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Cop sent racist texts

NT TEXT messages described as repugnant and racist were sent by the officer who shot dead an Indigenous man in the Northern Territory.

The messages were retrieved from the phone of Constable Zachary Rolfe, who was initially charged with the murder of 19-year-old Kumanjaji Walker during an arrest attempt at Yuendumu in 2019.

Constable Rolfe was later acquitted on all charges after a Supreme Court trial.

At a coronial inquest into Mr Walker's death last week, counsel assisting Peggy Dwyer read a number of messages sent some months before the shooting.

In one, Constable Rolfe wrote about being allowed to "towel locals up".

In another, the officer made reference to a "c***s", a term Sergeant Anne Jolley,



Constable Zachary Rolfe.

the chief officer at Yuendumu, agreed at the inquest was blatantly racist.

Constable Rolfe also referred to "Neanderthals who drink too much alcohol" which Sgt Jolley accepted was disgusting and unacceptable.

In another of Constable Rolfe's messages, he was critical of the local police or

"bush cops" who he wrote were "f***ing s*** house".

Sgt Jolley said such attitudes were hurtful to officers who worked really hard in their communities.

NT Police Force counsel Ian Freckelton KC said the messages were repugnant but did not represent the values of territory police.

"It is important that a misimpression not be propagated that this modest number of offensive utterances by text messages be imputed to the whole police force," he said.

"To do so would run the risk of diminishing the respect in which the force is generally held."

In earlier evidence, the inquest was told that Mr Walker had tried to harm himself after being taken into custody as a child, several years before his death, and that police had concerns for his mental health and wellbeing. —AAP

Teen was 'no big threat'

AN Indigenous teenager shot dead by Northern Territory police during an attempted arrest wasn't a threat to his remote community, an inquest has been told.

Kumanjaji Walker, 19, died on November 9, 2019, after Constable Zachary Rolfe, 31, shot him three times in the remote community of Yuendumu, 290km north-west of Alice Springs.

Aboriginal community police officer Derek Williams, said his nephew Mr Walker was in the community to attend a beloved family member's funeral and there should have been no rush to arrest him.

"He only ran off from (a rehabilitation program). He wasn't a murderer," Mr Williams told the inquest.



Aboriginal community police officer Derek Williams

"He wasn't a big threat to nobody. He just wanted to attend the funeral and, you know, police should work that out properly."

Mr Williams described his nephew as a shy and slow boy, who liked video games and football.

The court also heard Mr Walker's girlfriend, Rickisha Robertson, had applied for a domestic violence order against him.

Despite this, Mr Williams said it was an error for Constable Rolfe and his team, who had been sent from Alice Springs, to attempt to arrest Mr Walker on the same day the community was having a funeral.

"You can't just go into people's yard when they're mourning a loss or attending funerals," he said.

"They can't just go in and arrest somebody ... it's no-go, you know."

Community kept in the dark as teen lay dying in station

NT AS Kumanjaji Walker lay dying on the floor of the local police station, the Warlpiri community gathered to find out if he was OK, his cousin Samara Fernandez-Brown told the inquest into his death last week.

Videos of the night played at the Alice Springs hearing show about 100 people waiting for news outside the building, frustrated by the lack of information provided by police.

"We don't know what's happening, we got told he's been shot and he's bleeding and at the house there's three cases, gun shells and a lot of blood," Ms Fernandez-Brown said in the recording.

"No one's told us if he's alive."

The court heard his family and community Elders repeatedly asked the eight police officers inside the station for information in the hours after Mr Walker was shot at 7.22pm at his grandmother's house.

But they were told nothing, with most not learning he had died until the next day.

Asked about the police handling of the incident, Ms Fernandez-Brown said it was evidence of systemic racism in the force.

"It is a common theme in the conversations I've had (in the community) that if this was a kartiya, or a white person, the treatment would be vastly different," she said.

"Nobody deserves what he



Samara Fernandez-Brown

had in his last moments."

Inside the station, police fought to save Mr Walker's life in the absence of trained medical staff who had fled the community earlier in the day after a series of break-ins at the clinic.

Mr Walker died at 8.36pm but police said nothing to the community and instead formed a plan to trick them into believing he was still alive out of fear for their own safety.

Outside, the Yuendumu community was also afraid – that the police they had seen patrolling their community with a shotgun and an AR15 assault rifle earlier in the evening may shoot another community member.

"By that point, we were already angry and distressed ... There was this feeling of being disregarded and disrespected," Ms Fernandez-Brown said.

"If there was a reaction it could have prompted another shooting."

NT a world leader in prison rates

NT ALMOST 1% of adults in the Northern Territory are in prison at any one time, a rate among the highest in the world, with Indigenous people significantly over represented.

A new report from the Justice Reform Initiative says incarceration rates in the region are four times the Australian average for adults – and five times higher for children.

Prisoner numbers have grown by more than 30% in the past decade with the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults in prison rising by 34%. Indigenous people are

significantly over represented, accounting for 85% of all inmates despite making up only 26% of the NT population.

Almost three-quarters of people in prison have been locked up before, and 35% are being held while unsentenced.

Children on remand regularly account for more than 80% of all young people in custody, the report said.

Justice Reform Initiative executive director Mindy Sotiri said there was a clear need for greater investment in policies and programs to break the cycles of disadvantage which kept bringing people back to prison at enormous cost to taxpayers.

"The evidence is clear – prison does not reduce the likelihood of

reoffending," Dr Sotiri said.

"It entrenches existing disadvantage and increases the likelihood of ongoing criminal justice system involvement, often over generations.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations have suffered the brunt of this failed policy, with the over-representation of First Nations people in Northern Territory prisons both reflecting and reproducing systemic disadvantage."

The report found taxpayers bankroll more than \$146.6 million on prisons in the Territory each year, with \$122,496 required to keep each adult in jail.

The Northern Territory government spent more than \$73 million on youth detention last

year, with the cost for each child put at \$3852 a day.

Dr Sotiri said while there was no single fix to reduce prison numbers, there were multiple proven, cost-effective alternatives.

"Some of the reforms required are legislative, like abolishing mandatory sentencing and increasing the age of criminal responsibility to 14," she said.

"Other evidence based reform areas operate outside of the justice system and in the community – addressing homelessness, social and cultural community connection, and facilitating access to a range of services and supports, including for mental health, cognitive impairment and problematic drug and alcohol use."

Dr Sotiri said "tough on crime" rhetoric did not make the community safer, nor did the over-use of imprisonment.

"If we genuinely want to build a safer, more cohesive community, we need to invest in community-led programs that address the drivers of crime and incarceration and provide pathways out of prison for people who need support in the community," Dr Sotiri said.

"Governments around the world are acknowledging jailing is failing and changing their approach.

"It's time for the NT to invest in people, not prisons, and do the hard work to tackle the underlying social issues that funnel many disadvantaged people into the criminal justice system."

Advocates demand closure of Don Dale

By RUDI MAXWELL



ABORIGINAL and human rights organisations are calling for the immediate closure of the notorious Don Dale youth detention centre in Darwin, saying that incidents of self-harm have increased.

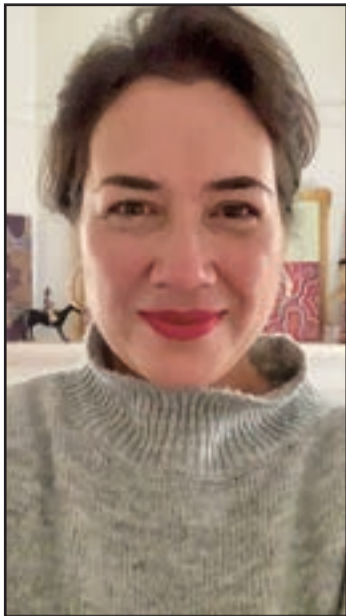
SNAICC – National Voice for our Children chief executive Catherine Liddle said recent reports showed an alarming deterioration inside the facility.

“That children, nearly all of them Aboriginal, continue to be incarcerated in a building that the Royal Commission said should be closed down five years ago, is a national embarrassment and a stain on the NT,” Ms Liddle said.

“Children deserve access to therapeutic programs that heal, reconnect them with family and culture and prevent reoffending.

“Instead, we have an inhumane facility where children are often locked up alone, where self-harm is rife, where educational opportunities are limited.

“How can we expect children



SNAICC – National Voice for our Children chief executive Catherine Liddle.

to heal and thrive under such conditions?

“The majority of children locked up in Don Dale are on remand, so they have not been found guilty of any crime, yet they are treated as criminals.

“While there are more children than ever being locked

up in the NT, there continue to be reports of an escalation in youth crime.

“It’s clear the youth justice system in the NT is broken, it is not serving the best interests of the community and it is certainly not serving the best interests of children.

“The NT Government must close Don Dale now, reinvest funding into alternatives to detention for young people and work with the local community and organisations to deliver services to children and families that close the pathways to youth detention.”

Acting Northern Territory Children’s Commissioner Nicole Hucks wrote to the Government earlier this year, saying she was concerned that children in Don Dale might die.

“The Youth Justice Act states a youth should only be kept in custody for an offence (whether on arrest, in remand or under sentence) as a last resort and for the shortest appropriate period of time,” Ms Hucks wrote.

“In my opinion it is very fortunate that increases of self-harm within DDYDC have not yet resulted in a fatality.”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar told the *Koori Mail* that locking up children didn’t help anybody.

“It is a punitive response to traumatised young people and we have to do away with those punitive institutions and provide far more therapeutic care and rehabilitation for our people,” she said.

“These are children were talking about.

“It’s plain to see that the lack of investment into preventative measures that work with community mean that suitable support is non-existent in many communities.”

Amnesty International Australia Indigenous Rights campaign lead Maggie Munn said there was overwhelming evidence that locking up children causes further harm.

“The NT Children’s Commissioner has recently conducted an investigation that found there have been pervasive uses of lockdowns and solitary confinement since July 2021 within Don Dale and the instances of children self-harming and attempting to take their own lives has increased steadily,” she said.

Money to help pay for funerals



FAMILIES who were insured with the failed Youpla Group – also called the Aboriginal Community Benefit Fund (ACBF) – will have relief with funeral grants now available.

The Youpla Group collapsed earlier this year leaving members with no money to pay for funerals.

The Federal Government has now opened applications for grants to cover the cost of the funeral up to the benefit amount of members who were part of the fund on April 1, 2020. Applications can be made up to November 30, 2023.

The Youpla Group Funeral Benefit Program comes after a concerted campaign for justice by Legal Aid NSW and others and to help the families of fund members to conduct Sorry Business with dignity.

Alira Morey, solicitor in charge of the Civil Law Service for Aboriginal Communities at Legal Aid NSW, stressed the government grant would pay funeral benefits but would not pay other compensation to members.

“We recognise the importance of Sorry Business in Aboriginal communities, which is why we fought so hard alongside numerous other consumer action organisations against the unconscionable practices of Youpla,” she said.

“This is a time when families need to be together to mourn the passing of a loved one, rather than fight for access to their funeral insurance. We welcome the Federal Government’s grant program.

“We hope that the government continues to explore what further steps are required to achieve a fair and permanent resolution for affected consumers of the Youpla collapse.”

If a loved one dies, and they were a member of ACBF/Youpla on April 1, 2020, the Federal Government will pay eligible beneficiaries for their funeral up to the benefit amount of their ACBF/Youpla policy.

You can apply for the government grant at treasury.gov.au/youpla or call 1800 296 989. Call Legal Aid NSW for further advice on 1300 888 529.

Experts to test voice proposal



THE Indigenous Law Centre at UNSW will lead a nationwide consultation process with constitutional and public law experts. They will

consider whether the constitutional amendment proposed by the government meets the aspirations set out in the Uluru Statement.

Experts will also discuss possible improvements to the draft wording of the proposed referendum at a series of workshops, led by Uluru Dialogue co-chair and UNSW Professor Megan Davis.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has committed to holding a referendum on the voice this term but is yet to confirm

finer details including the timing.

The draft question to be put to the Australian people is: “Do you support an alteration to the constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice?”

Prof Davis said consulting with legal experts would “provide the rigour required to set the voice referendum up for success”.

“The PM released a version at Garma, and we will be seeking feedback from those in the profession who specialise in constitutional law,” she said.

UNSW public law Professor Gabrielle Appleby said the feedback process represented an important step towards enshrining an Indigenous voice.

“Involving leading constitutional and public law experts, and other influential members of the profession, to test the amendment and question from a legal standpoint harnesses this momentum, and provides vital clarity for this process,” she said.

Indigenous Australians Minister Linda Burney highlighted the need for a campaign that “captures the attention and the imagination of the Australian people”.

“In the years to come, we will be able to measure the success of the referendum not just by the number of people who vote for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice but by the lives that the voice helps to improve.”



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Rainbow celebration

Sydney WorldPride's First Nations co-creative director Ben Graetz, aka Miss Ellaneous.
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By NICK PATON



INDIGENOUS rainbow communities from all over the nation will be celebrated this month as part of the First Nations Sydney WorldPride 2023 Roadshow.

The First Nations team from Sydney WorldPride and Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras will meet with LGBTQIA+SB (Sistagirl/Brotherboy) Mob at 11 locations around the country from September 21.

The special series of events will provide face-to-face engagement about the Sydney WorldPride festival

and the many ways that communities can get involved.

The Roadshow is the beginning of a long-term plan to engage First Nations LGBTQIA+SB communities in the coming years to ensure that their voices are heard and included in future Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras celebrations.

Sydney WorldPride's First Nations engagement manager, Ebony Williams, a Wiradjuri and African American woman said Australia is home to the oldest continuous culture on the planet.

"And our LGBTQIA+ communities are the oldest on the planet as well," Ms Williams said.

"Connecting with Mob out in community is vitally important so that we can forge long-lasting and meaningful relationships that endure in the years to come."

The Roadshow team will hear from First Nations rainbow communities about their experiences and ensure their voices are part of the first WorldPride festival in the southern hemisphere.

To create opportunities and accessibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to attend Sydney WorldPride events and increase their participation in the festival, Sydney WorldPride has also created the MobTix program –

a special allocation of tickets that allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to purchase tickets to five major events for \$49.

There is also the opportunity to apply for \$5,000 to hold a viewing event in your community for Live and Proud: Sydney WorldPride Opening Concert, and the Mardi Gras Parade through the First Nations Grants Program.

The Roadshow will be led by Sydney WorldPride First Nations engagement manager Ebony Williams, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras's First Nations and Community engagement officer Matika Little, and Sydney WorldPride's First

Nations co-creative director Ben Graetz, an Iwaidja, Malak Malak and Badu Islands man.

Ms Little, a Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi woman, said this style of First Nations community engagement is on a scale Mardi Gras has never been able to do before.

"So we are beyond excited to be able connect with Mob nationally, face-to-face, especially in the lead up to the launch of our Reconciliation Action Plan in the coming months," Ms Little said.

For more information on the First Nations Sydney WorldPride 2023 Roadshow locations, visit sydneyworldpride.com/first-nations-swp-roadshow/



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Rock art gets reprieve

By NICK PATON



MURUJUGA
Traditional Owners are feeling a slight sense of relief knowing a sweeping review into threats from industry to culture and rock art will now take place under Section 10 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act (ATSHIPA).

The Save our Songlines campaign is led by Murujuga traditional custodians who are against Perdaman's proposed \$4.3 billion urea plant near Karratha in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

They were informed earlier this month that their Section 10 application, first launched in February this year and again in June after the federal election, has been successful.

A Section 10 reporter will now commence a full cultural heritage assessment of industrial impacts from the Burrup Hub on sacred Murujuga rock art and report to Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek.

Mardudhunera woman and former chair of the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation Raelene Cooper made the Section 10 application.



Mardudhunera woman and former chair of the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, Raelene Cooper.

She said she welcomed the announcement of the belated appointment of a Section 10 reporter to conduct a full cultural heritage assessment of all industry on the Burrup Hub.

"However, the refusal to grant our Section 9 application still allows for damage and desecration of our sacred Murujuga rock art while this assessment is underway," Ms Cooper said.

"This is a dangerous and contradictory position from the government that makes no sense and reveals the hypocrisy at the heart of all consultation between Traditional custodians

and industry on the Burrup," she said.

"The community will be outraged if this failure from the government to ensure cultural safety allows for another Juukan Gorge while the Section 10 assessment is still ongoing."

Home to more than a million petroglyphs dating back more than 40,000 years, Murujuga is a special place and contains the oldest and 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 Scarborough gas project.

Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek announced last month that a Section 9 application under the ATSHIPA to pause works on Perdaman's urea plant near Karratha had been rejected.

The Minister's refusal to grant temporary protection under Section 9 means that Perdaman and Woodside are able to commence work that may damage or desecrate Murujuga sacred sites while the Section 10 cultural heritage assessment is still ongoing.

"An independent consultant has been engaged, as is standard under the (legislation),"

a spokesperson for Ms Plibersek said.

"The consultant will take as long as is needed to prepare the report," she said. "There is no statutory timeframe."

As part of the section 10 process, a consultant will conduct a full cultural heritage assessment of all industry on the Burrup Peninsula and report to Ms Plibersek.

The minister will then decide whether to grant long-term protection of the relevant area under section 10 of the ATSHIPA.

Construction commenced this month on Woodside's Pluto/Scarborough project and the adjoining Perdaman fertiliser plant (fed by Scarborough gas) which are key developments in expanding the Burrup Hub LNG project.

And in July, the WA EPA approved the extension until 2070 of Woodside's interconnected North West Shelf/Karratha Gas Plant, including the Browse Basin gas fields, another major component in the Burrup Hub.

But Traditional Owners and independent scientists are saying the same thing: emissions from the soon-to-be-expanded Burrup Hub are degrading the Murujuga rock art.

"The whole community needs to band together to protect

Murujuga because this is about our human rights and basic equality under the law and our lore," Ms Cooper said.

"Let's not kid ourselves, the Australian Government is not doing us a favour – this Section 10 decision is the basic job of government and only came because we keep holding them accountable."

"This government benefited from the votes of many First Nations people who elected them on the basis of their commitment to the Uluru Statement, but too often Indigenous voices are still ignored by government if it's inconvenient for industry."

Ms Cooper said actions speak louder than words, and action needs to happen now or there is simply going to be nothing left to save.

"We are still being ignored about the removal of Ancient Culture and the impacts on our Environment and water," she said.

"This is an unprecedented opportunity to consider all the impacts of every industry on the Burrup on our sacred rock art sites and provide permanent protections in federal laws."

"This news is a big win for Indigenous voices and grassroots community standing up and speaking out for our Country and our sovereignty."



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Fashion week in New York has never looked so deadly



Skye Lockyer, Lowell Hunter – with boomerangs, and Bobbi Lockyer fly the Aboriginal flag at New York Fashion Week last week.

By NICK PATON



MERMAID Queen Bobbi Lockyer made a splash at New York Fashion Week (NYFW) when she

closed her fashion runway show barefoot, wearing ochre and proudly flying the Aboriginal flag.

This was a world-first display at any NYFW event and Bobbi said she was thrilled to dip her fins into international waters and share her culture on the world stage.

"I felt this immense feeling of pride and I just couldn't stop smiling," Bobbi told the *Koori Mail*.

"I felt my ancestors were with me and I hoped I was doing my Mob proud."

Bobbi took her fashion label Ganharri to NYFW last week alongside First Nations creatives Skye Lockyer and Lowell Hunter, to showcase her collection *Saltwater* at the Flying Solo New York Fashion Week runway event.

In closing the runway show, each of the creatives wore ochre and were barefoot to share their connection to

Country on Indigenous Land in NYC.

Bobbi said the audience cheered and embraced this show of culture and supported the designers in representing their community.

"Hearing the crowd's reaction for us and Lowey with the boomerangs behind us was such an incredibly surreal feeling that I can't describe," she said.

Bobbi is a proud Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Nyulnyul and Yawuru woman born and based on Kariyarra Country in Port Hedland.

Her art provides an insight into her creative heart and soul through an array of different mediums including Aboriginal art, fine art paintings, photography, illustration and fashion design.

Skye is a Ngarluma, Kariyarra, Yawuru, Nyul Nyul woman with ancestral connections to the Pilbara and Kimberley.

A creative storyteller and truth-teller through the use of film and visual art, Skye also creates wearable art including hand-painted jewellery and clothing.

Skye collaborated with the Ganharri runway showcase at NYFW by creating a hand-painted jewellery design collection to compliment Bobbi's clothing label.

The *Saltwater* collection features sand art drone imagery by Lowell which Skye hand-painted and then printed onto fabric before she created the garments.

Lowell is a Nyul Nyul man from the Kimberleys in Western Australia. He creates sand artwork using his feet, carving stories into the sand using the same foot movements he was taught through dance, movements his people have practised for countless generations.

All three artists share in Nyul Nyul cultural heritage, the connection serving as inspiration for the saltwater people's artworks and design at NYFW.

"It means so much to be able to bring not only my fashion but also to showcase my art and culture to an international platform," Bobbi said. "And to show the rest of the world how beautiful and incredibly strong First Nations culture is."

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High Court backs WA's



A LAW in Western Australia allowing the state to indefinitely detain "high risk" offenders is constitutionally valid, the High Court has ruled.

Noongar man Peter Robert Garlett, 28, challenged WA's High Risk Serious Offenders legislation after being detained beyond his prison sentence for aggravated robbery.

Garlett had stolen a necklace and \$20 in cash from two victims at their Perth home while pretending to be armed and threatening violence in the company of others.

The High Risk Serious Offenders legislation, introduced by the McGowan Labor government and passed through State Parliament in 2020, targets offenders deemed likely to pose an unacceptable risk to the community.

It hands to judges the power to order the continuing detention, or community supervision of violent offenders who are nearing their release date.

Lawyers for Garlett argued the legislation was constitutionally invalid because it impaired the integrity of the WA Supreme Court by requiring judges to exercise punitive and non-judicial powers.

But a majority of High Court judges rejected the appeal, finding that the scheme was protective



The High Court of Australia has ruled that a law in Western Australia allowing the state to indefinitely detain "high risk" offenders is constitutionally valid.

rather than punitive.

"The HRSO Act does not require the court to give effect to any decision of the legislature or the executive government," Chief Justice Susan Kiefel, Justice Patrick Keane and Justice Simon Steward wrote.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Michelle Gordon argued the law went too far with its inclusion of

crimes such as robbery.

There was a risk of such regimes becoming the norm, Justice Gordon warned.

"The HRSO Act goes beyond the exceptional," she wrote.

"The judiciary is left to perform the executive function of preventing a wide range of crimes one offender at a time ... without identifying any underlying

justification of the kind that might be identified with respect to sexual offending or terrorism."

Garlett was convicted in 2019 and sentenced to three years and six months' imprisonment, having been held in custody since his arrest in 2017. He had been due for release in October last year but the Supreme Court granted an interim detention order following

an application from the State Solicitors Office. Garlett was subsequently freed after lawyers took his case to the High Court.

The Supreme Court last year heard Garlett had spent long periods in custody, mostly for offences committed as a juvenile.

He was placed in foster care at the age of seven after being exposed to domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse.

WA Attorney-General John Quigley welcomed the High Court's ruling, saying offenders who posed an unacceptable risk of violent reoffending should remain imprisoned or under supervision until that was no longer the case.

"Western Australians have the right to feel safe in their communities and these laws enable courts to keep the most dangerous criminals behind bars, in line with the community's expectations," he said.

National Justice Project principal solicitor George Newhouse said the scheme was being used to "trap Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system even after they've done their time".

"Instead of weighing them down with a ball and chain, the WA Government should provide people leaving the criminal justice system with the support they need to integrate back into the community," Mr Newhouse said.

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high risk offender law

In November 2017, a 23-year-old man pretending to be armed, stole \$20 in cash and a pendant necklace. He was arrested the following day and charged with robbery. He pled guilty and was sentenced to three years and six months in gaol. Case closed? Not quite.

When Peter Garlett, a Noongar man, was about to be released, the Western Australian Government tried to stop him. This was Peter's first adult offence, although he had been incarcerated since he was 12 years of age.

The government turned to the High Risk Serious Offenders Act. Passed in 2020, the Act allows the government to ask the Supreme Court of Western Australia to keep "serious offenders" behind bars after their prison sentence ends if the Court believes there is an "unacceptable risk that the person will commit 'a serious offence'".

A fundamental tenet of our legal system is that a person should only be imprisoned if a Court has found them guilty of a criminal offence. A legal action was brought for Peter and other Aboriginal people placed under the Act, on the basis that the High Risk Serious Offenders Act breached this important legal principle. The WA law sought to further imprison Peter on the basis that he might commit an offence in the future. The High Court appeal argued the new law breached Chapter III of the Constitution, making the Court punish him even though he had done nothing wrong. In doing so, it impaired the "institutional integrity" of the Supreme Court.

This week the High Court of Australia disagreed. Five judges said the Act was constitutional. The majority held that imprisonment under the Act was designed



OPINION

By HANNAH MCGLADE and HARRY HOBBS

to protect the community and therefore did not constitute punishment.

Our legal system allows for preventive detention in some cases. In Fardon, the High Court gave the OK to a regime that allowed prisoners convicted of a sexual offence involving violence, or against children, to be imprisoned after their sentence ended if the Court believed the offender was a serious danger to the community.

In Benbrika the Court said a similar system for people convicted of terrorism was also fine.

But Garlett was convicted of robbery. The appeal urged the Court to distinguish robbery from serious child sexual offences or terrorism.

The majority said this was a question for

Parliament. Not every Judge agreed. In dissent, Justice Gageler asked if robbery is "sufficient to justify empowering a court to order pre-emptive detention in custody, it needs to be asked: what offence is not?" Justice Gordon, also in dissent, issued a powerful rejoinder to the majority. Her Honour held that exceptions to the fundamental principle of liberty must be for only the most serious cases. Including robbery "comes at too great a cost" to the core values" of our constitutional system.

Even one of the Judges in the majority had his doubts. Noting that the Act could "potentially lead to the imprisonment of one seventh of the entire prison population of WA for offences that they have not committed", Justice Edelman wondered whether the Act could "ever be morally justified". Nevertheless, he held that the Constitution does not prevent the Parliament of WA from imposing "unjust punishment."

The Garlett High Court case shows the need for a Federal Human Rights Act and constitutional protection of human rights in a Charter or Bill of Rights.

Indefinite detention is a form of arbitrary detention. It is inconsistent with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ICCPR, which Australia signed in 1972.

It is also inconsistent with the government's commitment to Closing the Gap and reducing Indigenous incarceration. In WA this law will contribute to the further incarceration of possibly 700 more Aboriginal adult prisoners. We know Aboriginal incarceration is continuing to rise, as is child removal and suicide rates. It is now more than 30 years since the

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody released its Final Report. A key recommendation was that Aboriginal incarceration must only happen as a last resort. There have been misleading claims made by the previous federal governments that the Royal Commission recommendations were overwhelmingly implemented. This WA law, along with mandatory detention laws (also known as three strikes), show why incarceration rates are so high in WA.

The Australian Law Reform Commission in the Pathways to Justice Inquiry called for a National Justice Reinvestment body to reduce Aboriginal imprisonment.

We need this now more than ever.

In dissent, Justice Gordon warned that other states and territories may copy this legislation. We must not allow this to happen. Conversations about diversity in law need to include Indigenous peoples. Recently President Trudeau in Canada responded to criticism of the exclusion of Aboriginal people from Canada's highest court by announcing the appointment of Michelle O'Bonsawin from the Odanak First Nations to the Supreme Court.

Over the next 18 months, two vacancies will arise in our High Court. The appointment of an Aboriginal justice will help ensure justice for Aboriginal people whose experience of racism and systemic bias in the legal system, has for too long been neglected.

Kurin Minang Noongar woman, Dr Hannah McGlade is Associate Professor of Law at Curtin University and a human right's activist.

Dr Harry Hobbs is a Senior Lecturer in Law at UTS, specialising in Indigenous-State treaty debate.

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High Court to hear NT renters case



FIRST Nations people living in "dilapidated" housing in the Northern Territory could be compensated after Australia's highest court agreed to hear their case.

Eastern Arrente woman Enid Young is pursuing legal action against the NT government over the poor quality of rental homes in the remote community of Santa Teresa in central Australia, near Alice Springs.

Residents have been left without electricity, hot water, cooking facilities or functioning toilets for months and years at a time, according to not-for-profit litigators Grata Fund.

The High Court last Friday granted Ms Young, who is aged in her 70s, special leave to appeal a previous decision by the NT Court of Appeal that tenants could not be compensated.

It will be asked to decide whether residents of Santa Teresa are entitled to compensation for the 'distress and disappointment' of living in poorly maintained homes.

Grata Fund said Ms Young had endured more than five years with an empty external doorframe to her property. Another tenant, a young mother, had to wake up multiple times a night to mop up leaking sewage.

Solicitor Dan Kelly, from Australian Lawyers for Remote Aboriginal Rights, said communities across the Territory



Santa Teresa Aboriginal Community, 80 kilometres east of Alice Springs.

were closely monitoring the case.

"The Court of Appeal found the NT Government has a legal duty to provide people with a standard of housing that is not only safe, but reasonably comfortable, judged against contemporary standards," he said.

Residents had waited more than six years for the matter to be resolved and one of the lead plaintiffs had died during that time, Grata Fund said.

The group's executive director Maria Nawaz said a remote rent framework introduced by the NT government earlier this year would result in increases for two thirds of renters, "no matter the dilapidated state of the house".

The NT Government in late June cancelled almost \$70 million in rental debt for remote Indigenous communities amid allegations the housing was not up to scratch.

Melbourne council's name change approved



A MELBOURNE council has been given the green light to change its name, formally cutting ties with an 18th-century Jamaican slave estate by month's end. Moreland City Council will

become Merri-bek Council on September 26 after the name was officially approved and published in the government gazette.

The Indigenous name, meaning "rocky country", was one of three put forward by Wurundjeri elders and supported by 59% of more than 6300 ratepayers who filled out the survey.

The council in the city's north started consultation on a name change after discovering it came from land between Moonee Ponds Creek and Sydney Road, which Farquhar McCrae acquired in 1839.

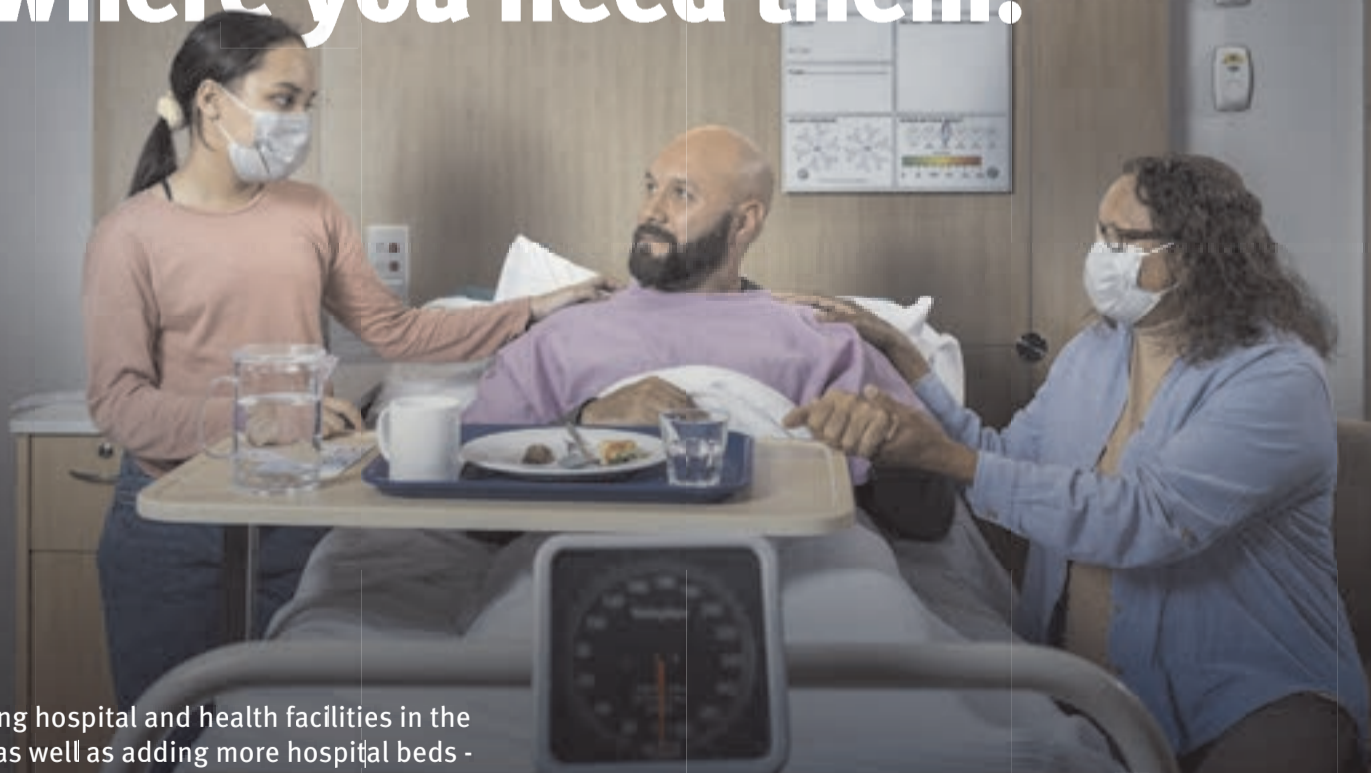
McCrae named the area Moreland after a Jamaican slave plantation his father and grandfather operated from 1770 to 1796, which produced sugar and rum and traded slaves.

Changing the name is an act of reconciliation with Traditional Owners, Moreland Mayor Mark Riley said.

The newly named Merri-bek Council will start changing its name on council materials this month.

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Dedicated Wahta dances into the Australian Ballet School

By LIINA FLYNN



YOUNG Barkindji/Kunja dancer Wahta Handy lives and breathes ballet.

The 10-year-old has just been accepted into The Australian Ballet School – and she has a dream to be Australia's first Indigenous prima principal ballerina.

It's not surprising that Wahta has a serious passion for dance.

Her proud mum Patricia Handy (Londy) used to dance with Bangarra Dance Company – and was in the company's first production called *Praying Mantis Dreaming*.

But Londy said Wahta's passion for ballet is something that comes from deep within her daughter.

"I don't pressure her – she just wants to do it," Londy said.

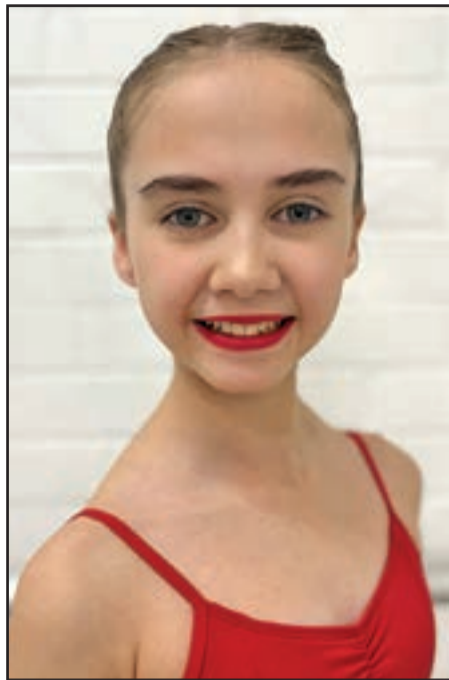
"She's really dedicated and goes to six ballet lessons every week, after school and on Saturdays.

"When she was three years old, Wahta wanted to start ballet, so I took her to the best ballet teacher in Newcastle – Miss Karen Barker-Rogers at Studi-0 Dance School.

"If Karen thinks a student has potential, she encourages them to audition for the Australian Ballet – and she's seen that potential in Wahta since she was young.

"It's really hard to get into the Australian Ballet.

"They hold national auditions once a year and hundreds of students aged nine

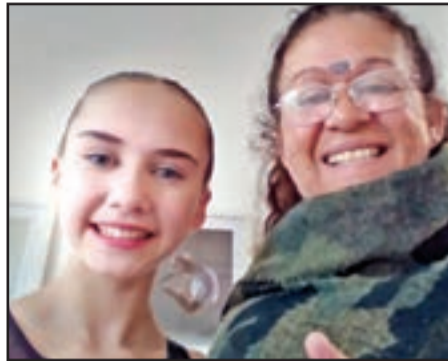


10-year-old Barkindji/Kunja dancer Wahta Handy is on the way to realising her dream having just been accepted into The Australian Ballet School

to 14 audition – and not many get accepted.

"This year was Wahta's third audition. Nothing was going to stop this child of mine and she wanted to do it again.

"When she found out she had been accepted, she was at ballet class.



Top: Wahta and her mother Londy. Bottom: Londy danced with Bangarra Dance Company in its early years.

She was so excited and in shock. She started crying and all her friends came over and cuddled her.

"They all know how hard it is to get in and everyone loves her."

Now Wahta will be a part of the Australian Ballet School level 2 Intra,

interstate and international Training Program (ITP).

Over the next year, she will go to Melbourne for a series of intensive coaching clinics and private ballet lessons – as well as attend her usual dance classes in jazz, tap, contemporary and classical ballet at home on Awabakal Country in Newcastle.

As with most sports, supporting Wahta's love of keep dancing is not cheap – from costumes to travel, the costs add up.

Londy said she goes without certain things to keep Wahta dancing but has received help this year in the form of two scholarships from the Ella foundation.

"Every year Wiradjeri ballerina Ella Havelka helps hundreds of Indigenous dancers through her foundation," Londy said.

"The scholarships helped Wahta go to the Australian Ballet School Summer and Winter Schools in Melbourne. Now she's been asked to compete in an eisteddfod in New Zealand next year."

Londy hopes that Wahta can be an inspiration for young, up-and-coming Indigenous ballerinas. Earlier this year, the Windale Public School student was asked to perform classical ballet on stage for NAIDOC celebrations.

"Kooris don't see traditional ballet," Londy said. "So I made her a tutu in Koori colours for NAIDOC. She loved doing that performance. We thought, 'it's time' – now my daughter can get out there and show everyone ballet – just like all the footballers dare to do with their sport."

