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They're cousins in arms



Despite an influx of hundreds of other children from throughout the region, Swan Hill cousins Dylan Edwards (left) and Matty Moore decided they still preferred each other's company at the big 50th Croc Fest held in their home town last week. Matty attends the Payika campus of the Victorian College of Koorie Education, and Dylan will join him there next year. For more photos from the festival and a wrap-up of the popular event's seven-year history, see pages 30 and 31. – Picture by AMANDA JAMES



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MY name is Michelle Kickett. I am a Nyoongar woman from Perth and this picture is of me on the left with my husband Adrian, my two daughters Monique (left front) who's 17, and Adriana (front right), 15, and my niece Nicole at the rear.

It was taken at the National Basketball Titles in Sydney where the girls played and won the under-18 women's section.

I am an Aboriginal and Islander education officer based at Melville High School in suburban Perth.

Outside of looking after my family and working, I really enjoy sport, especially watching my AFL team the

Dockers, and my kids play basketball and netball among other games. I also coach in the domestic basketball competition played here in Perth.

Adrian, who is a Kangaroos fan, loves the AFL and he's also heavily involved in the kids' sports. Like me, he also enjoys being involved with children's games.

I also have four other kids — Ricky, 26, Jodie, 24, Desi, 23, and Cinda 21.

And on top of that we also have three grand-daughters — Taleesha, Alyssa and Makayla.

As you can tell, we truly enjoy sport and watching our kids get the most they can from it.

As parents we are happy to be involved. It's something I think we can give to our kids and still get plenty from ourselves.

My job also involves working closely with school-age kids. My day's work ranges from helping Indigenous children in their school activities to giving support to parents and teachers whenever it's needed.

One thing I would like to see is the return of Nyoongar language classes to all our schools in Perth. They were in place but the funding was cut last year. Now we are working on getting the Government to reinstate that funding. Fingers crossed!

OUR CHILDREN



The first triplets known to have been born to the Bundjalung nation of northern New South Wales turned three at the weekend. Kadeesha, Kyle and Kobe Bird-King (pictured above, left to right) were born in Brisbane on October 21, 2003. Kobe had a heart murmur at birth but, as can be seen here, he and his brother and sister are now firing on all cylinders. Happy birthday times three kids, from the Koori Mail and its readers.

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Members of the Stolen Generations with family and politicians on the momentous day: (left to right) Heather Brown, Jason Mansell alongside his mother Annette Peardon, Jenny Thomas with husband Eddie Thomas, Rhonda Maynard, Gary Haines, Premier Paul Lennon, David Farley, Greens Leader Peg Putt, Scott Haines and Graham Brown.

Tasmanian justice

\$5m package for victims of Stolen Generations

By Tasmanian correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



At an historic ceremony in Launceston last week, Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon released

details of how the Tasmanian Government planned to compensate Aboriginal people, who as children were forcibly removed from their families and culture by the State.

Planned monetary compensation to members of Tasmania's Aboriginal Stolen Generations is considered by many as an acknowledgement of past injustices, which have had long-lasting effects.

"At the end of the day money is not going to do much to soften the pain and suffering. It is an acknowledgement to say this it really happened by the Government," said Tasmanian Stolen Generations spokeswoman Annette Peardon.

Ms Peardon, who said at the ceremony that she was filled with sadness and gladness, is among the group of about 125 people who stand to be compensated from the \$5-million package.

The Bill provides for one-off payments to be made to not only living members of the Stolen Generations, but also to the living children of those who are now deceased. It is estimated that those 35 still living will each receive compensation of about \$130,000, while the children of the deceased will each receive \$5000.

At the emotionally charged ceremony, Mr Lennon handed an exposure draft of the Stolen Generations Bill 2006 to a members of Tasmania's Stolen Generations.

Mr Lennon said he was acting on an election promise and felt a sense of doing the right thing. "We are determined not to just talk about reconciliation, but to do something about it - some things go beyond politics," he said.

The Premier acknowledged support from the Liberals and Greens and is confident that the Bill will make smooth progress through the Tasmanian Parliament when it is introduced next Tuesday, October 31.

"The treatment of our Aboriginal community is one of

'We cannot undo the wrongs of the past but we can do what is right by accepting and recognising the hurt caused through the forcible separation of Aboriginal children from their families in the past'

the bleakest and most shameful chapters in the history of our island - and the 'Stolen Generation' is but a part of that," he said.

"We cannot undo the wrongs of the past, but we can do what is right by accepting and recognising the hurt caused through the forcible separation of Aboriginal children from their families in the past.

"The day you have called for in August 1997 is not far away," Mr Lennon told Ms Peardon at the ceremony.

Ms Peardon started campaigning for the rights of the Stolen Generations 22 years

ago when she was reunited with her own family. She called for compensation in 1997 in an historic address to the Tasmanian Parliament following its apology to the Stolen Generations.

Eddie Thomas, who was removed from his family as a baby, was also amongst those at the ceremony last week.

"This is a very moving day for us all," he said.

"Thank you (Paul Lennon) for the strength you have shown in leading the nation."

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal director Michael Mansell said the announcement would offer hope to the other 10,000 children removed on the mainland, and he was among those calling on other States to follow suit.

"There is no moral or rational reason why Paul Lennon's Labor Party colleagues in other States and Territories cannot follow his move," he said.

"I would like to see a delegation of premiers and chief ministers, led by Premier Lennon, approach Prime Minister Howard to establish a national compensation scheme that mirrors the Tasmanian scheme.

"Prime Minister Howard was quick to call for an apology from the Japanese for its past treatment of Australian war prisoners, and (last week) handed farmers a \$359 million package. Lack of money is obviously no believable reason not to establish a national fund."

Mr Mansell added that Canada paid C\$2.2 billion to compensate the Stolen Generations in their country.

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Heat on to follow Tasmania's lead



Mainland States have begun to feel the heat from calls for them to follow Tasmania's lead in its plans to compensate members of the Stolen Generations.

Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon last week released an exposure draft of legislation encompassing a \$5-million compensation package.

On Friday, Stolen Generations Victoria said the Victorian Government should also act now, and acknowledge the pain and suffering experienced by the Victorian Stolen Generations. "We are hopeful that in light of the leadership shown by the Tasmanian Government, Victoria will move to acknowledge the devastating impact of forced removal on Aboriginal individuals, families and communities," said the organisation's co-chairman Mick Edwards.

"We want a commitment from this Government to assist and support healing and that includes a formal apology and compensation."

However, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings was quick to reject the suggestion, saying that the Government had instead spent \$5.1 million to establish Stolen Generations Victoria as part its response to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity



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Commission report 'Bringing Them Home'.

He said the group was 'a community-based organisation to help people reconnect with their relatives and families and begin the process of healing'.

Aboriginal leader Bob Weatherall has called on Queensland Premier Peter Beattie to avoid putting Aboriginal people through the trauma of adversarial proceedings and back his 1999 apology for 'what has gone wrong in the past' with practical compensation.

"They have suffered enough," said Mr Weatherall of the Stolen Generations. "It is time to put this behind us by paying compensation."

Mr Weatherall, who is the chairman of the Centre for Indigenous Cultural Policy, says he has sought a meeting with Premier Beattie.

Queensland academic John

Williams-Mozley says he would like to think that the Tasmanian Government's actions were positive proof for other State and Territory governments being able to move past the 'specious arguments' of the Prime Minister John Howard concerning the Stolen Generations.

"I just hope that not too many more members of the Stolen Generations die before some justice comes into their lives," he said.

The lobby group Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) says the Tasmanian apology and compensation package is potentially a model for other States and the Federal Government.

However, ANTaR national director Gary Highland says the leadership shown by

Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon is still lacking at the Federal level.

"In contrast to Premier Lennon, Prime Minister John Howard has refused to apologise to people affected by the policies of child removal and his Government has even sought to deny the existence of the Stolen Generations," Mr Highland said.

The Tasmanian compensation scheme comes at time when a Federal Senate inquiry is looking at the unresolved issue of stolen wages from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Mr Highland said the unresolved issues of the Stolen Generations and stolen wages remained among the nation's greatest barriers to reconciliation and justice for Indigenous people. "Many of the workers whose wages were taken faced a double injustice because they were also members of the Stolen Generations. They were removed from their families and culture and then had their wages and entitlements removed from them," he said.

"The twin practices of child removal and stolen wages took many Indigenous people into a form of cultural and economic exile, denied a place in Indigenous society and then prevented from gaining the economic stake so essential to enabling decent life in the mainstream."

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Custody death officer awaits DPP decision



There's been no word yet on whether the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) will charge

the police officer found to have caused the 2004 Palm Island death in custody of Mulrunji.

Queensland Acting Coroner Christine Clements released sensational findings that, among other things, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley

caused Mulrunji's fatal injuries, and the police investigation into the death failed to meet official police standards.

Snr Sgt Hurley subsequently stood down pending a decision on whether he will be charged. He maintains his innocence.

The Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General confirmed on Friday that the DPP had received the material from Ms Clements relating to the

Mulrunji's death.

However, it would not say when a decision would be made.

"There is a considerable amount of material which must be carefully reviewed. The parties involved will be notified once a decision is made," a department official said.

News of Mulrunji's death sparked an outbreak of violence on Palm Island, after which several Aboriginal people were charged.

New Editor for Koori Mail

KIRSTIE PARKER (pictured) has joined the Koori Mail as Editor. Kirstie is a Yuwallarai woman whose family comes from far northern NSW. She has been a journalist for 20 years, working in print, radio and corporate television. She's had a long association with the Koori Mail, having been the north Queensland correspondent during 1991-92. Kirstie trained on the West Australian newspaper in Perth before working for ABC Radio in WA's Pilbara region and editing a weekly newspaper on the Atherton Tablelands.

Later, she was then-Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Robert



Tickner's media adviser, ATSIC's director of public affairs, director of the National

Aboriginal Cultural Institute - Tandanya in Adelaide, executive officer of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, and media and communications manager at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra.

Kirstie has worked as a freelance journalist and was editor-in-chief of the prestige publication Kaltjanow - Indigenous Arts Australia. In 2005, she made a short film under Metroscreen's Lester Bostock Scheme.

In 2001, she was awarded a Centenary of Federation Medal for her contribution to the Indigenous community.

Top chief leads visit



National Chief of Canada's Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine (left), with Professor Mick Dodson. Professor Dodson's National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the ANU hosted Mr Fontaine's address on 'Reconciliation Canadian-style'. Picture by Stuart Hay



In the same week that the Tasmanian Government blazed a trail with its plans to compensate the state's Stolen Generations, Australia received a visit from a group of Indigenous Canadians who were at the forefront of their country's billion-dollar settlement for similar reasons. Led by the National Chief of Canada's Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Phil Fontaine, the delegation arrived in Canberra to be welcomed by Ngunnawal Elders at the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre.

Mr Fontaine has just been elected as National Chief for the third time. The National Chief is elected by the 633 First Nations Chiefs from across Canada, themselves elected by their communities. Thus Mr Fontaine represents the 750,000 First Nations people, and carries responsibility for negotiation with Canadian governments on a vast range of issues.

Mr Fontaine has negotiated many agreements between First Nations communities and Canadian governments. He was the first Aboriginal leader to expose the shocking abuses of First Nations children removed to residential schools - Canada's 'Stolen Generations'.

At the ACT Cultural Centre, he spoke about his people's struggle for self-determination. He referred to the Harvard Project on American Indian

Economic Development, which found that communities that made their own decisions consistently out-performed those where decisions were made outside the community.