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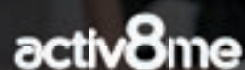
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Food prices to be examined



THE Queensland Government will host a cost of living summit in the Torres Strait Islands to work out ways to

reduce “astronomically high” food prices and deal with other problems the Indigenous islanders are facing.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the summit will be held within three weeks in the remote archipelago on Australia's border with Papua New Guinea, which is home to 4120 mostly Indigenous residents.

Her primary concern is soaring basic food prices, particularly on

‘The median household income in the Torres Strait is \$976 per week, about half the amount earned by median Australian households.’

outer islands, which is partly due to high shipping freight charges.

“The cost of living pressures are probably three times that of what we're seeing in the south-east of our state, and something has to be done about that,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

Local leaders urged the premier to hold a summit during a community cabinet meeting held

in the Torres Strait recently.

Ms Palaszczuk agreed that her ministers needed to hear about issues from residents on the 16 inhabited islands and then coordinate responses with the regional council.

“As the locals have said: ‘You've got to see it. You've got to feel it. You've got to witness it on the ground. You've got to be part

of it to understand the issues’,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

The median household income in the Torres Strait is \$976 per week, about half the amount earned by median Australian households according to last year's census.

Ms Palaszczuk has asked Transport Minister Mark Bailey to review freight charges including

the possibility of increasing subsidies to help reduce the prices of basic food items.

“If it's expensive here on Thursday Island, then in the more remote communities in the islands, it is absolutely astronomically high in those communities as well,” she said.

The 274 islands are jointly administered and serviced by the state and local councils with the Federal Torres Strait Regional Authority monitoring economic, social and cultural development.

The premier said she was hopeful a Commonwealth Government representative would attend the summit.



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Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of the following place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Marie Short Farmhouse, Kempsey

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 12 October 2022. Enquiries to Judith Coombes on (02) 9873 8522 or judith.coombes@environment.nsw.gov.au

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by email, telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/nominate-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register/nominations-being-considered/

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NRL Cowboys House Dance Troupe with Kowanyama State School students.



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Komet dancer Aigaris Day and North Queensland Gold Stars player Tahlulah Tillett.



Kids crowd close to the stage as dancer Steven Tom performs traditional dance.

Celebration at Cowboy's 'home away from home'

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 100 students from 23 remote communities including the Torres Strait, NPA and Cape York, call NRL Cowboys House in Townsville their 'home away from home'.

On September 2, along with some family and friends at Cowboys House, they celebrated and recognised the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at their second annual NAIDOC Day.

The day is an extension of NAIDOC Week which is usually held in July but was held off because most of the students had returned to their communities for holidays.

The event gave students, staff, families and supporters of the boarding facility the opportunity to celebrate Indigenous culture together, with a jam-packed schedule of activities running through the day.

NRL Cowboys House is a purpose-designed and culturally respectful facility providing supported accommodation for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from some of North Queensland's most remote and educationally disadvantaged communities.

Managed by the Cowboys Community Foundation which is the charity arm of the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys, NRL Cowboys House is a joint initiative between the National Rugby League, North Queensland Cowboys, the Queensland Government and the Australian Government.

Activities on the day included didgeridoo making, spear throwing, art making, coconut weaving and husking, scone making, a language room, face painting and Kup Murri.

A special workshop was held by family and community members visiting from Mornington Island.

There was 90 minutes of dance performances by Mornington Island dancers, Komet dancers, Seisia dancers, NRL Cowboys House dancers, with a final performance from a Miriki Performing Arts workshop to close the day. The dance performances were a highlight of the day, bringing together all attendees to enjoy the cultural showcase on campus.



Call for applications for appointment to the Policy, planning and communications committee of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Applications are now open for experienced **registered Chinese Medicine practitioners** with at least five years clinical experience.

The Policy, planning and communications committee (PPCC) considers and advises the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) on any emerging issues that may have strategic or policy implications as well as prepare and draft codes and guidelines for Board consideration and stakeholder consultation.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme has a commitment to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' leadership and voices. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are warmly invited to apply, as are people from rural or regional areas in Australia.

To find out more about the role, eligibility requirements and the application process, visit <https://statutoryappointments.ahpra.gov.au/nb/en/listing> or email statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications close Sunday 2 October 2022 at 5:00pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time

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For my study, I would like to interview about 20 participants.

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If you live within a reasonable driving distance from Sydney you and I can do a 'one on one' interview however anyone outside that distance we can do a zoom interview. You will not be identified in the final document and processes are in place for you to receive assistance for any distressing situation.

My phone number is : **0467 508 905**

My email address is : robert.j.jackson-1@student.uts.edu.au

Thank you
Robert Jackson

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Invitation to Register an Interest

Artefact Heritage is undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) on behalf of Altis Property Partners (the proponent) for proposed works at 2289-2309, 2311 Elizabeth Drive, Luddenham NSW 2745 (the study area). The proposal advocates for the development of the land consistent with the current zoning as defined within the Western Parkland City State Environmental Planning Policy 2021 (WPC SEPP). The proposed development of the 19.4 hectare parcel of land would provide employment opportunities during both the construction phase and when in operation. The proposed development is located within the Penrith LGA and lies within the Northern Gateway Precinct of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plan. The study area lies within the boundaries of the Deerubbin LALC. The contact details for the proposal are:

Philip Grech
Development Manager
Altis Property Partners
philip.grech@altisproperty.com.au

The proponent will be submitting the proposal for consideration as a State Significant Development Application under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Therefore, the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) have not been awarded. The proponent is seeking to commence the consultation process in anticipation of the SEARs being awarded. The industry specific SEARs for *Warehouses and distribution centres* requires the assessment of the likely Aboriginal cultural and archaeological impacts of the proposed development. The proponent has engaged Artefact Heritage to complete an ACHAR for the project, including consultation in accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010).

Please register your interest in the project by 5 October 2022, by contacting:

Kelly Barton
Artefact Heritage, Suite 56, Jones Bay Wharf, 26-32 Pirrama Road
Pyrmont NSW 2009 or
consultation@artefact.net.au

Please be advised that the details of all parties who register will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless specified otherwise.

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Vacancies are arising for community members and practitioner members on the State and Territory Boards of the:

- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, and
- Medical Board of Australia.

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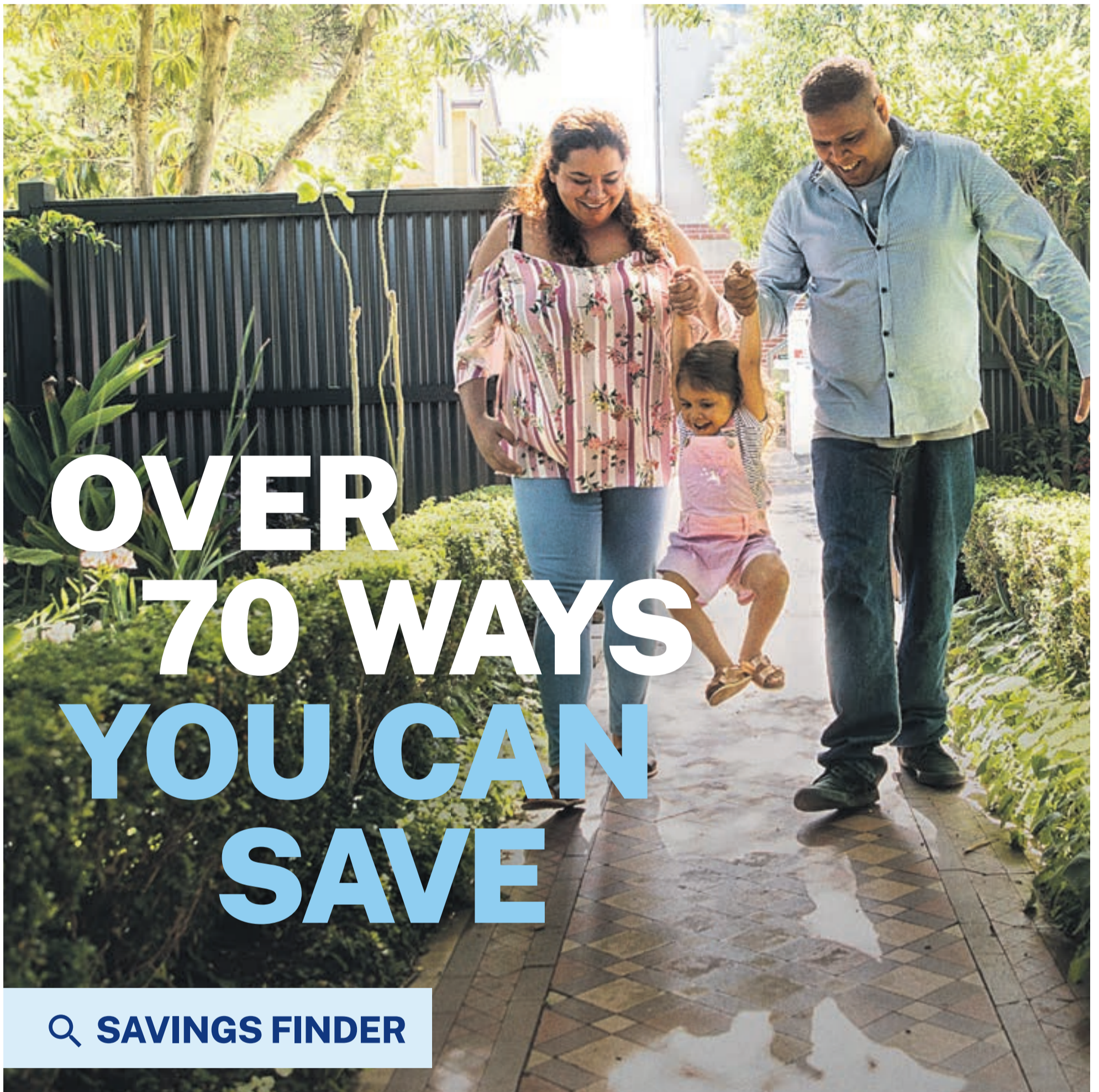
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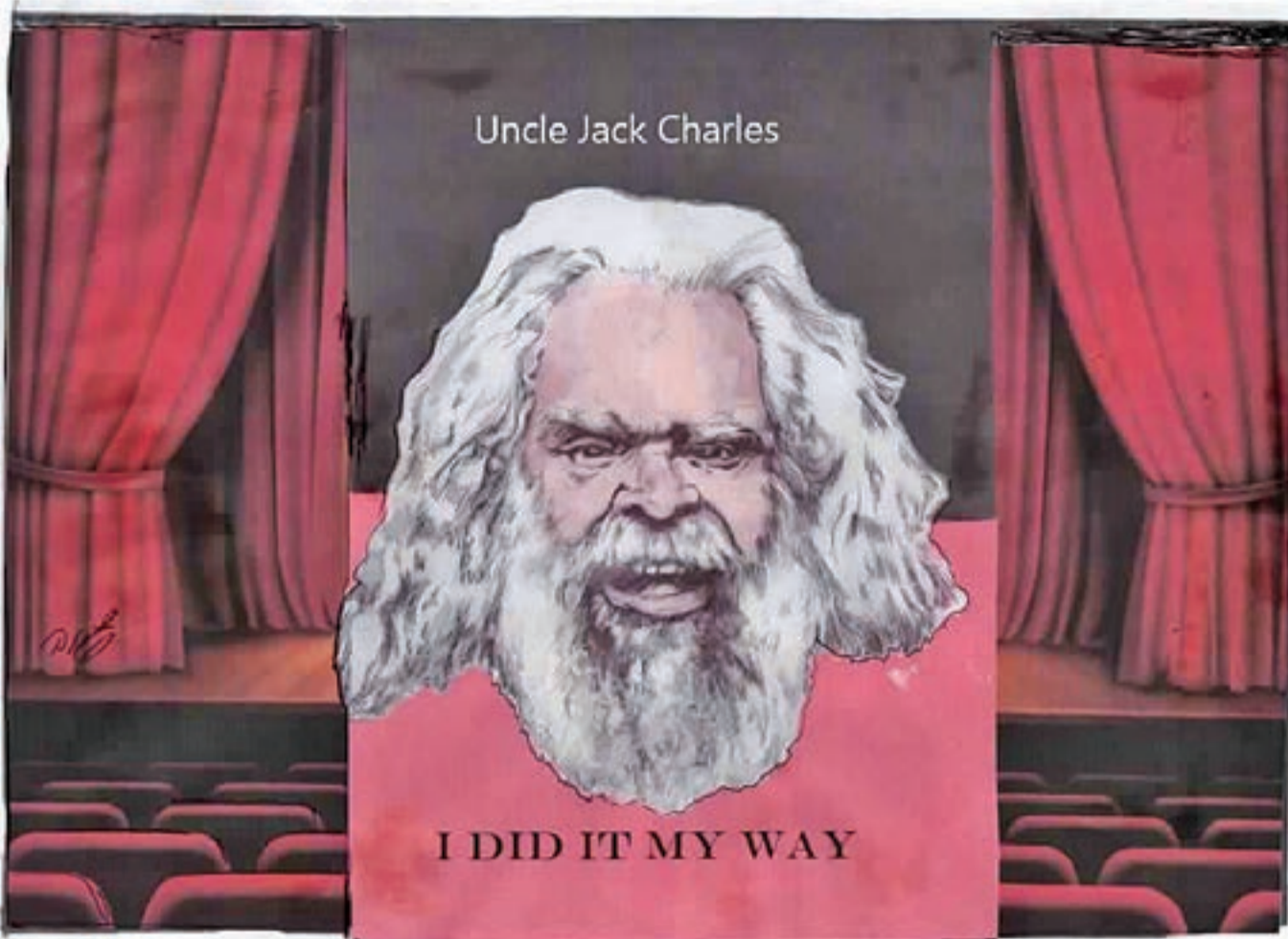
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Danny Eastwood's view



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Karena Hughes Cape Barren Island Lutruwita

- Favourite bush tucker?**
Mutton birds and wallaby.
- Favourite non-Indigenous food?**
KFC.
- Favourite drink?**
Jim Beam and coke.
- Favourite music?**
I like everything.
- Favourite sport?**
Football – North Melbourne.
- Favourite read?**
I don't like reading.
- Favourite holiday destination?**
I only go to Launceston.
- What do you like on TV?**
Netflix series and *Home and Away*.
- What do you like in life?**
Muttonbirding.
- What don't you like in life?**
Travelling on planes (and that's the main way we get on and off the island!).
- Which Black or Indigenous person would you most like to meet?**
Steven Oliver from *Black Comedy*.
- Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**
Mum (Sharon Hughes) and Dad (Clinton Brown) and Nan Marie (Mansell), who are all passed now.
- Who/what inspires you?**
My people.
- What is your ultimate goal?**
Just live life to the fullest.
- What would you do to better the situation for your people?**
Get rid of white people (chuckling).

Quote



“You can't just go into people's yard when they're mourning a loss or attending funerals. They can't just go in and arrest somebody ... it's no-go, you know.”

Aboriginal community police officer Derek Williams on the death of Kumanjayi Walker.

● See page 5

Unquote

Queen's death sparks protests

It's no surprise that the death of Queen Elizabeth II has sparked calls to end ties with the monarchy.

First Nations people from Canada to Australia and former colonies in the Caribbean have been speaking out about their pain and marginalisation, as well as renewing calls for the removal of the monarchy as the head of state in some countries.

In Australia, as we move towards recognising First Nations people with a Voice to Parliament, it is also necessary to have an honest conversation about how our systems of governance will look in the future.

Some say it's too soon. That 'sorry business' surrounding the Queen should be respected.

But this view fails to take into account the generations of hurt and trauma of First Nations people that have been largely ignored by the anachronistic system of rule that she reigned over for seven decades.

University of Queensland Professor Bronwyn Fredericks is spot on when she writes: "It's inappropriate to tell Indigenous people living in a colonised country that continues to deny Indigenous rights how we should feel and behave in regards to the death of a British monarch and the head of the Commonwealth".

As too is our columnist Ella Noah Bancroft when she says "to reflect upon the queen's legacy and not see the



significant role she played in colonisation is denying the reality and traumas of so many people around this globe".

She points out that "the queen's ancestor, King George III was responsible for the invasion of this country – and the queen inherited her power because of the direct oppression of our people.

"The wealth that she and her family have access to was built on the oppression of marginalised people, including Indigenous Australia. We must recognise the immense wealth they benefit from is due to the oppression of First Nations people and systemic racism, slavery and stolen wages."

She rightly asks: "Where is our day of mourning?"

Vale Uncle Jack Charles

Australia has lost an extraordinary man in the passing of Uncle Jack Charles. But the legacy he leaves behind will live on.

And what a blessing that Uncle Jack was recognised this year as the Indigenous Elder of the Year. The honour was well deserved, and an indication of just how much he was loved.

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The ophthalmologist with vision for change

By LIINA FLYNN



SEEING the smiles on the faces of people whose eyesight he has restored is one of the greatest joys for Yuggera/Biri-Gubba-Juru doctor Kris Rallah-Baker.

Dr Kris is Australia's first and only First Nations ophthalmologist (eye surgeon). For Dr Kris, the most wonderful part of the job is affecting cures and changing lives.

Dr Kris got involved with the Fred Hollows Foundation in 2014 when he was still in training and working in outreach clinics in the NT.

"Fred Hollows inspired me to achieve the impossible and become the first recognised Indigenous ophthalmologist in Australia," he said.

"I spent six months working with the Foundation as an outreach fellow – and I remember we had just finished cataract surgery on an elderly man who was excited to have his vision back.

"It meant he could now take his grandchildren out into the bush and teach them culture and maintain that connection with Country.

"We were not just restoring sight – we were strengthening communities and this plays a critical role in our efforts to close the gap in eye health."

Ophthalmology is not an easy profession to get into. It requires years of training and is highly competitive with only 30 to 40 jobs available between Australia and New Zealand.

"I think it's the best job in medicine," Dr Kris said. "You can help people to see and affect a cure for most people.

"Treating cataracts and stopping blindness is a surgical cure – and we know with macular degeneration, we can offer ongoing treatment to people who would have otherwise been blind.

"By improving vision, we also decrease the risk of falls and hip fractures and this increases longevity and allows people to live independently.

'Preserving vision to preserve culture'

"It's especially important for people who want to keep connecting with Country – it's about preserving vision to preserve culture.

"If they can't see, they can't practice culture. They can't find sites and teach others. They can't draw maps in the sand with kids."

Dr Kris lives in the Noosa Hinterland on Gubbi Gubbi Country.

He grew up in Brisbane with his mum Wayleen Baker – the



Yuggera/Biri-Gubba-Juru doctor Kris Rallah-Baker is the first recognised Indigenous ophthalmologist in Australia. He is committed to improving Indigenous eye-health as well as setting targets to train more Indigenous ophthalmologists.



Dr Kris was inspired by his work with the Fred Hollows Foundation, where he treated Peter Datjing (pictured above).

first Aboriginal health worker in Queensland.

"Health care was always important in my family," Dr Kris said.

"I was also fortunate to be born into a stable Aboriginal family where the kids had not been taken away since my great grandmother was taken.

"Mum and Dad worked

hard to send us kids to a private school.

"This was at a time when few of our Mob were finishing year 12 ... that was rare, just as rare as when I started studying medicine in 1997.

"At the time Indigenous doctors were unknown in the country. The first had graduated in 1983 and it was ten years till

the next one graduated.

'Rare birds'

"We were rare birds."

Seeing the need for more Indigenous doctors, Dr Kris created the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association. He also sits on the Australian Medical Association Board.

"The Association has our 25th Anniversary conference coming up this year on the Gold Coast and we now have 600 Indigenous doctors and 450 students," he said.

Ophthalmology

To be an ophthalmologist, it's a lot of work.

You need to complete a medicine degree, then an internship and work in general medicine. Then ophthalmology training is another five years of study.

"I'd always wanted to do ophthalmology partly because of Fred Hollows' medical work," Dr Kris said. "I didn't just want to be a physician – I wanted a surgical specialty.

"It is very competitive to get into and I had zero chance until I left medicine to work in the field of Indigenous health.

"Then I met an ENT (ear, nose and throat) surgeon who introduced me to the right people.

"That's how I got into ophthalmology training with

the Royal College and finished in 2018."

Dr Kris went on to challenge the college over Indigenous involvement in ophthalmology – and it resulted in big changes.

"The college has now increased its cultural capacity and has redesigned the recruitment process," he said.

"Now, Indigenous doctors sit on the selection board and we have recently recruited one Torres Strait Islander female doctor.

"There's also one male doctor now in ophthalmology training.

"We have a target to have 40 more Indigenous ophthalmologists – and in the next five years, we might be 10% on the way to meeting that.

"We are moving in leaps and bounds and have a positive commitment to work in that space."

'Pursue the impossible dream'

"My message to anyone who dreams of being in medicine is to pursue the impossible dream.

"It was all stacked against me as a young black kid growing up in the suburbs but the opportunities are out there. We will have more Indigenous doctors in next ten years and the college is supportive of recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors."

Uncle Jack Charles: a story-teller of his time



BELOVED

Indigenous Elder and storyteller Jack Charles has been remembered for his persistence, against all odds and his ability to elevate those around him. The actor, musician, activist and member of the Stolen Generations suffered a stroke and died at Royal Melbourne Hospital on Tuesday, September 13, aged 79.

"We're heartbroken to be announcing the passing of our much loved Yorta Yorta senior Elder, Uncle Jack Charles," his family said in a statement.

"We are so proud of everything he has achieved in his remarkable life."

Before he passed away, his family were able to send him off on Country during a smoking ceremony at the hospital.

The Boon Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Woiwurrung and Yorta Yorta man's career spanned decades.

While revered as the grandfather of Indigenous theatre, Charles became better known to audiences for his film roles in *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith* (1978) and *Blackfellas* (1993).

More recently he voiced the frilled-neck lizard character Greg in animated film *Back to the Outback* (2021).

His works include touring his one-man show *Jack Charles v The Crown* based on his life, and the ABC TV series *Cleverman* and *Preppers*. He also appeared on the SBS series *Who Do You Think You Are*.

Earlier this year, Charles spoke at Victoria's truth-telling Yoorrook Justice Commission about being a member of the Stolen Generations. He was taken from his mother as a four-month-old.

Charles grew up in the Salvation Army Boys' Home in Box Hill, Victoria and was the only registered Aboriginal child at the home. Charles said he was taunted because of the colour of his skin.

"I wasn't even told I was Aboriginal – I had to discover that for myself," he told the inquiry.

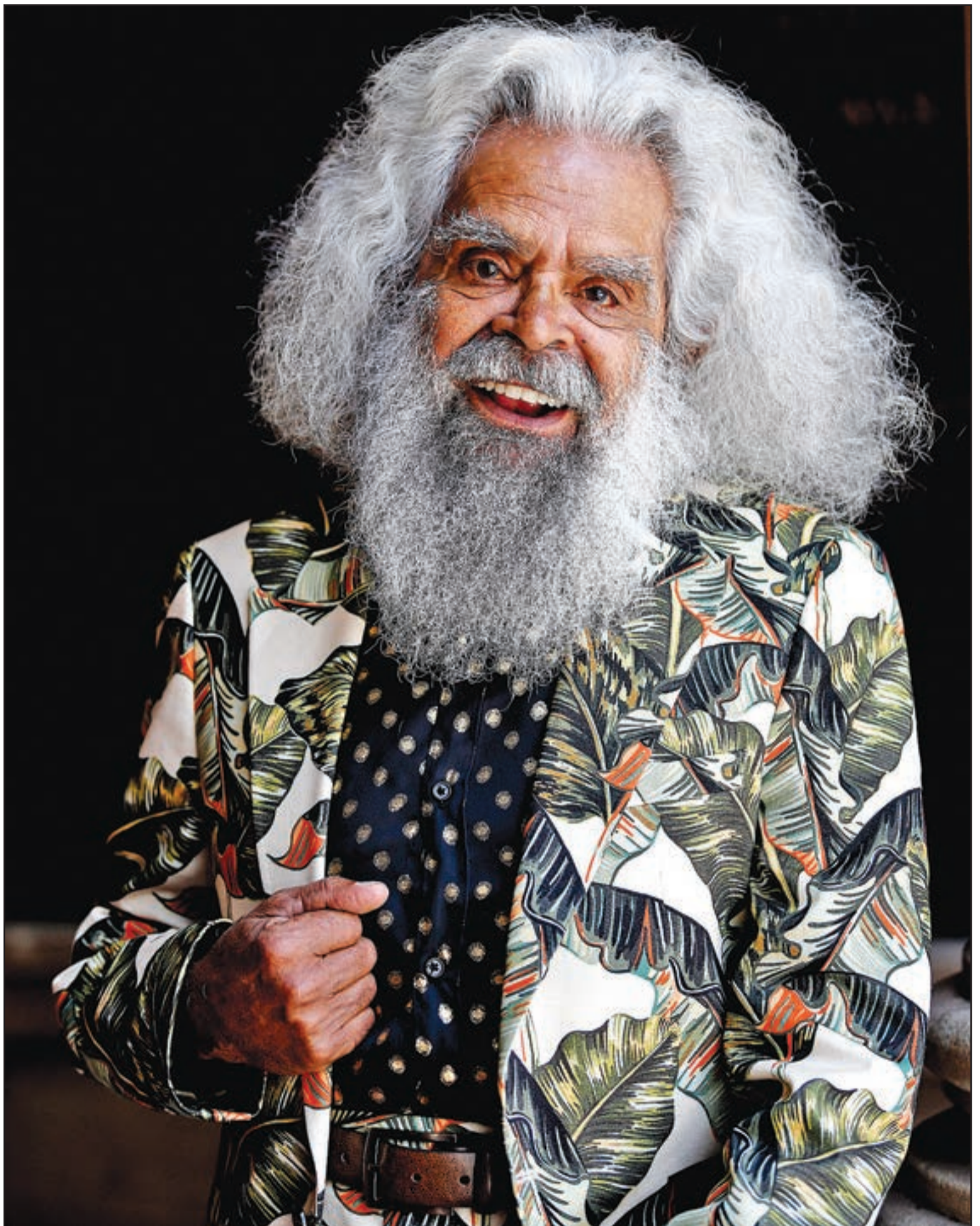
Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said despite enduring many hardships, Charles uplifted our nation with his heart and his genius, creativity and passion.

"He endured cruelty, he knew pain. He survived every turn of the vicious cycle, holding on to his humanity," Mr Albanese said.

The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria said there was much heartache across the community following his death.

"They couldn't keep him down, he persisted against all the odds overcoming every challenge thrown his way. All the while radiating joy, passion and love," Assembly co-chair Marcus Stewart said.

Director Jacob Harris, who



worked with Uncle Jack on two occasions, said Australia had lost an "amazing storyteller".

Premier Daniel Andrews, who met Charles multiple times, described him as a great Victorian.

"He was someone who took his own personal pain and the great trauma that he'd suffered in his life

to be a beacon for others and to campaign for justice – it's a very sad day," Mr Andrews said.

The premier said his office would be in contact with Charles' family on how his life can be celebrated.

Arts Centre Melbourne associate director, First Nations

Foundations Lauren O'Dwyer described Charles as one of the great storytellers of his time.

"Through his truth-telling he has advanced the conversation on voice and truth, Stolen Generations reparations, queer rights and spent convictions," Ms O'Dwyer said.

"His voice will echo on our stages for generations to come."

A portrait of Charles by comedian and author Anh Doh won the People's Choice award at the 2017 Archibald Prize in NSW.

Uncle Jack's family have given their permission to use his name and images.

Uncle Jack Charles remembered

Compiled by
PAUL CONNELLY

It's hard to imagine this country without Uncle Jack; his disarming charm and wit, his mellifluous deep vocals, his penchant for waxing lyrical, his tireless activism – though small in stature – he leaves a massive hole in all our hearts. But it's knowing his story that makes him all the more remarkable.

There isn't an Aboriginal family in this country that hasn't been impacted by the government assimilationist policy of removing children from their families and placing them in institutions.

The trauma and abuse is very much felt today.

Uncle Jack was taken from his family at four-months-old and institutionalised. As a consequence of the trauma inflicted upon him, he would spend much of his life caught in a cycle of addiction, crime, jail, and wherever possible – acting.

He spent 22 years inside, 35 years addicted and “chasing the dragon”, and much of this time homeless.

His trauma was with him until the end, but what is so extraordinary about Uncle Jack is his unfathomable humanity, his generosity of spirit, his humour, and his capacity to see the good in everyone – he was able to appeal to everyone's better side inspiring in them the belief that we can do better as a nation – we can get this right.

RIP Uncle Jack.

Rachael Z Maza AM
Artistic director
ILBIJERRI
Theatre Company

It was with great sadness I learned today of the passing of Uncle Jack Charles in Melbourne and I offer my deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.

A Boon Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Woio Wurrung and Yorta Yorta Elder, and a member of the Stolen Generations, Uncle Jack Charles is widely considered to be the 'grandfather of Indigenous Theatre', co-founding Australia's first Indigenous theatre group, Nindethana in 1971.

He was a ground-breaking storyteller and activist who brought people in with his warmth and grace, never shying away from his past and who he was.

Uncle Jack offered a window for many Australians to see the enduring pain of survivors of the Stolen Generations, and inspired people with his strength of character and resilience.

Uncle Jack was recognised as the Male Elder of the Year at this year's NAIDOC awards, where he stole the show with his deeply personal story that has touched so many Australians.

As the first Indigenous Elder to speak at the Yoorook Justice Commission in Victoria, Uncle Jack Charles was a remarkable truth-teller.

We have lost a legend of Australian theatre, film and creative arts.

Vale Uncle Jack.

The Hon Linda Burney MP
Minister for Indigenous
Australians

We've lost a giant with a remarkable talent.

A legend of the stage, Uncle Jack was also recognised as a tireless advocate and activist, particularly for young men caught up in the prison system.

Uncle Jack was a distinctive and definitive voice of our city, our state and of Community. Earlier this year Uncle Jack was made the 2022 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year in recognition of his many achievements.

As the first Aboriginal Elder to speak at the Yoorook Justice Commission, Uncle Jack described himself as a “well-known Collingwood-Fitzroy bloke, a Melburnian, a lore man, a survivor, an Elder with lived experience and a source for people to gravitate towards”. And many Victorians – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – did.

Vale Uncle Jack Charles
Gabrielle Williams
Victorian Minister for Treaty
and First Peoples

Uncle Jack lived an amazing life. They couldn't keep him down. He persisted against all the odds, overcoming every challenge thrown his way, all the while radiating joy, passion and love. Such energy, such talent, such an icon for our community. The legacy of a legend will never be forgotten.

Rest in power.

Marcus Stewart
Co-chair of the First Peoples'
Assembly of Victoria,
proud Nira illim bulluk man
of the Taungurung Nation,

This country has lost a true King.
**First Peoples' Assembly
of Victoria**

Such a loving man who experienced so much and yet gave to so many. It was a pleasure meeting you. My beautiful sister Kathleen Lovett-Hudson will greet you along with so many others. I will cherish the memories when we first met on the set of *Women of the Sun*. You will always be an inspiration, leader, supporter, treasure and our Uncle Jack Charles.

RIP with love from my mob.

Claudette Lovett
Actress and Aboriginal
Liaison Office Western
District Health Service

Jack Charles was a remarkable man who rose from his own ashes like a phoenix and became a national hero. Bless him.

Broderick Smith
Musician and actor

Thank you. Thank you for knowing us and allowing us to know you.

Thank you for your efforts over so many decades to bring laughter, joy and hope to so many desperate issues in our culture.

We will miss you. So sudden, we were not ready. We will rejoice in your presence in the years ahead with songs of Love, Hope and Joy.

Thank you for working with us at our 40th Anniversary concert, the Red Dusty Road at Darebin. A hectic two-hour concert with Uncle Jack reading dialogue as we wrote the script in real time, a lot of fun and truly professional. A Sorry time but a peaceful journey into the Dreaming to join your ancestors with much Respect.

**Bunna Lawrie, Selwyn Burns,
Denis Persson, Tony Boye,
Jason Scott, Frederique
Roberts and the whole
Coloured Stone family**

Uncle Jack Charles was a giant of a man, full of passion, love for his fellow people, and an ironclad determination to bring a greater understanding of the rich fabric of First Nations culture to the entire country.

He says that theatre saved him – but his journey to ensure Black Australia is better represented on stage and screen has succeeded in pushing the country towards Reconciliation with its past.

A friend to all, and a hero to many, Australia is poorer for his loss.

Adam Bandt, MP

A victim of the Stolen Generation, removed from his mum and sent to the Brunswick and Box Hill homes where he was the victim of abuse.

In his early life he was incarcerated 22 times for burglary and drug offences.

He was involved in establishing Australia's first Indigenous Theatre Group.

His film career began in 1979 with the *Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*.

He was the first Indigenous Elder to speak at the Yoorook Justice Truth Telling Commission.

He lived a very hard life, but leaves a joyous legacy.

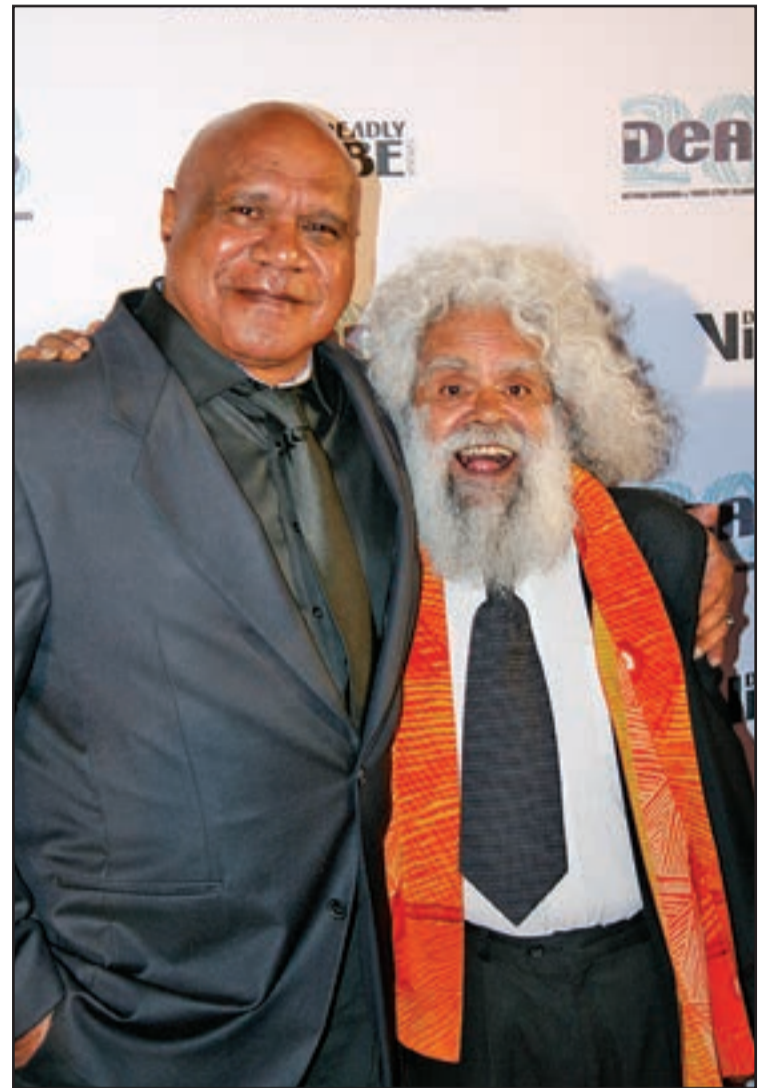
He endured cruelty, he endured pain, but he uplifted a nation with his heart, with his genius, his creativity and his passion.

I pay tribute to him today.

Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister of Australia

The Healing Foundation pays tribute to the legacy of the great Uncle Jack Charles, following a life dedicated to healing for Stolen Generations survivors, their families, and communities.

Uncle Jack was himself a Stolen Generations survivor who was taken from his mother as an infant and spent his lifetime



Shoulder to shoulder, Uncles Archie Roach and Jack Charles together at the 2013 Deadly Awards, held at the Sydney Opera House. Picture: Paul Connelly

reconnecting with family and Country as he shared his life and stories with the world.

The Healing Foundation Board chair Professor Steve Larkin acknowledged the role Uncle Jack played in the Stolen Generations healing movement.

“Uncle Jack was an inspiration to us all, so generous in sharing his life and his stories,” Prof Larkin said.

“He was an Uncle to all, and worked alongside the Healing Foundation from the first day, ensuring messages of healing were shared with his beautiful storytelling and endearing charisma.

“He will be dearly missed.”

The Healing Foundation Stolen Generations Reference Group chair Ian Hamm paid tribute to Uncle Jack as a true statesman who dedicated his life to healing our nations.

“When I heard of Jack's passing, I cried.

“Jack, through telling his own life story, shone a bright light in the darkest corner of our national narrative – that of the stolen children.

“He did this without anger, but with purpose and the deepest of compassion.

“Thank you, Jack, for just being you.”

It is with deep sadness that the Healing Foundation acknowledges the remarkable life of Uncle Jack Charles and his work and dedication to the Stolen Generations movement.

In sharing our sympathies and respect for Uncle Jack and

his family, the Healing Foundation has paused access to videos on our YouTube channel that feature his voice until the mourning period has passed.

The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address trauma caused by the widespread and deliberate disruption of populations, cultures, and languages over 230 years. This includes specific actions like the forced removal of children from their families.

**The Healing Foundation
Australia**

It is with deep sadness and respect the AFL acknowledges the passing of the exceptionally talented and strong Uncle Jack Charles.

A wonderful and powerful artist, who generously brought his unique gifts in many forms, we are exceptionally grateful for his work enhancing the story of 2022 Toyota AFL Finals Series.

Vale Uncle Jack.

AFL Official Statement

An unbelievably lived life that explored both the deepest, darkest and highest, brightest elements of Aboriginality. Uncle Jack was a true Loreman who was able to share his wisdom with more than just his family and friends, he shared it with the world.

Tom Avery AKA Blakboi
Musician, surfer, educator

Where is OUR day of mourning?

Ding, dong the Queen is dead. On September 8, 2022, the world was told of Queen Elizabeth II's death.

What followed this was royalist media propaganda and a social media frenzy of mourning and celebration for this woman's life.

The news also sparked division both online and off.

When someone dies, regardless of their status or age, it's important to reflect and look at their legacy – and to be honest about what they left behind and contributed to.

A dear friend of mine who is a celebrant says you should never lie in a sermon. If someone was a horrible person or did horrible things, it's better to be honest than to pretend they were prestigious. We have seen Indigenous Australians' social media accounts attacked for speaking their truth on this issue, trolled and told their opinion is wrong.

To reflect upon the queen's legacy and not see the significant role she played in colonisation is denying the reality and traumas of so many people around this globe.

It denies the impacts colonisation has on our community, our culture and



Ella Noah Bancroft

our people. A division began between those who were colonised and those who sympathised with colonists.

Their grief was labelled as sad and soft, our grief as aggressive and violent.

Here is the truth, this country has a violent history of aggression and violence due to colonial rule.

The British soldiers brought guns here and murdered our people. In 2022 we are still being murdered and labelled as aggressive. Who are the true criminals of Australia?

If our emotions are labeled as negative – when the figurehead of the empire that killed our ancestors,

stole our children, stole our land and tried to destroy our culture, is not seen as aggressive and violent – then perhaps the media and the mainstream culture is living in a cloud of denial.

Let's talk about the monarchy – about the establishment of excess wealth, of the elites and the queen who was the figurehead who benefited from her predecessors' violence and theft.

Indigenous Australians have suffered since invaders came to our shorelines for the British crown.

The queen's ancestor, King George III was responsible for the invasion of this country – and the queen inherited her power because of the direct oppression of our people.

The wealth that she and her family have access to was built on the oppression of marginalised people, including Indigenous Australia. We must recognise the immense wealth they benefit from is due to the oppression of First Nations people and systemic racism, slavery and stolen wages.

On social media, younger generations are expressing anger and frustration at the mourning of a woman who was a symbol of colonisation

Social media posts are also trolled by non-Indigenous people protecting the queen and demanding our respect for her.

When did the Queen show us respect, stand up for the injustice in this country made to our people?

The world stands still for one old white woman who died at 96 years old but wouldn't blink an eye at the mass murder of thousands of black and brown bodies that were shot down.

What we saw was the figurehead of our pain being celebrated for her achievements – and it made us feel invisible. This isn't a fight, well not for me, it's about attuning to empathy.

Why is it that we Indigenous Australians are called upon to assimilate to that of the wider population view?

We are 3% of the population, we have a different culture, a different history that white Australia does not acknowledge and we still have pain and hurt around the illegal occupation of this country and lack of Treaty. More than 400 Aboriginal people have died in custody since 1991, and the life expectancy of 800,000 Indigenous people is lower than the non-

Indigenous population.

If white Australia can demand that we respect the death of the queen, then we should demand the respect and justice for every Indigenous person who has died by orders, hands and demands of people serving the queen – and get the reparations we deserve.

The hypocrisy within royalist media propaganda is that the constant denial of this country's history is still a key issue. We are still the only country that doesn't have a Treaty with its First Nations people.

When the media portrays the death of the queen, there's no mention about the way it impacts our Indigenous communities. This makes us feel ignored.

We wake every day faced with the impacts from the colony, in our family, in our traumas, in our culture.

Seeing people stand with the queen and also with the BLM movement here on this country is contradictory.

The on September 11, Albanese stated that Thursday, September 22, which coincides with a memorial service for the Queen, would be a national public holiday.

Another slap in the face. Is it that simple?

That the prime minister

states it and it happens.

Where is our day or month of mourning for the thousands of Indigenous people shot down by British soldiers on these lands? Where is our day of remembering for all our people who have died due to the impacts of the dominant, capitalist culture?

Where is our day where the rest of Australia stands with us and says we take accountability, we won't pass the blame, we take accountability for the actions of those who did harm and who we now benefit from?

So here is my request: Can we use this opportunity to spark truth-telling?

Can we heal and take accountability for any wrong doings and not celebrate the murderers while locking small children in jail because they choose to steal food or drink to survive.

Do not give a minute's silence, do not stand in solidarity with the queen's death on the day of mourning. There will be protests all across Australia on September 22. Join us in the walk. See us. Stand with us, help heal the future of this country together.

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

Do we divide or heal?

Like Australia Day and the telling of true Australian history, the passing of Queen Elizabeth is a time where you can either continue to divide Australia, or attempt to heal the wounds of our past – no matter how deep they cut. I have often said we no longer carry the physical initiation scars of our past but we do carry the emotional ones.

My Nanna was a royalist, as were my great grandparents on my Pop's side. Many of our old people were... and in writing this article I didn't want to ignore this side of history. There are values we often ignore in building contemporary identities based on resistance and decolonisation. Truth-telling goes both ways.

This historical relationship was also captured in the television series *Total Control* starring Deborah Mailman and Rachel Griffiths, where Deborah's mother is a staunch monarchist.

Our Mob is diverse and complex and have different views. Wallaby legend, Mark Ella who actually knew the Queen personally described her as "one of the most honest people" he'd ever met, with "a great sense of humour". Country Liberal senator Jacinta Price said the Queen was a "remarkable monarch who dedicated her life to serve not only the Commonwealth but the world".

Macquarie University Professor Sandy O'Sullivan tweeted "For those saying we should be magnanimous about the passing of the queen, a reminder that the queen inserted herself into the lives of Indigenous people here multiple times. She wasn't a bystander to colonisation and colonialism, she was an architect of it".



Woolombi Waters

Then University of Queensland Professor Bronwyn Fredericks said "It's inappropriate to tell Indigenous people living in a colonised country that continues to deny Indigenous rights how we should feel and behave in regards to the death of a British monarch and the head of the Commonwealth".

But true history does not lie. The Queen personally signed an ordinance in the Australian Capital Territory that gave the NSW Government rights to dispossess Aboriginal people. It was the Aborigines Welfare Ordinance 1954 that led to stolen generations, slavery and the physical, mental and sexual abuse of tens of thousands of our children.

From the very beginning, her reign was written in blood.

Elizabeth became Queen on a royal visit to Kenya in 1952. After

leaving, the colony descended into conflict. Larry Madowo, a CNN International correspondent from Kenya wrote that her reign "was the start of the eight years that the... British colonial government cracked down brutally on the Mau Mau rebellion against the colonial administration... they herded more than a million people into concentration camps where they were tortured and dehumanised". Records cite thousands were killed.

Britain deliberately hid its crimes in 1961, destroying colonial-era documents detailing some of the most shameful acts and crimes, so not to "embarrass Her Majesty's government." Papers that survived were then hidden for 50 years in a secret Foreign Office archive, beyond the reach of historians and members of the public, and in breach of legal obligations for them to be public.

The archive came to light when a group of Kenyans (detained and tortured during the rebellion) sued the British government within the European Court of Human Rights for land theft and torture.

They also record Britain's responsibility in the massacre of millions of Biafrans in Nigeria in the world's worst humanitarian crisis of the last century. Declassified British files show Harold Wilson's Labour government secretly armed and backed Nigeria's aggression.

During three years of war, up to three million people were killed, as Nigeria enforced a blockade on Biafra, causing starvation amidst considerable international opposition. British policy was shaped by its oil interests. Government documents state "our

direct interests are trade and investment, including an important stake by Shell/BP in the eastern region". The BP company was the largest producer of oil in Nigeria, most of which was in Biafra.

Having discovered this I have made a commitment to never fill up again at a Shell or BHP Station (now owned by BP). Buried for more than 50 years, Britain's shameful role in the Biafran war also saw one million children starve to death.

Former war correspondent and author Frederick Forsyth witnessed the horror and wrote, "I arrived in the Biafra capital of Enugu on the third day of the war... British covert interference had become huge. Weapons and ammunition poured in quietly as Whitehall and the Harold Wilson government lied and denied it all. Missionaries had noticed mothers emerging from the deep bush carrying children reduced to living skeletons yet with bloated bellies – acute protein deficiency.

The British public had never seen such heartrending images of starved and dying children... on a visit to London in spring 1969 I learned the efforts the British establishment will take to cover its tracks... as for me, sometimes in the wee small hours I see the stick-like children with the dull eyes and lolling heads, and hear their wails of hunger and the low moans as they died".

Across every continent, Britain has blood on its hands. In Iraq, during Elizabeth's reign, thousands of Iraqis were killed during the war that Britain began alongside the United States, Australia and other nations in 2003.

The British Empire plundered

about \$45 trillion from India over two centuries of colonialism that resulted in millions of deaths. The Kohinoor, one of the largest cut diamonds in the world, with a value of \$200 million, was stolen from India to be set in the queen mother's crown.

In Malaysia, the role of the British in massacres during the bloody Malayan Emergency (1948-60) is also still clearly remembered.

Not only did this occur during the early years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, all attempts at an inquiry into events in Malaya have been blocked by British governments.

In neighbouring Ireland, few have forgotten the role of the British army in Northern Ireland, including the infamous Bloody Sunday Massacre of 1972. The queen's statement on behalf of Boris Johnson's government rejecting its victims' demands for justice back in 2019 demonstrated her compliance.

A speech stated they were "vexatious claims which undermine our armed forces".

Reactions to the speech ranged from fury, bewilderment and exasperation, with people questioning how the word 'vexatious' could describe the 50 year struggle for justice of innocent civilians shot down in cold blood. Truth is there were celebrations in Dublin after her passing with the crowd singing "Lizzie's in a Box" at a Celtic FC football match. "I'm Irish," tweeted MSNBC News contributor Katelyn Burns, "hating the queen is a family matter." Such reaction is not only about the past, but an attempt to heal our future, too.

● Woolombi Waters is a regular Kooril Mail correspondent.

Meet CommBank's new Executive Manager of Indigenous Business Banking, Yankunytjatjara woman Simone Kenmore.



Simone is a proud Yankunytjatjara woman with family connections to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia. She is excited to be the first Aboriginal woman leading Indigenous Business Banking at Commbank and to be supporting First Nations businesses across Australia.

Simone started her career in accounting and has a strong background working with Indigenous businesses and communities across Australia. She's looking forward to working with First Nations businesses, leaders and communities alongside CommBank's team of culturally accredited Business Banking Specialists.

"It's a huge privilege to support First Nations businesses and there are so many opportunities to strengthen the Indigenous business sector. With the support of CommBank's Indigenous Advisory Council and our Indigenous Leadership Team we have the internal cultural, banking and business knowledge we need to continue to improve how we work with First Nations businesses and to support them as they grow, expand and innovate", Simone says.

"CommBank have a significant portfolio of diverse Indigenous business customers, from small businesses in metro areas, to remote community health services, to large agricultural businesses in regional Australia. We're proud to be their banking partner and to support them as they look to explore new and emerging opportunities".

"My approach as Executive Manager of Indigenous Business Banking will be to kulila, which is a Pitjantjatjara word for 'listen'. CommBank is taking the time to listen to our First Nations customers, to really hear their needs and to take action. We know when we strengthen our First Nations businesses, we strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities more broadly."

If you're an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business or community group, we can work with you to make sure you have a banking solution which will allow you to take care of business. From transactional banking, e commerce, lending, equipment finance and even carbon trading we have a range of banking services which will help you grow your business, expand, diversify or innovate.

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- merchant solutions
- ecommerce solutions
- asset/equipment finance
- trade finance
- property finance
- sustainable finance

Find out more here:

commbank.com.au/indigenous-business

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Contribute your community's voice to mental health reform in NSW

The Commission is seeking expressions of interest for appointment to the NSW Mental Health Community Advisory Council for a period up to three years. The role of the Community Advisory Council is to bring the diversity of community voices into our work to achieve our Vision:

The people of NSW have the best opportunity for good mental health and wellbeing and to live well in the community, on their own terms, having the services and supports they need to live a full life.

The Community Advisory Council provides advice to the Commission on a range of mental health and wellbeing issues, drawing upon the knowledge, networks and expertise of its members who represent the diversity of voices across the community and mental health stakeholders.

The Commission seeks applicants from across NSW who reflect the geographic, social and cultural diversity of the community, to ensure representation of a range of community perspectives and expertise to advise the Commission in its work.

If you want to make a difference to improving the mental health and wellbeing of the people of NSW by contributing advice and the perspectives of your community, then head to our website and lodge an application. For any enquiries regarding the role or EOI please contact Georgia Mottee at Georgia.Mottee@mhc.nsw.gov.au

Expressions of interest close on
30 September 2022.



Love your park?

Nominate yourself for a Greater Sydney Parklands community trustee board.

A NSW Government agency, Greater Sydney Parklands is the city-wide voice for Greater Sydney's iconic parks, including Centennial Parklands, Western Sydney Parklands, Parramatta Park, Callan Park and Fernhill Estate. Community trustee boards will provide local advice on park management and local community issues.

Help shape the future of your park. Learn more at:

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Pregnancy tips in the palm of their hands

By ALF WILSON



PREGNANT women on Palm Island Aboriginal community can now gain swift culturally

appropriate and evidence based advice from midwives because of a new Townsville Health and Hospital service which is helping close the healthcare gap.

Clinical midwifery consultant Jane Connell said pregnant women could download a Pregnancy on Palm app which provided health advice and connected them directly to midwives and other health professionals.

The app includes artwork from Palm Island artist Agnes Wotton.

"Using the application, a woman can track her pregnancy with up-to-date information available each time she opens the app. It also suggests and reminds her when she should attend medically recommended appointments and includes details about what type of tests or procedures she should expect," Ms Connell said.

The application provides a wide range of information about pregnancy, birth, the postnatal period and care of newborn babies. It will also deliver smoking cessation interventions and other health education resources.

Ms Connell said the



Clinical midwifery consultant Jane Connell, left, and senior health worker Keira Blackley with the app.

midwives working on Palm Island used the application to stay in contact with mothers and share educational resources.

"Once women have the app on their phone, our maternity staff will be able to message them directly or send notifications individually or as a group," she said.

"Expectant mothers on Palm Island are considered as having an increased risk profile and we want to increase the attendance at antenatal appointments in the first trimester and decrease the rates of in smoking during pregnancy and the number of low birth-weight babies.

"We know communication is key in achieving reduced risk factors and the Pregnancy on Palm application provides a contemporary avenue to connect our maternity staff and mums to-be," she said.

Senior health worker Keira Blackley who is a member of a big Palm Island family

collaborated with the maternity team through development to ensure the application was relevant and culturally appropriate.

Ms Blackley said she was very proud of the team's work and recommended any expectant mothers download it.

"The application is important because it is the first of its kind in our community.

"The midwives visit the island three times each week and the application is an invaluable resource women can refer to whenever they have questions.

"It will have a big impact on our community," Ms Blackley said.

Executive director of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Wendy Ah Chin said Pregnancy on Palm helped bridge the health gap in Indigenous communities and provided equitable access to maternity care.



Call for applications for appointment to the Chinese Medicine Reference Group

Applications are now open for members of the community for appointment to the Chinese Medicine Reference Group (the Reference Group) of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board).

The purpose of the Reference Group is to engage stakeholders in order to foster communication and a common understanding of the work of the Board and the broader functions of the National Scheme.

The National Scheme has a commitment to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' leadership and voices. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

Membership of the Reference Group aims for diversity with consideration given to the broad Australian community and representation sought from young people; culturally and linguistically diverse communities; LGBTIQ+; people with disabilities and people from rural and remote communities.

Consideration will also be given to community advocates with lived experience of the health care consumer role and strong local community connections.

To find out more about the role, eligibility requirements and the application process, visit <https://statutoryappointments.ahpra.gov.au/nb/en/listing> or email statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications close Sunday 9 October 2022 at 5:00pm, Australian Eastern Standard Time

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Light tells our stories



Noongar multidisciplinary artist Kamsani Bin Salleh, aka Kambarni.



The projected artworks are based on Kambarni's relationship with the ocean.



Indigenous art projections covered boats at The Marina in Mindarie, Perth.

By NICK PATON



THOUSANDS of people showed up to Mindarie in the northern suburbs of Boorloo (Perth) to watch the local marina come to life through a spectacular art projection show full of culture, colour and storytelling.

Held across three days from September 9-11, *Mambakoort Mindarie A Celebration Of Light* gave guests an immersive experience as they wandered around the marina, taking in artworks that were splashed over boats, people, objects and the marina itself.

Hosted by The Marina, Mindarie, the event was supported by the City of Wanneroo and Nova 93.7.

Noongar multidisciplinary artist Kamsani Bin Salleh, aka Kambarni, told the *Koori Mail* he was thrilled to be collaborating on another project with Kat Black and Jasper Cook from VJzoo.

"We worked on a project back in 2018 on some projection works on the south foreshore of Perth and that event was a major success," Kambarni said.

"And from what we know, we think that might even be the first time this type of projection work had ever been projected onto a flotilla of boats in the country.

"The Marina was really interested in our work, so we started thinking about this project right away."

"Mambakoort is the Noongar



Artworks projected onto sails.

word for ocean, so our concept for this installation was for everything to be ocean-inspired."

Kambarni said the designs he came up with were all based on his relationship with the ocean and the connection he has with Noongar Country and all the waterways that connected him to his father's Country.

He said that projection art, or using light as a medium, requires a different artistic style to his own.

So Kat and Jasper took his designs and turned them into high-contrasting imagery so that the artwork would show up on the boats and other objects.

"In a way it's kind of like Kat and Jasper are able to take my work and mask it over things," Kambarni said.

"I would send Kat and Jasper



Boats were lit up with artworks created by Kambarni and VJzoo.

multiple images, which they would then layer, to create that animated effect where you can see a fish moving."

Kat and Jasper from VJzoo

"My designs are based on my relationship with the ocean and my connection to Noongar Country." – Kambarni

are interactive and projection artists and "film nerd" VJs who work in a wide range of environments and events.

The pair met at art school in 2003 and have collaborated creatively since first meeting.

Whether it's for public art projects or commercial VJ'ing, Kat and Jasper share a love for video and visual images.

They have toured and performed in Spain, France, the UK, Singapore, New Zealand, New York, San Francisco and around Australia.

"Jasper and I just love being able to collaborate and share artistic and creative ideas with Kam to make things like this a reality," Kat said.

"We spent a long time working on this project, so to see it

now on display is just amazing. "It's taken a lot of hard work, so seeing everyone enjoying the art projection over the last couple of days has made it all worth it."

As part of the event, guests were encouraged to check out the accompanying night market which featured an eclectic mix of art, craft, and produce and the



Huge crowds turned up.

live music at the Boat & Indian Ocean Brewing Co.

"If there's anything I want people to take home from this experience, it's to have an appreciation of the natural world," Kambarni said.

"For this installation, I wanted people to go away with a positive memory of place and Noongar culture.

"With Noongar history at the core of it, and people seeing their own community in a different light.

"I want people to see the continuation of storytelling in this form and to consider and appreciate the way things were before colonisation."

"In this way, people are being respectful to Mob and knowing we have been caretakers of Country for thousands of years.

"Taking care of Country is a now a joint responsibility."

Addressing PPE waste is a concrete matter

By NICK PATON



TAUNGURUNG researcher Shannon Kilmartin-Lynch is the brains behind a game changing innovation which uses recycled disposable personal protective equipment (PPE) to make concrete stronger and reduce pandemic related waste at the same time.

The new type of concrete will not only benefit the construction industry, it will also have far reaching positive impacts on healthcare waste and environmental sustainability.

A PhD scholar and Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous pre-Doctoral Research Fellow at RMIT in Naarm (Melbourne), Mr Kilmartin-Lynch is part of the University's School of Engineering team who are the first to investigate recycling three key types of PPE: isolation gowns, face masks and rubber gloves – into concrete.

The studies found shredded PPE could increase the strength of concrete by up to 22% and improve resistance to cracking, which demonstrates the potential for PPE to be used as reinforcement materials in structural concrete.

Mr Kilmartin-Lynch told the *Koori Mail* the idea came about when he and the research team noticed how much PPE, especially disposable face masks, had begun to litter the environment.

"We saw masks everywhere, from carparks to nature strips, and out the front of peoples houses," Mr Kilmartin-Lynch said. "It was the eyesore of disposable masks being discarded on the street, and building up in peoples cars and offices that spurred us on to really think about how this problem could be dealt with."

"As engineers and researchers walking through the streets, we decided to sit down and think of a way to address this problem and that's what inspired us to find this innovative way to reduce pandemic generated waste by using it in civil engineering applications."

Since the start of the pandemic an estimated 54,000 tonnes of PPE waste has been produced on average globally each day.

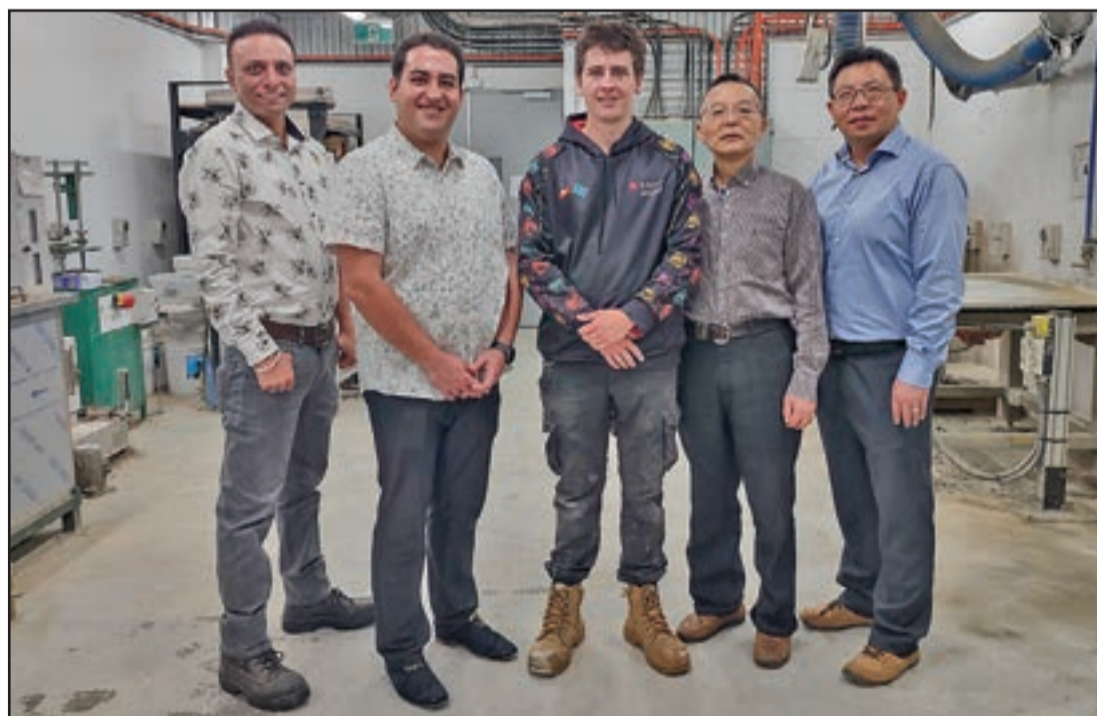
And about 129 billion disposable face masks are used and discarded around the world every month.

Mr Kilmartin-Lynch said smart solutions are urgently needed for the ever growing pile of waste generated by the pandemic.

He said the new research brought a circular economy approach to the challenge of dealing with healthcare waste. "By taking this waste out of



Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous pre-Doctoral Fellow at RMIT and co-researcher, Taungurung man Shannon Kilmartin-Lynch with the team's concrete that was made using PPE. Inset: RMIT University's School of Engineering team are the first to investigate recycling three key types of PPE into concrete. Pictures: RMIT University



The RMIT research team are Dr Rajeev Roychand, Dr Mohammad Saberian, PhD scholar Shannon Kilmartin-Lynch, Professor Jie Li and Professor Kevin Zhang.

landfill and reusing it within concrete, we're putting it back into the economy again," he said.

"But we're also caring for Country by keeping these types of materials out of the environment and out of our waterways and river systems where it is already causing major environmental damage."

In three separate studies, disposable face masks, rubber gloves and isolation gowns were

first shredded then incorporated into concrete at various volumes, between 0.1% and 0.25%

The research found rubber gloves increased compressive strength by up to 22%, isolation gowns increased resistance to bending stress by up to 21%, and face masks increased compressive strength by up to 17%.

"The PPE is essentially a form of plastic, which makes it high in tensile strength,"

Mr Kilmartin-Lynch said.

"And because concrete itself is quite low in tensile strength we just put two and two together."

"The little tiny fibres of the PPE gear bridge, or fill in, the micro-cracks in the concrete when concrete is under stress, and so its those fibres from the PPE that enhance the strength and durability of the concrete."

Mr Kilmartin-Lynch completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Infrastructure) at RMIT

Using PPE for concrete reinforcement – study findings



FACE MASKS
Compressive strength increased by up to 17%.



RUBBER GLOVES
compressive strength increased by up to 22%



ISOLATION GOWNS
resistance to bending stress increased by up to 21%

before applying for the Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship.

He said he wants to show Mob who have an interest in STEM (science, technology engineering and maths), that there are great opportunities available.

"And from an academic point of view, by getting involved in STEM, there are so many opportunities to then teach other people our own way, and our STEM Knowledge systems that have existed for thousands of years.

"Not to mention all the other opportunities that are waiting to be snapped up at construction and engineering companies and science and technological institutions."

Mr Kilmartin-Lynch and the research team are keen to collaborate with the healthcare and construction industries to further develop the research so their next step is to evaluate the potential for mixing the PPE streams and develop practical implementation strategies and work towards field trials.

"We're hoping to see the product roll out on a much larger scale in the next couple of years," Mr Kilmartin-Lynch said.

"The sooner we can get this stuff out of landfill, and keep it out, the better it will be for Country."

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YOUR GUIDE TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HIGHER EDUCATION

Macquarie University

Fostering the journey to success for students

Moving to Sydney to study from a regional area, away from mob, community and Country can be a daunting and overwhelming experience.

However, Allastassia Carter and Isaiah Ah-See are flourishing at Macquarie University's Wallumattagal campus, and are true trailblazers. When we asked Allastassia and Isaiah about their inspiration to study, how it is living in Sydney and what helped their transition, this is what they had to say...

ALLASTASSIA BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

Who is your mob and where did you move from?

I'm a proud Gamilaraay woman from Moree with connections to Ngarbal Country. I grew up in Moree, where I attended kindergarten to year 10 and then boarded on Anaiwan County for my senior years.

What inspired you to study at Macquarie University (MQ)?

I was raised to appreciate education, that those before were denied. Growing up in Moree and seeing and experiencing adversities that mob face, pushed me to attend university. I recently finished a Bachelor of Social Science, majoring in politics and social justice. My drive to help my community and make my people proud inspired me to study at MQ.

How'd you find moving to Sydney for University?

Moving from a small rural town to Sydney was daunting, but exciting. Although I miss being away from Country, having the opportunity to study on Dharug Country and it being my home-away-from-home is



Isaiah Ah-See and Allastassia Carter are students at Macquarie University's Wallumattagal campus.

special. Also, being a part of the Walanga Muru community helped, I've connected with mob from across the country and made lasting friendships.

What has ensured your

successful transition to study?

Walanga Muru's ATSIEP helped me get into university easily and stress-free.

The support I received, such as enrolment assistance and having a First-Year

Advisor, significantly helped. Walanga Muru was the deciding factors of attending MQ. It was official when I was sitting at Walanga Muru, speaking with the staff and Mum said, "You'll do really well here" – Mum was right.

ISAIAH BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Who is your mob and where did you grow up move from?

My mob is Wiradjuri mob, I grew up in a little rural country town in NSW, Wellington.

What inspired you to study at Macquarie University?

I was inspired to attend MQ ever since I attended Walanga Muru's camps: Rising Stars Camp and Camp Aspire in years 10, 11 and 12.

How'd you find moving to Sydney for University?

I moved out of home pursuing education at a private school however, moving onto campus was still tough with me having longer times away from home. I make it through each day with the strong friendships and sense of community I've made at Walanga Muru.

What has ensured your successful transition to study?

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ATSIEP enabled me to receive a stress-free and straightforward offer to Macquarie University. Coming from rural North-West NSW, the open-green campus makes it feel less like the city and more like the farm fields back home. Also, the personalised engagement services at Walanga Muru significantly helped me grow and succeed academically, personally and professionally.

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Sarah is inspired by STEM studies

Sarah Little is an Aboriginal woman with connections to the Wodjabaluk mob who grew up in Stawell, a small town in North-West Victoria. Stawell is in the heart of Djab Wurrung / Jardwarjali country at the foot of Gariwerd (Grampians). Bunjil has a resting place less than ten minutes from her home. She attended a small country primary school of only 25 students and then another small Catholic Secondary School in Ararat. Whilst Sarah loved growing up in a small community, she knew it limited her educational opportunities.

Sarah started university at the beginning of 2020, the height of COVID-19. On a gamble, and because she hadn't had the opportunity to study it prior to starting at RMIT, Sarah decided to take classes in nanotechnology. She now describes it as "one of the best decisions I have ever made."

After experiencing vision issues during her VCE exams and completing bridging courses in mathematics and chemistry before beginning her Bachelors, Sarah is now excelling in her studies, with a 4.0 grade point average. Last Semester, RMIT University recognised Sarah's dedication to her studies with the Roy and Iris Simmons award. This award was established in 1982 through the generosity of the family of the late Dr. Roy T. Simmons and is awarded to a full-time student

“Winning this award goes to show that anyone can have a great future in STEM and that it is possible to be successful even if the way forward isn't clear or smooth sailing.”

who has successfully completed studies in Chemistry equivalent to a second-year level in a degree with Chemistry as a major field of study and has demonstrated the highest standard of academic achievement combined with qualities of leadership

and involvement in community affairs.

When asked what this award means to Sarah, she explained "growing up I didn't know anyone else like me. As a young female Indigenous person, it was hard to find a role model within the field of STEM and as such, I had to create my own path to get where I am. I am proud to say that this award is one step closer to becoming the role model I had wanted when I was growing up. Winning this award goes to show that anyone can have a great future in STEM and that it is possible to be successful even if the way forward isn't clear or smooth sailing. I am proud of this award because it shows how far I've come and what I can continue to achieve."

The supports offered at RMIT by Ngarara Willim have made such a difference to Sarah's experience. "I would like to encourage anyone who is considering studying at RMIT to go for it and really reach for their dreams. RMIT and Ngarara Willim have so many great services and supports in place that are there to help you get the most out of university and I personally can guarantee that taking that leap into tertiary education can be the greatest next step on your journey both as an individual and as an academic. RMIT is so much more than the schools a lot of us grew up with and can help you grow in ways you didn't think were possible."



Sarah Little

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Top tips for students

- Always stay connected
- Always say yes to opportunity
- Seek support and advice



Bigumbul woman Audree Campbell.
Picture: Sally Tsoutas

Audree gives back through career in youth social work

Audree Campbell is a proud Bigumbul woman living on Darug land with a strong passion for helping and encouraging the youth of her community to achieve their goals.

A former student of Xavier College Llandilo based in Sydney's west, Audree met the challenge of graduating from Year 12 during a global pandemic, learning some valuable lessons along the way.

"It was not how I imagined celebrating my last year of high school.

"However, I did not allow COVID to ruin my dream of going to university, so I worked with my Aboriginal Coordinator

and applied for the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Pathway Program," she said.

"Through this program, I completed a literacy and numeracy exam, and with some hard work, determination and support I was successful and got into Western Sydney University."

Audree is now studying the Bachelor of Social Work at the University and is mentoring primary and high school students as a committed Western Sydney University Student Ambassador.

"I'm proud to be working as a Student Ambassador and to have the opportunity to give back after the support I received

during my schooling."

"I chose to study a Bachelor of Social Work because I was motivated by my community to stay connected to my culture and help those in need who seek help to be guided through life."

Advice and support

Audree believes the right advice and support can make a huge difference for students and can be critical in helping them take the next positive step.

She said the University's connection and respect for Indigenous knowledge, something she became aware of during her time in high school, made it her first choice.

"I've always liked the University for their acknowledgement of my community and for that this was the reasoning for my final decision making when choosing what University to go to."

Audree's goals in the next few years are to complete her degree and to work with young Indigenous kids who need that extra push to step out of their comfort zone – just like she did in her last year of high school.

"A social worker isn't just about dealing with negative situations, my dream as a social worker is to help motivate others, make broader change, and strive for what is right."

Audree's advice for those

considering further studies, including students who may feel unsure of their abilities, is to just 'do it'.

"It is honestly the best experience, yes, university can get stressful, but with the support and time management it will be the best time."

"I would encourage all Indigenous students, and those wanting to learn or further their careers, to consider further studies including at Western Sydney University.

"It is a place where you will not only get a degree under your belt, but it's also a community that you can be part of that values the importance of culture."

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Darcy takes up Swinburne pathway to his dream job

Darcy is a proud Ngemba man from Bourke and surrounding areas in North-Western NSW. Whilst studying he lives between his on-campus accommodation at Swinburne and a small town called Barham, on the border of NSW and VIC. Darcy is studying a Unilink Diploma of Science, a pathway option that guarantees him entry into the Bachelor of Science in 2023. Swinburne Unilink Diplomas prepare students for entry into their desired course. Darcy says Unilink was a crucial step to get him to where he wants to be, he recommends the Unilink pathway to anyone who feels like they're not ready or who doesn't have the right grades for a Bachelor.

When asked why he chose science, Darcy says he has always been curious about how the world works, and so he has dedicated his life to learning science. To make this happen Darcy decided to go to university. With the encouragement of his role models (for example, his high school teachers and his parents, who enabled him to be curious),

Darcy applied for Swinburne, and the journey to satisfy his 'curious appetite' began.

Being from a remote area, Darcy had to move away from home to attend university. He says living in the city and away from his family and his Country is difficult at times, but the benefits and the opportunities he has access to keep him grounded in Melbourne (plus looking forward to trips back home on semester break).

Darcy says the Moondani Toombadool Centre has supported him by providing guidance and a quiet place for him to study (the Indigenous student lounge) which he uses regularly. Darcy was also part of Swinburne's Indigenous Nationals team this year, travelling to Brisbane to participate in multiple sports (and even more social events!) and meet mob from universities across the country.

Darcy has big aspirations for his future, he says sometimes people tell him to concentrate on the 'now', but after he finishes his current degree Darcy plans to either do his Masters in Secondary Education or complete another

undergraduate degree so that he can land his dream job as a geologist and work in mining and resources. Darcy says at some point in the future he might even end up doing a PhD, but who knows!

Darcy's advice for mob that are thinking about studying in the future is to 'knuckle down and just get it done, but also make time for family, friends and yourself, and make sure you enjoy yourself.'

If you'd like to have a yarn with the Moondani Toombadool Centre about your study options (including our deadly pathway options, like the Unilink Diplomas) and what support we can offer you, please reach out.

Check out pathway options and our non-ATAR Early Entry Program (closing 6th October) at, swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/ swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/

Ngemba man and Swinburne University of Technology student Darcy Martin.



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- tutoring through our Indigenous Academic Success Program,
- a dedicated Indigenous student lounge, and
- social and cultural events throughout the year.

And as Swinburne is a dual-sector university, we have courses ranging from certificate level to PhD – so we can provide pathway options into any area of study that may interest you.

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Kobey
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Kobey Potts always wanted to work in healthcare, but after learning he was not eligible for an ATAR he didn't know how he would get there.

A Kamilaroi man, originally based in Tamworth, Kobey's culture has always been important to him. Being a part of the Clontarf Foundation, a group dedicated to improving the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, Kobey had grown up in a supportive environment. The support he received within the Foundation helped Kobey to realise his life-long dream was to help people.

Completing a traineeship with Hunter New England Health in years 11 and 12, Kobey was well on his way to realising his dream. Following a recommended course load, he completed his HSC but was surprised to learn he would not receive an ATAR.

Not letting this setback stop him, Kobey reached out to his teacher who linked him with the University of Newcastle and on a visit to the Wollotuka Institute, Kobey learned about the different options, leading to the Yapug program.

What is Yapug?

Yapug is a pathway program designed to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain the knowledge and skills for entry into university while immersing them in Indigenous knowledge, history and culture. Together with the Wollotuka Institute, Yapug provides students with foundational knowledge,



Kamilaroi man Kobey Potts found his way into tertiary study through the Yapug Pathway Program. He is currently studying the Joint Medical Program with support from the Miroma Bunbilla program.

embedded support and a range of social activities to enjoy during their time in the program and into their degrees.

Kobey valued the foundational courses and support he received through Yapug, attributing his success to the academic skills and self-discipline he gained throughout the program. "I honestly feel if I went straight into an undergraduate degree, I probably would have failed due to the academic standards. Yapug gave me an understanding of what uni really is", said Kobey.

Kobey has now begun his degree in the Joint Medical Program and is enjoying the challenge. He wants to help inspire other Indigenous people to pursue their dreams, letting them know anything is possible.

Yapug top 5 benefits:

- Yapug is completely free.
- The Yapug program provides you with a culturally safe and inclusive program, connecting you with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and community.

- Upon completion, you will receive guaranteed entry into selected degrees at the University of Newcastle.
- You have the support of a dedicated Indigenous Enabling Learning Advisor, who is available to help guide you through your studies and answer any questions you have during your time in Yapug.
- Study at the University's Callaghan campus in Newcastle or their Ourimbah campus on the Central Coast.
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Studying at the University of Newcastle

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There's a place for you at the University of Newcastle. To find out more about Wollotuka and explore other programs available for 2023 visit www.newcastle.edu.au.

NT awards acknowledge top vocational training provider

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education was announced 2022 Large Training Provider of the Year at the prestigious annual Northern Territory training awards.

The NT Training Awards recognise excellence in the Vocation Education and Training sector. This is the second successive year that Batchelor Institute has received the honour.

Batchelor Institute has been a leader in First Nation's vocational education and tertiary training sector for 50 years, starting as a small annexe of Darwin-based Kormilda College in the late 1960s.

Over the past five decades, its expanded footprint includes a large campus with residential blocks at Batchelor, a campus at the Desert Knowledge Precinct near Alice Springs, facilities at Charles Darwin University and learning centres in remote communities across the Northern Territory.