The policies of the AFN are aimed at enabling First Nations communities to make their own decisions. This means building their economic base. Over the past 200 years, a series of treaties have been signed between Canadian governments and First Nations peoples. Many of these treaties have not been honoured.

Now the AFN is leading the struggle to recover lands that were unjustly taken. In

which the Government will compensate every person removed to a residential school, and will compensate further those abused at the schools. It will fund projects aimed at healing and establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission aimed at uncovering the full story of removals and their impact. The measures will cost the Canadian Government C\$4.8 billion (A\$5.6 billion). A Government apology is still being negotiated.

Ms Belleau has served as Chief of her own community, Alkali Lake in British Columbia. In the early 1980s this community was devastated by alcohol addiction. The

residential school where he had been the principal, and he was sent to prison. When he came out, she arranged a healing circle, where he came face to face with the women he had abused, heard what they had endured as a result, and apologised for 'my unacceptable behaviour'.

"Once we deal with these issues," Ms Belleau said, "then our people find the strength to confront issues such as domestic violence and incest in our own communities. As a result, we are seeing the growth of healthy communities."

The group also includes Professor Kathleen Mahoney, who led the residential schools negotiations with the Canadian Government. She was not able to attend the event at the ACT Cultural Centre as she was giving a lecture at the Law School of the Australian National University (ANU).

While in Canberra, the Canadians met Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough and senior public servants, and spoke to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs.

At the ANU, Mr Fontaine spoke on 'Reconciliation Canadian-style' in which he outlined the residential schools settlement. "We believe this will enable us to turn over a very heavy page in Canadian history, and move forward," he said.

After Canberra, the Canadians will visit Melbourne, Alice Springs and Perth.

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many cases, this has resulted in legal judgments returning land, and giving financial compensation for land that could not be returned. New treaties are taking place in areas where there are no treaties, and First Nations communities are gaining resources to develop enterprises. Many are thriving.

Accompanying Mr Fontaine is Charlene Belleau, director of the Residential Schools Unit of the assembly. She described the struggle for healing and justice for people removed as children to residential schools.

Negotiations with the Canadian Government have led to a settlement under

story of its transformation into a healthy, creative community was told in the documentary 'The Honour of All'.

"Alcohol addiction is a symptom of inner pain," Ms Belleau said, "and we have to get at the causes of that pain."

Ms Belleau works with former inmates of residential schools, and has developed programs that are helping to overcome the effects of abuse they suffered at those schools. This has included ensuring that the abusers are punished for their actions.

She and her colleagues took a Catholic bishop to court for his abuse of girls at the

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Government stand-off over extra NT funding



The Northern Territory Government wants the Federal Government to match its announced investment of an extra \$100 million in remote housing over five years as part of a package to improve outcomes for Indigenous Territorians.

However, the Federal Government says it already spends \$90 million each year on Indigenous-specific housing in the Territory and won't add to the figure until it is satisfied the NT Government is making the best use of the funds.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said last week that her Government's additional commitment was the start of the first phase of its 20-year plan to tackle Indigenous issues.

"We want to create more jobs, more schools, more houses — and healthier and safer communities for Aboriginal Territorians," Ms Martin said.

"The centrepiece of this package is the extra \$100 million for remote housing, which I've called on the Federal Government to match.

"Better housing leads to better health and education outcomes for kids and the removal of many of the stresses that lead to domestic violence.

"All residents will benefit, as the average occupancy rate will fall with every new house."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough

welcomed that 'the Northern Territory Government has finally accepted that they have a responsibility to better provide for housing in their own communities'.

"However, rather than match the proposed funding, we would prefer the Northern Territory follow the lead of Queensland and match our funding 50/50," Mr Brough said.

"As it stands, even under the proposed increase by the Northern Territory, the Australian Government would still exceed Northern Territory funding by a ratio of nearly four to one.

"Before we consider putting any more Federal money into housing in the Northern Territory, or anywhere else for that matter, we need to be convinced that the Territory is making better use of the \$90 million already allocated.

"The Commonwealth has made it clear that further investment in housing is based on a number of key reforms including land tenure, law and order, good governance, and a more sustainable housing model including collection of more appropriate levels of rent."

The NT Government package also includes:

- A new local government model that will improve governance and service delivery.
- Territory Housing to work in partnership with existing Indigenous housing organisations to manage delivery and maintenance in the bush.
- The continued expansion of secondary education in the bush.
- Further rollout of innovative approaches to alcohol.
- Working with the Commonwealth to strengthen the police presence in Aboriginal communities.

"A national 20-year generational plan is the key to tackling the issues affecting Aboriginal communities. This is a good start," Ms Martin said.



MAL BROUGH



CLARE MARTIN



Les Malezer, fifth from right, with dignitaries from around the world at the United Nations in New York.

Govt blasted over stance



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an historical international instrument that could have a bigger impact in Australia than the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision.

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The draft Declaration addresses individual and collective rights, cultural rights and identity rights to education, health, employment, language and more.

Adopted by the UN Human Rights Council in June, it was submitted last week in New York for adoption by UN General Assembly in December.

However, Australia joined New Zealand and the United States in labelling the draft confusing, unworkable, contradictory and deeply flawed.

On behalf of the group, New Zealand Ambassador Rosemary Banks said there was no consensus on the draft, and there had been no opportunity for UN member states to discuss it collectively.

She said the Declaration's provisions on lands and resources would be 'unworkable and unacceptable', its text lacked even a definition of 'Indigenous peoples', and it could be misrepresented as 'conferring a unilateral right of self-determination and possible secession'.

The draft calls for...

Under the draft Declaration, Indigenous people have rights to:

- The full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as recognised internationally.
- Be free from any kind of discrimination.
- Self-determination, in determining their political status.
- Autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs.
- Maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions.
- Not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.
- Not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.
- Not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories.
- Practice and revitalise

their cultural traditions and customs.

● Participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights.

● Maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutions.

● Determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development.

● The lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.

● Own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess.

● The conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources.

● Determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions.

international law and they are not truthful descriptions of the processes that have been used to get the Declaration concluded."

Mr Malezer described the comments as desperate, irresponsible and offensive. He said Indigenous peoples themselves were not completely happy with the draft text but felt no further progress could be made on it and further delay would be intended to stop it being put into place.

Nevertheless, he says the Declaration would provide a lot of motivation on the part of Indigenous peoples to get Australia to meet benchmarks on human rights.

"It creates great momentum for meaningful dialogue between governments and their people," he said.

"I really believe the adoption of this Declaration will have, in the longer term, a bigger impact in Australia than the Mabo decision.

"In the short term, the Government will try to ignore it but in the long term it'll make a significant difference to the historical situation of Australia's Indigenous peoples."

Mr Malezer says such a Declaration might have prevented particular amendments to the Native Title Act and the NT Land Rights Act, and the abolition of ATSIC.

He says Government moves to close down some Aboriginal outstations and to take over jurisdictional responsibility for the treatment of customary law in the criminal justice system would also be in doubt.

"The thing is, the Declaration will take the Australian Government somewhere that it should have gone willingly," Mr Malezer said.

"All people in Australia have a right to government that represents the will of the people, not just the views of a collection of politicians who think they are above any obligations to the people."

Ms Banks said the Declaration may be not legally binding in any way, but Indigenous people deserved a Declaration that was clear, transparent and capable of implementation.

She said the current text failed all those tests and could lead to disputes, bitterness and unfulfilled expectations.

Conversely, UN Under-Secretary-General José Antonio Ocampo described the Declaration as providing the international community with 'a comprehensive international standard which we should all strive together to achieve'.

And vice-chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Aqaluk Lyngse said a vote for the Declaration was a vote in favour of the collaborative process and in the greatness of the UN and would 'open the doors to

Indigenous peoples once and for all'.

Mr Malezer, an Aboriginal man from Queensland and chairman of the Brisbane-based research organisation FAIRA, joined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma for a public briefing on the Declaration at Parliament House in Canberra before flying to New York.

"The statement they (Australia, New Zealand and US) presented yesterday was one of sour grapes," Mr Malezer told the Koori Mail from New York.

"They're isolated and out on a limb. Many of the things that they now complain about were not raised in the 12 years of those negotiations.

"They're making wild claims that are not consistent with

Child sexual assault victims the 'Forgotten Generation'?

Rebuke for Govt over report



The chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Child Sexual Assault Taskforce has issued a sharp rebuke to the State Government for, she says, ignoring its report that identified child sexual assault as endemic in Aboriginal communities.

Marcia Ella-Duncan told the Koori Mail on Friday that she had written to Premier Morris Iemma expressing disappointment and outrage that the Government had failed to respond to the report 'Breaking the Silence: Creating the Future', handed to the NSW Attorney-General Bob Debus in March.

"Is the Premier and his Government creating a forgotten generation?" she said.

"Victims do not go away, the hurt and suffering that exists in many families' lives does not ease with time and perpetrators do not stop of their own volition."

"Strong leadership is necessary, but unfortunately it is not forthcoming from this Government."

119 recommendations

The Taskforce report took two years of research and consultation, and made 119 recommendations:

- National and State policy frameworks for dealing with child sexual assault.
 - Establishing an Assistant Commissioner for Aboriginal Children in the NSW Commission for Children and Youth.
 - An increase in counselling services for Aboriginal people.
 - Treatment programs for offenders.
 - Appointing a co-ordination unit to oversee the implementation of recommendations.
- "The taskforce consulted

extensively with Aboriginal communities who have shown they need support in dealing with these issues rather than simply being labelled as dysfunctional," Ms Ella-Duncan said.

"We have seen examples - like at Cherbourg, in Queensland - where Aboriginal communities have reduced the incidence of child sexual abuse with the help of government agencies."

Ms Ella-Duncan says Aboriginal girls are more than twice as likely to be victims of child sexual assault than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

It is generally understood that child sexual assault is under-reported in all communities and even more so for Aboriginal people. In spite of this situation, Aboriginal children are still

over-represented in reporting statistics.

"What the report concludes is that child sexual assault within the Aboriginal community in NSW could be up to four times the rate of the general population and this is totally unacceptable," she said.

"Child sexual assault has been allowed to go unchecked - by Aboriginal communities who at times protect and harbour perpetrators, by authorities who fail to take action on incidences that are reported, and by the courts who fail to impose appropriate

sanctions when matters are successfully prosecuted."

Ms Ella-Duncan says the problems and delays with the report appear to have arisen since it was transferred from Mr Debus to Mr Iemma.

November deadline

However, a spokesman for Mr Debus, Alex Cramb, told the Koori Mail that the State Government is taking the issue very seriously and will announce its response before the end of November.

He said a whole-of-government response was being co-ordinated, canvassing the views of about nine key departments and agencies, including the Attorney-General's Department, police, health, community services and more.

"We can understand everyone's frustration but we're going to be implementing a significant number of the recommendations, it is not a half-hearted go," he said.

Mr Cramb said some of the matters raised in the report had budget implications or required considerable administrative change, but added the Government only received the final version of the report in June.



Pilgrimage marks 20 years since Papal visit



When Pope John Paul II visited Alice Springs in November, 1988, thousands of people were there to hear him speak - many of them Aboriginal Catholics.

The Pontiff's words were 'harmony to the ears', according to National Assembly of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) chairperson Melissa Brickell.