As a uniquely First Nations organisation, Batchelor Institute prioritises social equity and justice. Its student cohort is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and almost 40 per cent of staff are Indigenous. Its governing body, the Institute Council, comprises predominantly Aboriginal leaders.

The Institute's students, who are primarily Aboriginal and often live in remote communities, are generally isolated from services and opportunities available in regional centres, towns and cities.

The Institute overcomes this tyranny of distance by delivering training via learning centres in students' home communities as well as residential workshops, where remote

The Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education



From left: Robert Buttery, Batchelor Institute Acting Director VET Business Operations, category sponsor, Rohan Skennar, Area Manager for Hastings Deering NT, Leon Yeatman, Batchelor Institute CEO.

students are supported while on campus by Student Services in a culturally safe and inclusive environment.

Batchelor Institute CEO, Leon Yeatman, said the VET sector is critical to creating

career opportunities for Indigenous people.

"We are very proud of the role Batchelor Institute plays in developing employment pathways, particularly for Indigenous people living in remote communities," Mr Yeatman

said.

"We deliver culturally appropriate training that offers a mix of studying at home and, alongside other Indigenous students, and at our residential campus in Batchelor for short-term blocks.

"Our students succeed because we understand their unique challenges to study, and we work with them to find solutions, giving them the best opportunity to graduate."

In keeping with Batchelor Institute's ethos to help close the gap in access to education, the Institute collaborates with NT Corrections to provide training in prisons.

The Institute also delivers training to Indigenous army candidates through the Regional Force Surveillance Group – Education and Development Course (REDC), which integrates VET with army skills development.

Batchelor also congratulates VET Lecturer Brenton Dawes, who has worked at Batchelor Institute since 2016 teaching Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure and Certificates II and III in Civil Plant Operations. Brenton was runner-up in the VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year.

The Northern Transportables and Batchelor Institute partnership project, Building an Indigenous Workforce, was also awarded runner up in the NT Training Awards Industry Collaboration of the Year.

Batchelor Institute will automatically go through for consideration as the Australian Training Awards Large Training Provider of the Year to be judged at Adelaide in November this year.



Jasmin drives change

She's determined to design a big-impact career, and CQUniversity Digital Media student Jasmin Minnecon is growing her opportunities to drive change.

The proud Gooreng Gooreng woman is studying at CQU Bundaberg, after completing Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) in 2021.

The free CQU STEPS enabling program ensures students are ready for university—and successful completion provides direct entry into a CQU degree.

Prior to studying, Jasmin had spent three years operating dump trucks in the mining industry, but had been looking for a way to use her design talent.

"I've always had a passion for graphic design, and I want to start an online service and work with small and Indigenous businesses," she said.

While Jasmin was prepared for hard work to make it happen, she wasn't expecting the support available to help.

"I knew you had to be an independent learner at uni, so I went in determined to figure it all out on my own," she said.

"But then I heard from Bundaberg's Indigenous Engagement Officer Savana Little, who explained what support was available, and it was

like, oh my gosh, there's people here I can talk to!"

Jasmin began accessing CQU's Academic Learning Centre and tutor program for referencing and research support, and successfully applied for a scholarship to fund a laptop.

From dump truck driver to student ambassador, studies deliver big results for Jasmin.

She also joined the Dare to be Deadly (D2BD) Student Journey, CQU's culturally safe program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, connecting online and on campus to provide supportive services and tools.

Jasmin is now a Student Ambassador, and this month, she's also taking on CQU's free iActivate Bundaberg initiative, a 13-week course taking local social entrepreneurs from idea to project design and impact.

"I was so excited to be accepted into iActivate, it's going to make a big

difference to starting my business and what I can achieve," she said.

CQU is Jasmin's first experience of university, and she says adjusting has been a challenge.

"There were a few times when I thought, 'I'm not going to be able to do this', and wanted to throw in the towel.

"But just having the confident support from Savana and the Indigenous Engagement team, and from all the lecturers and tutors, it makes a huge difference.

"They really get around you and push you forward."

Jasmin is especially enjoying the opportunity to inspire young people to think about their careers.

"As a Student Ambassador, it's so good getting out there seeing the next generation wanting to invest in their future, and seeing how engaged they are and how much they want to create their own path!" she said.

CQUniversity has countless pathways for students, including Start Uni Now for high school students to get a head start on university units, STEPS, and vocational education and training (TAFE), as well as undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

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CQU Student Ambassador Jasmin Minnecon.

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Queensland's Griffith University continues to lead and support the success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through the dedicated GUMURRII Student Success Unit.

GUMURRII and the strong community that support students means Griffith University has some of the highest numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments and graduation of any university in Australia.

Focusing on providing a culturally appropriate learning environment, GUMURRII staff assist students' success from orientation to graduation, across undergraduate and postgraduate degrees through its Tutoring for Success Program (TSP).

GUMURRII offers in-person student support, a physical presence across all five Queensland-based university campus' as well as a range of online support services, tutoring and mentoring.

Recent Bachelor of Health Science graduate, competitive swimmer and proud Wiradjuri woman, Bianca Crisp, said GUMURRII was one of the main reasons she wanted to study at Griffith University.

"I was introduced to GUMURRII while I was at high school, and once I found out what it was and how it could support me, it was a major influence on my decision to study at Griffith," she said.



Georgina Morris - Bachelor of Pharmacy graduate.

Bianca feels the commitment of Griffith University and the GUMURRII Student Success Unit is a continual force that makes the community grow.

Her younger sister has also recently begun her journey at Griffith studying a Bachelor of Physiotherapy, and said she has immediately felt the warmth and support of the community.

That sense of community that GUMURRII offers has created an extremely passionate group that is committed to supporting higher education while acknowledging traditional values and learning structures of First Nations peoples.

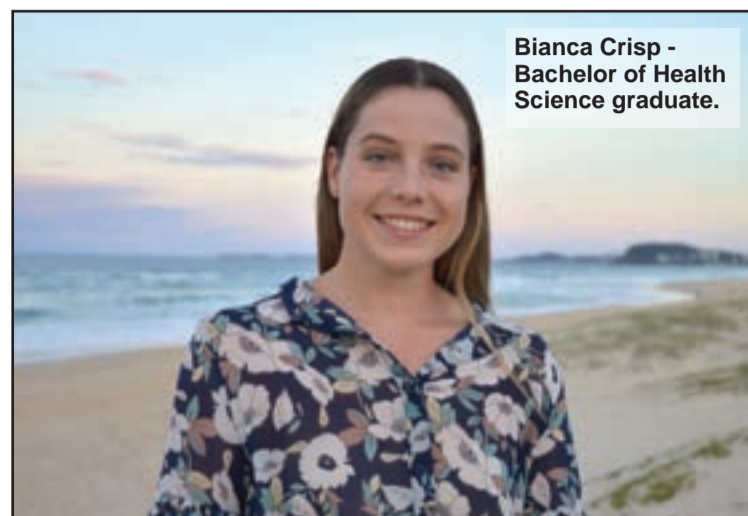
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where you come from, there is a safe place for you at Griffith," Bianca said.

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The GUMURRII Student Success Unit story has now gone full circle for Bianca, who is due to start working at the unit in September. She is inspired to make a difference and hopes to encourage students in the same way that she was during her time at Griffith.

"It is a surreal and amazing feeling to now be working at



Bianca Crisp - Bachelor of Health Science graduate.

GUMURRII, and I cannot wait to support and help other young and upcoming First Nations students."

Bachelor of Pharmacy graduate Georgina Morris also engaged with GUMURRII early in her degree and said providing culturally appropriate spaces for First Nations students at universities is so important.

"Providing a culturally safe space for First Nations students in a university setting should be non-negotiable!" Georgina said.

"Griffith promotes reconciliation and education on First Peoples culture and history. Understanding there are still major gaps between First Nations

populations and the rest of Australia, Griffith provides resources, support programs and alternative pathways for students to reach education goals in ways that are achievable for them."

Georgina also is looking at undertaking further study to complete a Doctor of Medicine or a PhD and described the importance of supporting others in higher education and promoting lifelong learning.

"I am very passionate about education, so I could also see myself returning to university and providing education to others."

You can learn more about Griffith Universities GUMURRII Student Success Unit and their commitment to supporting student success by visiting www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii

Culture in the classroom

Engaging Aboriginal high school students in science and maths through dance, art and storytelling inspired Dharawal woman Kylie Day onto a path of research at Southern Cross University's Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples.

Under the guidance of local Elders and supervisor Associate Professor Stuart Barlo, Kylie's Doctorate of Indigenous Philosophies explores the topic of 'Realising the potential of cultural safety in the classroom'.

"My aim is to create better ways of enhancing learning in the classroom for Indigenous students by privileging the voice of local Elders and knowledge holders," Kylie said.

Spending ten years as a high school science teacher and year adviser, Kylie realised the potential of bringing cultural safety into the classroom.

"I developed a relationship with an Aboriginal Reference Group which supported my inquiry about how to make education more engaging for Indigenous students, promoting quality teaching, and building cultural identity," she said.

"I've also spent a lot of time yarning with local



Elders about how Aboriginal culture and tradition can be incorporated into pedagogy.

"So, through dance, art, storytelling, weaving and yarning, students can follow my design but also add their own creativity, critical reflection and cultural reality into what they're learning about."

While COVID and the recent floods in the Northern Rivers put the brakes on face-to-face workshops in schools, Kylie has learned from local Elders that students need to be engaged in the cultural classroom workshops on a long-term basis.

"What these students need is consistency and positive role modelling, not microwave teaching.

"Students travelled from far and wide to come and take part in this Caring for Country unit."

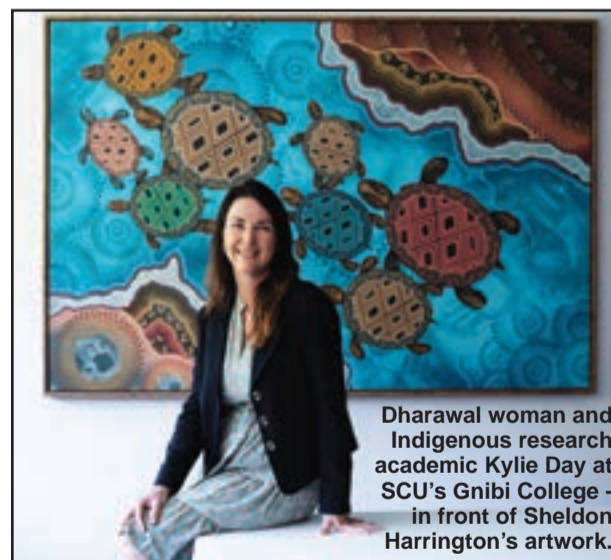
"Once I submit my Doctorate I'm planning to engage in long-term workshops with local schools to deliver these programs, we have quite a few who have already expressed an interest," she said.

"I recently co-delivered a

workshop with local Elders and Gnibi staff for Year 10 history students from Trinity Catholic College in Lismore

where we incorporated yarning and weaving into their learning about the Uluru Statement from the Heart."

As a research and teaching academic for Indigenous Knowledge at Southern Cross University, Kylie assisted in teaching a



Dharawal woman and Indigenous research academic Kylie Day at SCU's Gnibi College - in front of Sheldon Harrington's artwork.

one-week residential for environmental science students on Caring for Country.

"Students travelled from far and wide to come and take part in this Caring for Country unit, it's a compulsory and really important part of their learning.

"We talk about cultural safety, fire management and hear about the lived experiences and knowledge of Elders who have grown up on the land," Kylie said.

"We were lucky enough to have local Elders like Uncle Herb, our Elder in residence, Uncle Des

Williams, Aunty Dale Williams, Uncle Warren Williams, Aunty Gwen Williams, and Babani Robyne Bancroft.

"Babani Robyne is one of the head forestry people in the Bundjalung area, so she took us out on her Country, we went to the Washpool National Park to learn about scar trees, massacre sites and the impacts of colonisation on Country.

"The students really get a lot out of it and we're so thankful to the Elders for their time and the knowledge passed on about how to Care for Country."



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From bluecoat to grad gown

Catching criminals and chasing good grades is all in a day's work for the University of Southern Queensland's newest graduate, Anna Neumann.

A police officer for nearly 30 years, the mum-of-four recently completed an anthropology degree and graduated with top marks.

With the colours of the Aboriginal flag draped around her neck, Senior Sergeant Neumann – a proud Ngiyampaa woman from western New South Wales – celebrated the end of her undergraduate degree alongside hundreds of her peers, including 38 First Nations students.

"It means a lot to me to be wearing this," Snr Sgt Neumann said.

"When I think back two generations to my grandfather, and how much changed in two generations – this is for him."

With record crowds watching on, there were tears, smiles and laughter for today's cohort who persevered throughout the Covid-19 pandemic to complete their studies.

"There hasn't been a single moment of this degree that I

haven't loved," she said.

"But it hasn't been easy."

The 49-year-old juggled police work, family commitments and a full-time study load to get here.

"If you're studying something you love, it's a lot easier," Snr Sgt Neumann said.

"Education is key to having a better existence, and I'd encourage everyone, particularly Indigenous people who are so underrepresented in tertiary study, to learn something that they love."

Sharing hugs and tears, Anna's daughter Ella, who recently graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a Bachelor of Nursing, cheered from the sidelines.

"It was really special to go through our undergraduate degrees together," Snr Sgt Neumann said.

"And it was definitely motivational for both us to keep going."

"I feel so blessed to have come to a university that teaches Anthropology with the Aboriginal community, and for the community."

Now, she is undertaking a year-long Honours course.

First Nations police officer receives top honours



Police officer and mum-of-four Anna Neumann graduated at Toowoomba's Empire Theatre alongside 38 other First Nations students from the University of Southern Queensland.



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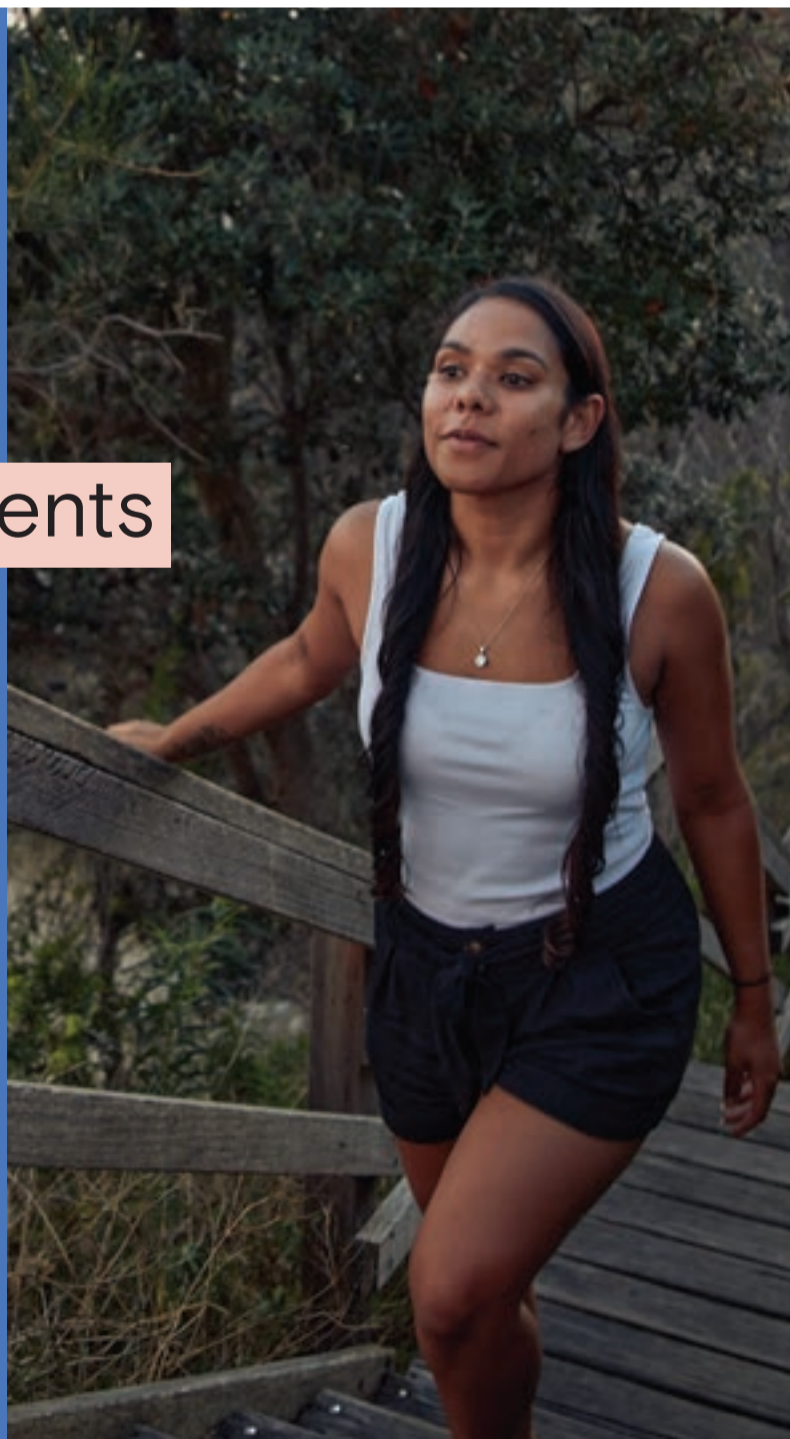
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Rose flies high for nursing

Rose Webster is hoping her love of aviation and nursing might one day merge, after swapping life in the Royal Australian Air Force for a QUT nursing degree.

The 21-year-old Wiradjuri woman from rural New South Wales is in her first year of a Bachelor of Nursing at QUT in Brisbane, after a two-year stint with the RAAF.

“Once I have my degree there are so many avenues you can go down with nursing – there are a million opportunities,” she said.

“I’m really drawn to paediatrics and potentially becoming a paediatric nurse practitioner, but the Air Force has also offered me the opportunity to apply to come back as a nursing officer.

“I’m also extremely interested in aeromedical evacuation. So it will be interesting to see what path I take and where I land!”

Rose grew up on a farm near the New South Wales-Victoria border and completed Year 12 in 2019 at Murray High School, where she was school captain.

She applied for the RAAF’s one-year gap program, and then stayed on for a second year.

“I was an avionics technician – I worked on the electronic systems for the C-27J Spartan,” she said.

“I enjoyed my Air Force job and the opportunities it gave me, but

Swapping the Air Force for nursing, Rose’s future now holds a “million opportunities”.



QUT Nursing student Rose Webster.

nursing is what I am passionate about.

“My mum’s a nurse and a few of my aunties were nurses.

“My dad works on farms and was an army reservist, so they’ve both had an influence on me.

“Dad also volunteers in the SES [State Emergency Service] and RFS [Rural Fire Service], which is why I am also a qualified

bush fire fighter with the RFS.

“We got deployed together during the 2019/2020 bush fires where we both received National Emergency Medals for our time contributed towards the effort.”

Rose did her RAAF technical training at Wagga and then worked at the Amberley base, south-west of Brisbane, so was already familiar with the city when

she started looking at university courses.

“I love that the QUT course is so hands on and that the standards we are raised to gives me a sense of confidence in our preparation for the workforce,” she said.

“The most challenging part of starting university was getting used to living in the middle of a

city. But I got a place in QUT’s Indigenous Accommodation Program, which means I get to live in student accommodation for my first year.

There are two floors that are just for the Indigenous program and it’s a really nice community to be part of.”

Rose applied to study nursing through the QUT Oodgeroo Unit’s Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) – an admissions pathway that is offered to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who apply for QUT courses.

“I applied for my course through QTAC, then I received a CASP application pack and had to write a 500-word essay on why I wanted to do my course, and then I did a Zoom interview,” Rose said.

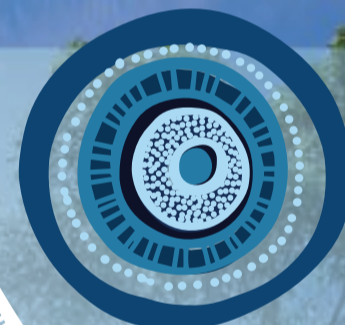
“It was quite an easy process, and it meant I was able to receive an early offer and have plenty of time to plan my transition to uni.”

This semester Rose also got the opportunity to be a student representative at the 25th CATSNaM Conference in Sydney in August.

The QUT School of Nursing partnered with the Oodgeroo Unit to send six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing students to the event.

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Learning to thrive in business

"I didn't even think for a second that I would be the person who could learn about business or thrive in the business sector."

This was Courtney Hagen's initial reaction when colleagues suggested she study the Master of Indigenous Business Leadership at Monash University.

A proud Butchulla and Gubbi woman from K'gari and the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Courtney grew up in a small town playing backyard sport.

Following her passion, Courtney completed an undergraduate degree in exercise and health science and is now the General Manager of First Nations Football Australia.

At only 26 and swiftly climbing the corporate ladder, Courtney quickly realised she needed to develop her leadership skills.

Unsure of her ability to juggle study at a masters level, she talked to Monash Business School's senior lecturer, Katrina Johnson, a Gooreng Gooreng woman from south-east Queensland and one of the co-directors of the Master of Indigenous Business Leadership.

Launched in 2020, the transformational leadership program developed jointly with the William Cooper Institute and Monash Business School explores Indigenous knowledge systems and ways of doing business with western concepts.



Courtney Hagen is the General Manager of First Nations Football Club and a proud Butchulla and Gubbi woman.

Courtney joined the inaugural cohort and now, two years down the track, she and her fellow students are nearing graduation.

Courtney says the course is taught in a way that suits her as a rising indigenous leader, boosting her confidence and personal growth.

"Since starting the course, I'm

able to put myself into more conversations and environments that stretch me both professionally and personally," she says.

"I have the confidence to reach out to my other First Nations people, particularly (those) that are working in sport and in our surrounding organisations and bring them along the journey."

Katrina Johnson says the Masters program is unique because it was created from a First Nations' perspective.

"Right from the concept to design, to development, to the curriculum, we have a very strong emphasis on mastering our own Indigenous business concepts, and then mastering and learning

about Western concepts because we work in both worlds."

Coming together as a mob is a crucial element of the Master of Indigenous Business Leadership program.

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"These business leaders are walking away with a level of confidence that they never had before," Katrina says.

"They're walking away with knowledge that they can apply immediately to their families, to their communities and to their business environments."

"We've become a bit of a family," says Courtney. "We have this really strong group that are all working towards the same thing in all different sectors and we're all collectively contributing, which is amazing."

The Master of Indigenous Business Leadership can help you develop the business acumen, confidence and connections to make a positive contribution in any workplace.

Explore the Master of Indigenous Business Leadership, visit monash.edu/study/indigenous-leadership

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Katrina (Mohamed) Johnson
Senior Lecturer, Master of Indigenous Business Leadership

Lily wins Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship

Lily Thorpe, a proud Ngijaampa and Wiradjuri woman from Wagga Wagga NSW, recently received the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship.

Lily found UOW after attending the university's discovery day and after a tour of the campus and surrounding city, she was convinced to apply to study at UOW. Lily applied for a Bachelor of Nursing and was admitted through Woolyungah's Indigenous Centre's (WIC) Indigenous Admissions Pathway.

Lily first applied for the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship in October of 2021 after being notified of the opportunity by WIC. Fortunately, due to her previous cadetship experience, the application process was "very smooth."

Lily did have some minor setbacks, however. In December of 2021, she was told that she was unsuccessful for the scholarship and was placed on a waitlist. After several months, in May of 2022, Lily received an email from the ACN stating she received the offer.

Lily states that The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship has changed her life immensely:

"I am hoping to secure a new grad position in an Orthopedic ward. To me, it is amazing to see patients come in for a total hip replacement one day and see them walk out of the hospital 4 days later, yes, only 4 days!"

– Lily Thorpe

"The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship has completely changed my financial situation.

"This scholarship has made me 100% financially secure and has eased the pressure to work whilst studying full time."

Lily has goals to become an orthopaedic clinical nursing specialist. She is currently in her second year of university study.

Through her cadetship she has been offered a new grad position in her hometown's base hospital.



Proud Ngijaampa and Wiradjuri woman Lily Thorpe is studying for a Bachelor of Nursing.

Uni support helps Samantha stay motivated

Samantha Peace identifies as a Kamilaroi and Baraba Baraba woman and is a recent graduate of UOW.

Samantha was always encouraged to pursue higher education by her parents and after finding an interest in business studies in high-school, she decided to apply for a Bachelor of Commerce at UOW.

Moving from Nowra to attend UOW's Wollongong campus, Samantha found that being away from her family soon became a challenge. The ongoing support she received from the university and the Woolyungah Indigenous Center [WIC] however, made her feel supported and a part of a community. Samantha states:

"I'm a big family person and felt stuck between two worlds for a while. Along the way these worlds began to feel a lot more connected, and I felt at ease here in Wollongong. I thank the community at the university for that...The connection and community WIC provides, specifically during the pandemic, when things felt so isolated, made all the difference. Even just a small check-in call or text before the start of session kept me motivated."



Samantha Peace.

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It's a family affair at UNE

Ngarabul and Darug PhD student Lynette Marlow has found UNE to be the most inclusive university she has studied at.

Currently working on her PhD study in First Nation's Place-making, Lynette has previously studied at four different universities and gives UNE high marks for its focus upon inclusivity for First Nations peoples.

"I have felt more included at UNE than at any other university' she said.

"The community is fabulous. The tutors, mentors and supervisors are exceptional."

Study has been a life-long family affair for Lynette.

"Study has been a life long family affair"

Taking 10 years to complete her first degree some 20 years ago, she credits her family and children as achieving the degree with her.

The support of family, especially her inspirational Uncle Mervyn Marlowe (now deceased), Uncle Rex Marlowe and Aunty Dawn Webb (now deceased) other family members were crucial to her keeping on going, even when times were hard for the single mother of three.

This level of support and encouragement has allowed Lynette to continue her study journey here at UNE and also inspire three close family



"Truth-telling must start from within myself."

Ngarabul and Darug PhD student Lynette Marlow.

members of the next generation, all of whom are currently studying tertiary education at UNE.

Elias Wright (son) is finalising his studies in Internet Technology and is employed in the UNE IT department.

Jessica Hooper (cousin) went through TRACKS last year and is currently working at the Glen Innes Primary School.

Rose Wright (daughter) also went through the TRACKS program and is now studying Education, hoping to be a History/English secondary education teacher.

Lynette describes the changes where now "as a family we all talk about different topics or issues within the study content". "I have watched Rose's confidence

grow, actually I have seen both girls flourish through the TRACKS program and I can see the positive influence passed on to my grandchildren," she said.

History and place are integral to Lynette's identity.

"I realised I needed to come to a place of peace about my white ancestry," she said. "My white settler ancestors also came from this area and partook in the atrocities against the Ngarabul, including massacres, dispossession of country and the Stolen Generations.

"I believe truth-telling must start from within myself."

Lynette was involved in the 2021 NSW Senate Inquiry into the rationale for, and impacts of, new dams and other water infrastructure in NSW.

That's when the importance of First Nation's storytelling of place, offering alternative perspectives on settler's concepts of development became important to her.

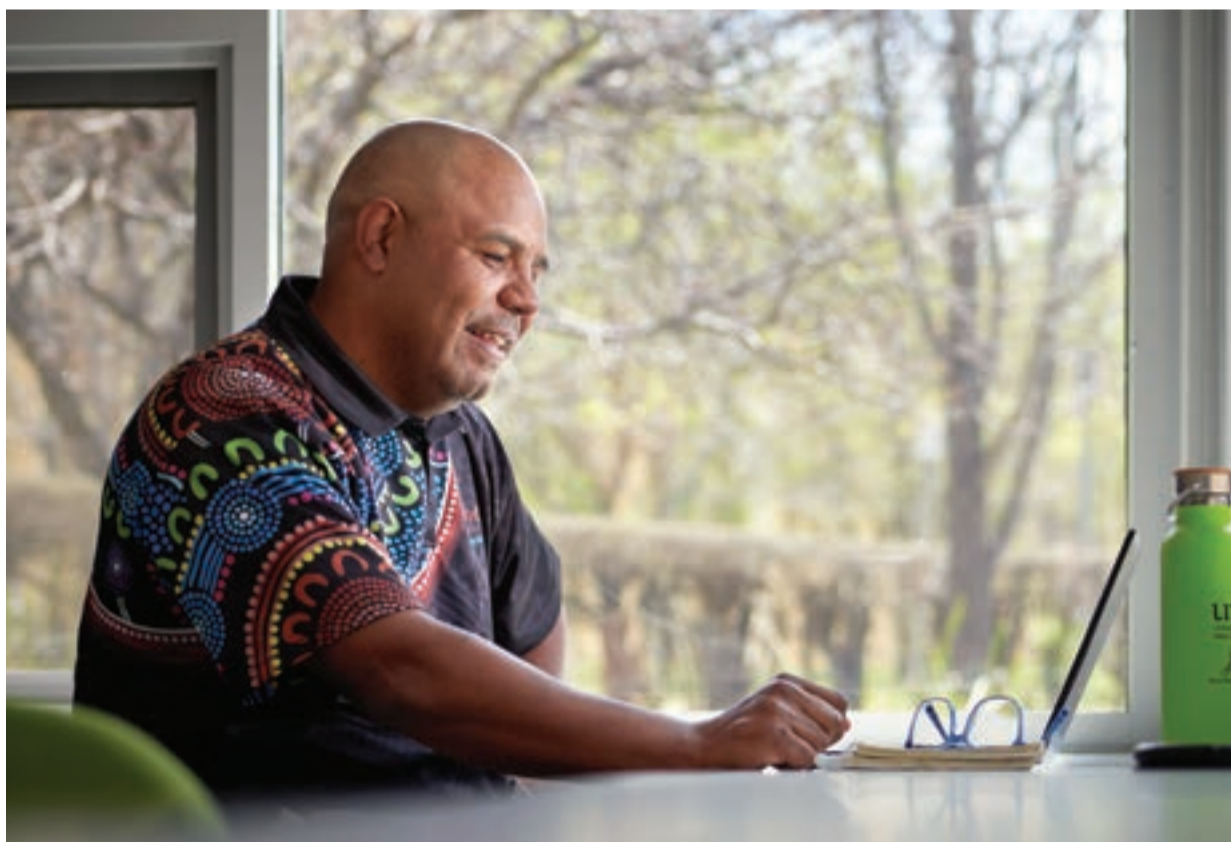
"Our stories of our place is a rebuttal to the settler's concepts about development," she said. "We look at place as a living being and that we are part of the place."

Lynette said "I am finding the PhD community incredible!

"The community is fabulous.

"Through my childrens and my own experience I have found the tutors, mentors and supervisors are exceptional.

"I have studied at many Universities. UNE supports and suits my style of learning."



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My journey to Nursing at JCU



Michael Young is studying a Bachelor of Nursing Science at JCU.

By MICHAEL YOUNG

My journey to become a nursing student at JCU began when I realised that I could further my studies in higher education. I grew up in Rockhampton, CQ, though I came to the realisation of coming to JCU during my last years of schooling at St Brendan's college Yeppoon.

It pondered in my mind for a bit, and I decided it would be a waste to not continue studying with the effort I had put into my schooling and study. At first, I wanted to study paramedicine like my older brother, but by his experience he advised I should wait a couple years before moving into that area, as it can be quite daunting on a younger person like myself.

Another factor that pushed me towards Nursing was my late grandmother, and my aunty who were and are dominant figures in my life, being nurses back home. Though I also just wanted to stay around people and help them with their health and wellbeing.

It was also cool coming here as I found out that my grandmother also turned out to be a co-founder of CATSINAM (Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives), a body who I've become a member of, and has

supported me.

So, I set myself the goal of attending JCU to study a bachelor's degree of Nursing Science. To explore what JCU was like one of my school Indigenous mentors asked me to apply for and attend the Indigenous Education Research Centre (IERC) JCU summer program. The program showed me how intense the hours of study should be, what I could expect from being an independent young man on college and how I should balance study with other things. This also helped me to choose Saints Catholic College as my residency for the year, as it was comfortable, affordable, and close to JCU.

For this I am grateful for that teacher, and the IERC staff for allowing me to attend the program.

After finishing school, I was accepted straight into the Bachelor of Nursing after receiving the JCU Rising star scholarship.

The transition into college life went smoothly as it was something I was exposed to boarding in High School. Though the transition really started when I left home driving to Townsville myself (my first-time leaving home, myself far away).

This year has been remarkable so far, meeting new people, expanding my knowledge, and strengthening these bonds I've made.

The lecturers have been very easy to work with, them being so knowledgeable, understanding and caring really helps in general learning, and especially when I have an off day.

The IERC also have been very supportive to me as an Indigenous student. They've set me up with a 3rd year nursing student as a tutor, this has been particularly helpful as he helps me with all the small things, greatly improving my studies overall.

The IERC also support me in a way as my mother would. Giving me a call every week or two, monitoring my work, making sure I am on task, up to date on my assessments but, the best thing is just checking my wellbeing and seeing how I am.

I feel nursing could sway me away from the paramedicine degree, I guess that's how much nursing has been to me so far.

This is my journey, on how I came to study a Bachelor of Nursing Science today, and I am grateful to all my role models, the IERC, JCU and most importantly my parents for helping me get to where I am today.



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Admission to courses at the NIKERI Institute is based on alternative entry; an ATAR or high school graduation certificate is not a necessity as other factors such as knowledge gained through experience are also considered.

Kalkadoon and Djunke woman, Professor Roianne West, the CEO of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) was part of the first group of Bachelor of Nursing graduates from NIKERI Institute, alongside her brother and sister over 20 years ago.

"I look back at me before I



Current student Kaydi Enoch and alumni Professor Roianne West at NIKERI Institute, Deakin University.

started my degree. And then the opportunities that uni has offered to me, to my children and it all started because I started studying nursing."

Professor West highlights the uniqueness of a First Nations dedicated space such as NIKERI Institute: "When you're in institutions like a university

unfortunately most days you are compromising your Indigeneity in order to survive in those spaces.

"Having dedicated spaces like this just means that you fellas get to be without worrying about people looking at you, judging you, having to think you have to perform in a certain way to get something done."

"It also means that you don't have to negotiate your Indigeneity as much in order to get to the end of the degree.

"Because we don't want to just graduate students, we want to graduate people who are strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, not forgo all that through a degree that's very

western and then they graduate and they've almost got to rebuild that other part of their identity."

Kaydi Enoch, a Noonuccal-Nughi woman currently studying a Bachelor of Social Work, agrees. "For our mob tertiary education can be very daunting.

"It's a very westernised space [and] can be very overwhelming so having a dedicated program such as NIKERI provides us that culturally safe space where we can share our experiences and our own knowledges through that cultural lens."

Kaydi first experienced the Institute through NIKERI's Indigenous Direct Admissions Program (IDAP) which will be again offered in November.

The program is designed to provide applicants with the study skills to succeed, prepare them for university, and the experience of on-campus study blocks through the CBD model.

"The IDAP program gave me a sense of security and helped me realise I can attend uni, I can do it and I will be supported through that process.

"It really made it not as daunting as what I originally thought university would be."

All prospective students who have completed an online application to NIKERI Institute are invited to attend the program.

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Image: The Creation Tree of Knowledge by Dr Deanne Gilson

Why Jaydah is thriving in her new uni territory

When Marranuggu woman Jaydah Turner moved away from her home in the NT to study in Melbourne, she was understandably nervous. But Victoria University's support network, revolutionary learning model and extensive professional placement opportunities have seen her flourish.

"I moved to Melbourne to study at VU a week after graduating from my high school, Taminmin College in Humpty Doo.

A family member had recommended VU after their own great experience here. After I did a tour of the uni I knew this was the place for me."

Support and focus lead to success

"At first it was an achievement adjusting to things like managing finances and big city living – back home everyone knows everyone! So the support from Moondani



Jaydah Turner – Bachelor of Youth Work and Criminal Justice

Balluk (Indigenous Academic Unit) staff has been amazing. They're there for anything from academic support to just having a yarn.

"Maintaining consistently good grades is something I'm really proud of. I credit VU's

Block Model as it focuses on one subject at a time. Friends at other unis are juggling four subjects, which can be extremely stressful, but the Block Model allows you to take it all in.'

"A highlight of my studies so

"I know the early exposure I'm getting to the industry through my placements and internships is giving me the confidence and experience employers are looking for."

far has been participating in three 12-week internships with CareerTrackers, a placement program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. In first year, I completed an internship at The Brotherhood of St Laurence,

working directly with young people. In second year I worked at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency, helping disadvantaged members of the community.

"My latest CareerTrackers internship was at the Department of Health and Human Services, in which I learned so much about the child protection system.

I worked for a 'youth foyer', which helps people at risk of homelessness. I'm currently working in retail, and as an administration assistant at the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Centre within the Lakidjeka Program, where I plan to become a case adviser.

I also completed a uni placement at Sunshine Youth Space, a sporting drop-in centre. I know getting so much early exposure to the industry through my extensive placements is giving me confidence and the experience employers are looking for."

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Artwork by Paola Balla

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Our name means 'embrace people' in the language of the Wurundjeri people who first lived in the western region of Melbourne.

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From shame to pride



My name's Thomas Squire and I'm a proud Wiradjuri man.

Growing up I always knew I was Aboriginal, but I wasn't really connected to community. It wasn't something I was able to embrace or learn about.

I remember feeling ashamed of being Aboriginal because of the way people spoke about our culture and how it was taught at primary school – that the British arrived and 'advanced' Aboriginals.

It was only later through Indigenous-led support programs, pathways and events that I was able to embrace and learn more about my culture in a non-condescending way. We are the oldest continuous culture in the world and that is something I'm incredibly proud of.

One of the most eye-opening moments was a three-day Leadership Development Institute (LDI) conference for alumni, community partners, interns and advisors run by CareerTrackers. It's a program that links Indigenous university students with employers. I don't think I'd been to an event

with that many other Aboriginal people before. Seeing so many people in a room talking about culture and celebrating made me feel so proud.

Flexible pathways

My path to UTS wasn't a straightforward one.

I was failing most of my classes at Wollongong Uni and had several issues including sleep apnoea and chronic foot pain.

After taking a break from my studies, I looked into the possibility of transferring to UTS, which I'd heard good things about and knew it was easier to get to via public transport.

I was lucky enough to be able to join UTS College with the help of the Jumbunna pathways program, then go straight into the second year of my Bachelor of Business majoring in finance.

Before going to UTS College, I was used to being spoon-fed information, but my critical thinking wasn't there. I wrote in tangents about whatever I thought was important until someone from the college sat me down and showed me how to write to the marking

criteria. My marks are up now and I wouldn't change it for the world.

But it was eye-opening at the time, because no one had taught me that before. For anyone who's struggling with marks, don't worry about imposter syndrome because we're all learning, and at the end of the day it's more your character and dedication that's going to get you through uni.

If you're lucky enough to get the opportunities, especially the ones you get through Jumbunna, take them with two hands and run with them!

A passion for finance

I've always been interested in how money is created and moves across the world, which is one of the reasons I chose finance as a career. It's a broad industry that's adaptable to your needs, where you can change multiple times across your career to adapt to your circumstances.

I was able to land an internship with financial credit rating organisation Moody's thanks to the partnership they have with Career Trackers.

Working in the finance industry



Thomas Squire, proud Wiradjuri man.

“They've committed to having Indigenous interns for the next 10 years”

with Moody's I've gained much more confidence within myself. The experience has helped me to see the practical side of what I'm taught throughout my degree.

The major thing for me is

the opportunity to work with people from a diverse range of backgrounds. It's amazing to learn about other people's cultures, and share mine with other people.





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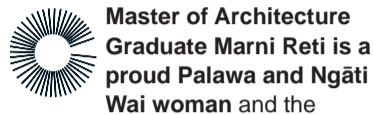




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Putting culture in architecture



Master of Architecture Graduate Marni Reti is a proud Palawa and Ngāti Wai woman and the

winner of the 2021 NSW Architects' Medallion, Marni is one of just a handful of Indigenous architecture graduates working in Australia today.

Her work brings an important perspective to this often-Eurocentric field by raising the profile of Australia's rich Indigenous architectural traditions.

"I want to see architecture that's ingrained in Country and cultural knowledge [that is] specific to Australia," she says.

"Our Indigenous cultures are unique and we should be celebrating them. All Australians should be proud of our ongoing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures."

Marni completed the UTS Bachelor of Architecture in 2018 before enrolling in the master's degree the following year. She was

one of the first recipients of the UTS Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship, a high-profile funding scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander architecture students.

"It was really a symbolic thing for me to know that UTS and people like the Droga family were willing to invest in students like me," she says.

"It just showed that UTS cared about this issue of representation that I felt like I'd been yelling about

"You're an architect that's trained in a western institution, and then you have elders who have 80,000 years of history and knowledge about Country."

into a void for three years."

Today, Marni is based at Kaunitz Yeung Architecture, a Sydney-based firm known for

delivering architecture projects with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. These include the walu-win wellbeing centre in Orange and the award-winning PAMS Healthcare Hub in Newman, Western Australia.

She also remains strongly connected to UTS where she actively supports the School of Architecture to expand its Indigenous curriculum. In early 2021, Marni and her employer, David Kaunitz, led a Master of

Architecture studio subject to the small town of Wilcannia in Western NSW. Here, they taught students to work in consultation with the local Barkindji community to deliver architectural solutions to a range of community challenges.

Studios like these prepare future architects to work effectively with and for Indigenous communities, as well as to connect their professional practice to Australia's unique



Marni Reti, proud Palawa and Ngāti Wai woman

architectural and Indigenous history.

"It's a two-way street of communication and learning and valuing each group's skillsets equally," says Marni, who will lead a 2022 master's studio in partnership with Kaunitz and urban designer Evy Anwar.

"You're an architect that's trained in a western institution, and then you have elders who have 80,000 years of history and knowledge about Country.

"It's understanding those as equal, valuable pieces of knowledge that work together."



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A passion for midwifery

From as far back as she can remember, Katrina Bon has always wanted to become a midwife.

"My mum says I was five when I first told her I want to do that job, helping women through childbirth," says Katrina, an Australian Catholic University (ACU) student and proud Torres Strait Islander.

"Then, when I was around 12, my cousin was having a baby, and because I wanted to be a midwife they asked me to go in with her, thinking that it might scare me out of it. But seeing her give birth just made me more eager."

Now aged 29, Katrina is in the first year of a Bachelor of Midwifery degree through the Away from Base (AFB) program, a national scheme that allows Indigenous students to live in their community while studying online, with two intensive residential study blocks each semester.

As a busy mother of four young children, studying from home is a juggling act for Katrina – but one that she thoroughly enjoys.

"When my partner gets back from work in the afternoon, I go off and study until late at night," she says, adding that the residential blocks at ACU's Brisbane Campus are a great opportunity to put theory into practice.

"I like studying at home here on



Katrina Bon: A proud Torres Strait Islander who is following her dream to become a midwife.

Thursday Island where my family and community is, but I also love going down to Brisbane two times a semester because it makes it feel more real.

"Going into the labs, practising all the things you've been studying, it gives you a different perspective and it's so valuable."

Katrina has also enjoyed spending time at ACU's Weemala unit, an on-campus hub that provides Indigenous students with a culturally safe space that promotes positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

"That's where we all catch up

for yarns," she says. "We come back to Weemala after class and yarn about our families or what we're learning, and I've found that really nice, to have a welcoming space where we all get along."

One of Katrina's main driving factors in enrolling to study midwifery is the shortage of Indigenous midwives on Thursday Island. It's a trend that is replicated across Australia, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people underrepresented in the maternity care workforce.

Her dream is to work as a midwife in her community, ushering in a new generation of Torres Strait Islanders.

"To have more Indigenous midwives here who know what it's like to live in our community, who speak our languages and understand our culture, I think that's really important," says Katrina, who hopes that her foray into university study inspires others to pursue their dreams.

"It took me 12 years after leaving school to enrol in a degree, and it was only my older sister graduating from nursing that made me finally take that step.

"So when I speak to younger kids who went to the same school as me, I say to them, 'If I can do it, you can do it, too!'"



ACU student Katrina Bon and family.



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Leroy discovers his dreams

Growing up in Kempsey, proud Kamilaroi man Leroy Fernando helped his parents make ends meet, working before and after school at his father's Indigenous sportswear company and with his mother at her cleaning job.

The idea that he might one day attend university seemed far-fetched.

"I didn't really have any aspirations. I didn't think I'd get anywhere," said Fernando, now 23.

But everything changed when he travelled to Sydney and Melbourne to attend programs run by universities for Indigenous high-school students, designed to open pathways to higher education. From the moment he got on the plane to Sydney – his first ever flight – his world began to expand.

"I didn't think I would amount to much or exceed in many areas until I went to a few programs universities provided for Indigenous students. It gave me the kind of encouragement I never got anywhere else," he said.

He became determined to reach the University of Sydney via the Gadigal Program, which allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to apply



Leroy Fernando, proud Kamilaroi man, Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations and Socio-Legal Studies, and Gadigal Program student

for an early conditional offer, with applications assessed on factors beyond academic achievements, such as personal interests, motivations and goals. Through the program, students can access lower minimum ATAR requirements for admission, a two-week academic skills program before commencement and ongoing

academic and personal support. In 2018 Fernando was accepted into the University and began studying for a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations and Socio-Legal Studies.

He moved to Sydney to begin his degree with an accommodation scholarship from the University, ensuring he

could focus on his studies without worrying about how to pay rent.

"I wouldn't have gone far at all without the support from the University of Sydney," he said.

An arts degree proved the perfect environment to discover his interests and hone his aspirations.

"I fell in love with international

politics," he said.

"I kind of fell in love with policy and the way social policy and domestic policy can change lives. I've set my mind to working in policy and making lives better."

Back in Kempsey, Fernando's community looks up to him, and he takes his position as a role model seriously.

He has received awards for community engagement and support for his service in Indigenous communities through the University of Sydney's student support services.

"For me, university cemented these kinds of dreams – that I can accomplish things, or I can help people. Right now, it's about taking that next step to turn those dreams into a reality," he said.

He hopes to start a Juris Doctor, a graduate-entry professional law degree, at the University of Sydney next year as he looks forward to a future making change and finding solutions to help Indigenous communities.

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Aboriginal Pathway Program: supporting parents with study

The ability to balance study and family life has been the secret to success for many of the students completing the University of South Australia's Aboriginal Pathway Program.

The 18-month program prepares students for university study and is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Aboriginal Pathway Program Director Dr Nazz Oldham says students can access personalised one-on-one support from teaching staff, smaller class sizes and tutoring to help achieve academic and career goals, allowing flexibility and support with family life.

"We not only support but celebrate our students balancing their studies with their family life and thrive in their careers," Dr. Oldham says.

Amie Brant, of Mount Gambier, started in the Aboriginal Pathway Program before successfully transitioning into a Bachelor of Nursing and now a Bachelor of Midwifery.

"Seeing Amie manage a pregnancy while continuing to focus on her studies and never allowing her focus to waiver is an inspiration," Dr. Oldham says.

Amie has remained in Mount Gambier throughout her education, allowing her to be with her family while studying and contributing to her community.

"I always dreamt of going to university, but thought I was too old and not ready," Amie says.

"I reached 30, was working in a job I didn't love and saw my husband following his passions.

"I then discovered the APP, and this changed everything.

"I finished my nursing degree and I now work as a Registered Nurse at the local hospital in Mount

Gambier. I've even decided to further my studies and become a midwife

"I chose to study at the Mt Gambier campus because it's local to me and it means I don't have to move away and with a young family that was kind of impossible to do."

The Aboriginal Pathway Program is offered at UniSA College in Adelaide as well as regionally in Ceduna, Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln, and Whyalla.

Students in each location can access dedicated study space and a local tutor for support.

Adelaide-based APP student Stella Garlett, says family commitments don't hinder the ability to study, rather they encourage it.

"My children are everything to me," Stella says. "They're behind me 100 per cent and if I try to give up or even if I have the smallest negative thought, they say no, you can do this."

With her children's support and motivation to build a career in the sports exercise field, Stella is thriving in the Aboriginal Pathway Program.

"There have been quite a few times where I've thought I don't know if I can do it.

"Having the people at the College saying all these positive things and really trying to push you as well and make you understand how valuable you are, really have just been helping so much."

With support from the dedicated UniSA College staff and utilising study assistance and mentoring programs, students have built on the skills, knowledge, and confidence to take on new challenges, all while successfully studying at tertiary level.

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Stella Garlett, APP student (Adelaide City).

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Making new connections

Kayannie Denigan is looking forward to putting her new knowledge into practice after completing a Master of Public Policy at The Australian National University (ANU).

The Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner alumna recently returned to the workforce as a ministerial advisor after taking 18 months out to focus on study.

Kayannie is Anangu Luritja with strong family and cultural ties to Bagarmuguwarra and Kuku Yalanji Bama of Cape York.

Prior to her scholarship, Kayannie had mixed experiences with university.

After finishing high school, she enrolled in an undergraduate degree in political science and history but found that it wasn't for her.

However subsequent work experience and an interest in career progress helped to renew her interest in study.

"Living in Cairns, there were a limited number of jobs. In order to be competitive, I found I needed to have a university qualification," Kayannie said.

Some years after her initial experience, Kayannie returned to university to study history and Aboriginal studies.

She discovered her



"Learning is amazing. Studying gives you new content, ways to think and talk to people."

- Kayannie Denigan

passion for learning.

"Learning is amazing. Studying gives you new content, ways to think and to talk to people. It helps you make new connections."

Kayannie is currently taking leave from the Department of

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, where she managed policy, operations and heritage responsibilities in Australian territories.

"I applied for the tscholarship

to do a Master of Public Policy because I felt it would help me tackle some of the challenges faced by the APS," Kayannie said.

The Master of Public Policy covers foundations and evidence in public policy, public sector

management, an introduction to economics and policy research. Kayannie also undertook electives in public sector ethics and Indigenous governance.

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While Kayannie studied a Master of Public Policy, other Pat Turner scholars have chosen programs in Asian and Pacific studies, business administration, education, leadership, forestry, economics, culture, health and medicine.

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Nathan Sagigi received a Geoffrey Huey Sattler Indigenous Scholarship, which is awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who experience financial hardship.

Giving back to community: Nathan's scholarship story

Receiving a UQ scholarship gave Nathan Sagigi, a Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology student and a Daurareb and Wakaid man from Murray Island and Badu Island in the Torres Strait, the support he needed to move to Brisbane and follow his dream of giving back to the community.

Nathan is on a circular journey – one he hopes will lead back home to Thursday Island, where he can help improve the lives of his family and friends.

"I saw in my community that there was a lot of chronic disease and within my family and friends as well," he says.

"That's where I found the passion to help people who had chronic disease and help prevent people from getting chronic disease."

His Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology can help him achieve this dream, and Nathan's UQ scholarship is what made studying the program possible in the first place.

Nathan's path to UQ

Nathan attended primary school on Thursday Island before moving to a boarding school in Cairns – an experience that started preparing him for the even greater transition to Brisbane.

"I made a lot of lifelong friends, many of whom are still my friends in Brisbane now," he says.

Those same friends are the rocks Nathan leaned on when he felt overwhelmed by moving

"The impact I want to have on the world is to empower others in my circumstances, just to help them realise they're able to do what I'm doing as well – come to university to study."

to Brisbane and beginning his studies.

"Meeting new people and a new place – a bigger place, a bigger city – was a very nerve-racking experience for me, but it helped knowing that a few of my friends were also coming to UQ and were going to be at the college with me."

What led Nathan to exercise physiology?

Like many people, Nathan didn't have a simple path to discovering his passion.

"I wasn't 100% sure of what I wanted to do when I was in high school – I sort of chopped and



changed a bit," says Nathan.

"I decided to do physiotherapy because I had a lot of experience with injuries from playing a lot of sport."

As an active fitness fan with a mother who works in healthcare, physiotherapy seemed like an appropriate track for Nathan, though he soon realised it wasn't quite the right fit for him.

"Halfway through that course, I didn't see myself going down that career path," he says.

"I've always been into my fitness and the gym setting, playing a lot of sport – I wanted

to share my passion and my enjoyment of exercise with other people and share all the health benefits involved with exercise."

Clinical exercise physiology is giving Nathan the opportunity to put that passion into practice.

Nathan's greater goal is to play a part in reducing health inequality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"I'd also like to help close the gap in health between non-Indigenous and Indigenous people," he says.

"That's something I'm really passionate about."

Has the scholarship changed his life?

Getting his scholarship was a fantastic event and a sigh of relief for Nathan.

"I felt like a huge weight was lifted from my shoulders, just because it meant I was able to better afford coming down to Brisbane," he says.

"Coming down to a big city from a small community is not an easy thing – just a lot of new things I had to take into consideration like paying bills."

Nathan's UQ scholarship means a lot to him because it gives him the freedom to fully invest his time and energy into his university experience and assignments.

Nathan's advice for other students

Nathan wouldn't hesitate to encourage someone to apply for a UQ scholarship if they were considering it. He believes that easing the financial strain is well worth the time it takes to complete an application.

He also hopes that his story might be an example to students who are on the fence about giving university a go.

"The impact I want to have on the world is to empower others in my circumstances, just to help them realise they're able to do what I'm doing as well – come to university to study."

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Change-maker fuelled by economic theory

The University of Queensland's School of Economics community is made up of individuals who care about making real societal changes, nationally and globally.

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Jackson Daylight, a Nughi man from Quandamooka and a recipient of the Economics Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship, is one such student eager to use higher education as a tool for change.

Growing up in Ipswich, Queensland, Jackson was an athletic kid who enjoyed playing rugby and volleyball.

While he didn't quite know what he wanted to study after high school, his natural affinity for analytics and critical thinking sparked his interest in UQ's Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Economics dual program.

"Higher education represents steppingstones to empowering our people," says Jackson.

"It's about opening doors and increasing our voice with a varied skillset."

Jackson believes it's a huge misconception that economics is all about profit and power.

"Economics is actually able to drive change by challenging social statuses and enhancing wellbeing," he says.

"I see it as a pathway to help people."

Today, Jackson is two years into his program and is more driven than ever to use his economics knowledge to help reduce inequities across diverse communities.

"There are inequalities across

our communities due to a lack of representation of Indigenous peoples – something needs to change," he says.

"As an Aboriginal man, I'd like to use my education to improve this representation and empower my people."

"I want to go into an area of Indigenous economics, and work with Aboriginal communities to support the development of those areas."

"It's a really big passion of mine to give back to my people."

Jackson is inspired by the way economics can influence positive change at a government level.

"Economic theory is able to support contemporary calls for action in real terms, such as the Uluru Statement from the Heart, by creating pathways that promote unity," he says.

"If we want them to listen to us, we need to provide a voice of reason backed by economic validity and society understanding."

By embarking on a career in economics at UQ, Jackson's able to better understand the interconnectedness of the world around him.

This knowledge and insight will not only be useful to address national and global challenges, but it's also essential to make a positive and lasting change.

UQ's School of Economics is working to develop a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economics graduates by funding scholarships for every level of study, as well as creating a welcoming and supportive environment for students in partnership with the university's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit.

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Nughi man Jackson Daylight is a recipient of the Economics Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship. He wants to use his education to create change.



"If we can provide a voice strong enough to those who will listen, then we can provide a voice for change."

Study Environmental Health with a scholarship on fees

We spoke to Environmental Health Officers Talisa Smith and Sally-Anne Donahue both proud Wiradjuri women, about their roles to give you an insight into this unique and rewarding career path. Scholarships are available now for Aboriginal people in NSW to study Environmental Health at university with fees paid.

What does an Environmental Health Officer do?

Sally-Anne, a Senior Environmental Health Officer said, "An Environmental Health Officer helps to keep the community safe by conducting inspections and educating businesses, schools and residents about topics such as hand hygiene, food safety and drinking water safety."

What's a day in the life of an Environmental Health Officer?

Talisa said, "Most of my day as a trainee with Council is spent out in the field – anything from food shop inspections, septic tank inspections, swimming pool water testing, addressing overgrown yard complaints and educating businesses."

What would you say to someone considering an Aboriginal Environmental Health Scholarship?

Talisa, who is part-way through her

university studies, explained, "Science isn't scary – it's everywhere and in everything that we do".

Studying science at university has been positive, both professionally and personally. "University is a place for Aboriginal people. I love studying and learning, in my own time however I see fit, even around family time. University is for everybody".

Sally-Anne, who supervises and mentors Talisa, said "We really need more Environmental Health Officers, so I encourage anyone with an interest in studying to apply for the scholarship."

What made you decide to study Environmental Health?

Sally-Anne had just finished school and recalled "My mother came home one day and talked to me about environmental health, after reading about it I wanted to study as I was interested in being out in the field and making a difference".

Talisa was an Aboriginal Health Practitioner in Orange and wanted a more proactive approach to health: "I researched environmental and public health and how it can improve people's lives and decided I wanted to be on the front line, helping to keep the community

safe and healthy."

What subjects do you study?

Talisa is studying online through Western Sydney University and said, "Some of the subjects are Indigenous Science, Policy Planning and Regulation, Air Quality, Toxicology, Chemistry, Epidemiology and Biodiversity – it's really science heavy – but it's easy to understand – and I wasn't that great at science at school!"

What do you like the most about your jobs with Bathurst Regional Council?

Talisa commented, "No two days are the same and it's great to be out in the field so much. We are being proactive to make sure the community is safe – water is safe to drink and swim in, tattoo parlours are clean and safe, and food is being prepared in a safe manner".

Sally-Anne added, "There's a small, tight-knit network of Environmental Health Officers across NSW and it's great to share ideas and problem solve together. Also, there are food group and public health meetings held between councils and public health units across the state."

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Sally-Anne and Talisa out in the field, ensuring a restaurant kitchen is safe.

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The Indigenous Admission Scheme (IAS) provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into Flinders University. Semester one 2023, first round applications close late October - early November 2022, with second round applications closing mid-January 2023. If you are interested applying for the Indigenous Admission Scheme (IAS), please email IAS@flinders.edu.au

Indigenous Student Support Officers (ISSOs)

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Flinders creates a space for culture and Country

More than 20 years after the idea of a special place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students was first raised, Flinders University has unveiled its first dedicated cultural meeting place.

Based at the University's Bedford Park campus in southern Adelaide, Yungkurrinthen Inparrila is a place of well-being and healing, a place to grieve, and a space that brings Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the wider community together to honour and acknowledge Country, cultural knowledge, and learning.

Yungkurrinthen means to 'impart knowledge communicate and inform' and Inparrila means 'meeting place' in Kaurna.

Yungkurrinthen Inparrila holds a deep and heartfelt significance to the Flinders community, especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff, as it provides a unique place that, unlike a building or

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– Associate Professor Tur

an office, is directly connected to Country.

With a footprint of locations spanning Countries through South Australia and the Northern Territory – including Arrente, Larrakia, and Yolgnu in central Australia and the Top End – having a dedicated cultural place at the main campus is a sign of respect and provides connection for visiting staff and students from across Flinders' network of campuses.

Building on the principles of minimal disturbance and enhancing landscape, the

design of Yungkurrinthen Inparrila incorporates a shelter and a ceremonial firepit, encircled by a series of mesh decks placed across the site that draw inspiration from fallen gum leaves to form a central amphitheatre.

The decks provide access across the steep site for people of all abilities at the same time and allow sunlight, rain, and other elements to reach the earth below, enabling the uninterrupted re-vegetation of the site.

The Wardli – or shelter –

designed by Kaurna artist James Tylor and Wiradjuri architectural designer Samantha Rich, is the centre piece, highlighted by the special inclusion of traditional possum skins, provided by Kaurna Elder Uncle Lewis Yarlupurka O'Brien and Senior Kaurna man Uncle Mickey Kumatpi Marrutya O'Brien from their personal collections.

Associate Professor Simone Tur, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) says it's impossible to overstate the importance of this new space for everyone in the Flinders community.

“Yungkurrinthen Inparrila brings the Flinders University community together to honour and acknowledge Country, cultural knowledge and learning. Yungkurrinthen Inparrila is a special place where the community can foster belonging, learn, relax, celebrate, and gather,” said Associate Professor Tur.

The space is popular amongst the community, with many staff and students utilising the area for teaching purposes, meetings, and informal lunches. Lunchtime is busy, with many staff and students frequenting the area to take in the surroundings and enjoy the fresh air overlooking the coast.

Since its opening in May, Yungkurrinthen Inparrila has played host to a variety of University events, including a cultural campus tour held during Orientation Week, and celebrations held to honour and celebrate Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.



Supportive learning delivers pathways to higher education

Chanoa Cooper is a proud Moirban, Wiradjuri and Mutthi Mutthi woman from Shepparton Victoria, and a graduate of the Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities at The University of Melbourne Department of Rural Health.

Developed as an entry course designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals who have worked in health and community settings, the course offers students an opportunity to pursue a university qualification based on their work experience. The course introduces students to health-related knowledges from critical social science and Aboriginal cultural perspectives; empowering Aboriginal health professionals in their place of work and allowing students to study and work in their communities.

Since graduating in 2020, Chanoa has moved into a new role, Managing Communications and Public Relations at Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative. She has also been selected to be a part of the Jawun

Emerging Leaders Program – where 13 participants have been selected from across Australia to travel and learn about Aboriginal communities and their initiatives.

“The Specialist Certificate has actually opened up a lot of different opportunities for me. It really opened my eyes in Aboriginal health,” Chanoa said.

Chanoa was previously working as a Project Officer at Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative based in Shepparton, when her manager approached her with an opportunity for further study.

“I thought, why not take up this rare opportunity where work can support me and take that time off to study? So, I went for it.”

The course is a post graduate qualification that is also a pathway into the Master of Public Health at the University of Melbourne. The teaching and learning format allows students to study remotely and remain working in their communities while receiving support and guidance from the course lecturers throughout their studies.

“I was very fortunate to have



Proud Moirban, Wiradjuri and Mutthi Mutthi woman Chanoa Cooper.

really amazing lecturers. They created a really safe space for us; there were no silly questions, they were open to everything and anything and provided constructive feedback to us. We were really lucky to have that

support.”

In addition to the foundational academic skills, the course looks at the health and history of Aboriginal people, from a strength-based perspective, and considers how Aboriginal and

Western knowledge’s can be applied in the field of health. Students also work on a community-based project in their local Aboriginal community.

“Some of the projects we’ve seen from students are an Elders retreat, diabetes support packages, evaluation of a nursing pathway program, a youth mentoring program and a possum skin cloak that was gifted to the local hospital,” University of Melbourne Lecturer in Rural Aboriginal Health Raylene Nixon said.

Director of the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) at The University of Melbourne, Professor Lisa Bourke said the course opens doors.

“Upon completion many students have been offered a new opportunity in their career, or promotion, and really benefit from undertaking the course and the skills that they’ve gained”, she said “We take a small cohort who get to know each other, who support each other and work together to complete it. It’s a great environment to start your university education.”



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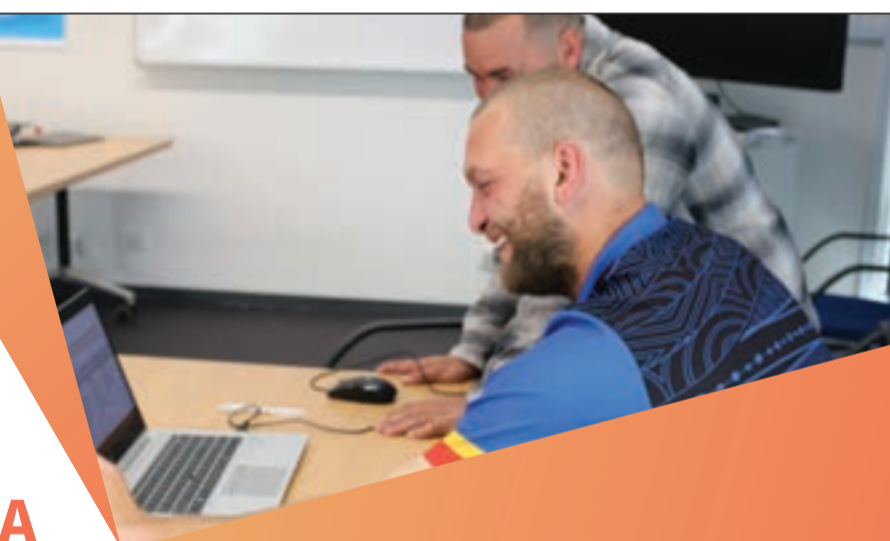
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Batchelor Institute honours strength through culture

“Too deadly”, Batchelor Institute’s CEO, Leon Yeatman, is new to the job but is already crystal clear about what makes the historic institution real deadly.

“Batchelor Institute has a long, rich history in recognising strength through culture,” he said. “That strength comes from our two ways approach to learning, our communities, family and identity.

“The Institute’s history was born from the Northern Territory Indigenous community experience and aspirations.

“Our early leaders recognised the education gap and initiated steps to create a tertiary institution to cater for community needs and education options that aligned our beliefs, respected and valued our difference and fosters students’ pride in being Indigenous.”

Mr Yeatman, whose people are the Gunggandji of Yarrabah, describes his hometown as a place proud of its tradition, united in our quest for equal rights, strong views about self-management and committed to self-determination.

The leadership in his community shaped his approach to management and he is honoured to be leading the Batchelor Institute management team.

“In Yarrabah, I have strong role models who have done marvellous

things in their lives. Their achievements have helped develop pride and confidence.

“We use the sea hawk as one of our modern totems. Apart from being majestic, it soars high and can see things from many angles; it’s also a force to be reckoned with.

“They are good attributes that I try to embody, and I see in Batchelor’s esteemed alumni, strong men and women who are proof that we have capacity, capability and commitment to lead social change and community development.

“At Batchelor Institute, we talk about our both-ways learning pedagogy and philosophy, which can be a complex concept to communicate easily. When you live it, you understand it. I think about my experience as an Indigenous man in work and my learning journey. The ‘both ways’ philosophy kept me grounded, allowed me to thrive away from home. We draw power from our cultural strength and like many I am confident in my skin. Thriving, not just surviving.

“At Batchelor we continue to offer our students a framework that includes cultural safety. It is a great place to learn, and we are committed to honouring our past while embracing opportunities for a brighter future.”



Batchelor Institute CEO, Leon Yeatman is a descendent of the Gunggandji people of Yarrabah.



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KISS dreams come true for NT's teen rockers Mulga Bore Hard Rock

WHEN teen rock band Mulga Bore Hard Rock took the trip of a lifetime from their tiny town in the Northern Territory to the main stage of a KISS show at the Gold Coast, *Koori Mail* photographer Jillian Mundy was there to capture all the excitement of the young upcoming musicians. Read the story, page 3



Mulga Bore Hard Rock bought their whole KISS loving family along for the ride – other family members play in Mulga Bore Country Band, Mulga Bore School Hard Rock and MG Reggae.



Russel Smith ran a tight ship undertaking stage management responsibilities.



Tyrell Bird aka Star Boy and his father Gary Bird with the set list of original songs plus one KISS cover.



Aiden Manfong and Kirklin Bird transform themselves into their stage persona's – Fox and Desert Demon.



Inside the stadium, young rockers Talvin Bird, Aiden Manfong, Niara Tilmouth and Alvin Manfong catch sight of the big stage they are going to perform on.



Front man Alvin Manfong is ready to rock as the minibus pulls into CBUS stadium home of the Gold Coast Titans, with Adrian Manfong, Keenan Bird, Kirklin Bird and Gary Bird, pictured in the seats behind. Pictures: Jillian Mundy



"They rocked out, they came, they saw, they rocked!" Wolfmother lead guitarist and lead singer Andrew Stockdale met the young band in the green room.



Tour Promoter Andrew McManus chief executive of One World Entertainment, pictured here with Rebecca McLean, Adrain Manfong, Kirklin Bird, Gary Bird, Niara Tilmouth, Pesala Brown, Alvin Manfong, (front) Talvin Bird, Aiden Manfong and Tyrell Bird, was presented a painting by Rosemary Bird, mother of some of the band members.



Mulga Bore Hard Rock may be used to smaller stages but they rocked the big KISS stage – no worries.



Front man Alvin Manfong, aka Thunder Bolt, put on a world class performance.



Percussionist and backing vocalist, Niara Tilmouth, aka Queen of Hearts, gives the band their girl power.



Pesala Brown, left, will have her students – aka Mulga Bore Hard Rock – back in class by the time this copy of the *Koori Mail* hits the news stands. She is pictured here with them and family members – (back) Kirklin Bird, cinematographer Erik Havnen, Adrian Manfong, Talvin Bird, Aiden Manfong, (front) Alvin Manfong, Tyrell Bird, Niara Tilmouth and Gary Bird at Cbus Stadium before the show.



Youngest band member Aiden Bird, aka The Fox, on drums.



Rock masters – KISS' Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley put on a fantastic show a few hours after Mulga Bore Hard Rock warmed up their stage and crowd for their final Australian show.



Bass guitarist and backing vocalist Kirklin Bird, aka Desert Demon, cut a commanding presence on stage.



Mulga Bore Hard Rock's Alvin Manfong (left), Talvin Bird and Kirklin Bird with Aiden Manfong on his shoulders (centre) and Niara Tilmout (right) rocking out to KISS. Mulga Bore Hard Rock were probably KISS's youngest and most appreciative fans at the Gold Coast concert. They couldn't decide if the highlight was opening for KISS, meeting them or watching them perform.

The *Desert Mob* show included ceramic art.



Basket weaver Cynthia Burke.

Desert Mob gets arty

Long running art exhibition curated by our Mob for the first time in history



HUNDREDS of people have gathered in Alice Springs to see the first *Desert Mob* art show led by Aboriginal people.

The annual exhibition has been running for three decades and showcases the latest work from artists in more than 30 community art centres in the central desert region.

Western Aranda woman Marisa Maher put together the 2022 show with prominent curator, Arrernte and Kalkadoon woman Hetti Perkins.

Ms Perkins said some of the artists on display are descended from the founders of the Indigenous art movement.

"It's really nice to see that this is keeping going through generations, it's about that legacy and the pride in sharing the culture and the story," Ms Maher said.

DesArt chief executive Philip Watkins said he was "proud this is the first time in desert history that we have our own mob, DesArt, curating the exhibition".

DesArt, an Aboriginal owned organisation, is the peak body for 38 Aboriginal art centres in Central Australia.

At the exhibition's opening ceremony, the Aboriginal Women's Choir and Tinkerbee Dancers performed as people queued to see and buy artworks.

It appeared many would be snapped up quickly - a new style of works in terracotta by the renowned Hermannsburg Potters, featuring small figures atop brightly coloured cubes, had been acquired by the National Gallery of Australia before the show opened.

This year also marks 50 years since the Papunya Tula Artists company was established in 1972.

"Papunya Tula is a flagship art enterprise for our region, and has a proud reputation nationally and internationally," Mr Watkins said.

One of the other standout styles on show is that of the Hermannsburg school.

Artist Selma Nunay-Coulthard from the Ittja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Art Centre said she looked to Albert Namatjira for inspiration but her watercolours of the Tempe Downs region are her own style.

"I'm very interested in showing my



Sarah Brown and Hetti Perkins at the Desert Mob 2022 launch.



Artists Shoshanna Hayes and Magdalene Marshall from Akeulerre Healing Centre.

culture, dreaming and all that," she said.

Ms Perkins noted many of the artworks, such as a painting that uses old mining maps, are politically charged.

"Beautiful works that have a sting in the tail, but you could say the same for all of them really, it's all about land rights in some shape or form," she said.

At least 250 pieces from more than 200 artists are on display, with all income from sales going directly to art centres.

Desert Mob is on at Araluen Art Centre until October 23.



Basket weaver Dorcas Tinnimai Bennett.



Majella grinding bush medicine.



On show at Desert Mob art exhibition was the artwork George Burrarrwanga - Warumpi Band, by Abel Pareroutlja.

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Pathways open to careers in medicine



University of Newcastle student Kieran Shipp was admitted to the Joint Medical Program through the Miroma Bunbilla Program. He is now in his fourth year of medicine.



IF you dream of a career in medicine, then a new pathway program at University of Newcastle could start you on the journey. The Miroma Bunbilla Program is an alternate entry pathway for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates who apply for the University of Newcastle's Joint Medical Program (JMP). Each year, up to 17 places into the JMP are set aside for Indigenous applicants. There are currently 70 Indigenous students enrolled and to date, 110 Indigenous doctors

have graduated from the medicine program. The five-day intensive assessment Miroma Bunbilla program, will be delivered from December 5-9, pairing students with mentors to successfully start medical school. In 2020, the program was extended beyond Newcastle to

reach those outside the Hunter region and now also runs in Armidale, Moree, Tamworth, Taree and Orange. The JMP is coordinated by the University's Thuru Indigenous Health Unit and delivered through a partnership between the University of Newcastle, University of New England, in

collaboration with the Central Coast Local Health District and Hunter New England Local Health District. Applications for the Miroma Bunbilla Program close on October 31. For more information, visit www.newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program

Trainee grants expand



MORE than 250 apprentices and trainees are set to benefit from the expansion of the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grants program. The annual New South Wales Government program is set to

create more opportunities for education, training and employment in the NSW public service and local government agencies. The grants are named in honour of community leader Elsa Dixon who played a critical role in improving social outcomes for Aboriginal people in the

1970s and 1980s. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Ben Franklin said the program aligns with Closing the Gap targets to increase the number of Aboriginal people engaged in sustainable employment, education and training pathways. "This is an incredible expansion and will see more Aboriginal

people secure employment or greater opportunities and choice in their local communities," Mr Franklin said. "We encourage government agencies and local councils to come forward with their innovative ideas and help remove barriers to education, training and employment for Aboriginal people."

Minister for Skills and Training Alister Henskens said the program would expand to support 250 School Based Apprentices and Trainees and more than 20 permanent, temporary or post-high school roles. For more information and how to apply, visit the education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw

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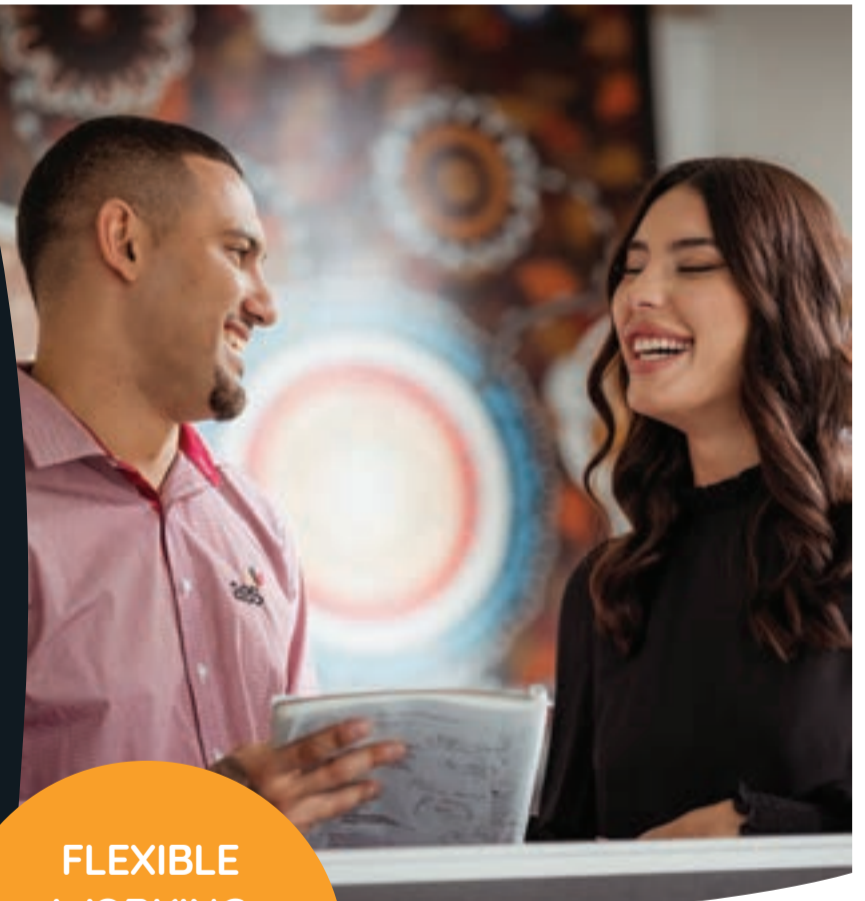
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YOU ARE:

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- **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.