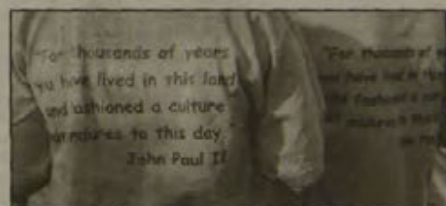
"We listened to what we already knew in our hearts, that who we are as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is fundamental to who we are as Catholics," Ms Brickell said.

"His Holiness' address provided strong support for us to contribute our cultural richness and diversity to the life of the Catholic Church and reinforced the need for Australia to address the injustices and suffering of Indigenous peoples, with an open heart and mind toward peace and reconciliation for all in Australia."

Earlier this month, many of those people who were in Alice Springs in 1988 made a pilgrimage back to the central Australian town for the 7th National Assembly 'Dreaming from the Heart' and 20th anniversary celebrations of Pope John Paul's visit.

NATSICC organised the five-day event on the traditional lands of the Arrernte people, welcoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries, councils, partners, youth, groups and individuals.

"Dreaming from the Heart" featured an opening, healing, closing and anniversary celebration masses, community reconciliation,



and daily prayer presentations. The keynote speaker was Broome's Mark Bin Bakar.

NATSICC also co-ordinated the 12-month 'Pass It On Message Stick Relay' through Australian parishes, schools and communities, encouraging them to renew their commitment to the process of reconciliation.

Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission executive officer, Peter Arndt, said earlier in the year that many Catholics wanted to understand the issues and to respond in a meaningful and effective way.

"At a time when reconciliation has disappeared from the national agenda, the Church is standing alongside Australia's Indigenous people and trying to be a faithful witness to Christ in our land," Mr Arndt said.

● The images shown here of the religious ceremonies at Alice Springs were taken by Tony Robertson.





Borroloola traditional owners (from left) Gordon Landsen, Norman Kingsley and Harry Landsen travelled 1000km to Darwin to protest the NT Government's October 13 decision to approve the McArthur River open-cut mine. Photo courtesy of the NLC

NLC anger at mine



The Northern Land Council (NLC) has described as 'recalcitrant' and 'detrimental to positive community relations' mining giant Xstrata's failure to resolve an outstanding compensation claim by

traditional owners of the area around its \$110 million McArthur River lead and zinc mine near the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The NT Government approved Xstrata's expansion plans for the mine on October 13.

The move paves the way for the company to divert 5km of the McArthur River so that the company can convert from underground to open-pit operations, extending the life of the mine by another 25 years.

NLC chief executive Norman Fry says the council has received legal advice which says the Kurdjanji traditional owners would win a court case against the NT Government for impairment of native title rights and that resulting compensation would be likely to be considerable.

"The NT Mining Minister, Chris Natt, has missed an important opportunity to protect the Territory taxpayer by insisting that Xstrata pay compensation now," Mr Fry said.

He says the McArthur River mine was approved in 1993 and was the first major mining development after the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision.

"The mining company and the NT Government refused to negotiate an agreement, and an unresolved compensation claim was lodged by traditional owners in 1996," he said.

"Other nearby mines since Mabo operate through negotiated agreements with traditional owners, including the 1997 Century Zinc mine in Queensland, the Merlin diamond, and in 2004 the Bootu Creek manganese mines in the Northern Territory.

"Xstrata wants to trample on Aboriginal rights and culture by permanently diverting a major river and interfering with major rainbow serpent sites, without negotiating an agreement with the traditional owners – and without explaining to the public why it is safe to locate tailings on a flood plain."

Mr Fry said it was no surprise that

MMP won't be released

McArthur River Mining has refused to publicly release the mine management plan (MMP) for its open-pit development at McArthur River. General manager Brian Hearne says the plan is an annual operational plan and not an environmental assessment document.

"It is not usual practice within the Australian mining industry to release mining management plans because of the commercially sensitive information they contain," he said.

"The MMP is an internal mine plan used by regulators each year to audit our activity. Asking for it to be released is like asking any company to reveal its business and marketing plans.

"We believe the Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries and Mines is the only relevant body with the regulatory authority to review, assess and audit our MMP."

traditional owners were strongly opposed to the development.

"They know that in the 21st century, mining agreements with Indigenous people are standard industry practice, including at the nearby Century Zinc and Weipa mines in Queensland and at the Argyle diamond mine in Western Australia," he said.

"Xstrata is a recalcitrant mining company motivated solely by self-interest and greed, whose only interest is to maximise profit from its lease – without any regard for the interests of traditional owners who previously owned the land, and without any regard for Territorians who in due course will be required to pay compensation."

Meanwhile, a group of 40 Yanyuwa people travelled to Darwin to protest against Xstrata's expansion plans for the mine.

Felicity Chapman helped organise the bus trip by Yanyuwa people to Darwin to put their case to the Territory Government.

NT Mines Minister Chris Natt said on October 13 that he was satisfied the MRM plan had met the requirements of the Mining Management Act.

Mr Hearne says the public have had many opportunities to obtain information and comment on the mine's development throughout the statutory assessment process.

"All the information which could be reasonably required by a member of the public to understand our project is already publicly available," he said.

"Public feedback received through the assessment process has been fully considered within our plans."

● MRM's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from August 2005, EIS Supplement (December 2005) and Public Environmental Report (PER) are available on the MRM website: www.mcarthurriver.com.au

She says the Government decision was rushed to pre-empt their protest which had been planned for some time. However, a spokeswoman for the NT Mines Minister said the Yanyuwa protest had no bearing on the timing of the Government's decision.

A traditional owner Leonard Norman told media he would support legal action to prevent the diversion of the diversion. "The people who feel strongly about it should at least try to give it a shot, challenge it in court, in the higher courts," he told the ABC.

Xstrata subsidiary McArthur River Mining (MRM) has welcomed the Government decision.

The NT Government also endorsed MRM's 2007 Mining Management Plan (MMP), a heads of agreement for a \$32-million package of economic and social benefits to the Borroloola region, and an agreement for independent environmental monitoring of the mine operations.

MRM general manager Brian Hearne says that, subject to final approval by Federal Environment Minister Senator Ian Campbell, the mine would progress immediately with the development program.

"This announcement provides much-needed certainty for the mine's future and acknowledges our commitment to environmental management and the community," he said.

The approved open-pit development will enable MRM to continue to access one of the world's largest known deposits of zinc and lead. It will increase annual ore throughput from 1.6 million to 1.8 million tonnes to maintain current levels of concentrate production ... and extend the life of mine by 25 years.

"We are pleased that as a result of intense scrutiny, the NT Environment Protection Agency is satisfied there is no evidence the mine has adversely impacted on the McArthur River or Gulf environments and that the river diversions will be safe in all weather conditions," Mr Hearne said.

Under the approved MMP, the first stage of work involves the expansion of the existing test pit operations in order to maintain current production levels while work on the full open-pit development proceeds under a two-year program.

MRM produces 70 per cent of the world's zinc-lead bulk concentrate.

By converting to open-pit operations, the business is forecast to inject \$329 million into the Territory economy and \$523 million into the Australian economy each year. This equated to a total benefit of \$13 billion over the 25-year mine life.

BREAKING NEWS: On Friday, Aboriginal NT backbencher Barbara McCarthy distanced herself from her ALP government colleagues, imploring them to speak to her Borroloola people and re-think the mine's expansion. On the same day, Federal Environment and Heritage Minister, Senator Ian Campbell announced his approval of the development under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. This was the third and final approval required for the development.



Farmers, politicians and environmental groups have joined the Wardandi Nyoongar community of Western Australia's

south-west region to resist a plan to pump water from a huge underground aquifer to supplement Perth's water supply.

The WA Water Corporation (WAWC) plans to pump 45 gigalitres of water a year from the Yarragadee Aquifer, a mammoth underground water source about 300 km long, about 50 km wide and about a kilometre deep, containing at least 15,000 cubic km of hydrology.

The aquifer begins near the south-west city of Bunbury and its southern and western extremities reach beyond the coastline but there are serious environmental, cultural and spiritual concerns about drawing water from it to pipe to other areas.

The WAWC claims that the plan is sustainable because the re-charge rate for Yarragadee is 340 gigalitres a year.

However, there is general consensus that it would be wrong to draw groundwater from an area with a drying trend.

The Government is almost totally isolated in its support for the WAWC proposal, with every shire, non-government politician, and peak industry group saying the plan is too risky considering what is at stake in the tourism and horticultural industries.

Rallying point

A public meeting at Margaret River on October 14, attended by about 200 people, was a rallying point to draw together those who oppose the plan. Several speakers gave their views on the risks associated with tapping groundwater sources in the current global weather environment.

Wardandi Elder Bill Webb, who gave the Welcome to Country, said there were environmental concerns as well spiritual issues for all Nyoongar people if the Yarragadee was breached.

"It's the resting place of the Waugal (Rainbow Serpent) and to us the Waugal is a commonality all over Australia. He's the Creator of all of these rivers and waterways and we believe that's where he dwells, that's where he sleeps," Mr Webb said.

"Once that was created in the Dreaming, it was a central part of custom and law that we are supposed to look after and adhere to."

Mr Webb said that drawing water from Yarragadee would destroy the dwelling place of

the Waugal.

"With the Waugal Dreaming all over Australia, this is a respect about something, and an offering of how we were involved in the environment itself."

Mr Webb also spoke of the

social and economic consequences of taking water from the Yarragadee.

"We are on the verge of a cataclysmic adventure," he told the attentive crowd.

"Global warming, rising sea

levels, and we've already seen it this year because of the rains not being here. They (the WAWC) can turn around and say it's going to be sustainable because they're lying to you."

"The governance by us of Wardandi law is that we are not allowed to over-kill (plants and animals), otherwise you will be punished. Who are we going to punish when this turns into a desert?"

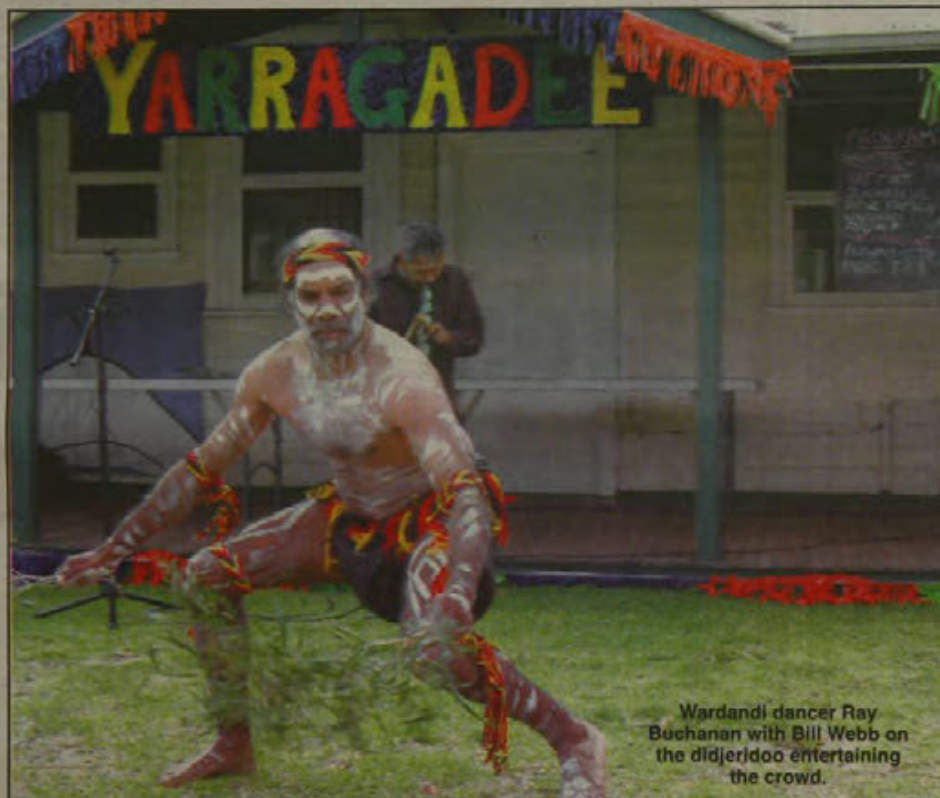
Concerns

There are serious concerns over the fate of native fish stocks in the south-west if the proposal goes ahead.