Administrative Assistant, Worthwhile Ventures Ltd

Reports to: WV Chief Executive Officer
Location: Sydney
Offer: Permanent Part Time 18hrs per week at \$23.00ph

The Position:

The position is part-time and is accountable to the WV CEO. The role is to support the CEO to ensure the efficient operation of the engagement of Aboriginal businesses and members of Worthwhile Ventures Business Community (WVBC).

Worthwhile Ventures

WV supports early-stage, Aboriginal businesses to achieve their objectives by the provision of free advice from our business community, financial assistance and customized education. We aim to establish a sustainable Business Community whose members contribute to and benefit from successful Aboriginal enterprise whilst celebrating Aboriginal self-determination. www.worthwhileventures.org.au

WV Operational Objectives include:

- We ensure culturally inclusive & safe practice is applied in operations, systems and supports,
- We accept and manage applications from Aboriginal enterprises,
- We provide financial assistance to qualifying businesses,
- We provide information and referral to a range of business finance or investment options,
- We maintain a WV Business Community of qualified business advisors and,
- We match, introduce and oversee the entrepreneur relationship with specialised advisors,

Key Role Responsibilities:

- Answer and direct phone calls,
- Plan meetings and take detailed minutes,
- Assist preparation of regular reports,
- Order/manage office supplies & suppliers,
- Book travel arrangements,
- Act as the point of contact for all clients.

Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Aboriginality, identify and be recognised by Community, demonstrates Community engagement,
- Proven experience as an Administrative Assistant,
- Knowledge of office management policy, procedures, systems, MS Office and equipment,
- Excellent oral and written communication, social media experience or willing to learn,
- Ability to plan, meet deadlines and reach targeted outcomes.

Personal Characteristics:

Applicants should be of out-going character who can communicate the WV vision and values and who can represent WV with deep cultural sensitivity.

Contact:

colin@worthwhileventures.org.au
Phone - 0447 420 556

Closing Date 21st October 2022



COORDINATOR ABORIGINAL PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT



📍 Mildura, Northwest Victoria

💰 \$94,000 p/a + super

👥 Operations and Community Team

An exciting, challenging and meaningful role is now available at Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) within the Operations and Community team. This role is aligned to support and deliver key objectives and performance indicators as listed under The Living Murray program, Aboriginal Water Officer program and the Land and Water Partnerships program.

By joining us, you'll be at the centre of crucial engagement with Traditional Owners and local communities across some of the most culturally and environmentally significant reaches of the River Murray in Victoria.

The successful applicant will have:

- Previous experience in a similar role, with an understanding of Natural Resource Management, Cultural Heritage and Indigenous engagement;
- The ability to build and maintain strong partnerships and working relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, including Traditional Owner groups and local Aboriginal community groups.

We are committed to creating a COVID safe workplace and culturally safe environment where individuals feel safe, valued and are able to celebrate their culture, spiritual and belief systems.

We encourage a wide-ranging gender balanced candidate pool inclusive of all and including Aboriginal, culturally and linguistically diverse applicants.

The position is available for up to full-time hours on a temporary basis for 2 years. The salary circa is \$94,000 per annum, PLUS super!

A position description is available from

www.malleecma.com.au/current-vacancies, or by emailing vacancies@malleecma.com.au.

Applications are to be addressed to Human Resources at vacancies@malleecma.com.au by 5pm, Wednesday 21 September 2022.

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Indigenous Programs and Engagement Coordinator

- Exciting opportunity to support First Nations approaches to international development
- Based on Wurundjeri Country (Fitzroy, Melbourne)
- Full-time, 35 hours per week
- Salary range \$78k - \$95k TRP, with salary packaging available
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander designated position

The Australian Volunteers Program partners with organisations across 26 countries, supporting them to achieve their own development goals. The program part of Australia's foreign aid and development portfolio. Indigenous Pathways is an Indigenous-led component of the program, that aims to expand and strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation, by providing culturally safe, flexible and tailored support.

A strong focus of Indigenous Pathways is to meaningfully connect Indigenous people and organisations from Australia, with Indigenous organisations and communities internationally, to collaborate on projects that are mutually beneficial - an example of this is our upcoming exchange project for Indigenous rangers. The Indigenous Programs and Engagement Coordinator will be responsible for engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations to build relationships that support Indigenous Pathways activities and coordinating projects as part of Indigenous Pathways.

We are looking for someone who has strong project-coordination skills, a solid understanding of Indigenous ways of working and can build genuine and respectful relationships with Indigenous people and organisations. Flexibility, creativity and an interest in international development is also an advantage. This role may involve some domestic and international travel.

Applications close Sunday, 16 October.

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.avi.org.au/careers



Program Coordinator, Worthwhile Ventures Ltd

Reports to: WV Chief Executive Officer
Location: Sydney
Offer: Fulltime \$80,000 p.a.

The Position:

The position is full-time and is accountable to the Worthwhile Ventures CEO for all matters relating to engagement of Aboriginal businesses and members of Worthwhile Ventures Business Community VBC.

Worthwhile Ventures:

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Key Role Responsibilities

Supporting the CEO to:

- Meet the objectives of the agreed business plan,
- Process enquiries from Aboriginal enterprises and potential advisors,
- Manage the application approval process and initial engagement with Aboriginal enterprises,
- Assign WVBC advisors to each supported enterprise,
- Ensure the cultural inclusion and readiness of the advisors, practices and procedures,
- Assist the engagement process between the Aboriginal enterprises and advisors,
- Monitor progress with engagements and report regularly to the CEO.

Experience, Skills and Abilities:

- Aboriginality, identify and be recognised by Community, demonstrates Community engagement,
- Experience in general management and start up enterprises beneficial but not essential,
- Marketing and sales experience,
- Experience in event management and social media,
- Ability to give attention to detail as well as having high level organisational skills,
- Ability to plan, manage workload, achieve deadlines and targeted outcomes,
- Ability to engage Aboriginal business owners and make them feel culturally comfortable,
- Good problem-solving skills, flexible and able to adapt to changing situations,
- Ability to form good working relationships with interested bodies e.g. IBA, PM&C, Supply Nation
- Aboriginal Organisations and Aboriginal Communities
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work as part of a team and individually

Personal Characteristics:

Applicants should be of out-going character who can communicate the WV vision and values and who can represent WV with deep cultural sensitivity.

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Closing Date 21st October 2022



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 Holten (Chairperson BOD) on 0429003482

Application closing date: Friday 30 September 2022



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 **Esmai Manahan, National Leader, Aboriginal Service Development** on esmai.manahan@mackillop.org.au or 03 8687 7496.

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JUBULLUM LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
 ABN: 46 185 332 794

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Exciting Management Role with Great Benefits!!!
 (Salary to be negotiated plus Salary Sacrifice benefits)

Are you looking for an exciting new challenge and have a desire to work directly with community members in a rewarding and fulfilling career?

The Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) are searching for an experienced and committed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who can take the organisation in a positive direction and accomplish a number of key projects that will secure the financial future of the JLALC. This role requires a person with key organisation and planning skills and an ability to multi task. You will be surrounded by a supportive and committed Membership and have access to great salary benefits including salary sacrificing. The JLALC are one of the region's largest land owners and have unlimited potential in terms of economic and social development opportunities. For information on the position and to obtain a recruitment package please contact the contact officer Jack Beeton on 0417 967960 or email: jackbeeton@yahoo.com to obtain further information.

Applications marked "Confidential" and emailed to: jackbeeton@yahoo.com

The Contact Office

Applications close: At 5pm, Thursday the 6th of October 2022.

Legal Aid
 NEW SOUTH WALES

Aboriginal Identified Legal Cadetship, Professional Legal Training and Legal Graduate Roles

Are you an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander law student, graduate or newly admitted solicitor looking for a great opportunity in 2023?

We are offering multiple paid placements in our Judge Bob Bellear Legal Pathways Program.

Visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au for more information about these amazing state-wide opportunities with Legal Aid NSW across our Criminal, Family and/or Civil Law Divisions.

Apply online: iworkfor.nsw.gov.au
Jobs NSW Ref. No. 0000921H; 0000921M; 0000921P
Closing Date: Tuesday, 4 October 2022 (11:59pm)
Enquiries: Scott Hawkins (02) 9219 5811 or scott.hawkins@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.
 Alison Szylo (02) 9219 5109 or alison.szylo@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

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SHOALCOAST COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE INC. Casual Locum Generalist Solicitor – 3 month contract

An exciting opportunity exists at Shoalcoast to join our legal team as a Casual Locum Generalist Solicitor for a 3 month contract until 23 December 2022.

This position requires an experienced Solicitor who can provide legal advice and community legal education to disadvantaged clients in the Centre's catchment areas for a period of 3 months.

The successful applicant will be required to provide legal advice and assistance over the phone and in face to face appointments in the Nowra Office and in outreach locations. You will be required to provide community legal education and contribute to law reform activities as needed. The position is 3 to 4 days a week. The successful applicant will be based in the Nowra office with flexible working arrangements.

About Shoalcoast CLC and our benefits:

Equal opportunity employer
 Salary: SCHADS Modern Award Grade 5.1-5.3 depending on experience
 Salary Sacrifice
 Monthly supervision with professional counsellor
 Continued training and professional development opportunities

Please email emma@shoalcoast.org.au for the position information pack.

Phone 4422 9529 for more information.

Applicants are asked to submit a current resume and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria. The resume should provide the name of two referees and be sent to Shoalcoast CLC, PO Box 1496, NOWRA 2541 or emailed to emma@shoalcoast.org.au

Closing date is 23 September 2022.



SHOALCOAST COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE INC. Principal Solicitor

An exciting opportunity exists at Shoalcoast to join our legal team as the Principal Solicitor.

This position requires an experienced Solicitor who can provide legal advice and community legal education to disadvantaged clients in the Centre's catchment areas.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the legal practice of the Centre and report to the Management Committee.

You will be a community focused solicitor with an unrestricted practicing certificate and have experience in general areas of law, supervision and management of a legal team.

The position is 5 days a week. The successful applicant will be based in the Nowra office with flexible working arrangements.

About Shoalcoast CLC and our benefits:

Equal opportunity employer
 Salary: SCHADS Modern Award Grade 7
 Salary Sacrifice
 5 weeks annual leave plus 17.5% Leave loading
 Monthly supervision with professional counsellor
 Continued training and professional development opportunities

Please email emma@shoalcoast.org.au for the position information pack.

Phone 4422 9529 for more information.

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Closing date is 14 October 2022.



Expression of Interest Me-Mel (Goat Island) Transfer Committee Aboriginal Community Representatives

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is calling for nominations from the Aboriginal community for four Aboriginal community representatives to join the Me-Mel (Goat Island) Transfer Committee.

The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations for the transfer of Me-Mel to Aboriginal ownership and management, by developing a strategic business case. This will include options to unlock the economic and cultural potential of Me-Mel, including for future cultural, tourism and public uses.

Aboriginal people with a cultural connection to Me-Mel and experience in either property, asset and cultural heritage management, strategic business planning, master planning, governance, financial management or community engagement are encouraged to apply.

The Committee will have 14 members, with appropriate gender balance. The Committee will have majority Aboriginal membership and will lead this phase of work and provide recommendations to the NSW Government.

For more information please visit: environment.nsw.gov.au/me-mel email memel.goatland@environment.nsw.gov.au or call the Senior Project Officer on (02) 9995 6850.

Nominations close 5 October 2022.

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I work for NSW



Quit for New Life Aboriginal Health Worker – Drug Health Services

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Remuneration: \$56,896 to \$83,799 per annum
Enquiries: Tina Taylor on 0472 802 627 or email Tina.Taylor1@health.nsw.gov.au and Wanda Brabender on 0459 861 753 or email Wanda.brabender@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: 2 October 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ341022**

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I work for NSW



Male Aboriginal Health Worker (Youth Health Service)

Department: South Western Sydney LHD
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Remuneration: \$56,896 to \$83,799 per annum
Enquiries: Glenys Goodwin on 0477 386 994 or Glenys.Goodwin@health.nsw.gov.au

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For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 9 October 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically at healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com Search for Job Ref Number: **REQ339621**

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ABORIGINAL PARTNERSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



- 📍 Mildura, Northwest Victoria
- 💰 \$80,000 - \$89,000 p/a + super
- 👥 Operations and Community Team

Join Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) to be at the centre of crucial engagement work with Traditional Owners and local communities across some of the most culturally and environmentally significant reaches of the River Murray in Victoria.

Working in conjunction with the Environmental Water Team, you will support the development and implementation of targeted and effective Aboriginal community engagement. This role will deliver engagement activities and events that facilitate meaningful community involvement and partnerships aligned with the project objectives. You will play a significant role in facilitating links between culture and diversity, and foster an environment of inclusive decision making. This position requires a focus on building and maintaining strong partnerships and working relationships with community groups, including Traditional Owners, local Aboriginal community groups, volunteer groups, schools and landholders.

We are committed to creating a COVID safe workplace and culturally safe environment where individuals feel safe, valued and are able to celebrate their culture, spiritual and belief systems.

We encourage a wide-ranging gender balanced candidate pool inclusive of all and including Aboriginal, culturally and linguistically diverse applicants.

The position is available for up to full-time hours on a temporary basis until 30 June 2024. The salary range is \$80,000 - \$89,000 per annum plus super, in accordance with the Mallee CMA Enterprise Agreement, and dependent upon skills and experience.

A position description is available from www.malleecma.com.au/current-vacancies, or by emailing vacancies@malleecma.com.au.

Applications are to be addressed to Human Resources at vacancies@malleecma.com.au by 5pm, Wednesday 21 September 2022.

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I work for NSW



Manager Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Services

Location: Central Coast Local Health District
Employment Type: Permanent Full-Time
Position Classification: Health Manager Level 1
Remuneration: \$76,152 to \$102,438 per annum
Hours Per Week: 38

This recruitment may be used to fill future positions via an eligibility list for permanent, full-time, part-time, temporary and casual positions.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Do you want to work in a dynamic workplace environment with great opportunity for development and advancement? Do you have the desire, commitment, and resilience to strive for excellence and be rewarded for your performance? Do you want to work for the biggest employer on the Central Coast providing you with ongoing ability to manage your own career?

Apply for a role with the Central Coast Local Health District and access these opportunities to develop and expand your future employment prospects.

What you'll be doing

This position of Manager Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Services plays a major role in the coordination, implementation and monitoring of drug and alcohol treatment services to the Local Aboriginal community.

The Manager Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Services will act as consultant and will provide strategic advice/consultation to the Drug & Alcohol Service (DAS) Manager, Head of Department as well as other management and staff to support DAS in maintaining compliance with culturally appropriate practices regarding strategic planning. This role will also provide the cultural link between DAS and the Aboriginal Health service within the CCLHD. The position provides cultural leadership and assists in the development and delivery of services and initiatives that maximise healthcare to Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol patients. The role will also provide cultural advice to the HIV and Related Program (HARP) as negotiated with the DAS/HARP Manager.

The position is based within the Drug and Alcohol Service (DAS) and works across Gosford and Wyong Hospitals and Central Coast health.

Stepping Up Website

The 'Stepping Up' online resource aims to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job applicants understand how to apply for roles within NSW Health by clarifying the recruitment and onboarding process.

For more information, please visit: steppingup.health.nsw.gov.au

1. This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identified position. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification for this role and is authorized under Section 14(d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW*. A response to this criteria requires the applicant to tell us about themselves.
2. Relevant tertiary qualifications (Drug & Alcohol, Aboriginal Health, Mental Health) or equivalent work experience, or a combination of study and work experience, with a proven understanding of harm minimisation frameworks associated with the delivery of drug and alcohol services.
3. Demonstrated ability and experience in case management, referral, advocacy and support to Aboriginal clients and their families and significant others.
4. Experience in supporting clients with mental health issues that co-exist with substance use presentations.
5. Demonstrated experience in the development and implementation of effective partnerships with key stakeholders including non-Aboriginal staff in achieving health outcomes for Aboriginal people and ability to liaise effectively within government and non-government sectors.
6. Demonstrated experience in providing cultural supervision and cultural support to staff, effective verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills including the ability to adapt communication style to suit different audiences.

For role related queries or questions contact Steven Childs on Steven.Childs@health.nsw.gov.au

You are encouraged to complete applications on a week day where Technical Support is available Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm by phoning ROB Help Desk on 1300 679 367.

Applications Close: Monday 3 October 2022 at 11:59pm

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au and search Job Reference Number **REQ340483**

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For all your advertising needs
email: advertising@koorimail.com
or call **02 6622 2666**

WE'RE RECRUITING!



- Operations Manager
- Sales & Philanthropy Manager



Indigenous Community Television is seeking applications from experienced individuals for two positions.

The Operations Manager is full-time and based in Alice Springs.

The Sales & Philanthropy Manager is initially full-time and based in Alice Springs. The position can be undertaken part-time and remotely, as negotiated with the successful candidate after this period.

Both positions are Indigenous prioritised.

For more information visit corporate.ictv.com.au/jobs
Or call 08 8952 3118 and speak with Alex or Rita



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.



Indigenous Academic Engagement Officer

Job No.: 638435

Location: Clayton campus

Employment Type: Full-time

Duration: Continuing appointment

Remuneration: \$84,740 - \$91,467 pa HEW Level 06 (plus 17% employer superannuation)

- Be inspired, every day
- Take your career in exciting, rewarding directions
- Be a part of an inclusive, collaborative community

The Opportunity

The Indigenous Academic Engagement Officer will coordinate a range of complex services to support the strategies, programs and initiatives for the PVCI and the William Cooper Institute. Reporting directly to the Indigenous Students Service Manager, this role will ensure the delivery of Indigenous academic support and engagement of programs across the University.

A focus of the role is being the first point of contact between portfolio, university and internal and external client groups while working closely with faculties and central services.

As the successful candidate your duties will include:

- Complete tasks, activities and administrative processes in the student service systems and deliver support to Indigenous students via programs such as the Indigenous Academic Enhancement Program [IAEP], and the Indigenous Academic Advisor Program for Indigenous pathway students
- Provide advice and support to other staff, clients and stakeholders including the Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous) and Director of the William Cooper Institute, and their office ensuring excellent customer service outcomes
- Contribute to and support a range of processes such as policy development, governance, management decision-making, change management, compliance, quality and performance reporting

We are seeking a professional individual that has a degree in a relevant field with subsequent relevant experience. This will include excellent administration skills and organisational skills with a strong commitment to excellence in customer service. You will have a hands-on approach to service provision, highly-developed written and verbal communication skills and developed computer literacy.

If you believe you fit this profile, we look forward to receiving your application.

Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply for this position as it is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12 (1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic).

This role is a full-time position; however, flexible working arrangements may be negotiated.

At Monash University, we are committed to being a Child Safe organisation. This position at the University will require the incumbent to hold a valid Working with Children Check.

Responses to the key selection criteria are not required. Please refer to "How to apply for Monash Jobs".

Enquiries

Ms Erin Pennett – Indigenous Student Services Manager, Erin.Pennett@monash.edu, +61 419 288 968

Closing Date

Please submit your application as soon as possible for this fabulous opportunity to join Monash University. Interviews will be held as strong applicants are identified. Applications will close when the role has been filled, no earlier than Sunday 2 October 2022, 11:55 pm AEDT.

Join one of Australia's most innovative community mental health services

Aboriginal Liaison Officer - Hurstville NSW
Part Time, Maximum Term Contract until 30 June 2023

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander liaison officer will be available to provide a culturally safe response for participants of the program who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, as well as all other people accessing the program. This position contributes to the understanding of the well-being needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, will work within the team to assist with the development and delivery of social and emotional wellbeing support and cultural awareness and knowledge

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified position
- Applications Close: 2 October 2022

Apply here: www.neaminational.org.au/work-with-us/



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About us
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To find out more please see our ad on Seek or contact Peta Larsen Chief Executive Officer Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation on 0269235300 or Kelli Dragos, Abundance Human Resources on 0419 419 554.

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- Someone with a strong desire to deliver a great visitor experience and to help others
- Excellent communication skills and attention to detail
- Experience in a similar role perhaps with strong customer service at its core
- Creative thinking and the ability to problem solve
- A can-do attitude and the ability to show initiative
- Great multitasking and organisational skills

In return, we invest in you

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WIDI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC (ICN 8911) NOTICE OF INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT MEETINGS

THIS NOTICE INVITES all members of the Widi Aboriginal Corporation and Widi Common Law Native Title Holders as described below to attend two Consultation Information Sessions and a Authorisation and Consent Meeting.

Background

The Widi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ICN 8363 (WAC) holds the native title as the agent for the Widi common law native title holders and has been negotiating an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), Ancillary Agreement and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Agreements) in relation to the proposed Bowen Renewable Energy Hub (REH), which consists of pumped hydro energy storage, a solar photovoltaic farm, a wind farm and related infrastructure. The proposed ILUA Agreement Area is shown in the map below. WAC and REH have reached in principle agreement and in accordance with the Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 (Cth) WAC is required to conduct consent and consultation meetings with the Widi Common Law Native Title Holders.

Information Session#1

WHEN: Saturday, 1 October 2022
WHERE: Ocean International Hotel, 1 Bridge Road Mackay 4740
TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The purpose of Information Session #1 is to:

1. **CONSULT** and hold an information session with the Widi common law native title holders;
2. **CONFIRM** the Widi decision making process for the making of decisions at the Authorisation and Consent Meeting;
3. **DISCUSS** a Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 (Cth) Regulation 9 Certificate; and
4. Provide the Widi Common Law Native Title Holders with an UPDATE on the negotiations and the purpose of the proposed Agreements.

Information Session#2

WHEN: Saturday, 8 October 2022
WHERE: Ocean International Hotel, 1 Bridge Road Mackay 4740
TIME: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Subject to the Consultation Information Session #1, Information Session #2 is for further discussion on the proposed Agreements

Authorisation and Consent Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, 8 October 2022
WHERE: Ocean International Hotel, 1 Bridge Road Mackay 4740
TIME: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The purpose of the Authorisation and Consent Meeting is to consider, and if appropriate to do so:

1. **AUTHORISE** and consent to WAC entering into the proposed ILUA;
2. **AUTHORISE** any two WAC Directors to sign the proposed ILUA;
3. **AUTHORISE** the Ancillary Agreement;
4. **AUTHORISE** the Cultural Heritage Management Plan;
5. **AUTHORISE** two Directors to sign a Regulation 9 Certificate.

The Widi Common Law Native Title Holders are those persons who are descended from one or more of the apical ancestors listed in the Widi#1 people's native title determination, being:

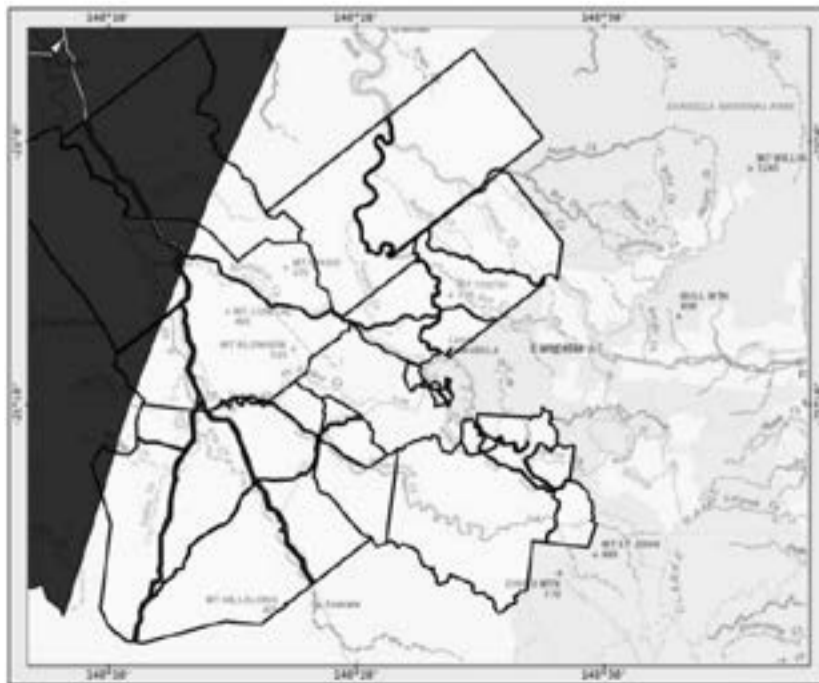
- Jean White, mother of Albert Butterworth;
- Mr Clark ('of Suttor Station') & Jinny (of 'Stockton Station'), whose known children are Charlie Clark and Dick Clark;
- Jinny (of 'Stockton Station'), whose known child (with Mr Watson) is Charlie Watson;
- Siblings Tommy Emmerson/Iffley and Arthur Emmerson;
- Roger ('of Nebo district'), whose known child is Emily Rogers;

- Neddy Thorney, whose known child is Sarah Mate Mate nee Thorney/Sauney;
- Sophie ('of Nebo'), whose known children are Jack Skeen, William Skeen, Norman Skeen, Elsie Skeen and Mary Skeen; (h) Dick ('of Nebo'), whose known child is Sam Murray;
- Billy ('of Nebo') & Molly (of 'Oxford Downs Station'), whose known children are Jessie and Billy Sullivan;
- Harry Monsell Snr ('of Lake Elphinstone') whose known children are Lily Sullivan, Flora Doyle and Harry Monsell Jnr;
- King ('of Fort Cooper') & Meg ('of Fort Cooper'), whose known children are Johnny, Mick, Mitchell Dalton, Paddy, Emma and Annie;
- Ida, whose known child is Rene Hess ('from Nebo');
- Maggie, whose known children are Norman Brown Snr, George 'Duke' Barker and Ina Darwin.

To obtain a detailed agenda for the above meetings or further information regarding the ILUA Agreement Area, please contact Saylor Legal on 07 4431-0074 or by email at david@saylorlegal.com.au.

WAC regrets to advise that no travel assistance and no accommodation assistance will be provided however, morning tea, lunch and refreshments will be provided to participants at the meetings.

Map of ILUA Agreement Area



YIRRGANYDJI PEOPLE CAIRNS INQUIRY COMBINED COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People are hereby given notice of a community consultation meeting followed by native title authorisation meeting for the Yirrganydji (Irukandji) Peoples native title claimant application under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) on:

Community Consultation Meeting

Date: Saturday 8th October 2022

Time: 9.30am

Place: Alluna Trust meeting room at 91 Lyons Street Bungalow QLD 4870

Native Title Authorisation Meeting

Date: Saturday 8th October 2022

Time: 1.00pm

Place: Alluna Trust meeting room at 91 Lyons Street Bungalow QLD 4870

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

1. Membership
2. Update on Yirrganydji business and consultation with community about asset acquisition and management, investments, native title claims and general affairs.
3. Other business

AUTHORISATION MEETING AGENDA

This notice further invites to the authorisation meeting Yirrganydji persons who are descendants by birth and by customary adoption of the following Yirrganydji apical ancestors, who are found to have held native title rights and interests in the "Yirrganydji Patriclan area" and/or "Cairns Inquiry area" as identified in the Inquiry Report at effective sovereignty including

- Billy Jagar (King of Barron)
- Jinny Njunjingai (mother of George Atika Singleton)
- Jerry Bardon
- Biddy Tangir Coleman
- Joshua Barron
- Joe Davidson
- Billy Boyle

A letter will be sent to all Yirrganydji members who are descendants of the above Yirrganydji apical ancestors regarding details of the authorisation meeting.

PURPOSE:

The Yirrganydji people intend to make further applications to the Federal Court of Australia for determinations of native title, seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for land and waters (including sea areas) in the Cairns region in Far North Queensland.

AUTHORISATION AGENDA:

The agenda items for consideration at the authorisation meeting are:

- **Item 1:** Discuss and authorise decision-making process for a Yirrganydji People Claim in the Cairns Inquiry area "CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim";
- **Item 2:** Discuss and authorise Applicants for the CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim (including role of applicants and extent of powers);
- **Item 3:** Authorise Applicants to make the above CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim (including but not restricted to, lodging Form 1 and Affidavit material);
- **Item 4:** Discuss and authorise the description of the land and waters to be included in the CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim
- **Item 5:** Discuss and authorise the membership of the claim group and authorise the description of the claim group to be used on the application;
- **Item 6:** Discuss a description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Yirrganydji People land and waters;
- **Item 7:** Authorise the name for the claim;
- **Item 8:** Discuss and authorise the membership of a native title working group to provide instructions to the applicants for the CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim
- **Item 9:** authorise amendments to any Native Title Form 5 Party Notice relating to Yirrganydji native title interests.
- **Item 10:** Discuss and authorise legal representative for CI Yirrganydji (Irukandji) People Claim.

The Yirrganydji People will be asked to make decisions at the authorisation meeting. It is therefore important that you attend as decisions may be made even if you are not present at the authorisation meeting.

Yirrganydji People regret they are unable to assist with transport to and from the meeting or accommodation costs, however a light lunch will be provided to the authorisation meeting.

Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Gavin Singleton (gavinsing01@gmail.com) or Anne English (atherton@tablelandslaw.com.au) of Atherton Tablelands law by 5 October 2022 to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Exploration No.	Applicant	Amalg No	Area	Locality	Centroid	Shire
29/921-I	AURENNE MIT PTY LTD	657823	20.80HA	75.7km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 12' S Long: 120° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE
38/3144	RICHMOND, William Robert	655225	20.93HA	107.6km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 39' S Long: 122° 15' E	LAVERTON SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 21 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 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 the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **21 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.

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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:

<p>Exploration Licence 33262 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 242 Blocks (770 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONALD DOWNS locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5953</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33263 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 242 Blocks (770 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARAPUNGA locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6053</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33264 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 231 Blocks (735 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6153</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33265 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 206 Blocks (655 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6153</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 33266 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 181 Blocks (559 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MACDONALD DOWNS locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5953</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33267 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 230 Blocks (715 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARAPUNGA locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6053</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33268 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 240 Blocks (763 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ARAPUNGA locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6053</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33269 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 238 Blocks (756 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6153</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 33270 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 224 Blocks (712 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LUCY locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6153</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33271 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 171 Blocks (511 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6052</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33272 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 117 Blocks (370 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6152</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 33275 sought by SANDFIRE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 105 154 185 over an area of 52 Blocks (165 km²) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.</p> <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6152</p>

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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act 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: 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
Mining Lease	40/357	WHITE, Geoffrey Charles	68.55HA	43.2km S'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 15' S Long: 121° 28' E	MENZIES SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 21 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 **21 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. The mining tenements may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 January 2023**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the mining tenements.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTh) SECTION 29

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Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	15/1920	ROCKY REEF MINING PTY LTD	10BL	18.3km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 12' S: Long: 121° 51' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/240	MONGER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	4BL	27.7km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 7' S: Long: 121° 56' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/241	MONGER EXPLORATION PTY LTD	1BL	29.7km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 9' S: Long: 121° 58' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/253	NORTHERN STAR (KLV) PTY LTD, NORTHERN STAR (SARACEN KALGOORLIE) PTY LTD	2BL	10.3km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 39' S: Long: 121° 27' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	26/254	NORTHERN STAR (HBJ) PTY LTD	1BL	12.9km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 5' S: Long: 121° 42' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3239	E79 EXPLORATION PTY LTD	3BL	96km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 33' S: Long: 122° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	37/1499	SANDGROPER MINERALS PTY LTD	4BL	89.4km E'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 40' S: Long: 121° 33' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	37/1501	WILDCAT RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	113.3km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat: 27° 28' S: Long: 121° 43' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	38/3755	WILDCAT RESOURCES LIMITED	70BL	139.1km N'ly of Laverton	Lat: 27° 23' S: Long: 122° 4' E	LAVERTON SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2252	GUYER WELL GOLD PTY LTD	38BL	69.6km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat: 29° 12' S: Long: 121° 56' E	LEONORA SHIRE, MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2335	HINDMARSH, Ty Raymond Thomas	1BL	69km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 12' S: Long: 122° 9' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/6262	DUKETON MINING LIMITED	42BL	37.2km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 36' S: Long: 120° 18' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2077	LEGEND RESOURCES PTY LTD	15BL	54.3km SE'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 50' S: Long: 119° 12' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	51/2121	SANDGROPER MINERALS PTY LTD	18BL	81.5km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat: 26° 43' S: Long: 119° 25' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE, WILUNA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/4084	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	16BL	56km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 41' S: Long: 119° 16' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	52/4085	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	8BL	72.7km E'ly of Peak Hill	Lat: 25° 40' S: Long: 119° 26' E	MEEKATHARRA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	63/2258	LICONI PTY LTD	25BL	109.2km SE'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 32° 8' S: Long: 120° 19' E	DUNDAS SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/6138	CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED	45BL	13km SE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 31° 0' S: Long: 118° 17' E	MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, NUNGARIN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/6146	MINERAL FIELDS PTY LTD	42BL	12.1km W'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 56' S: Long: 118° 4' E	MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE, MUKINBUDIN SHIRE, TRAYNING SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2915	FLYNN GOLD LIMITED	70BL	94.6km E'ly of Hyden	Lat: 32° 15' S: Long: 119° 53' E	KONDININ SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2929	PIPPIN NOMINEES PTY LTD	4BL	60.4km NE'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 32' S: Long: 118° 39' E	WESTONIA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2942	MCCLAREN, Kym Anthony	31BL	71.6km NW'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 39' S: Long: 118° 58' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	80/5784	MINING EQUITIES PTY LTD	19BL	53.3km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat: 16° 14' S: Long: 128° 35' E	WYNDHAM-EAST KIMBERLEY SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	16/3393	SANDHU, Tanvanth Singh	74.08HA	22.3km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 30' S: Long: 120° 54' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5587-S	SMITH, William John	4.79HA	1.3km N'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 25' S: Long: 121° 19' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5592	PANZICH, Adin Kim	28.41HA	21.1km NE'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 13' S: Long: 121° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	25/2740	MCCAHOON, Vincent	2.23HA	43.3km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat: 31° 4' S: Long: 122° 5' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4675 & 26/4677-8	KEAN, Steven Lionel	545.01HA	6.3km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 44' S: Long: 121° 24' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2533-4	MOORES, Martin Clive	322.77HA	13.8km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S: Long: 121° 32' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2535	BORROMEI, Rino	24.27HA	17.1km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 36' S: Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2538	LA ZARZA MINERALS PTY LTD	165.57HA	15.2km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 37' S: Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	27/2539, 27/2541 & 27/2543	LA ZARZA MINERALS PTY LTD	554.94HA	15.2km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 38' S: Long: 121° 33' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	39/6371	MICMAT HOLDINGS PTY LTD	52.53HA	42.5km E'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 53' S: Long: 121° 45' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4606	STRANGE, Vernon Wesley	0.43HA	28.9km S'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 43' S: Long: 119° 34' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	77/4607	WILLIAMS, Kevin Andrew	170.46HA	10.7km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 19' S: Long: 119° 19' E	YILGARN SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of 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: 21 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 **21 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. 21 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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Notice of an Authorisation Meeting of the Gomeri People Native Title Claim Group (NSD 37/2019)



When:	Friday 7 October 2022 1:00pm to 5:00pm – Meeting registration*	Saturday 8 October 2022 8:00am to 9:00am – Meeting registration* 9:00am – Meeting opened 5:00pm – Meeting closed	Sunday 9 October 2022 8:00am to 9:00am – Meeting registration* 9:00am – Meeting opened 4:00pm – Meeting closed
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*Note: To attend in person, registration will be open to members anytime throughout the meeting, but members are encouraged to register on Friday between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm or on Saturday or Sunday between 8:00am and 9:00am to allow adequate time for all business to be addressed. To attend by videoconference/telephone you **must** register by 5:00pm on Wednesday 5 October 2022

Where: In person: Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, Greg Norman Drive, Hillvue, Tamworth, NSW 2340

Remote access: Contact NTSCORP to attend by videoconference or telephone (by 5:00pm on 5 October 2022 at the latest)

Who should attend: The meeting is open to **all members of the native title claim group in the Gomeri People native title determination application (NSD37/2019)** ('Gomeri Claim Group', 'the Claim Group' and 'Gomeri Claim' respectively), being all the descendants of the following apical ancestors:

1. Thomas Pitt (who was born in 1838);
2. Billy Barlow (who was born in Tycannah in 1835);
3. Peter James Cutmore (who was born in Tycannah in 1849);
4. James Swan (who was born in Combadello in 1825);
5. Harriett Wyndham (who was born in Mungie Bundie in 1863);
6. William Levy (who was born in Terry Hie Hie in 1867);
7. Sally Nerang (who was born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1840);
8. Eliza Barlow (who was born in Terry Hie Hie circa 1860);
9. Kitty Dangar (who was born in Walgett in 1837);
10. William Clark (who was born in Collarenebri in 1845);
11. Murray Ippai (who was born in Collarenebri);
12. Mary Ann Ippai (who was born on the Barwon River);
13. Edward Morgan (who was born in Dungalear in 1855);
14. Nancy Morgan (who was born in Dungalear in 1861);
15. Robert Nicholls (who was born in Collarenebri in 1842);
16. Frank Mundy (who was born in Collymongle in 1872);
17. Lena Combo (who was born in Mogil Mogil in 1876);
18. Jack Thunderbolt (who was born in Walgett circa 1847);
19. Betsy Yates (also known as Polly Yates and Polly Burras) (who was born on the Barwon River circa 1860);
20. Jenny (who was born in Walgett circa 1840);
21. Dick Silk (who was born in Walgett);
22. Fred Parker (who was born in Gingie in 1864);
23. Murray Rook (who was born in Collarenebri in 1865);
24. Ethel Tinker (who was born in Mercadool circa 1878);
25. Emily McPherson (who was born in Collarenebri in 1892);
26. Billy Whitford (who was born in 1828);
27. King Robert Cobbler (who was born in Mogil Mogil in 1855);
28. Billy Wightman (who was born in Kunopia in 1813);
29. John McGrady (who was born in Moree in 1853);
30. William Dennison (who was born in Kunopia in 1843);
31. Charlie Dennison (who was born circa 1846-1866);
32. Alice Dennison (who was born in Moree circa 1863 - 1873);
33. Lucy Long (who was born in Boomi circa 1850);
34. Minnie Lance (who was born in Boomi circa 1868);
35. Harry Denham;
36. Charles Cubby (who was born on the Boomi River);
37. Sarah Wilson (also known as Sarah Murphy and Sarah Witman) (who was born in Kunopia in 1868);
38. Reuben Bartman (who was born in Boomi in 1876);
39. Billy Dunn (who was born in Mungindi);
40. William Edwards (who was born in Thallon);
41. Queen Susan (who was born in Welltown);
42. Phoebe Munday-Williams (who was born in Mungindi in 1864);
43. George Bennett (who was born in Mungindi in 1873);
44. Amelia Bell (also known as Amelia Brown) (who was born in Bingara in 1862);
45. William Snow (who was born in Tamworth or Moonbi in 1855);
46. Francis Snow (who was born in Tamworth in 1858);
47. Matilda Wyndham (who was born in Bingara in 1842);
48. Thomas Duke (who was born in Bingara in 1847);
49. Teasie Griffen (also known as Jessie Griffen and Ellen Griffen) (who was born in Barraba in 1859);
50. Mary Anne Hammond (who was born in Tamworth in 1836);
51. Elizabeth Guest (also known as Eliza Gillan) (who was born in Liverpool Plains in 1840);
52. Jane Maloney (who was born in Walhallow in 1838);
53. Mary Ann Healy (who was born in Murrurundi in 1829);
54. Thomas Taylor (who was born in Coolah in 1836);
55. Elizabeth Loder (also known as Elizabeth Bates) (who was born in Murrurundi in 1843);
56. Sarah Gatehouse (who was born in Aberdeen in 1835);
57. William Duncomb (who was born in Muswellbrook circa 1830);
58. John Morris Tighe (who was born in 1852);
59. Susan Bishop-Young (also known as Susan Dangar) (who was born in Warialda);
60. Sarah Murphy (who was born in 1846);
61. Thomas French (who was born in Scone in 1825);
62. John Thomas Bates (who was born on the Mooki River in 1840);
63. Alexander Nean (who was born in Liverpool Plains in 1843);
64. David Johnson (who was born in Cassilis circa 1838-1844);
65. Mary Orr (also known as Nellie Orr) (who was born in Garrawilla in 1853);
66. Julia Campbell (who was born on the Castlereagh River circa 1833-1834);
67. Annie Jendis (who was born in Burbagate in 1845);
68. Harriet Munro (who was born in Gunnedah in 1867);
69. Alice Eliza Natty (who was born on the Namoi River near Boggabri in 1857);
70. James Tighe (who was born in Coonabarabran in 1842);
71. William Tighe (who was born in Toorawandi in 1844);
72. Patrick Tighe (who was born in Coonabarabran in 1852);
73. Jane Tighe (who was born in 1864);
74. Mary Jane Griffin (also known as 'Old Ibidah');
75. Susan Slater (who was born in Coonabarabran in 1839);
76. Thomas Leslie (who was born in Kirban circa 1850-1854);
77. James Leslie (who was born in Armatree in 1853);
78. Ellen Fuller (who was born in Rockgidgiel in 1854);
79. Sarah Hughes (who was born in Coonabarabran circa 1834-1859);
80. James Cole (who was born in 1845);
81. Mary Ann Hall (who was born on the Castlereagh River in 1840);
82. Samuel Bruce Smith (who was born in Tambar Springs circa 1860 - 1863);
83. Elizabeth Ann Smith (who was born in Mullaley in 1866);
84. William Green (also known as William Edwards) (who was born in Kings Plains near Inverell in 1853);
85. Angus Landsborough (who was born in Newstead in 1867);
86. Patrick Landsborough (who was born in Newstead in 1872);
87. Alec Brown (who was born in Bundarra in 1873);
88. Margaret King (who was born in Gummin Gummin near Gulargambone circa 1854-1858);
89. William James King (who was born in Coonabarabran circa 1851-1853);
90. Florence May Blackman (also known as Louisa Florina Blackman) (who was born in Coonamble in 1846);
91. Euphemia Blackman (who was born on the Castlereagh River in 1851);
92. Henry Arthur Yates (who was born in Coonamble in 1860);
93. Betsy Yates (who was born in Wingadee in 1854);
94. Annie Day (who was born in Bullarora Station near Coonamble circa 1871-1876);
95. Army Toomey (who was born in Wingadee near Coonamble in 1886);
96. Maria Clare Hall (who was born in Gulargambone circa 1830-1833);
97. Thomas Carney (who was born in Tonderburine in 1852);
98. Jim Duncan (who was born in Coonamble in 1854);
99. Thomas Reid (who was born in Cuttabri in 1840);
100. Thomas John Blacklock (who was born in Terembone in 1851);
101. Thomas Dangar (who was born in Drilldool in 1857);
102. Harry Doolan (who was born in Pilliga in 1855);
103. George Green (who was born in 1851);
104. Lucy Barr (who was born in Boggabri in 1851);
105. Peggy Reid (who was born in Cuttabri in 1836);
106. Julia Jane Saunders (who was born in Wee Waa in 1845);
107. William Newman (who was born in Cuttabri in 1807);
108. Emma Dingwell (who was born in Bograh Station near Narrabri in 1864);
109. Kate Purser (who was born in Narrabri in 1863);
110. Mary Ann Lucas (who was born in Millie in 1840);
111. Frank Maybury (who was born in Killarney Station near Narrabri circa 1840);
112. Charlotte Hagan (also known as Charlotte Keegan) (who was born in Narrabri circa 1850-1870);
113. Nellie Combo (who was born in Wallah Station near Narrabri in 1850) and
114. Mary Peake (who was born in Narrabri in 1848)

Descendants include persons who are descendants by adoption according to traditional law and custom.

The area that is the subject of the Gomeri Claim is bounded by the NSW/QLD state border in the north, the western slopes of the New England Tableland in the east, the Hunter and Goulburn Rivers in the south and the Castlereagh River in the west.

Agenda for the meeting

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Meeting Protocol
3. Update on developments in relation to the Gomeri People's native title determination application, including an update in relation to the orders made by the Court to appoint the new Applicant

4. Confirm the process of decision-making for the purposes of authorising the making of the native title determination application and dealing with matters arising in relation to it, including authorising amendments to the Gomeri Claim

5. Coonamble LALC non-claimant application

On 22 September 2021, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council filed an application (**non-claimant application**) in the Federal Court of Australia seeking a determination that native title does not exist in two parcels of land (Lot 1 and Lot 2 in DP 1036815) (**Parcels**). The Parcels are located within the external boundary of the Gomeri Claim. At this meeting the Gomeri Claim Group will be asked to consider and make decisions in relation to what steps the persons comprising the Gomeri Applicant should take in relation to the non-claimant application, including whether they should:

- (a) oppose the non-claimant application; or
- (b) accept that native title has been extinguished on the Parcels and not oppose the Federal Court of Australia proceeding to make a determination on that basis; and/or
- (c) amend the Gomeri People native title determination application to remove Lot 1 and Lot 2 in DP 1036815 from the application; and/or
- (d) take any other steps as instructed by the Gomeri Claim Group.

6. Interlocutory Application by Coonamble LALC, Gilgandra LALC, Lightning Ridge LALC, Red Chief LALC, Tamworth LALC, Toomelah LALC, Wee Waa LALC, Glen Innes LALC and Moombahlene LALC

On 7 March 2022 the following Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) filed an Interlocutory Application in the Federal Court of Australia seeking orders that they be joined as respondent parties to the Gomeri Claim and requiring that they file notices in relation to actively participating and receiving documents filed in the proceedings (**LALCs Interlocutory Application**):

- i. Coonamble LALC;
- ii. Gilgandra LALC;
- iii. Lightning Ridge LALC;
- iv. Red Chief LALC;
- v. Tamworth LALC;
- vi. Toomelah LALC;
- vii. Wee Waa LALC;
- viii. Glen Innes LALC; and
- ix. Moombahlene LALC.

At this meeting the Gomeri Claim Group will be asked to consider and make decisions in relation to what steps the persons comprising the Gomeri Applicant should take in relation to the LALCs Interlocutory Application, including whether they should:

- (a) consent to the orders sought in the LALCs Interlocutory Application; or
- (b) oppose the orders sought in the LALCs Interlocutory Application and proceed to a contested hearing; or
- (c) neither consent nor oppose the orders sought in the LALCs Interlocutory Application; and
- (d) take any other steps as instructed by the Gomeri Claim Group.

7. Cultural Heritage and Sites Monitoring Processes

At this meeting the Gomeri Claim Group will be asked to consider and make decisions in relation to what steps the persons comprising the Gomeri Applicant should take in relation to the appointment of Gomeri persons to undertake cultural heritage and sites monitoring work.

8. Review and Update on Actions arising from the June 2022 Gomeri Claim Group meeting, including Applicant Police and Working with Children checks

9. Other business

Any other matters, as determined by members of the Gomeri Claim Group.

Attending the Meeting

To reduce the risks of COVID-19, the Gomeri Claim Group meeting will be held in-person, and there will also be the option to participate remotely by telephone or videoconference.

Attending in person

If you wish to attend the Gomeri Claim Group meeting in person, please contact NTSCORP by no later than **5:00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2022**, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the venue.

For those attending the Gomeri Claim Group meeting in person, mileage assistance and accommodation may be available in accordance with NTSCORP's meeting assistance

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) — SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that:

Longreach No.1 Pty Ltd A.C.N. 149 922 394 of Level 4, 85 South Perth Esplanade, South Perth WA 6151 (Longreach) is the registered holder of South Australian Exploration Licence numbers 6484 (EL6484) and 6648 (EL6648) being the land described as follows:

EL6484

WEEKEROO AREA – approximately 130km northeast of Peterborough, bounded as follows:

Area A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°09'S and longitude 139°50'E, then east to longitude 139°54'E, south to latitude 32°10'S, east to longitude 139°58'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 139°57'E, north to latitude 32°11'S, west to longitude 139°53'E, south to latitude 32°13'S, east to longitude 139°54'E, south to latitude 32°14'S, east to longitude 139°55'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 139°50'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°09'S and longitude 140°02'E, then east to longitude 140°06'E, south to latitude 32°12'S, east to longitude 140°07'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 140°03'E, south to latitude 32°16'S, west to longitude 140°01'E, north to latitude 32°14'S, west to longitude 140°00'E, north to latitude 32°13'S, west to longitude 139°59'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, east to longitude 140°00'E, north to latitude 32°11'S, east to longitude 140°03'E, north to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°02'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 195km2 approximately

EL6648

WHEY WHEY CREEK AREA - approximately 35km west-northwest of Olary, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°10'S and longitude 139°58'E, then east to longitude 140°03'E, south to latitude 32°11'S, west to longitude 140°00'E, south to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 139°59'E, south to latitude 32°14'S, west to longitude 139°58'E, and north to the point of commencement. AREA: 26 km2 approximately.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66) (the Land).

Longreach, as the mining operator within the meaning of Mining Act 1971, proposes to carry out mineral exploration operations on the Land. The general nature of the proposed mineral exploration operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

General nature of proposed mineral exploration operations

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralization and/or water and without limiting the foregoing, such operations may include any of the following: Geophysical surveys including airborne and ground surveys of magnetics, gravity, electrical and seismic methods. Geochemical sampling including radon surveys, soil, rock chip and drainage. Shallow trenching and various drilling methods including auger, rotary mud, reverse circulation, aircore and diamond drilling.

Longreach seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement in respect of the Land and the proposed mineral exploration operations with native title parties as provided for by Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

The proposed operations are authorised by the following tenements under the Mining Act 1971: EL6484 and EL6648.

In this notice a reference to an exploration licence includes that tenement and any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments, re-grants or other dealings with that tenement. A reference to Longreach includes its successors and assigns.

If, four months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Longreach may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact Longreach for the purpose of

1. negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land; or
2. requesting further information about this notice.

Longreach can be contacted at PO BOX 939 South Perth, Western Australia, 6951 or by email or telephone:

Email: consultation@longreachcap.com. Telephone: (08) 9327 0130. Contact: Lana Volkova

TripleTwoNine – 13 Endeavour Road, Caringbah, NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1



Urbis has been commissioned by Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited as agent of Aliro Trusco 1 Pty Limited as trustee for Endeavour Shores Trust (the Proponent) to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for 13 Endeavour Road, Caringbah, NSW, legally referred to as Lot 2 in Deposited Plan (DP) 714965 ('the subject area'). The subject area is located in the Sutherland Shire Council Local Government Area.

The ACHA will accompany a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the demolition of existing buildings within the subject area and construction of a new two-storey, multi-tenanted warehouse and distribution centre.

The Proponent can be contacted directly via:

Aliro Group
c/o Equity Development Management
Level 2, 22 Atchison Street, St Leonards NSW 2065
Contact: Rick Megna
E: rdmegna@equitydm.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 5 October 2022.

Owen Barrett
Consultant Urbis Pty Ltd
Level 8 123 Pitt Street,
Sydney, NSW, 2000
P: 02 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 Premier and Cabinet and the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council; unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.



North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation ICN1996

ATTENTION ALL DJABUGAY-YIRRGANYDJI-BULWAY-NYAKALI-GULUY PEOPLE

NOTICE OF A NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR THE CAIRNS REGIONAL CLAIM GROUP NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION (QUD692/2016) REPLACING THE APPLICANT & CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CLAIM

The Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People native title claim group previously authorised an applicant comprised of Tyrone Cannon, Jeanette Singleton, William Brim and Glen Williams to make an application to the Federal Court of Australia (*Tyrone Cannon & Ors on behalf of the Cairns Regional Claim Group & State of Queensland & Ors, QUD692/2016*) (Cairns Regional Claim) seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (Native Title Act). The Cairns Regional Claim covers the area shown in the map.

North Queensland Land Council (NQLC) will hold a meeting over two days on **Wednesday 12 October 2022** and **Thursday 13 October 2022** to which all members of the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People native title claim group are invited.

This is an important meeting as the claim group will be asked to authorise that the current applicant for the Cairns Regional Claim be replaced with a new applicant & whether to change the name of the claim. NQLC strongly encourages you to attend as it is proposed that binding decisions will be made on the second day of the meeting on Thursday 13 October 2022.

MEETING DETAILS:

Dates: Wednesday 12 October 2022 – Day 1
Thursday 13 October 2022 – Day 2
Venue: Rydges Esplanade Resort, 209-217 Abbott St, Cairns Qld 4870
Registrations open: 8.30am
Meeting start time: 9.45am
Meeting finish time: 4.00pm (approximately)

Wednesday 12 October 2022 – Day 1

On day 1, NQLC will provide information about a proposed agenda and draft resolutions and offer a forum for the members of the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People claim group to ask questions of NQLC and to also discuss either amongst themselves or in the presence of NQLC officers (as they see fit) the authorisation decisions that they will be asked to consider making on day two.

Thursday 13 October 2022 – Day 2

Day 2 will be an authorisation meeting for the members of the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People claim group.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purpose of the meeting is for the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People claim group to discuss, consider and make decisions about:

1. Authorising a replacement of the applicant for the Cairns Regional Claim native title application under s. 66B of the Native Title Act.

Note: The applicant must be a member of the native title claim group and is the person or persons authorised by the native title claim group to make the application and to deal with all matters arising under the Native Title Act in relation to the application, subject to any conditions placed on the applicant's authority under s. 251BA of the Native Title Act

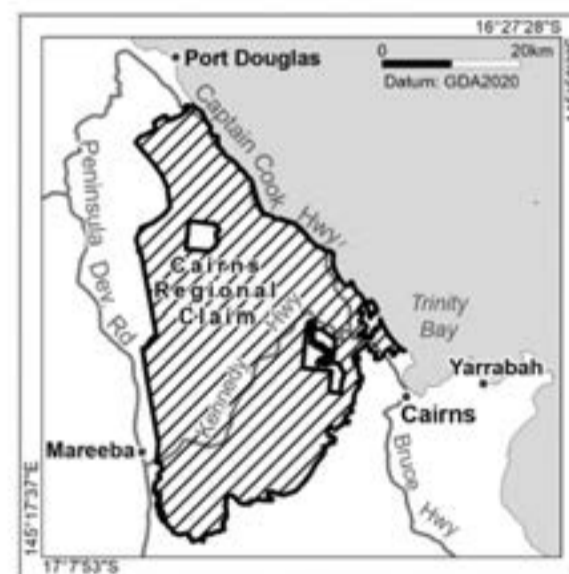
2. Placing conditions on the authority of the replacement applicant pursuant to s. 251BA of the Native Title Act.
3. A change of the name of the claim to the 'Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People' or 'DYBNG People' or any other agreed name.
4. Such other matters as may be required to give effect to decisions made in relation to items 1 to 3 above.

PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING:

All members of the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People native title claim group are eligible to attend this meeting. The Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People native title claim group are those persons who descend from one or more of the following apical ancestors, including through traditional adoption (claim group members can trace descent from the below ancestors either through patrilineal or matrilineal links (this means either through their father's line or their mother's line)):

Biddy Tangir Coleman, George Coleman, Ginny/ Jinny Njujingai, Worundu and Maritjima (parents of Ernest Bounghi), Billy Boyle, Nellie Kuranda nee Street (mother of Topsy Thomas and others), Andrew Thomas aka Billy, Jerry Bardon, Maggie (mother of Janie Clark nee Brown), Robert Clarke, Joshua Barron, Merukan (father of Toby Brim and others), Annie Brim, Barney Hunter and Minnie Street, Tambo/ Sambo Street and Kitty Street, Jimmy Hobbler, Billy Hobbler, Tommy Newbury, Jimmy Newbury and Polly Thompson, Waikanigai, Joe and Annie Davidson, Andrew Dabah, Billy Long and Nellie (parents of Nellie Hastie), Jimmy and Nellie Street, Jinny (mother of Tambo Banning), Minnie (mother of Buttercup Banning), Billy and Rosie (parents of Bella Robinson who raised Charlie Levers and Peter Banning), Annie Courtney, Polly Courtney, Kitty Courtney (mother of Dick Richardson and others), Charlie (who partnered Kitty Courtney), Molly Dingga and her partners Ngunbitji and Patupita (Parents of George Kuranda/Carrol, Maggie Bowen and Jinnie Kuranda), Tommy Hobson and his partners Cissie and Rose, Kitty Donald, Nellie and Micky (parents of Mary Anne Lawrence), Cissie Hunter, Wulwai, Waimbul and Jakere, Jikangoman (mother of Charlie Hyde), Nellie of Redlynch (who partnered Jiritju), Charlie Fourmile, Walter Fourmile, Billy Jagar, Kitty Ikitjiti (mother of Maggie Aleck), Lizzie and Peter Harwood, Frank and Jinnie of Redlynch, Billy and Rosie of Speewah, Jeanie Graper, Charlie McGrath aka Frank Lyons, Nellie (mother of Peter, Charlie, Mick and Phillip Reid), Henry of Barron River, Old Man Manga/Mange and Niju Wu of Double Island.

If you have any questions about whether you are eligible to attend the meeting as a descendant of one or more of the ancestors listed above, please call NQLC's Cairns office on **Freecall 1800 814 779 or (07) 40427000** and ask to speak with anthropologist **Kara Dunn** or send Kara an email at kdunn@nqlc.com.au. To register your interest in attending this meeting or to enquire about **travel assistance** please contact **Cherona Walker** at NQLC on **Freecall 1800 814 779, 07 4042 7000** or cwalker@nqlc.com.au no later than **5:00pm, Tuesday 27 September 2022**. Note that any requests for travel assistance after this date will not be approved. **There is limited funding available for travel assistance and approvals are subject to NQLC policy.**



The State of Victoria wishes to notify any interested person that it is currently considering the following minerals licence applications.

Exploration Licences (EL)

If these licences are granted, the licensees will be permitted to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence, and to apply for two renewals of up to five years.

APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007888 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 35.4km southwest of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Border Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 0.6km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 499994E 5876448N Z54 Centre 100k map 7023</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007889 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 32.8km southwest of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Rippons Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 6.7km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 502401E 5876609N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007891 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 31.3km southwest of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Rippons Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 1.3km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 504663E 5876394N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007892 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 35.0km southwest of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Comaum Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 1.4km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 500966E 5875243N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007893 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 33.7km southwest of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Comaum Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 4.3 km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 502418E 5874746N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
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APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007895 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 20.0km south of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Dergholm-Edenhope Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 13.0km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 522954E 5880792N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007896 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 20.1km south of Edenhope NEAREST ROADS: Smokey Creek Road, Tallengower Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 21.0km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 527959E 5875863N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007897 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 11.9km south of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Powers Creek-Bourkes Bridge Road TERM: 5 years AREA: 44.0km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 529594E 5886592N Z54 Centre 100k map 7123</p>	
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<p>TENEMENT NUMBER: EL007899 APPLICANT: Mitre Hill Pty Ltd LOCATION: 23.4km east of Edenhope NEAREST ROAD: Wimmera Highway TERM: 5 years AREA: 349.0km²</p> <p>Centre MGA Co-ord 547201E 5921976N Z54 Centre 100k map 7124</p>	
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Becoming a native title party

Persons have until **21 December 2022** to take steps to become native title parties in relation to these licence applications. The notification date under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* is **21 September 2022**. Further information about becoming a native title party is available from the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, on 03 8638 6700 or by visiting www.nntt.gov.au.

For more information, visit earthresources.vic.gov.au/nativetitle, contact the Native Title Coordinator, on 0436 436 732 or email nativetitle.err@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

This notice is given by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions on behalf of the Minister for Resources in accordance with Section 29 (3) of the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*. The Department can be contacted at GPO Box 4509, Melbourne, VIC 3001.

LEGEND

- Application Area subject to Section 29 notification
- Land subject to Native Title Act or Traditional Owner Settlement Act
- Public Land
- Water Area



Jobs, Precincts and Regions

My best grand final moments

It is what every NRL player wants – to play in the grand final. And on Sunday, 2 October, the 2022 decider will be played out at Sydney Olympic Stadium. Here is the first five of my top 10 grand final moments.



Kris Flanders

10. Rod Silva played a huge role for Canterbury when they made a run in 1995. The classy fullback had a brilliant finals series and scored a match-sealing try against Manly in one of the biggest grand final upsets of all time.

9. Steve Ella was an underrated player of the Parramatta triple premiership sides of 1981-1983. Blessed with incredible speed and elusiveness, 'Zip-Zip Man' scored tries in all three.

8. Gorden Tallis lived up to his fearsome reputation when in 1998 he led from the front as Brisbane dominated Canterbury 38-12 to win the premiership and the Clive Churchill Medal.

7. Laurie Daley was a multiple premiership winner at Canberra in 1989, 1990 and 1994. His most memorable grand final highlight was his runaway try from just over the halfway line in the 1994 decider.

6. The great Eric Simms was a four-time premiership winner with the awesome South Sydney teams of 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1971. During those four title wins, he kicked 14 goals and five field goals.

5. In 1987, the grand final was played at the SCG for the last time where Manly defeated Canberra 18-8, attributed largely to the enormous contributions by Cliff Lyons who was deservedly awarded the Clive Churchill Medal.

*Next edition, part 2 of my 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.

Priceless moment for Knights' brotherhood

By KRIS FLANDERS



BEFORE that great moment when Johnathan Thurston gave the injured non-playing Canterbury Bulldogs captain Steve Price his 2004 NRL premiership ring when they beat

the Roosters in the grand final, there was another such moment seven years earlier.

The 1997 ARL grand final between Newcastle and Manly is considered as one of rugby league's classic deciders.

It is notable for many reasons – Newcastle were the underdogs; the Knights' Robbie O'Davis' celebratory dance after his first try; the Knights climbing off the canvas to reel in the Sea Eagles; and, of course, Andrew Johns darting down the blindside before turning the ball back inside to winger Darren Albert to deliver Newcastle that historic maiden premiership.

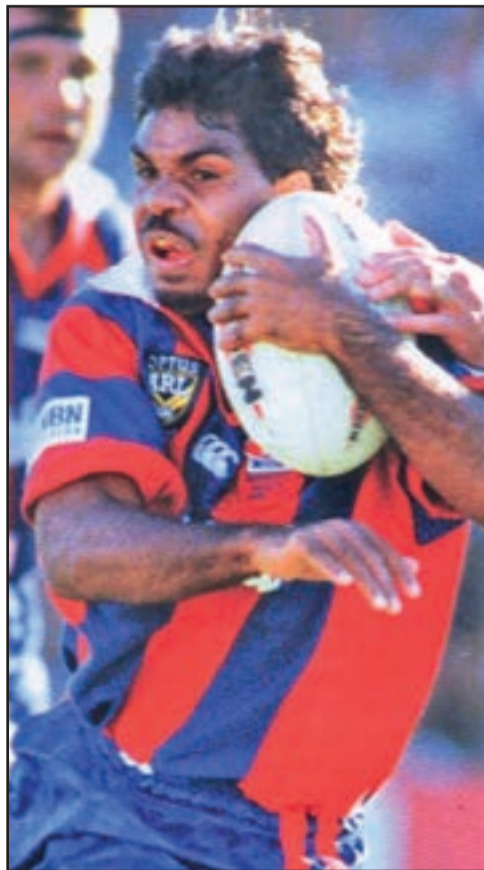
But what is often overlooked is that for much of that 1997 season the Knights were led on the field by the diminutive and crafty Leo Dynevor. The halfback filled in for regular half Johns when Johns was injured in the pre-season. Dynevor delivered for the men in red and blue.

The Kullilli-Wakka Wakka man had signed to play with Newcastle for the 1997 season after a stint with the London Broncos in the English Super League. Blessed with a wonderful passing game, speed and a good kick, Dynevor played 19 games for the Knights.

His teammates recall how important he was to the Knights' premiership run, and to the team's supporters.

"(He was) An unknown halfback from up north, (he) came down and was just incredible for us, he had an unbelievable season," former teammate Marc Glanville said. "I guess without Leo, we don't make the grand final."

But Dynevor wasn't just a fill-in for Johns, he made the halfback role his own. He scored eight tries and was a handy goal-



Leo Dynevor played one season with Newcastle in 1997; he played a key role to the Knights' run to the premiership.

kicker, slotting over 36 from 55 attempts and ended the season with 104 points. Throughout his 19 appearances, Newcastle won 11 matches and a draw.

Johns returned from his injury late in the season, forcing Dynevor to the bench for the Knights' preliminary final against North Sydney, which they won 17-12. This would be Dynevor's final game in Newcastle colours. He was out of the side for the grand final against Manly.

No doubt Dynevor would have loved to have been part of that historic day with his Newcastle team-mates and lift that trophy, too. He watched the game from the sidelines and cheered on at every play, celebrated with his teammates at full-time and was genuinely happy for the club

In the happy and noisy Knights post-game dressing shed at the Sydney Football Stadium, an incredible and heartfelt gesture unfolded. Stephen Crowe, who came off the bench to play in the forwards for Newcastle that day, approached Dynevor. Crowe showed Dynevor his hand and offered him his premiership ring. Dynevor was left gobsmacked. Crowe didn't think twice about it. He saw throughout the season exactly what Dynevor had done for Newcastle and believes without him the Knights would not have made it to the 1997 decider.

"He as probably the unluckiest bloke on game day," Crowe said.

"He played 16 games that year. 'Joey' had missed the bulk of the season with a busted ankle.

"There is no grand final without Leo and the fact that he didn't get to play he didn't get a ring, which I thought was pretty unfortunate considering how pivotal he was."

"Steve (Crowe) knew the enormity of what I did and took it upon himself to do that," Dynevor recalled of that moment in time.

"I think it was the first time someone had done something like that. I was just happy to be part of it. It was remarkable when I think about it. No-one knew. It wasn't really publicised. It was a wonderful gesture. They only had so many rings on the day and he gave his to me."

The 25th anniversary of the Knights' unforgettable maiden title win is this year. It is still talked about. But one of the greatest contributions to Newcastle's run was Leo Dynevor. He would play two more seasons of first-grade, with Western Suburbs in 1998 and 1999 before retiring from first-grade.

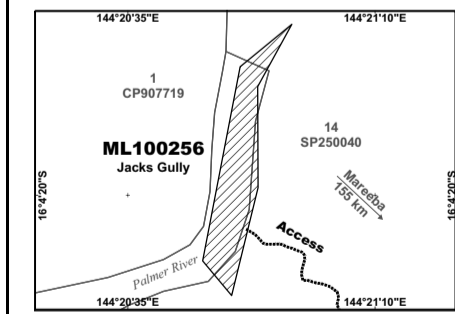
Throughout it all, Leo Dynevor's enormous contribution to Newcastle lives on.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

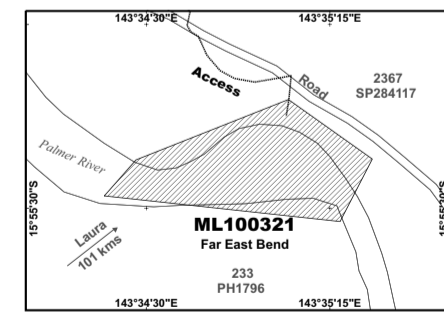
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 Mining Leases (ML's) 100256, ML100321, ML100322 and ML100323 shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

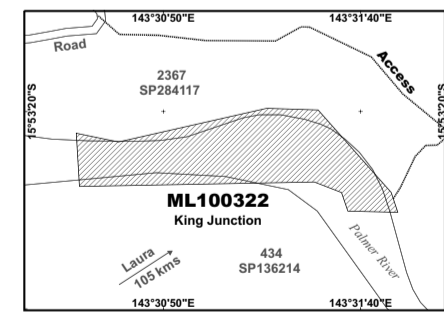
Mining Lease 100256 sought by Raymond Michael Fitzgerald, over an area of 14.29 ha, centred approximately 155 kms North West of Mareeba, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



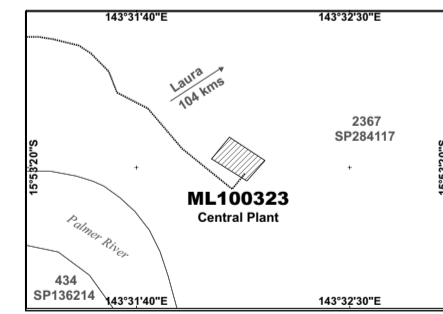
Mining Lease 100321 sought by Aurum Vale Pty Ltd, ACN 608 719 955, over an area of 104.97 ha, centred approximately 101 kms South West of Laura, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 100322 sought by Aurum Vale Pty Ltd, ACN 608 719 955 over an area of 107.96 ha, centred approximately 105 kms South West of Laura, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 100323 sought by Aurum Vale Pty Ltd, ACN 608 719 955, over an area of 5.81 ha, centred approximately 104 kms South West of Laura, in the locality of the Cook Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewals for terms not exceeding twenty (20) years. It is proposed to grant the Mining Leases subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Name and address of person doing Act(s): It is proposed that the Mining Leases 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 grant of the Mining Leases. 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 Mining Leases, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease Applications 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.

Notification Day: 12 October 2022



Jones seeks Kennel return



LIAM Jones has chosen the Western Bulldogs as his preferred playing destination for 2023, but Carlton are expected to receive a compensation pick for the move.

Jones announced his AFL retirement last November after choosing not to meet the league's COVID vaccination mandate. But with that mandate now dropped, Jones has decided to resurrect his career at the Bulldogs. The club confirmed Jones' intention and the 31-year-old will move there as an unrestricted free agent.

Jones started his career at the Kennel, notching 66 games across five seasons before switching to Carlton at the end of 2014. He added another 95 across seven seasons at the Blues before being forced into early retirement.

Meanwhile, at Fremantle, Liam Henry and Joel Hamling have been speculated as those who could leave the club.

First-round draftee Henry and premiership defender Hamling are contracted for 2023, but have fallen out of favour and could leave if the right offer pops up.

West Coast are set to play hard ball with Port Adelaide for Junior Rioli, who has been offered a four-year deal by the Power.

And St Kilda's Ben Long has requested a trade to the Suns, while Port midfielder Karl Amon wants to move to the Hawks.

— with AAP



Jamarra Ugle-Hagan is living up to his status as a No 1 draft pick. Picture: Halim Mellick

No. 1 'Pup' is finding his football feet

By HALIM MELLICK



JAMARRA Ugle-Hagan is living up to the hype that comes with being a No 1 draft pick in the AFL.

The Gunditjmarra-Nyoongar man was the first Indigenous player since Des Headland in 1998 to top the selections when the Western Bulldogs called out his name first at the 2020 national draft. Comparisons with the great Lance Franklin were made even at junior level but only this season has it become clear that there is fuss among the hype.

Ugle-Hagan made his AFL debut in round 17 last year and watched on from the stands as his team played out the grand final with Melbourne in Perth.

There has been a shift this season with growing confidence in his leap to take contested marks, his accuracy over distance and an all-round ability to score. All of that aligned in round 19 when the Bulldogs defeated the Dees in which he booted five goals, including a 55-metre bomb from the boundary line, and took six marks with 10 disposals. It earned him a Rising Star nomination and Yokayi Footy moment of the year.

Ugle-Hagan is an exciting key-position player that a team can build around.

He has signed a contract extension at the Bulldogs which secures the future star to 2024.

This teachable moment for AFL

It genuinely astounds me that an organisation such as the AFL can still get important moments wrong, like when the Queen of England passed away. Some people feel connected to the Monarchy and so they will mourn. For many First Nations people, her passing and the wall-to-wall coverage of the 'event' is but a reminder of the loss our people have endured due to British colonisation and imperialism.



Shelley Ware

When the AFL announced there would be a minute's silence at the following AFLW round, it was met with mixed reaction because it came during the league's two-week celebration of Indigenous Round.

Indigenous staff at almost all of the AFLW clubs wrote to Tanya Hosch, the AFL's general manager, inclusion and social policy, saying they felt a minute's silence was inappropriate during Indigenous Round and that it not take place. This all happened quickly. The Western Bulldogs-Fremantle match went ahead with the minute's silence. Hours later, however, the AFL took heed of the advice and scrapped it for the rest of the two-week round, which, in my view, was the right thing to do.

One has to ask: was the AFL's suggestion for a minute's silence during AFLW Indigenous Round even necessary? The AFL should have consulted with the community before making a public statement and in alignment with their RAP. We would have had a clearly laid out explanation as to why it was scrapping the minute's silence, instead of a bumbling reaction.

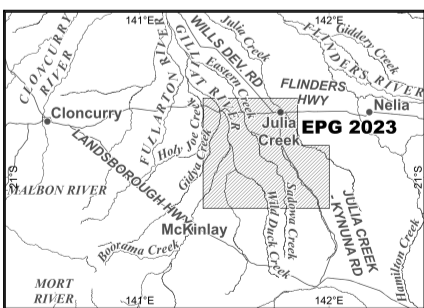
**Shelley Ware is a proud Yankunytjatjara and Wirangu woman from Adelaide. She appears on AFL.com.au's Colour Of Your Jumper.*

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT GEOTHERMAL

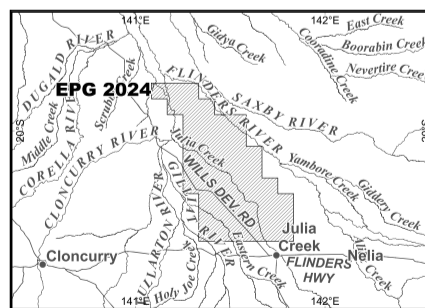
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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 2023, EPG 2024, EPG 2025 and EPG 2029 shown below under the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010*.

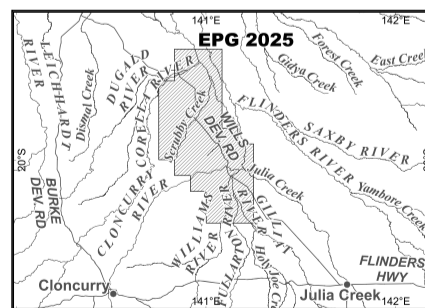
Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2023 sought by GREENVALE MINING LTD ACN 000 743 555, over an area of 1250 sub-blocks (3,999km²) centred approximately 22.5 km South West of Julia Creek, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2024 sought by GREENVALE MINING LTD ACN 000 743 555, over an area of 1200 sub-blocks (3,856 km²) centred approximately 30km North of Julia Creek, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2025 sought by GREENVALE MINING LTD ACN 000 743 555, over an area of 1100 sub-blocks (3,542 km²) centred approximately 113 kms North West of Julia Creek, in the localities of Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council.



Proposed grant of Exploration Permit Geothermal 2029 sought by GREENVALE MINING LTD ACN 000 743 555, over an area of 1109 sub-blocks (3,483km²) centred approximately 40km West of Longreach, in the locality of Longreach Regional Council.



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: 5 October 2022





The Kenneth Bolt Memorial team, winners of the 2022 Northern United Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Byron Bay last weekend. Pictures: Kristopher Cook

Kenneth Bolt Memorial victors



THE Kenneth Bolt Memorial men's team was victorious over 16 others at the three-day 2022 Northern United Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Byron Bay last weekend.

The event was one of several regional knockout tournaments around NSW ahead of the the big one at Nowra on the south coast.

At Byron Bay's Cavenbah Sports Complex on the state's far north coast, the Kenneth Bolt Memorial team

defeated Tabulam Turtle Divers 26-6 in the final, with \$10,000 in prizemoney.

KBM led 26-0 late in the second half until a consolation try and conversion by Tabulam in the final minute.

The winners were led by former Queensland Cup player Brett Kelly and forward Jira Breckenridge.

The event was livestreamed on YouTube by Mark Gough Media and commented live by Northern United RLFC first-grade coach Chris Binge and inaugural player Les Ryan.



The Tiddas 1 Mob team was a family affair with mum and daughter Christina Roberts and Aatiyah Kelly.



Sisters Yo-Leekan and Nar-Neekie Cohen lined up for Tiddas Mob.