Dr David Morgan, a freshwater fish specialist at Perth's Murdoch University, said many rivers and streams in the south-west, particularly the Blackwood River, had been showing a drying trend for many years and tapping Yarragadee may be the end of many unique species.



Wardandi Elder Bill Webb warned the meeting, 'We are on the verge of a cataclysmic adventure'.



Wardandi dancer Ray Buchanan with Bill Webb on the didgeridoo entertaining the crowd.

Collective cry from the people of WA's south-west to the State Government ...

Leave the Yarragadee water alone



Freshwater research specialist Dr David Morgan talked about the danger to native fish species if water is taken from the Yarragadee aquifer.

"Eighty per cent of the freshwater fishes that are found within the south-west are only found within the south-west, so that's huge and that's the highest proportion of endemic fishes anywhere in the country, and the Blackwood is one of those systems that has all of them in it, so it's pretty important for the bio-diversity of south-western Australia," Dr Morgan said.

Devastated

WA Farmers Federation spokesman Andy McMillan said the entire south-west would be devastated if the water table dropped below sustainable levels, and there were other implications because of the offshore boundaries of the aquifer.

"Certainly climate change is being blamed for the drop in rainfall in Perth, but it's also responsible for the drop in rainfall down in the lower south-west if you use that same logic," Mr McMillan said.

"As well as reducing the rainfall in the dams in the lower south-west, it reduces the recharge into the aquifer."

"From an environmental perspective, just very basically, there are two points in the aquifer where the aquifer actually breaches the surface, and one of them is out to sea. If the pressure in the aquifer is reduced to any great degree, you're likely to get a salt water discharge into the aquifer."

WA Labor MLC Mathew Benson also attended the meeting, insisting that every precaution had been taken to prevent any environmental consequence of drawing water from Yarragadee.

"The investigations have brought to our attention the sites that may be affected by the draw, and particularly any species that may require careful management," he said in a statement quoting Premier Alan Carpenter.

"The multi-million-dollar investigations that have occurred over the last three years will provide the ability to monitor sites that may be impacted by the extraction to a level of detail that would not originally have been the case."

The WA Environmental Protection Authority is due to make its recommendations on the WAWC's proposal by the end of the year.



WA Labor MLC Mathew Benson at the meeting.

Kalwin Development Corporation Limited members and community members wish to express their sympathy to Graham Dillon and other family members in the passing of Marilyn Dillon on 18th October 2006.

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S CORROBOREE 2006

The theme for this year's event is "Sexual Assault is not our love".
The event is to be held on Thursday 26th October 2006 between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm at Redfern Park, corner of Redfern Street and Chalmers Street Redfern.

The event will raise awareness of sexual assault against Women, Children and Youth in the Aboriginal Community. Instances of Aboriginal Women, Children and Youth being sexually assaulted and abused are unfortunately all too common. Aboriginal Women's Corroboeree aims to lift the veil of secrecy and shame in order for Aboriginal Women, Children and Youth to be educated and celebrated in a positive way.

We aim to discuss the theme in an empowering and relevant way through music, storytelling, art, and dance. Corroboeree will be host to some terrific musical acts and local performers. There will also be a BBQ and stalls from health and government services.

Should you have any enquiries please call Christine Robinson or Leonie Mason of Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre on 02 9569 3847. We look forward to seeing you there on the day!



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For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2007. Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Applicants must be eligible for ABSTUDY. A scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds any other substantial scholarship. To be eligible, the applicant must be currently enrolled at an Australian Medical School and completing at least their first year of medicine.

Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA Board of Trustees.

The value of any scholarship given in 2007 will be \$9,000 per annum. One scholarship will be available in 2007. Scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year. A scholarship may be awarded part-way through a year to apply to the remainder of the year's study.

Applications close Friday 17 November 2006.

To receive further information and an applications package, please contact Ms Ester Mijoc, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5447 or by e-mail emijoc@ama.com.au

An application package can also be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust is administered by the Australian Medical Association, with the help of an advisory committee appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Australian Medical Association would like to acknowledge American Express for their continued support of the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund.

Qld says no to policing review



The Federal Government has announced a former deputy commissioner of the Northern Territory Police as the head of a three-month review of policing levels in remote Indigenous communities in Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia.

However, Queensland has already declared that it will not take part in the review, which it says is unnecessary.

The review, to be led by John Valentin, is part of the Government's \$130 million package to improve law and order in Indigenous communities. It was announced by Indigenous Affairs Minister Mai Brough at the Intergovernmental Summit on Violence and Child Abuse in Indigenous Communities during June.

The minister says the first priority for the review will be Central Australia and the north-west parts of South Australia.

"The SA Government has already indicated an interest in providing extra police for the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands and there have been preliminary discussions with the NT," Mr Brough said.

WA Police Regional Assistant Commissioner Graeme Lienert is reported to have said that WA police will co-operate with the review, having learned from the good example set by changes made in response to the Gordon Inquiry, including new stations and other reforms.

However, Queensland Police Minister Judy Spence told State Parliament that the review was not needed and the State would not participate.

"Our level of policing in Indigenous communities would set a benchmark for other states to follow," she said.

Witnesses

Mr Brough says he hopes improved police presence, supported by other measures announced in the summit and the COAG process, will encourage and provide more opportunity for victims and witnesses to report violence and child abuse.

Low rates of reporting of abuse was agreed at the summit to be a major problem and in many cases major communities have no sworn police officer presence.

"While the provision of adequate policing resources and ensuring all citizens within each state get the full protection of the law is a State and Territory responsibility, the \$130 million Australian Government package includes over \$40 million for police stations and police housing to assist states and the Northern Territory to assign adequate policing resources to remote communities," Mr Brough said.

He says Australian Government officials are meeting with State and Territory governments to settle implementation plans for the package that was developed during the summit and subsequent COAG process, but a number of important steps had already started.

"Officer-level discussions are occurring on the National Truancy Unit, the Federal Government has already introduced legislative amendments on cultural law and last week, one of the cornerstones of the package, the National Intelligence Taskforce, started operations in Alice Springs and we are now ready to start the review of policing levels," Mr Brough said.

Hardship stories at stolen wages dinner

By LYN GOODE



It was an occasion that showed the faces of individual struggle but it also highlighted the international scope of Stolen Wages campaign.

About 140 people attended the Stolen Wages Community Dinner held in Brisbane recently and hosted by ANTAR.

Elaine Cobalt and Rosalind Kidd were among the guest speakers for the evening. They were joined by many community members who shared their personal experiences of hardship due to wages being withheld.

From the Blackfoot tribe from Montana in the United States, Ms Cobalt detailed her own investigative journey that resulted in her personally leading a US class action involving 500,000 claimants and a possible US\$40 billion law suit.

Ms Cobalt said her campaign was fueled by her own childhood memories of listening to adults around her say they couldn't get their money.

"It's clear there was a huge mismanagement of Indian Trust accounts," she said. "And now we have to hold the Government's feet to the fire."

Also attending the dinner were Redcliffe Elders Peter and Laurel Bird who've been doing just that for decades.

The Birds have had many years of correspondence with Government offices in search of records and have pieced together much of their parents' lives when they worked, unpaid or underpaid, in and Cherbourg.

Peter Bird said his father Norman, worked as a police sergeant at



Elders Peter and Laurel Bird ... "One statement says my mother was paid by cheque but she didn't have a bank account so how could she have cashed a cheque?" asked Mrs Bird.

Cherbourg for 15 years and was overseer of works as well as being employed by the Department of Forestry, all under the 'Aboriginal Protection Act'.

"His wages were taken by Cherbourg and he received rations of meat, flour, syrup, tea, sugar and rice," he said.

Laurel Bird's mother Lillian worked for about 44 years, with most of her wages unaccounted for.

She said some correspondence she had received from the Government said that no records of her mother's employment were kept.

"One statement says my mother was paid by cheque but she didn't have a bank account so how could she have cashed a cheque?" she said.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Indigenous campaigner and author of 'Trustees on Trial', Dr Ros Kidd, who addressed guests with a strong resolution to continue the fight for stolen wages.

Dr Kidd said that poverty experienced by Indigenous people was not because

of Indigenous people, but because money was taken from them and not given back.

"There are laws about money and there can be no excuses made," said Dr Kidd.

"If records can't be found, there is a breach of trust."

Peter and Laurel Bird are also questioning their own wages while living in Cherbourg during their younger years because under the 'Act' they simply accepted what they were given without question.

"I worked at the hospital and Peter was on the water reticulation system and the sawmill in Cherbourg," said Laurel Bird.

"We signed a book when we received cash so there has to be records of our payments."

Dr Kidd said her inquiries were not about individual bank accounts but more about banker's records.

"And the Government is very, very nervous about us following this path," she said.

Boys to Men: Learning to Live their Dream



Tirkandi Inaburra
Cultural and Development Centre Inc



Pictured above right Tirkandi Inaburra executive officer Colleen Murray waters the 'maths lesson' and, above left, the sign says it all.

Story and pictures by LINDSAY HAYES



Young Aboriginal boys are learning to take control of their destiny in a visionary initiative conceived by the local Aboriginal community on a 780ha property in southern New South Wales.

Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre Inc, halfway between Darlington Point and Coleambally, is run by an Aboriginal management team in a working partnership with NSW State agencies.

Staffed by 22 employees, half of them youth workers, Tirkandi Inaburra represents a multi-million-dollar investment by the NSW Attorney-General's Department in helping at-risk Aboriginal youth bypass juvenile detention centres.

It delivers a residential three- to six-month cultural, educational and vocational program designed to build self-esteem and equip the boys with living skills.

Those targeted are 12- to 15-year-old Aboriginal males who have come to the notice of police through petty offences, truancy or by generally straying off track.

Executive officer Colleen Murray says participation is voluntary and only boys who commit to Tirkandi Inaburra's programs are accepted.

The boys generally come from communities between the Lachlan and

Boys learning to dream at Tirkandi centre

Murray rivers, and between Balranald and the western side of the Blue Mountains.

Mrs Murray, who welcomed the centre's fourth intake of 16 boys last week, said the wide catchment presented a home-sickness issue for many of the boys, with the centre so far from their communities.

The most testing time was the initial settling-in period when they established their own social structure and worked out the 'pecking order'.

"If we can get them through the first two weeks, they're right for the next 12 to 14 weeks," Mrs Murray said.

"The main thing reducing intake is home sickness and boys not being committed to the program."

The boys have to abide by the rules, attend school from 9am to noon and participate in structured afternoon activities covering arts, crafts, music, sport, woodwork, leatherwork and even cooking and sewing.

A local Aboriginal leader teaches didgeridoo and dance, which Mrs Murray said dove-tailed into art and craft and multimedia sessions, including the production of CDs by the boys.

The teachers come from Coleambally Central School and are provided by the Department of Education and Training, which is a partner in the venture.