The Coraki United women's team that won their division final over Cabbage Tree Island, and \$4000 in prizemoney.



Tabulam Turtle Divers and Coraki United women's teams lock horns.

When our first All-Stars toured Aotearoa in 1973

An historical overview of the 1973 Aboriginal rugby league tour of New Zealand

By Dr JOHN HEATH



Introduction

AS a published historian from the Birrpai peoples, and a member of the premiership winning Newcastle All-Blacks RLFC of 1979, I have long been interested in the history of Aboriginal involvement in rugby league. Especially so given the long-standing and continuing racism that is an everyday experience of most First Nations peoples.

In my 2021 publication *Healing the Spirit* (co-authored with Bob Davis) we make note of the refusal in 1914 of a Port Macquarie rugby league team to play against a Wauchope team because the Wauchope team had an Aboriginal player. Published letters to the editor (in local newspapers) over the following weeks highlighted the extent of the profound racism that led to the Port Macquarie team's decision.

Racism and associated discrimination continued openly until the effects of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 were felt. These experiences of everyday racism, both on and off the sporting field, helped drive an initiative that began four years before the RDA, which enhanced the participation and acceptance of First Nations peoples in rugby league. An initiative that perhaps should be seen in the light of the (now) celebrated Aboriginal cricket tour of England in 1868 was the Aboriginal rugby league tour of New Zealand in 1973.

Background to tour

Seven teams – Koorie United, Redfern All Blacks, Kempsey, La Perouse, Walgett, Moree and a combined Mt Druitt/South Coast team – contested the first Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in 1971 at Camdensville Oval at the inner Sydney suburb of St Peters. La Perouse won. The carnival set in train an event that has become the most anticipated on the Aboriginal sporting and cultural calendar in NSW.

The Knockout, the "KO", was the brainchild of six young Aboriginal men associated with the fledgling Koorie United RLFC, playing in the Newtown competition. They were Bob Morgan, Bill Kennedy and Dan Rose from Walgett, Victor Wright Jnr and Bob Smith from Kempsey and George Jackson from Grafton. Koorie United were, in fact, the hosts of the first Knockout. A key motivation for organising the Knockout was the difficulty that Aboriginal players had in breaking into teams playing in Sydney. A few players had managed to break through the barriers but there were many



This now-iconic photo of the touring team was taken at Sydney airport prior to the team's departure. The following is a rough record of those in the photo, from the top of the stairs to the bottom: Les Drew (NSW), Neville 'Gub' Thorne (NSW), Bimbo Widders, (NSW), Ron Mason (NSW), Michael Anderson (NSW), Vic Wright Snr (NSW), Jacko Smith (asst manager-NSW), Tim Collins, (NSW) (traditional dancers from the NT including Galarrwuy Yunupingu), Mick Mundine (NSW) Marshall Brown (NSW), Neil Appo (Qld.), unknown (Qld.), Francis Tappim (Qld), unknown (Qld), Tom Briggs (NSW), Wally Tallis (Qld), Don Carter (NT), Victor Wright (NSW), Allan Madden (NSW), Bob Morgan (NSW), Terry Wickey (NSW), Jacko Walker (coach-NSW), Ambrose Morgan (captain-NSW), Eddie Vale (NSW), Pastor Don Brady (assistant manager) (Qld), Bruce 'Lapa' Stewart (NSW), Doug Scott (manager-NSW – with grandson Brook), Yirrkala traditional dancers, Steve Ridgeway (NSW), unknown, Archie Glass (NSW), Phil de la Cruz (NT), Tom Moylan (NSW), Larry Hoskins (NSW), unknown (Qld). Front row: Patty Mara (Qld), Geoffrey Thorne (NSW), Clarke Scott (NSW), unknown (Qld).

more with the potential to play in Sydney teams (that were denied). Another motivating factor was the sense of community at a time when Aboriginal people could gather to celebrate culture and identity and to make and renew friendships. Of course, the Knockout has now evolved into an event that is way beyond the original vision of the KO but these two objectives remain core to the planning and hosting of the Knockout, as they should.

It was during the inaugural Knockout in 1971 that the concept of a tour of New Zealand was first discussed. Plans for the tour were soon consolidated during 1972 following a successful request for funding support to Charlie Perkins and the National Aboriginal Sports Foundation. Bob Morgan flew to New Zealand in late 1972 to negotiate plans for the tour including the number of teams the Aboriginal side would play against while on tour.

The 1972 Knockout served as a selection trial for the NZ tour with players selected in 'Possible' and 'Probable' teams with a further selection trial held in Kempsey to finalise selection of the NSW players and officials for the touring side.

Thirty-four players were

selected to represent the inaugural Aboriginal rugby league touring side: 19 were from NSW, 13 were from Queensland and two were from the Northern Territory. Traditional dancers from Yirrkala led by Galarrwuy Yunupingu also toured and entertained with the team.

The great Eric Simms chaired the selection panel for the NSW players who would eventually make up the bulk of the national Aboriginal touring team. John Elford from Wests Magpies and a few others assisted at various stages of the preparation phase of the tour including a visit by rugby league Immortal, the late John Raper, who attended a couple of the training sessions. The national Aboriginal team included at least two players who had already made it to the NSWRL teams in Sydney: Ronny Mason, who played with Penrith, and Ambrose Morgan, who played with South Sydney. Ambrose was selected as the captain of the touring team and Jacko Walker from La Perouse was selected as coach. Doug Scott was the tour manager and assistant managers included Vic Wright Snr, Jacko Smith and Pastor Don Brady from Queensland.

Some of the NSW touring team members went on to have impressive careers after the tour including Les Drew who played for Country and numerous country clubs including Maitland and Port Macquarie. Other players with impressive rugby league careers included Geoff and Neville Thorne who played with a number of country teams including at Bathurst, Dubbo, Macquarie and Gundagai. Other players such as Tom Briggs played with Newtown, Terry Wickey with Penrith, and Tommy Moylan who went on to play with Souths.

Among the players from outside of NSW were Phil de la Cruz, 'Mr Golden Boots', who was an established star in the Darwin rugby league competition, and Neil Appo, an established star in the north Queensland competition. Another notable selection in the touring team was Wally Tallis, the father of former NRL star Gordon Tallis.

There is little doubt that many of the players who were selected in the national Aboriginal touring team would have made it in the established Sydney based competition, the NSWRL. Most had distinguished careers in country rugby league and most

of the NSW-based players continued to play in the annual Knockout.

In New Zealand, the touring team played nine games over a period of 14 days, and they won seven. The most impressive and memorable win during the tour was against Petone, an all-Māori team. The Aboriginal team won 24-22 with Geoff Thorne, Les Drew and Phil de la Cruz the standouts.

The highest profile opponent the touring team played against was Dennis Williams who played for Te Atatu Roosters and at the time of the tour Williams was the New Zealand World Cup five-eighth. Williams is recognised as one of the greats of NZ rugby league and was inducted in the Auckland Hall of Fame in 1995. Williams represented NZ an impressive 30 times, captaining the side in 1977 against Australia and winning a grand slam with wins over Great Britain and France in the same year. The Aboriginal team defeated Williams' Te Atatu 17-13 in what was a great game of rugby league.

Controversially, the touring team were denied the use of the green and gold colours of Australian sports teams by the Australian Rugby League. The ARL argued that the colours could only be used for "official" Australian touring teams. All members of the touring team, players and officials, were proud to represent Australia and the ARL's denial still hurts some of the players and officials to this day. Many believe it would be a positive initiative if the current ARL Commission was to issue an apology, both in the spirit of healing and also as a measure of reconciliation. The team's jersey was a combination of the NSW and Queensland colours – blue and maroon.

Conclusion

Some of the touring team are no longer with us and others suffer as they age. Profound respect and recognition is extended to their families because they were part of an historical event that helped create so many wonderful memories and ignite and cement life-long friendships. They also helped pave the way for many of the opportunities that Aboriginal rugby league players enjoy today.

The calibre of the current list of NRL Aboriginal stars stand as testament to the belief underpinning one of the goals of the annual Koori Knockout and the 1973 tour of New Zealand, that when given the opportunity, Aboriginal rugby league players prove to be as gifted as any player playing the great game of rugby league.

***Dr John Heath, Birrpai, Traditional Owner and published historian, based on conversations and reflections with Bob Morgan.**



South Alice Springs' Shanley Malbunka made this incredible leap on Pioneer's Tyson Miller to take a mark during a tense moment in the 2022 Central Australian Football League grand final at Traeger Park in Mparwnte (Alice Springs). As spectacular as this was, Malbunka dropped the ball and it was called 'play-on'. What is equally outrageous as this amazing and athletic leap was that this was in front of the goals Souths were defending. Defenders are instructed to either spoil the ball to the ground or take a safe mark if possible. Still, it made for an incredible highlight for around the 2000 fans watching on. *Pictures: Peter Argent*

Pioneer leading from the front

All reports by
DARREN MONCRIEFF
in Mparwnte (Alice Springs)



THEIR rivalry is as big as the Central Australian desert that surrounds them. So when the Pioneer and South Alice Springs football clubs played out a dramatic grand final in front of a captivated crowd at Traeger Park in Mparwnte (Alice Springs) recently it added another layer to their story and a fitting end to the game's 75th season.

Pioneer won its 32nd premiership in their, and the Central Australian Football League's, 75th year in a game that has the local football community buzzing still.

The Eagles held on to win a thriller over Souths by five points, 11.7 (71) to 9.12 (66).

Lifelong clubman, president, active player and co-captain Jawoyn Cole-Manolis was a contented man in the days that followed the big game. He had won a grand final as a 21-year-old in 2010 but endured three more defeats over the next decade-and-a-bit, until last fortnight's triumph.

Pioneer, one of three CAFL foundation clubs, and Souths enjoy a healthy rivalry dating back to the 1960s when the Kangaroos were known as Amooinguna Football Club, after the small community 15km south of town, before a name change to South Alice Springs.

"They knocked us off in 2014 (grand final) so it was good to get one back," Cole-Manolis said, having watched a replay of the grand final at least three times already.

"But it was heart-in-mouth stuff. I was pretty confident throughout the whole game but the last five minutes, all it was gonna take was a (Souths) mark and a goal (for us to lose)."

The game was among the best grand finals of recent times. It was fast and skilful, fair and tough; there were cameos and standouts, and the result was never a sure thing until after the final siren (see page opposite).



Pioneer players in solidarity at the quarter-time huddle.

It was even-stevens in the first and second quarters. The Eagles' Shawn Foster presented as an ever-present danger for Souths and his contribution, and five goals, made certain his team stayed in the game. Foster was ably supported by ruckman Cheyne Miles, Cole-Manolis and Troy Gillett. Souths' Thomas Gorey matched Foster on the scoreboard with five goals also, while the bustling Deacon Braun provided good value for the Roos.

Presented with a four-goal deficit at three-quarter-time, the Kangaroos got to work. Daniel Stafford lifted in the frantic final term, presenting as a leading target from half-forward. Of Souths' eight shots on goal this term, however, they only managed to kick 2.6, while Pioneer added just two more points.

"Souths were the top team all year, they were always gonna do it," Cole-Manolis said.

"But just the way our guys didn't give up; it could've been easy to just concede and not man-up or smother or tackle but the six points they kicked (in the final quarter) was due to the pressure we applied.

"I think everyone played really well. I played a team game; I wasn't in the 'best defenders' list, I just got in under the contests, there were a few of us who stood up."

The Cole-Manolis-Pioneer story has a post-script still to be added.

"I'm 33 so we'll see how we go next year," he said when asked if he'll play on.

"My young fella is 14 now and I hope to play a couple of (A-grade) games with him."



The Eagles' Henley Driffen is a picture of concentration during a tense moment in the grand final.

A football rivalry that reaches back through time



THE 75th Central Australian Football League grand final was the 11th such occasion in which the Pioneer and South Alice Springs football clubs have met in season-deciders.

With the Eagles having won

the pulsating 2022 grand final by five points over the Kangaroos, the all-time record between the two now stands at 6-5 in Souths' favour.

Souths' first-ever grand final (as Amooinguna) was, in fact, against Pioneer in 1966, in which the seasoned Eagles, playing in their 14th grand

final, inflicted a punishing 78-point defeat upon the newcomers.

The Kangaroos' first four grand finals were against Pioneer. Their first premiership would come against the Eagles in 1984 when they won by 26 points.

The next Pioneer-Souths

grand final came 11 years later in 1993, which was won by Souths, and again in 1995, also won by Souths.

Pioneer got them back in the 1998 grand final before Souths turned the tables the following year.

Souths repeated the dose in 2003.

Another 11 years would pass before the two teams would meet again in a grand final when, in 2014, the Kangaroos again defeated the Eagles.

Eight years later, the two teams would play out a classic, the final result coming only after the siren.

Souths' brave attempt to win the grand final



IN a dramatic finish to the 2022 CAFL grand final, Pioneer were ahead by five points with just seconds remaining in the final term when South Alice Springs made a last gasp surge forward with the ball. What happened next led to high drama and added yet another layer to this historical rivalry in Central Australian football.

With mere seconds remaining, Souths' kick toward their goals fell short and was defended and spoiled to the ground by the Pioneer defence. As the ball hit the ground, and almost simultaneously with the final siren, an Eagles player soccered the bouncing ball away and over the nearby boundary line. The moment gave Pioneer's heaving mass of supporters the cue to flock the field in celebration. But there was a post-script still to be added.

The nearby central umpire determined the Pioneer defender's act to be 'deliberate out-of-bounds', which is punishable by a free-kick to the opposition at where on the boundary line the ball went over – this, despite the game being apparently over. The umpire in this instance, however, could make this decision because the game is only over when he hears the siren, at which point he blows



South Alice Springs' Marcus Glen gave himself plenty of room to have a post-final siren shot on goal in the 2022 CAFL grand final at Traeger Park in Mparwante (Alice Springs). Pictures: Peter Argent

his whistle. The game (or quarter) is only over with the central umpire hearing the siren, at which point they will blow the whistle) – the moment when the 'umpire-siren connection', for want of a better term, is made. There are other elements to this. If a ball is in flight toward a player, and the umpire-siren connection is made at that moment, the mark the player took a fraction of a second later is not awarded. And if a player plays-on at this particular moment, the ball is deemed 'dead'. But if at a moment like this,

a ball is heading toward the posts, either in the air or along the ground, the ball is still "live" and any score is recorded, but only if it continues on its way, i.e. if it spills behind from a pack of hands and over the goal line(s).

Back at Traeger Park, the Pioneer player's soccer-kick happened almost simultaneously at the siren, a fraction before the umpire-siren connection was made, therefore the free-kick to Souths was warranted.

The Kangaroos were five points down at this point so a goal

would win them the game.

As the nearest player to where the ball went out, about 55-metres from goal, Souths' Marcus Glen was instructed to take the kick. He was, as he would say after the game, too far out to actually score, which is why he tried to get the umpire's attention in the middle of the chaos and the ground having to be cleared of fans.

"I thought I'd go and get that ball," he said when he realised the free-kick was there.

"But I was like, 'Oh I can't make this' so I told that umpire that it's supposed to be 50-metres (penalty) because the crowd run in, and it was our free. The people around me were saying it's 50-metres and they was backing me up; a lot of Westies (Westies) and Feddies (Federals) (reserves grand final players), they was backing me up. I was still a bit nervous."

But the umpire was having none of it. It was a unique situation and he handled it well. Also, no Pioneer players were doing anything to warrant a 50-metre penalty. Accepting this, Glen gave himself plenty of run-in space to launch a big kick toward goals, which put him right near the changerooms and among the spectators. He angled the Sherrin in his hands and launched into a torpedo punt, only to see it fall short. "My feelings just dropped," he said.



Souths' Deacon Braun was one of his side's best players.



Pioneer's Kane Sevallos was in the thick of the action.



Souths' Daniel Stafford attempts to take a mark in the forward-line.

Campbell savours family-club flag



MATT Campbell lay on his back, staring into the early night sky in the middle of Traeger Park,

listening to the sounds that would herald a premiership for him and his team.

The final siren in the 2022 CAFL grand final had just gone. It marked the cue for supporters of one team to stream onto the field in wild celebration. Campbell's Pioneer Football Club team were five points ahead of the team from South Alice Springs. But Campbell, a Central Australian and seasoned former AFL player with North Melbourne, knew the game wasn't over just yet.

Souths were awarded an after-siren free kick. It was to be kicked from about 55 metres out from goal on the boundary line by the Kangaroos' Marcus Glen.

It took about five minutes before Pioneer fans were cleared from the playing arena for Glen to take his shot. Campbell's mind ticked over.

"I was one of those players who was furthest away when that free-kick was paid. I read that it was a free-kick," he said, understanding that the central umpire got the decision right.

In amongst the chaos that immediately followed the final siren, there appeared two familiar



Brothers in arms, in life and on the football field, Pioneer's Paul (left) and Matt Campbell shared their first premiership together.

and happy faces on the field where Campbell was.

"My wife and two-year-old daughter ran up to me but I had to usher them off because I knew the game wasn't over; she (with bub) quickly ran off," Campbell said.

"When the free-kick was paid I just laid there and looked up into

the sky. 'If this guy's good enough, he'll kick it from there' I thought, '(but) if he misses it, we've won it'. At the end of the day, the umpire is there to make a decision. If we had have lost that game, there would be no blame to the umpire; it was on us to make those decisions to kick goals."

Deadly trio back with Breakers



COMMONWEALTH Games gold medallist and Twenty20 and ODI World Cup winner Ashleigh Gardner headlines the first NSW Breakers squad of the 2022/23 Women's National Cricket League season, which begins this weekend.

Joining Gardner at the Breakers are fellow Imparja Cup/National Indigenous Cricket Championship players and winners Hannah Darlington and Anika Learoyd.

The Breakers will square off against Mikayla Hinkley's Queensland Fire at North Sydney Oval this weekend on 23 and 25 September.

Breakers head coach Gavan Twining said the playing group welcomes back Gardner and fellow Games gold medallist Alyssa Healy with open arms.

"Any time you can have players the calibre of Midge (Healy) and Ash come back into your team you are grateful," Twining said.

"They are not only world class players on the field but they bring a high level of leadership and confidence to the playing group off the park too.

"Our group have performed really well in preparation for this season. "They have been dedicated to the task of improving every single day."

Fejo key player in Bearcats' NBL1 championship win

By PETER ARGENT



JASMINE Fejo is one key part of the "Big Four" in West Adelaide Basketball

Club's first women's championship in 15 years.

Fejo, with Jasmine Simmons and US imports Madelynn Utti and Jenni Rintala, played a pivotal role in the Bearcats' 82-75 win over Sturt in the 2022 NBL1 Central championship in front of 1200 fans at the Lights Community Centre earlier this month.

Fejo produced some big numbers during the 2022 campaign.

This included a 32-point game in the second semi-final win, also against the Sabres, and a massive 39-point match in the round 5 match against Norwood Flames.

Her double-double in the grand final complimented an initial 12-rebound, 14-point match to start the season against Central District Lions.

The 22-year-old averaged 18.95pts across the breadth of the 2022 season, nearly three points higher than her career average of 16.14.

Bearcats general manager Blake Truslove was full of praise.

"Jassy played as an off-guard and was certainly a key performer on grand final day and during the regular season for us," he said.

"In our premiership win over Sturt, she scored 14 points, delivered 10 assists and created three steals, along with collecting a pair of rebounds and a block in a strong all-round performance.

"We were cruising, being 20 points up at half-time but Sturt charged back into the contest in the third quarter; the lead changed a few times in the last term.

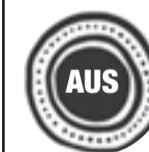
"It has been an impressive season by Jassy. She has come through our junior program here at the Bearcats and has come back this season after motherhood."

West Adelaide Bearcats' Jasmine Fejo and the championship ring she won as a NBL1 championship player. Picture: Peter Argent



Perth Glory's David Williams. Perth Glory

Willo in line for first-round start



NEW recruit David Williams will run out for Perth Glory for the first time when round 1 of the 2022/23 A-League Men's season kicks off next

month.

The Glory will meet Western Sydney Wanderers at Western Sydney Stadium on October 9 followed by another away game against Newcastle Jets in Newcastle on October 15, before their first home game on October 23 against Central Coast.

Williams moved back to Australia to join Perth after a three-season stint in the Indian Premier League.

Mum's the word as Freeman reflects on Olympic gold



TWENTY-two years to the day since Cathy Freeman lit the cauldron to open the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the legendary gold medallist has no

desire to thrust her talented daughter into any such spotlight.

Freeman was thrilled to be back on the harbour last week to promote the Sydney Running Festival.

"I feel really excited to be here today. I'm still excited about that day 22 years ago," she said.

Winning gold in the 400-metres on

September 15, 2000, under the intense pressure of being the heavy home favourite and face of the Games, remains forever etched in Australian sports folklore.

Freeman said she too will never forget the whole experience.

"For me, it was probably seeing my parents, my family, in the victory lap – that was exciting," Freeman, now 49, said.

"I don't know how I found them but obviously they knew where I was.

"It was lovely seeing them in the large crowd.

"But it's also in the private moments where you look and think 'gee whiz, that was interesting' and I'm glad I'm still feeling good about things and am satisfied."

Freeman's 11-year-old daughter Ruby Anne Susie Murch has the same iconic running style as her mother.

Ruby recently stunned onlookers while blitzing her 200m rivals in record pace at her school athletics carnival.

A video widely circulated shows Ruby streaking away at Melbourne's Murrumbena athletics field, where she also competed in the 100m,

relay and high jump.

But questions about Ruby were strictly off limits, with Freeman's PR people saying she preferred only to talk about her own athletics prowess.

"For me, running always went beyond being physical," Freeman said.

"It was more about something that generated a sense of inner peace.

"That might come across as a bit contrary to that whole competitive nature side of running.

"But the actual motion of running is like poetry to me."

– AAP



Redfern All Blacks celebrate their win in the 2004 Koori Knockout final at Redfern Oval in Sydney. Picture: Jamie James

Exhibition celebrates the 'original' Indigenous Round



MORE than 30,000 players and spectators are expected to descend on the South Coast this October long weekend for the biggest gathering of First Nations people in Australia — the 50th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival — the "Koori Knockout".

"It's the original Indigenous Round but on a much bigger scale", says Ronald Briggs, Gamilaroi (Moree), curator of the State Library of NSW's new exhibition, *Koori Knockout: 50 Years*, which opens to the public this weekend (Saturday, September 24).

It's 50 years since six young First Nations men gathered at the Clifton, Redfern and came up with an idea to bring together Aboriginal players and highlight their football abilities so talent scouts could see what they had been overlooking.

Koori Knockout: 50 Years follows the competition from its

early days played at Camdenville Oval, St Peters with just seven men's teams in the first Knockout, to becoming an important fixture in the First Nations calendar and the biggest rugby league knockout carnival anywhere in the world. It has kickstarted the professional careers of numerous NRL and NRLW league players including former greats Greg Inglis and Dean Widders, and current stars such as Latrell Mitchell (South Sydney) and Josh Addo-Carr (Canterbury-Bankstown).

"It's not just about the footy," says Ronald, who fondly remembers watching his dad play for the Moree Boomerangs in the 1970s and early 80s.

"The Knockout has been called a 'modern day corroboree', it's a happy time for First Nations families to come together, catch-up and celebrate the achievements of our brothers and sisters."

The exhibition features more than 50 historic and contemporary photographs that capture the

excitement of the Knockout over the years including photo series by Murri woman Barbara O'Grady, Gomeri-Gamilaraay, and Jamie James that have been acquired for the State Library's collection.

Co-founder Uncle Victor Wright has loaned his personal memorabilia for display, including the first-ever Knockout trophy and heritage jerseys.

His memories of the game are featured among the stories, oral histories and recordings of past and present players who have helped shape the competition over the years.

"My youngest son (Jonathan) came through the Knockout and his first signing was Parramatta" Uncle Victor said.

"It's there in the blood; cut my leg and a couple of little footballs may fall out."

***Koori Knockout: 50 Years Saturday, September 24 2022-Sunday, August 27, 2023 State Library of NSW 1 Shakespeare Place Sydney, NSW, 2000**

The voice of the Koori Knockout

By KRIS FLANDERS



HE is the voice of the Koori Knockout, bringing the game's biggest moments of one of Aboriginal sports' biggest events into lounge-rooms across the country.

Brad Cooke called his first "KO" match in 2008 and he remembers that first time fondly.

"It was up in Tweed Heads, we called the entire weekend, all the games," Cooke said.

"It was a big commentary team and I remember thinking this was the greatest thing ever. I get a chance to put the headphones on and it was pouring rain and windy and I just couldn't care less; I would have called the games in a monsoon.

"I was doing something I loved at the best footy that I love. I still have that same mindset and feelings about calling the KO since that first time."

When the action kicks off for the 50th anniversary of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at

Nowra/Bomaderry on the NSW south coast from September 30 to October 3, Cooke will take his place in the NITV commentary box.

After a two-year break from commentating KO footy because of the COVID pandemic, Cooke is excited about its return.

"I've had serious withdrawals from seeing blackfella footy; that competitiveness, those unbelievable skills," he said.

"I've really missed that flair and those unscripted moments that only KO footy can deliver. Of course it's not just the footy. It's yarning up to people and catching up with your mob that you might only see at Knockout time. It's a joy to see people and everyone is happy and coming together."

The sports commentator played for La Perouse in the Knockout and captained his team to win an exhibition match in the under-19s in 1992. That's where the love and passion for the great rugby league tournament started.

"I was never anything special as a footballer but I like to think that I did my absolute best," he said.



Brad Cooke has called the Koori Knockout since 2008.

"I'm a La Perouse boy and junior and for us we had two things: football, and the beach. I was lucky and privileged to captain that side and we had some super-talented players. I caught a real bug from it and discovered just how important and special the KO is from that experience."

Cooke loves watching Knockout footy and calling matches is a special position to be in. And while it is a role he

treasures, Cooke also knows that it comes with great responsibilities and that he's commentating for those who can't be at the grounds.

"There's pressures and the intensity, you get a clear sense of that from seeing the players," he said.

"They know if they lose they're out and that's it. It's a highly prestigious competition that all teams want to win but they also respect it. I try to bring that sense of the occasion into all my calls.

"I'm in a wonderful position and I know how lucky I am. So grateful for the opportunity. You know, I still get some nerves leading into some games. The biggest thing for me is making sure that all the players get their names called and that I also get them right and pronounced correctly."

Cooke thinks the Koori Knockout is the best rugby league anywhere and feels blessed that he's had the microphone in hand for some of the KO's biggest moments over the years.

"Every KO grand final is a highlight," he said.

"I see the relief, joy and the magnitude of what is achieved

from the players. There are so many highlights and things I recall instantly. The 2009 match where Walgett beat Mindaribba in extra-time, it was 44-all at full-time."

"In 2015, the Newcastle All Blacks side was just about to start celebrating as they led Redfern All Blacks by two points. Newcastle end up giving away a penalty near the halfway line and Shane Nolan Carr steps up to kick the goal for the RAB and send it into extra-time. Redfern go on to win and break Newcastle's hearts. Massive moments."

More of those moments will etch themselves into KO folklore over the October long-weekend and Cooke will call all the action, the emotion and the best plays.

"I think it's going to be huge, I really do," he said.

"I know that the Wellington family Mob and others involved with the South Coast Black Cockatoos will do a great job and deliver. It will be a great show and the anticipation around this being the 50th is really special."

***2022 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival – September 30 to October 3**

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Latrell inspired by Koori KO



THE lifelong influence of Koori Knockout football on South Sydney fullback Latrell Mitchell has been credited with igniting the spark and mental toughness he is playing with at the Rabbitohs.

Former NRL prop George Rose, who won the 2011 grand final with Manly and two Koori Knockouts in 2010 and 2014 with Walgett Aboriginal Connection, said Mitchell's experiences with the Taree Biripi Sharks at the Knockout had shaped him.

"Knockout footy has helped Latrell realise how important it is to keep a strong connection to his community for a start," Rose said of Mitchell, who played for the Rabbitohs against Cronulla in last weekend's Saturday NRL knockout semi-final.

"The great thing Latrell does is he gets back home as often as he can.

"When the Rabbitohs have a few days off he jumps in his car and goes back to Taree and reconnects.

"When he does that you see how much more settled he is coming into a week.

"I don't think many people could deal with the flak he has to cop each week just for being a great player.

"One of the things that he does to keep himself balanced and focused to play well is reconnecting with country and community."

Rose said the Koori Knockout was about "reconnecting with our communities and celebrating that massive, positive relationship that Indigenous people have with rugby league".



South Sydney's Latrell Mitchell.

"You've got 150-odd teams coming together and 20,000 people converging in the one spot," he said.

"The footy is a great spectacle and the feel of the whole weekend fills your cup because it is an opportunity to play with your

brothers, cousins, nephews, uncles and all your close mates. I know Latrell gets a lot from it."

Mitchell told reporters last week he played the game "hard and tough" and denied he milked penalties in the 30-14 elimination final win over the Sydney Roosters after being hit high in several tackles.

Rose said there was no disputing the physicality Mitchell played with, another legacy of the Koori Knockouts which he said was "the toughest footy I have ever played".

"Latrell plays tough and he plays with passion for the Rabbitohs and that epitomises Knockout footy where you are representing your community and family," Rose said.

"He has embraced South Sydney as his own family and will put every last bit of himself on the

line for his team.

"Latrell has played Knockouts since he was 15 and learnt from the older fellas how to play footy as a man.

"He was a big, lean thing back then and now he has filled out to be one of the most intimidating presences on a rugby league field."

This year's Koori Knockout is the 50th anniversary of the tournament and will be held from September 30 to October 3 in Nowra on the same weekend as the NRL grand final.

"Latrell will be able to come down on the Monday and bring the NRL trophy with him if he wants," Rose grinned.

"If Latrell does get to play in this year's Knockout in Nowra every man and their dog will be coming to watch what he can do."

-AAP

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The AusCycling RWC team kit design by Chern'ee Sutton. Picture: AusCycling

Traditional design for AusCycling



KALKADOON woman Chern'ee Sutton's traditional designs were on full display on the 29

Australian riders at the 2022 UCI Road World Championships at Wollongong on the NSW south coast last weekend.

A version of the kit for fans is available at

santinicycling.com and at selected cycling stores.

Sutton's art designs can be found at community organisations and corporate boardrooms across the country.



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Mac Elkin (left) presents the Noah Anderson Memorial Trophy to Gordon Matters (right) at the recent Queensland Darts Masters.

A fitting honour for world darts' 'Original'

By KRIS FLANDERS



KYLE 'The Original' Anderson thrilled the sport of darts right around the world.

He was a talented thrower and he was a colourful showman.

His opponents loved playing against him and they loved travelling throughout England and across the globe with him.

The big man of darts was also a fan favourite.

So it was just a matter of time before the sport honoured the late great Anderson who passed away last year.

At the recent Queensland Darts Masters, the Kyle Anderson Memorial Trophy was presented for the very first time.

"We wanted to work with the PDC (Professional Darts Corporation) to pay tribute to Kyle at this year's World Series events and these trophies are a fitting way for us to remember him," Darts Players Australia chief executive Rob Denny said.

"The Kyle Anderson Memorial Trophy itself represents the deeper connection and pride he had for his culture and country, and incorporates the personal touch of his handprint."

Australian darts player Gordon Mathers was emotional when receiving the trophy.

"I'm lost for words to win this award."



The Kyle Anderson Memorial Trophy (at right) honours the great man.

"Words cannot describe what Kyle and I went through, three years travelling together," Mathers said.

"To be the inaugural winner of this award, honestly I cannot speak."

Making the presentation even more special was that the boomerang-styled trophy was presented by Anderson's former manager and close friend Mac Elkin.

A right royal pain in the boogoo

Can someone come get these mob clutching their pearls and melting like snowflakes? I swear radio shock-jock Ray Hadley was near tears when he went off from his rocking horse about rugby league World Cup winner and Indigenous All-Star Caitlin Moran's comments about the recent death of his Queen who, on her visit to Australia in 1954, personally signed the edict that made into law the Australian government's plans to remove Aboriginal children from their parents.



Darren Moncrieff

Caitlin's sentiments, echoed around the world by other First Nations people, were privately shared on her own social media platform. But like the outrage merchants they have become, conservative media seized upon the comments and lost their collective goona – ugh, should've seen it! All over the walls.

Perhaps still reeling from a media-rights deal they should not have entered into and which has cost rugby league hundreds of millions of dollars, the ARL hung our sister out to dry; she was left there, too, by the game's ineffective Indigenous council. Caitlin was offered some support by the game's player union, the Rugby League Players Association.

But still, she was given a one-game ban and a suspended fine of 25% of her football money hangs over her.

Sport is reflective of the society it resides within, which mostly has become progressive. But elements of the 'old guard' remain, those whose ideals of what society ought to look like can be found in the conservative 1950s. So when Blak athletes refuse to "shut up and dribble" they risk the ire of the mob – not our mob, but the mob mentality and pile-on from the mainstream that can lead to ridiculous and unfair penalties.

Our Mob are an assertive bunch; we have seen and heard what our old ones have endured; we've felt it at school and at work; we have read the true accounts of this country's history, what British imperialism did in the name of their Kings and their Queens.

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Planning ramps up for Koori netball in Newcastle



THE 21st Koori Netball Tournament will see about 1500 players from across NSW

converge on Charlestown Netball Complex at Newcastle next month.

The event is delivered in partnership with Charlestown Netball Association and Netball NSW.

The event attracts

Aboriginal communities from across the state with the aim of increasing the participation of Aboriginal girls, women, boys and men in sport and recreation in a fun, competitive and inclusive environment.

It is one of the biggest celebrations of Aboriginal netball in NSW.

The team categories for the competition are under 12s, 12-15 years mixed, 12-15 years girls, Open mixed and Open

women's A and B.

The event will be held over a two-day period on October 29-30 at the Charlestown Netball Complex courts.

Team entry fees are set at \$250 and registration closes on Thursday, October 27.

Team guidelines:

Team registration \$250. Maximum of 14 players registered per team. Maximum of three non-Aboriginal players per team.

Each team must provide at least one non-player umpire.

Open women's will be graded at the tournament. Players can only play in their registered team. It is a drug and alcohol free event. The rules for play are those of Netball Australia. Code of Conduct will be managed under the Netball NSW Member protection policy.

Team captains must register a team first before inviting

team members to register/join their team.

On completion of creating a team, captains will receive a confirmation and link that can be sent to members to register and join.

Team members can then register using the link or the Register Now button at sport.nsw.gov.au/koori-netball-tournament – search for the team name and then complete the registration form.



South Coast on centre stage



ALL is in readiness for the 50th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in Nowra/Bomaderry this October long-weekend – September 30-October 3.

Teams, supporters, families and whole communities will converge on the NSW south coast town for one of the Aboriginal community's biggest sporting and cultural events. Hosts South Coast Black Cockatoos, winners of the 2019

Knockout at Tuggerah on the NSW Central Coast, have the Herculean task of running a successful carnival in its milestone year and defending their title on the field as the best Aboriginal rugby league team in the state.

The Black Cockatoos organisation has endured what none before them as hosts have had to – a worldwide pandemic that stopped society in its tracks, localised bushfires and flooding resulting in two postponements and a three-year wait before

large-scale planning for the big event could resume.

● Koori Mail will carry full coverage of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival in the October 5 edition.

Pioneer Football Club players and supporters celebrate the club's 32nd AFL senior premiership with the scoreboard as the backdrop at Traeger Park in Mparante (Alice Springs). Pictures: Peter Argent



Exhibition celebrating 'original' Indigenous Round opens



A MUSEUM celebrating 50 years of the Koori Knockout will have a 12-month run from this month

in Sydney.

Koori Knockout: 50 Years follows the NSW Aboriginal rugby league competition from its early days with just seven men's teams in the first Knockout to becoming an important fixture in the First Nations calendar, to now become the biggest rugby league knockout carnival anywhere in the world.

The annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival has kickstarted the professional careers of numerous NRL and NRLW league players, including former greats Greg Inglis and Dean Widders, and current stars such as Latrell Mitchell (South Sydney Rabbitohs) and Josh Addo-Carr (Canterbury-Bankstown).

"It's the original Indigenous Round but on a much bigger scale", says Ronald Briggs, Gamilaroi (Moree), curator of the State Library of NSW's new exhibition, *Koori Knockout: 50 Years*, which opens to the public this weekend (Saturday, September 24).

The exhibition features more than 50 historic and contemporary photographs that capture the excitement of the Knockout over the years including photo series by Murri woman Barbara O'Grady, Gomeri-Gamilaraay, and Jamie James that have been acquired for the State Library's collection.

Co-founder Uncle Victor Wright has loaned his personal memorabilia for display, including the first-ever Knockout trophy and heritage jerseys.

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Pioneer-ing greatness in football

By DARREN MONCRIEFF



CENTRAL Australian football foundation club Pioneer is basking in senior premiership glory after its mens team won a dramatic encounter by five points over South Alice Springs at Traeger Park recently.

The Eagles' 2022 Central Australian Football League premiership was the perfect bookend to their 75th year. The club was formed in 1947 as a team for Aboriginal people in the region to play

football, the same year also when the AFL was formed.

Pioneer hauled back a halftime, two-goal deficit to lead by 26 points at three-quarter-time in a highly skilled and thoroughly engaging game.

Souths responded midway through the final term with a game record eight shots on goal, but the Kangaroos will forever rue the inaccurate 2.6 they kicked to eventually fall five points shy at the final siren that saw Pioneer secure a remarkable 32nd senior premiership, 11.5 (71) to 9.12 (66).

Young gun Shawn Foster's

three goals and four-quarter brilliance for the Eagles led to his winning the Everingham Medal as best-on-ground.

Pioneer and Souths enjoy strong and historical links to the Aboriginal community in Central Australia. Souths' original name was the Amoonguna Football Club, named after the small community 15km south of Mparante (Alice Springs). The Pioneer-Souths match-up in Central Australian football's 75th year was, therefore, a fitting end to the 2022 football season.

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Pioneer's Shawn Foster was a deserved winner of the Everingham Medal as best-on-ground.

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