"The emphasis is on numeracy and literacy. The teachers teach with the 'cogs' show-and-tell system where the boys do an activity and follow it right through. In maths, they might be asked to find a square. They go outside, measure it, take photos and see the result," Mrs Murray said. "The chalk and talk approach doesn't work."

A garden is currently used as the 'maths lesson'.

Sport and recreation have high priority in the curriculum. The amenities include a swimming pool, fully-equipped gymnasium, pool tables and basketball court. A football field and a BMX track are under development.

Fourteen graduates from the first three intakes have returned to school in their home towns and are being assisted by mentors to attain their career goals.

One of the boys who finished the program wrote about his experience for his school newsletter. He said he tried hard, he got there and was proud of himself.

The article is pinned on Mrs Murray's office whiteboard alongside the Tirkandi Inaburra rules: 'Have a go and try your best' is among them.

High hopes are riding on Tirkandi Inaburra, which translated from Wiradjuri is 'learn to dream'.

Minister hails Act



New legislation due mid-next year will help stop unscrupulous behaviour by

directors of Indigenous organisations, according to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.

The minister says the new Act, to come into effect on July 1, 2007, will deliver modern corporate governance standards to about 2500 Indigenous corporations.

The legislation will replace the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976 (ACA Act) which Mr Brough says has failed to keep pace with developments in company law

New legislation will help stop unscrupulous bosses: Brough

and accountability requirements.

Existing corporations will automatically be registered under the new Act, and there will be a transitional period of up to two years for them to make changes necessary to comply.

"The new arrangements will be strong and flexible," Mr Brough said.

"We will remove a lot of red tape for smaller corporations, which will have more

straightforward reporting requirements. But there will be more stringent reporting requirements for larger corporations."

The minister says consultations were undertaken with Indigenous communities throughout Australia during a comprehensive review and in developing the legislation.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people strongly supported more rigorous

accountability for managers and directors. CEOs who were previously able to escape scrutiny will now be made accountable for their actions," he said.

"Any regulatory gap between the operations of the Corporations Act and the ACA Act will be closed - this will help stop the unscrupulous behaviour of some individuals."

Under the new legislation:
● A new register of disqualified

directors, CEOs and senior staff will be established.

● The Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations will have to power to appoint special administrators to ensure that important services can continue when organisations are at risk through corporate failure.

● Corporations will be able to recruit non-Indigenous experts to serve as board members.

Mr Brough says assistance will be provided to ensure a smooth transition and funding was provided in this year's Budget for training in the new arrangements.

"The taxpayer can expect better value from government expenditure and Indigenous Australians can expect better quality services from their organisations," the minister said.

Intention to prepare a draft management plan:

- Barron Gorge National Park*
- Byfield National Park
- Byfield Conservation Park
- Girraween National Park*
- Lamington National Park
- Wooroonooran National Park
- Inskip Recreation Area

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to prepare draft management plans for the listed national parks, conservation park and recreation area. Aboriginal people, local government, landholders, interested groups and persons are invited to make written submissions in relation to the future management of these areas.

To assist with making a submission, a guide can be obtained from the EPA website at www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans or by telephoning the EPA Customer Service Centre on (07) 3227 8185.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the draft management plans. Once the draft plans have been finalised, further public comment will be sought during a second round of consultation.

* Submissions made previously in relation to the development of a draft management plan for this area will be considered and do not need to be re-submitted.

The closing date for submissions is 12 December 2006.

Submissions can be provided by email to parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au or by mail to:

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Building a sustainable, liveable and prosperous rural Queensland

Blueprint for the Bush progress

I am pleased to announce that since the launch of the Blueprint for the Bush in June, work has begun on putting many initiatives in place, including:

- offering the first round of funding under the Building Rural Links and Rural Multi-Tenant Service Centres initiatives, which are part of the blueprint's Strengthening Rural Communities Strategy
- calling for expressions of interest in the 'homestay' pilot program for geographically isolated students in Years 10, 11 and 12
- allocating an additional \$500 000 over three years for the Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative, increasing the government's commitment to the program to up to \$15 million
- offering grants under the Reclaim the Bush — a Pest Offensive program
- holding the first Western Ministerial Community Forum, in Longreach on 21–22 October
- publishing the first edition of the *Bush e-Telegraph*.

The *Bush e-Telegraph* reports on the progress being made on implementing the Blueprint for the Bush and highlights the successes of rural communities and people.

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National title Rowe's goal

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Aboriginal bodybuilder Paul Rowe will contest the national

Natural Physique Titles this week after taking out the intermediate men's class two category of the Victorian state event.

The competition is run by the International Natural Bodybuilding Association.

The 36-year-old Victorian became involved in the sport about 10 years ago, but has hit a winning streak during the past four years.

At the Victorian titles, he was also named as second overall winner from 120 competitors.

Mr Rowe is using his success as a stepping-stone to start his own business 'Results Incorporated'.

"My vision for the business is that it will be a private gym studio, where people can train for security, driving instructor and gym instruction," he told the Koori Mail.

"It is important that I show my personal results in the business to show others that I can help them to achieve their results."

Mr Rowe's motivation to follow the path of bodybuilding and start his own company grew after his father and brother committed suicide. He says he, too, came to a crossroads where he attempted self-harm.

"One of the reasons I am doing this is to promote a healthy lifestyle," he said.

"As Aboriginal young men we all have issues. You can go two ways. I chose to live and help my people and my kids."

Mr Rowe is strongly against drugs in sport and is proud that he has achieved his body without them.

"I follow a strict diet and am training up to three times a day," he said.

"It is not worth it to take drugs. The International Natural Bodybuilding Association can run a blood, urine or polygraph test at any time."

Expensive

Mr Rowe says that participation in the sport can be expensive.

"It is just cost after cost," he lamented. "I'm looking for sponsors to help me with anything from flights to protein shakes to briefs and tanning."

Mr Rowe says a handful of people have helped him with his journey.

"Fiona Kennedy from VAYSAR, Geelong Co-operative and my trainer Warren Clappitt are the people I owe a big thank you to," he said.

"Warren is a top bloke. He hasn't charged me for my training. We have formed more of a friendship now."

Mr Rowe acknowledged his fellow Aboriginal bodybuilders Bruce Lee King and Mark McIntyre.



Bodybuilder Paul Rowe, of Victoria.

New centre a 'safe haven'



A new centre targeting Aboriginal youth in the northern NSW

town of Casino has been officially opened.

The Department of Community Services will provide nearly \$120,000 for the Junbung Youth Centre which will in turn provide opportunities for up to 70 Aboriginal children and young people aged between nine and 18 to become involved in sports, cultural and social activities at the centre on Friday nights.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos opened the centre during a visit to the north coast.

"This positive initiative will provide a new direction for youth in Casino," he said.

"It will offer a safe haven for many youngsters, divert them from the streets and



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos tries out the pool table at the new Junbung Youth Centre surrounded by centre staff, local officials and Casino youth.

Photo courtesy of the Northern Rivers Echo

provide a positive and supervised environment.

"The youth at the centre will have the opportunity to get involved in educational, recreational and sporting programs.

improving the lives of young people in Casino, but there was still more work to be done.

Also at the opening, Mr Orkopoulos presented Junbung Aboriginal Elders Corporation chairwoman Aunty Nora Caldwell with a 'Local Hero' certificate for her considerable contribution to the community.

"Aunty Nora has been an important part of getting the youth centre up and running and providing young people with access to education and other services," said Mr Orkopoulos.

"We need to nurture and recognise role models. There are many great things happening in Aboriginal communities throughout the State."

Through the scheme, Aunty Nora has nominated the youth centre to receive funding for equipment.



Queensland Government

WA lodges title appeal



West Australian Premier Alan Carpenter says his Government can negotiate a native title outcome with the Nyoongar people

that will deliver them due status and benefits.

The WA Government has lodged its appeal against last month's Federal Court decision granting the Nyoongar people native title over more than 6000 sq km covering Perth and its surrounds.

The claim was part of the almost 200,000 sq km Single Nyoongar Claim covering much of WA's south-west, the remainder of which has not yet been resolved.

Mr Carpenter says his Government is appealing the ruling because it believes it is



'I understand that the Nyoongar people feel deeply about this issue and are disappointed that the State's appealing' - WA Premier Alan Carpenter

Inconsistent with previous native title rulings. However, he says he understands that Nyoongar people will not happily accept the State's position.

"If it didn't have to be done, I wouldn't be doing it," he said.

"I understand that the Nyoongar people feel deeply about this issue and are disappointed that the State's appealing."

Mr Carpenter says the State has to appeal because the law must be clarified.

"We have to get a very, very clear determination on what the law of native title is," he said.

"And if we don't know the ground rules we will find it very difficult to negotiate outcomes across WA on other native title cases."

Mr Carpenter says the State

will continue negotiating with the Nyoongar people while the appeal was under way.

"I believe that we can negotiate a good outcome for the Nyoongars in the south-west of Western Australia, and one which delivers them the status and the benefits that they are due," he said.

The Federal Government is also planning an appeal against

the successful Nyoongar claim.

Meanwhile, Greens senator Rachel Siewert says that lawyers rather than Nyoongars will be the major beneficiaries of the WA Government appeal.

"The process will be expensive - but this expense will fade into insignificance to the cost of continuing down this road," Senator Siewert told Federal Parliament.

"There is a risk that the challenge to the notion to a 'single' Nyoongar society could lead to a situation in which we are instead forced to deal with a large number of overlapping native title claims for individual family groups, greatly increasing the legal complexity (and cost) without delivering any better result for the Nyoongars, the State or Federal governments or the community."

Central Qld memorandums signed



A native title mediation exercise, believed to be the biggest in Australia, has started in Central Queensland with the signing of memorandums of agreement (MOAs) between all the

parties.

The process involves 16 councils and three native title groups representing the Port Curtis Coast claimants, the Gangulu People and the Iman People. The combined claim area covers 45,259 sq km in Central Queensland.

Bundaberg Mayor Kay McDuff said on Friday that one of the aims of the talks was to avoid native title litigation.

"Although the situation in the region is quite different to the court decision on the Nyoongar claim last month, we want to

avoid, if we can, the sorts of problems which have arisen through that decision," she said.

"The objective here is to achieve agreed native title outcomes through mediation."

"We think an agreement can be reached which enables the peaceful co-existence of

'We think an agreement can be reached which enables the peaceful co-existence of all interests in land, including native title rights, local government interests and the rights and interests of the general public'.

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The signing of the MOAs in Bundaberg was also attended by National Native Title Tribunal members John Sosso and Ruth

Wade, who conducted a full-day mediation meeting in Bundaberg the following day.

The memorandums, which acknowledge the claim groups as traditional owners of their respective claim areas, outline the objectives of the talks including the

development of a template Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA). That agreement would then be used by all councils as part of final claim outcomes.

Or McDuff said that although the memorandums are not legally binding, they

do contain a commitment by the parties to explore practical ways of adding value to native title results. The parties will discuss agreements under which councils could use land for certain public purposes and how cultural heritage sites could best be protected.

Local Government Association of Queensland president Paul Bell congratulated all parties involved and reaffirmed local government support for negotiated native title outcomes. Also supporting the mediation is the Gurang Land Council, the local body responsible for assisting native title claims.

Although no timeframe has been set for final outcomes, the parties are hoping to make substantial progress before they report to the Federal Court on the talks on March 23 next year.



RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM 2007

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Specific funding is also available for security related infrastructure (SRI), such as closed circuit television systems (CCTV), where projects are integral to a local community crime prevention strategy.

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 1 December 2006. Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before the closing date.

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Warning on poverty



Australia needs to look seriously at poverty in its Indigenous communities, according to West Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert.

Senator Siewert was speaking on the eve of Anti-Poverty Week, which was held in Australia from October 15-21.

"The UN Special Rapporteur on Housing spoke of a hidden national housing crisis on his recent visit, highlighting the terrible conditions he'd seen in Indigenous communities and describing it as a 'humanitarian tragedy'."

"This is shameful. One in four Aboriginal homes require demolition or major structural repairs."

Senator Siewert said the Australian Bureau of Statistics estimated that \$2.1 billion was required to address urgent Indigenous housing needs.

"Poor housing and a lack of basic infrastructure, such as water, and sewerage, cooking and cleaning facilities, combine with poverty and the high cost of food in remote communities to produce third-world health outcomes," she said.

"Poverty, combined with a lack of access to basic services are the reasons why the health of



It is conditions like this that many poverty-stricken Indigenous Australians are forced to call home.

Indigenous Australians is worse than that in many developing countries."

Senator Siewert said the life expectancy of those living in third world countries like Bangladesh, Nigeria, India, Nepal and Thailand

was better than it was for Indigenous Australians.

"In the past 20 years, life expectancy has significantly improved in most developing countries, yet similar gains have not been achieved for Indigenous

Australians," she said.

"The reasons why Indigenous Australians die on average 17 years earlier, have double the infant mortality and suffer much higher rates of chronic disease are all linked to disadvantage, poor

living conditions, and lack of access to primary health care.

"For every dollar spent per person on primary care through Medicare (MBS) and pharmaceutical benefits (PBS), only 40 cents are spent on Indigenous Australians, resulting in a situation where hospitalisation rates are twice as high.

"Prevention is always cheaper, and easier, than cure."

During Anti-Poverty Week, 92,000 Australians took to their feet to help set a new Guinness World Record for the most people to stand up against poverty.

More than 320 'STAND UP' events took place across Australia in centres such as schools and colleges, churches, libraries, shops and train stations, as well as Parliament House in Canberra.

'STAND UP' united millions of people round the world to send a message to the world's leaders - it is time to put an end to global poverty.

The event launched a month-long campaign in Australia that will close with the Make Poverty History concert in Melbourne on November 17. The month will end with the G20 meeting of finance ministers, reserve bank governors and heads of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Melbourne on November 18-19.

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MusicOz 2006 finalists named



Deadlys Band of the Year Troy n Trevelyn and the Tribe are among 10 finalists in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander category of the 2006 MusicOz Awards.

The awards, to be announced at Sydney's Enmore Theatre on Tuesday, November 14, honour unsigned Australians musicians and performers.

The 18 award categories highlight the diversity of the Australian music scene, including a wide range of musical genres from rock, pop, dance and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to folk, classical and Christian music.

"This has been the toughest year so far for our judges," MusicOz manager Pat Maloney said.

"The quality has been outstanding across all categories and we're excited to be at the forefront of officially recognising the country's best original talent.

The finalists in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander category are:

- Brenda Hall, Woree, Qld
- One Drop Reggae Band, Manunda, Qld
- Konect-a-Dot, Griffith, NSW
- The MERRg, Sandcombe Gardens, SA
- The Huntsmen,



Deadlys Band of the Year Troy n Trevelyn and the Tribe celebrate after their win at this year's Deadlys.

Toogoolwah, Queensland

- Street Warriors, Newcastle, NSW
- Shadows, Glandore, SA
- Lil Sorb, Edgeworth, NSW
- Troy n Trevelyn, Springfield, NSW
- Westside Boys, Elizabeth Vale, SA

Musicoz finalists will compete for more than \$100,000 in cash, prizes and

industry opportunities. The winners will take home prizes such as production deals, distribution deals, recording time, instruments and technical equipment.

Tickets for the 2006 MusicOz Awards can be purchased through Ticketek via the website www.ticketek.com.au, or by phoning the Enmore Theatre on (02) 9550 3666.

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ABC move aimed at avoiding bias



ABC programs ranging from chat shows to children's television will have to meet new standards of impartiality and balance. ABC managing director Mark Scott detailed the new guidelines on avoiding bias for factual shows similar to those already in place for ABC news and current affairs programs.

The changes will affect ABC programs on the arts, education, entertainment, history, Aboriginal affairs, lifestyle, natural history, religion, science, health as well as shows for children and even comedy chat shows.

Mr Scott also announced that a new ombudsman-style manager would be appointed to deal with public complaints about any ABC programs.

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Unveiling genocide



The holiday village of Gracetown and Cowerumup Bay. The possible massacre site is at the top of the rise in the centre of the photo above the village.

By KEN BOASE



A Nyoongar Elder in the far south-west of Western Australia has called for the excavation of a site he claims may contain the skeletal remains of 480 of his people who were massacred.

The site is near what is now the village of Gracetown, about 300 kilometres south of Perth, on the Naturaliste-Leeuwin Peninsula.

Elder Bill Webb's claim matches a Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) document listing the site as a 'massacre site' containing skeletal material - even though there is no official record of any massacre of such a scale in the Gracetown/Margaret River area.

Official history records a massacre of 250 people to the north at Wonnerup, near Busselton, in 1841, a supposed reprisal for the fatal spearing of a settler at nearby Cape. Mr Webb's family witnessed the event, recorded in the diary of the wife of settler Alf Bussel.

Vengeance

Mr Webb said that just three generations separated him and what happened on that day when a group of men left the Wonnerup homestead to seek their vengeance.

"My ancestral grandmother was tied up on the verandah post at Wonnerup House, and she said when they came back, the horses were just about dead on their feet, foamed up and the men and the horses were covered from head to toe in blood," he said.

Mr Webb said that although there were many stories in Nyoongar families that referred to massacre, there had never been any hard evidence to prove massacre on a large and widespread scale, but that

may have changed with a comment several years ago from a descendant of one of the original settlers.

"He asked me if I was a local Aboriginal from this area, and (when) I told him I was Wardandi, he proceeded to say that he wanted to get off his chest that his ancestors were involved in pushing 350 men women and children over the cliffs at Valley De Conti," Mr Webb said, referring to another site near Gracetown.

"And then another young fella of the first settlers around the area said he could take me to the exact spot where his grandfather killed 480 people."

Skeletal material

The last comment was in direct reference to the site at Gracetown, listed as an interim site by the DIA which lists it as 'Gracetown burial, midden and massacre site' containing skeletal material.

Mr Webb said the site should be protected under the Aboriginal Heritage Act and a memorial or interpreting centre built out of respect for those who died.

"We must take a stand somewhere to be recognised that these sorts of atrocities have taken place, and Australia is pretty well divided by what the government system is doing by not adhering to the Aboriginal Heritage Act," Mr Webb said.

"The communities at large, we want to get along and make recognition that these are important things for history and not to cover up anything so that we can all move along in unison and have that respect for each other."

Mr Webb said the site should be



Nyoongar Wardandi Elder Bill Webb at the edge of what he says may be the mass grave of 480 massacre victims.

excavated so that the truth about the settlement of the Southwest could be revealed.

"I think if it's going to prove something, that it's there, because all of the time we get the politicians saying 'oh, they died from disease' and all of this other stuff," he said.

"You know, they were the ones who put the blankets there in the Aboriginal communities to get rid of them so it was like a genocidal thing."

"So, if an investigation is to take place and if we do uncover it, then it's an unfolding part of history."

Currently, the site is gazetted as Crown land and administered by the WA Department of Conservation and Land Management, and there are WA Government plans to develop the area to attract more tourists.

The site is also subject to two native title claims.

The Koori Mail approached WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Sheila McHale and DIA for comment but had not received a response within our publishing deadline.

Home invaded by deadly snakes

By ALF WILSON



Indigenous painter Martin Williams lives in a house that has been invaded by poisonous snakes and has almost been bitten three times in a fortnight.

The 27-year-old Mr Williams lives in a small house at Blakey's Crossing, which is beside the Bruce Highway at the northern entrance to Townsville.

The residence is near a lagoon and the road floods every time heavy rain falls, making it an ideal location for snakes to inhabit.

"There have been 14 snakes inside the house in the past fortnight and I have almost been bitten by two deadly poisonous browns twice. The other one which threatened me was a tree snake," Mr Williams said.

Mr Williams shares the house with his painting business boss, Mark Archer, and Mr Archer's partner Janelle. All the occupants have been threatened by snakes many times in the past year.

"Many poisonous snakes have entered the house in the past fortnight - there was an eastern brown, a common brown and a black snake and I was almost bitten by one. They are coming into houses as it gets hotter and people need to be warned," Mr Archer said.

The pair said that poisonous

snakes had been found in their bathroom, a 3m snake in the toilet bowl, and even in the kitchen and lounge room.

"They are looking for mice, rats and birds and are aggressive now. Snakes are protected under law so I have to catch the ones I can and release them across the road. I have to be on the lookout all the time. One brown snake was near the shower where Janelle was having a bath," Mr Archer said.

Mr Williams advised people to ring the Parks and Wildlife Services or police, who would arrange for a qualified handler to remove the reptile.

Rushed to hospital

Late last year, Mr Archer was bitten by a brown snake and rushed to hospital where he spent three days.

"If you do get bitten, the main thing is to keep calm. I was pretty sick. Some of these snakes can be deadly," he said.

"I am just warning people to be very careful."

Mr Archer has been bitten two other times - the first in 1994 when he lived in Railway Estate, and by a tree snake four years after that.

Mr Williams said many other non-venomous species such as water pythons and carpet snakes had also entered the house but they were easily relocated.



Martin Williams, left, and Mark Archer inside their snake-infested home.

Michael Long on assault charge



Football legend and Aboriginal activist Michael Long will face court next month for allegedly punching a man

in the head at a Darwin club earlier this year.

Mr Long, 37, a former premiership player with AFL club Essendon, will deny allegations he assaulted a man in Darwin's St Mary's Social Club after the Northern Territory Football League

(NTFL) grand final on March 25, his lawyer said.

Mr Long's lawyer, David De Silva, told Darwin Magistrates Court on October 10 that his client, who was interstate, intended to contest the assault charge.

Registrar Brenda McGarrry adjourned the matter until November 16.

Mr Long won the Norm Smith Medal following Essendon's 1993 grand final victory over Carlton.

His stance against racial

abuse in 1995 prompted the AFL to introduce a racial vilification policy.

Since his retirement at the end of 2001, Mr Long has continued to raise awareness of the plight of Indigenous Australians. In 2004, he set off on a protest walk from Melbourne to Canberra, and got halfway before Prime Minister John Howard agreed to meet him.

The third Long Walk will be held in Melbourne on Sunday, December 3. - AAP

Six up for justice award



Six people have been nominated for the 2006 NSW Aboriginal Justice Award.

The award is presented to an Aboriginal individual or a group of Aboriginal people who demonstrate outstanding commitment to improving access to justice for Aboriginal people in NSW. It is sponsored by the state Attorney-General's Department and will be presented at the annual Justice Awards dinner next Tuesday, October 31.

The nominees for the 2006 Aboriginal Justice Award are:

● Lester Bostock: Founder and chairman of the Aboriginal Disability Network of NSW, a

lead agency in advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability.

● Ted Lancaster: An Aboriginal child protection officer with the Department of Community Services in the Hunter region of NSW.

● Vera Lovelock: An Elder from the Armidale area who, at 74, continues to contribute to her community through her work with Armidale police and courts, as a member of the Armidale Foot Patrol and a volunteer at the local women's shelter.

● Susan Pinckham: Founding member, and then co-ordinator of the Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre, and currently involved in Indigenous community

development programs with a metropolitan Sydney council.

● Greg Telford: Founder and manager of Rekindling the Spirit, which provides a unique service to Indigenous people on the north coast of NSW, focusing on Indigenous men attempting to change behaviours and address the underlying cause of their problems.

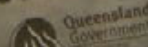
● Peter Townsend: An advocate for the rights and conditions of Indigenous prison inmates and their families.

The annual Justice Awards are organised by the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW. Seven awards will be presented at Parliament House, Sydney.

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Australian Indigenous Doctors'



Dr Roy Whittaker with students from Centralian Senior Secondary College and Anzac Hill High School in Alice Springs.



AIDA student representatives Aaron Davis (James Cook University) and Lose Pouvalu (UNSW) at the AIDA annual meeting.



Drummers from Drum Atweme troupe, supported by the Tangentyere Council.



Dr Kelvin Kong and Dr Tamara Mackean at the symposium dinner.



Medical students Felicity Chapman, Malini Lachmalya, Beth Kervin, Hayley Pigram, Lose Pouvalu, Rosemary Ross, Shannon Price, Chantelle Stubna and Andrew Sampson at the AIDA Symposium Dinner.



From left, Dr David Brockman, Dr Roy Whittaker, Dr Mark Wenitong, Dr Marshall Watson, and Mr Blemop Tapim (medical student, Newcastle University), dancing in the Todd River at the AIDA annual meeting.

Association Health Symposium



AIDA president Dr Mark Wenitong with students from Centralian Senior Secondary College and Anzac Hill High School in Alice Springs. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have many good healing stories to tell," Dr Wenitong told the annual health symposium.



Dr Alex Brown



Dr Paul Torzillo

A celebration of positive healing

Pictures by LEON MEAD



Indigenous doctors and health workers ventured out of hospitals and health clinics recently to attend the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) Annual Health Symposium in Alice Springs.

With a theme of 'Family, Community, Country', the symposium celebrated positive healing and was hailed by those attending as a resounding success.

The event was preceded by the AIDA 2006 annual general meeting which was held on the sandy bed of the Todd River and featured a traditional welcome by Arrernte traditional owners, dancing by the Undoolye Dance Group, didgeridoo playing by Tommy Crow and dancing by AIDA members, led by Nathan Schrieber.

The symposium keynote speech was given by 2006 Senior Australian of the Year Dr Sally Goolld. Other speakers and presenters included 2006 NSW Woman of the Year Professor Sandra Eades; Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon, Dr Kelvin Kong; Central Desert Ngangkari (traditional healers) Andy Tjilari and Rupert Peter; Australia's first Aboriginal doctor and psychiatrist, Associate Professor Dr Helen Milroy;



AIDA president Dr Mark Wenitong

Western Desert senior health worker Marlene Spencer; Central Australian Aboriginal Congress chief executive officer Stephanie Bell; Dr Alex Brown of the Menzies School of Health Research; and Dr Paul Torzillo.

AIDA president Dr Mark Wenitong said the symposium celebrated the many ways that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors, nurses, health workers, traditional healers, allied health workers, educators, academics and

policy makers were taking positive action to improve the health and wellbeing of Indigenous and other Australians.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have many good healing stories to tell," Dr Wenitong said.

"We have strength, we have hope and we have the initiative, commitment, determination and talent to identify and implement healthy solutions.

"And, as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, it is our eternal cultural and spiritual commitment to our families, our communities and our country, that drives us to find these solutions.

"We have practiced for thousands of generations our Indigenous knowledge of health and well-being, and what we want now is to eliminate the gap in life expectancy for our people within the next generation."

Those at the symposium were also treated to an impressive display of art co-ordinated through the Titjikala Arts Centre and a performance by Drum Atweme. The troupe is made up of young drummers from the Alice Springs town camps, supported by Tangentyere Council.

Guests at the AIDA Symposium dinner enjoyed a meal under the stars and a live performance by the Warren H Williams Band.



Health symposium keynote speaker Dr Sally Goolld

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



GINA SMITH
Tennant Creek, NT

Favourite bush tucker?
Bush turkey (Kutinja)

Favourite other food?
Thai

Favourite drink?
Water (Ngapa)

Favourite music?
Country

Favourite sport/leisure?
Softball

Favourite holiday destination?
Hawaii

What are you reading?
History

What are you watching?
News

What is your greatest highlight in life?
My two children Kieren and Kiah

What do you like in life?
Having fun and helping others

What don't you like?
Poor health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Who would you most like to meet?
Cathy Freeman/Michael Jordan

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Nelson Mandela, Cathy Freeman and Michael Jordan

Who inspires you?
Strong Aboriginal and Islander people

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Promote healthy living and encourage youth to believe in themselves

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
Indigenous people in Parliament.

Quote



'I really believe the adoption of this Declaration will have, in the longer term, a bigger impact in Australia than the Mabo decision.'

— *United Nations' Indigenous Caucus chairman Les Malezer on the Australian Government's stance against the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (See Page 6)*

Unquote

Comparing apples with...

How refreshing it was to learn that the non-Indigenous leaders of the apple and muttonfish isle plan to compensate members of Tasmania's Stolen Generations.

It was almost enough to warrant moving politicians up a few notches on the annual list of most and least respected occupations (to above journalists and used car salesmen).

But, then, it was probably only a matter of time before politicians on the mainland reminded us why some of them are not our favourite people.

Behold the fairly indecent haste with which the Victorian Government rejected a suggestion by Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV) that it might compensate its own Stolen Gens mob.

As Victorian Indigenous Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings pointed out, they've already spent the same amount as Tassie but on establishing SGV. Yes, quite. So there can only ever be one apple on the tree?

It was an interesting coincidence that, in the same fortnight, Australia received a visit from the inspirational National Chief of Canada's Assembly of First Nations, Phil Fontaine, and others who helped bring about the Canadian Government's \$5.6 billion compensation package for children removed to residential schools, that is Canada's Stolen Generations.

There was an international flavour to other news too, such as consideration by the United Nations' General Assembly of the draft Declaration on the



Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Whereas the Tasmanian Government has stepped out ahead of the pack on Stolen Generations compensation, the Australian Government appears to be dragging its feet behind pretty much everyone else in the assembly. Les Malezer's prediction that the declaration will have a greater long-term impact on Australia than the historic Mabo decision is pretty significant.

The whole thing is really about spirit, the same thing that has led some members of the Stolen Generation to give up on the prospect of a formal apology from the Australian Government. As they say, any apology that was forthcoming now would have to be regarded with suspicion about how genuine or truly heartfelt it was.

Mr Fontaine said communities where decisions were taken by tribal leaders performed better than those where external leaders called the shots. Of course, with the abolition of ATSIC, Indigenous Australians are without their own elected decision-making body. But the anticipated draft Declaration may help change all of that.

Ah, but we can dream.

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Lesson for the PM



HAGAN'S VIEW

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JUST when you think it's safe to relax and put your weary feet up to watch a bit of Reality TV, devoid of any stresses of racially offensive imagery, along comes *Survivor* – Cook Islands (Channel 9), with the well publicised episodes designed entirely around race.

If ever I saw a show that could give credence to Charles Darwin's 'survival of the fittest' racist doctrine, then this one fits the bill to a tee.

Wikipedia describes the term 'survival of the fittest' as a phrase which is shorthand for a concept relating the competition for survival or predominance.

Originally applied by Herbert Spencer in his *Principles of Biology* of 1864, Spencer drew parallels to his ideas of economics with Charles Darwin's theories of evolution by what Darwin termed natural selection.

Now take the following quote made by the world's most recognisable and marketable face on the planet – Tiger Woods.

"Hockey is a sport for white men. Basketball is a sport for black men. Golf is a sport for white men dressed like black pimps."

Race against race

Tiger's colourful witty quote, which only a man of his worldly stature could get away with, got me thinking about the concept of pitting race against race to come up with the ultimate winner.

Natural selection – perhaps not exactly what old Charles Darwin would have had in mind in articulating his prophecy for the master race?

Seeing that Tiger is currently the undisputed ruler of the roost in the once exclusive sporting domain of the white man, does that mean he has predominance over all white golfers – natural selection – or is he just an 'exception to the rule'. Well if he is an 'exception to the rule', am I to believe that Vejay Singh (Fiji Indian) and Michael Campbell (New Zealand Maori), collectively multiple winners of golfing Majors, are also different.

Or perhaps these elite wealthy black golfers have rebutted the age-old myth: 'Only whites have the intelligence and patience to master the game with the little white ball', once and for all.

Natural selection of a coloured variety – hmm ... possibly.

So why do TV executives feel it necessary to go down the path of parading the race card to sell a show? If they can't forecast or influence the outcome – of a multiple series of one-hour shows – why would they want to risk their hard-earned reputation, in that competitive industry, in pursuit of the all-mighty US dollar?

More on that later!

However, if the producers of this show would have asked me for my perspective on whether they should run this controversial program, I would have told them to forget it.

Alien environment

Besides, I don't believe placing complete novices in an alien environment (city slickers in the jungle without life necessities) proves anything about their ability, as a discrete race of people, to master the multiplicity of extreme survival tasks.

Further, I would have told them that on any given day, in the heat of battle, any race can master another.

Now, I won't begin to do a Nostradamus (1503-1566) and forecast into the future on the dominance or otherwise of a particular race, but I believe if you work hard enough at any discipline (education, sport, politics or religion), you can reach the summit.

For instance, let's look at the ultimate sporting contest: Boxing. Who would have thought it possible for the four heavyweight divisions to be held concurrently by non-black boxers: WBA (Nikolay Valuev), IBF (Wladimir Klitschko), WBO (Sergei Lakhovich) and WBC (Oleg Maskaev) – all of Russian descent?

Back to *Survivor* – Cook Islands.

"Host Jeff Probst returns for the 13th season of the hit reality series, taking the castaways to the exotic Aitutaki Island, an atoll located in the Cook Islands, which was discovered by explorer Captain James Cook."

Probst wanted the viewers to know that the idea was dreamed up as a result of complaints that the show was 'too white', and says that he and *Survivor* executive producer Mark Burnett felt the program had become 'a boring, bland, whining white show.'

Not to be outdone by Channel 9, rival station Channel 7, on *Today Tonight*, screened interviews, on the night of the first episode (October 4), with several social commentators, including the controversial Andrew Fraser.

Ruling class

Associate Professor Andrew Fraser, of Macquarie University fame, who made claims in the *Sydney Morning Herald* last year (July 26) that African migration increased crime and he believed HSC results pointed to a rising ruling class of Asians.

He wanted Australia to withdraw from refugee conventions to avoid becoming 'a colony of the Third World'.

After getting myself worked up by the nauseating and predictable redneck nonsense from Fraser on how the Caucasians with their superior intellect would reign supreme in this contest, I

for this motley crew.

Yes – you guessed it – the team started disastrously as they had no idea how to light a fire to boil the contaminated water for consumption.

When they lined up to hear their first competition event, against the other three racial groupings, my heart missed a beat – to erect a boat, row out to gather a burning torch and return to the shore to shape a puzzle before raising a flag.

The words of Fraser, in his *Today Tonight* interview: 'The blacks are good on the flat ground but are hopeless in the water' (or words to that effect) started to look fairly spot-on when all the other teams were half-way through the water retrieval task and they hadn't even assembled their boat.

Guaranteed

The first three teams to complete the contest were guaranteed immunity from evicting a member from the competition, with the last team – the African-Americans in this instance – having to make the difficult decision to vote a team member off that evening.

Round one to Fraser – although the Caucasian team came in a distant third to the Latino and Asian-Americans.

Week 2, and I had this sinking feeling that my team, who couldn't even light a fire, might struggle again.

In the lead-up to the contest, the strong Latino contestants decided they were going to pull the game so they could rid themselves of their weakest link – a lazy overweight member who said he identified more as a heavy rock person than as a Latino.

When the contest finished, going under and over a series of water traps, the Latino plan succeeded and they came in at the rear of the field.

Little effort

It was evident to everyone watching TV that they were making little effort to be competitive.

However, when the camera zoomed on to the third-placed African-Americans crossing the line, I felt deflated when I saw them giving high fives. They were so jubilant in celebration that one would have been forgiven for thinking they had scored a touchdown to win the American Gridiron Super Bowl in the final seconds of the game.

Sadly, all and sundry could tell that they would have lost again if the Latino team hadn't pulled the game.

So what did this show achieve in just two episodes?

That the blacks, as Fraser called them, would be the team least likely to win the competition.

But who really cares what Fraser thinks? Regrettably, many racially intolerant Australians would feel their long-held bigoted views had been vindicated.

Was the outcome predictable? I guess so if the selection process allowed for an unbalanced representation of participants in a demanding contest.

And what did happen with the rest of the show? As predicted, the race groupings lasted just two episodes before the teams were amalgamated as a result of an avalanche of protest in the United States.

To play the race card too often is fraught with danger – so let that be a lesson, Mr Howard – public opinion has a habit of changing.



A scene from the US television series, *Survivor* – Cook Islands. Episodes based on race versus race were abandoned after an avalanche of protest from viewers.

Confused and dazed as I was with all this build-up to the first episode, I thought of checking out a rival TV show on my reliable wide screen, but curiosity got the better of me and on the night in question, I finally succumbed to the pull of the advertising executives' persuasive pitch.

The *Survivor* official website announced to all Australians: 'You've heard all about it, now it's time to experience the season that has outraged critics in the US. This time, alliances are forged, not in friendship, but by race. Twenty new contestants will be divided into four teams of African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Caucasian and Latino.

decided that I was going to cheer on the African-Americans.

But would they bring home the bacon?

Whoops – I believe I committed the cardinal sin by being sucked into this game by making a choice along racial lines and not on other variables.

As soon as the show began, I knew I was riding a long shot – in racing terminology – a risky bet as there was no known form.

And with two of the five contestants making up the African-American team being New Yorkers and another being a blues musician from the south, I knew that surviving in a remote jungle was a big ask

Heaven on Earth a mere 1000 years away!



Ms KOORI LOVE

It's been predicted that in 1000 years, all humans will look similar. An evolution expert has said we will all be so similar, we would basically be the one mob.

What does this mean for us as Aboriginal people? Will Aboriginal people still be around?

Aboriginal people have lived in Australia since time immemorial and I don't believe we will be gone in the next 1000 years.

Imagine if, in the year 3000, everyone spoke the same language and all looked the same. Some of you may think it would be terrible but I think it would be Heaven on Earth ... if everyone was Aboriginal.

Could it be possible? I think it could and if it did, I think it would look a little like this...

Many Aboriginal people would be rich in the year 3000. Bush tucker industries would have taken over as the lead food producers in the year 2100 due to the drought.

Many non-Aboriginal people would work together with Aboriginal people in bush tucker industries. It would only be natural that many people who work like this would end up getting married and having children.

In control

When you are rich, you can control what's on television, radio and in magazines. So, as Aboriginal people would be the richest people on earth in the year 3000, all these people would be Aboriginal. When you are rich, people always want to marry you. So non-Aboriginal people would marry Aboriginal people to be famous and get our money!

But where would all these people come from?

The huge change in population has already started with yours truly - Ms Koori Love. By the year 3000, my message of promoting strong, happy and healthy relationships between Aboriginal people would be everywhere. The number of children born to these happy families from year 2006 until year 3000 would be far too many to count.

Non-Aboriginal people would begin going to Aboriginal schools and TAFE's to learn all about Aboriginal history. Many people would be hired to work and teach at these places. Naturally, they would marry and have children. If it is true that in 1000 years, all humans will look and be similar, I wish everyone would be Aboriginal.

Imagine if it was. Could it be possible?

Check out my group
http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/aboriginal_singles/

Freeman announces engagement - but there's no race to the altar



Olympic gold medallist and 'sweetheart' of Indigenous Australia, Cathy Freeman, pictured, has become engaged to her funds manager boyfriend, James

Murch.

Cathy confirmed the news through her publicist, adding that no firm wedding date had been set but the couple did not expect to be married for another year.

"We are truly over the moon and look forward to spending our futures together," Cathy said.

"We acknowledge and thank everyone

for their best wishes."

Mr Murch, 30, of Melbourne, is reported to have proposed to the 400m running star at Uluru while she was filming the second 'Going Bush' documentary series.

It will be Cathy's second marriage. She split from Nike executive Sandy Bodecker in 2003 after four years of marriage, and later dated actor Joel Edgerton.

Cathy is said to have met Mr Murch at a function last November. The couple reportedly recently purchased a home in the Melbourne bayside suburb of Brighton.



Alice Springs man an MP

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Alice Springs Aboriginal man Karl Hampton has fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a politician.

The Labor Party candidate was recently elected as the Northern Territory Member for Stuart.

"Coming from Alice Springs, most Indigenous families grow up with politics, whether you want to be a politician or not," Mr Hampton told the Koori Mail last week.

"It has been my dream since I was a child and I hope I will encourage other Aboriginal people to become involved in politics."

Mr Hampton said preparing for the polls had been a hard task as the Stuart electorate covered 420,000 square kilometres or a land area about the size of Victoria!

About 85 per cent of the area's 4500 residents are Indigenous.

The novice MP said he planned to begin his term by tackling the 'obvious issues' of health, education, employment, infrastructure and Indigenous affairs.

"It is exciting, but demanding, especially given the size (of the electorate) and the issues," Mr Hampton said.

"My message to people is that I'm going to stand up for people in the bush. I've got a lot of experience, I know how government works, and I have a lot of contacts."

Mr Hampton has not been allocated a portfolio, which he says is fine for now as he wants to focus on serving the people of the Stuart.

"There are 19 members and I am the new kid on the block," he said.

"I want to work on my electorate over the next two-and-a-half years, and try to get the results people are looking for."

"The legacy I want to leave is improving living standards of people in the bush."

"Hopefully, when my days are finished, people will remember me as a grassroots politician who always tried to stand up for people."

"I am overwhelmed with the trust the people have shown through voting me into government."

Mr Hampton joins six other Aboriginal NT Members of Parliament.



Alice Springs man Karl Hampton. He is one of seven Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory Parliament.

YOUR SAY



In Koori Mail Edition 386, columnist Stephen Hagan, pictured, flagged his vision of a nationally elected representative Indigenous body. His concept has the support of a letter writer (See Page 24)

MP who doesn't toe party line

I would like to thank Mike Reynolds, the Member for Townsville, for the courage and conviction he has displayed following his appointment to the position of Speaker in the Queensland State Parliament.

It is refreshing to see that a Member of parliament can show decency and integrity by not automatically following the party line.

Mike Reynolds has demonstrated genuine

concern for a minority within his constituency who are often marginalised and oppressed by popular opinion.

While Premier Peter Beattie and Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson bend and fold under

the pressure of the Queensland Police Union, Mike Reynolds shows leadership.

JANINE GERTZ
Barton, ACT

Shades of the US back in the 1960s

Regarding the death in custody on Palm Island, in north Queensland.

The crux of the matter is: A person died from injuries received while in police custody.

In simple black and white terms, Mulrunji's death in custody was extremely suspicious.

Mounting suspicion then fuelled the Palm Island riot which resulted in international media exposure.

The lengthy coronial inquest followed.

The Queensland Acting State Coroner, Christine Clements, produced an unbiased, experienced and professional finding: Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley 'landed the blows that killed Mulrunji in 2004'.

Queensland Police Union president Gary Wilkinson disputed the coronial findings. He called it a witch-hunt.

Witch-hunt? I don't think so! What message was he sending to the Queensland Police Service when he declared that Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley 'has done nothing wrong'?

The Acting State Coroner is the only one who has done something right in regards to this death in custody.

This case has frightening racial overtones reminiscent of the US in the 1960s when attacks were committed with regularity against African-Americans. Most



Mulrunji's sisters Jane Doomadgee (back) and Elizabeth leave court after the coroner's findings.

were denied justice.

Is this same scenario happening in north Queensland?

The person responsible for Mulrunji's death will be judged by a higher authority. Until then, he must live with his

conscience, guilty or not guilty.

Law and order? Who is policing what? Let's hope the scales of justice balance.

CORALIE CASSADY
Townsville, Qld

It's time to say 'sorry'

It's time to really look at this great south land - Terra Australis.

What have we seen since 1788? A huge expansion of 'economic' growth to the new land named Australia.

Absolutely massive, the envy of other countries of the world. The lucky country! We plough it, mine it, cut it, explode it, clear it, water it, as though the land can

sustain this 'growth' indefinitely?

Look now, in this time of very serious drought. Where are all the crops? Cattle, sheep, other growing and feeding things? What can happen to we humans and our animals which need sustaining?

Where is the water?

Now look, see and understand why and how the Indigenous people of this land

were able to protect the land, and live on it for such an historically unimaginably long period. They learned how to manage and sustain Mother Earth, not abuse her as we have done.

If we don't really look, see, and understand, this land will rebel and become a barren wasteland as have other lands through the history of man.

Yes, it's time to say sorry to our Indigenous family, sorry we took your land, language, culture, split your families, and pushed you aside instead of embracing you and learning from you.

But most of all, I'm sorry that we're destroying the land.

BRUCE FISHER
Forest Hill, Vic

YOUR POETRY

Questions

How did it come to this?
Who were the deciders of war?
Who was the first person to construct a gun?
And why do we continue with more?

Who said senseless killing was logic?
Who devised the first draft of battle?
Who were the teachers of these old masters,
Who treated a whole race as cattle?

How did these roads come to be?
Who decided that we no longer walk?
Who mapped out all these freeways
And drew so many more lines in chalk?

How did it happen like this?
How did we learn how to mine?
Who were the people who researched underground,
To bring us the bombs that kill time?

Who are the parents of men,
Who decided to build such towns?
Who keep constructing, keep building,
Covering what's sacred on the ground?

Who let all of this happen?
Who allowed for a nation to die?
Who are the people who think themselves as superior,
Ignoring people and the earth as they cry?

Who are the children of men,
Who live for the pursuit of the dollar?
How do these poor children live,
When they watch others live in squalor?

Who will raise their hand?
Who will admit to killing of land?
Who will say, "I built this wealthy city,
All with my own right hand?"

RACHEL DAVIDGE
Frenchs Forest, NSW

Cursed

I pull life's curtain
To the side of my face
And gaze at a world
That's fallen from grace.

All footsteps are fragile,
Each breath a chore,
Life's meaning stolen,
Replaced with British law.

I cling to my dreaming,
It's hard to break free.
A curse fills the air,
Mankind manifests misery.

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If you are an Indigenous person and are interested in pursuing a career in arts administration, please forward a letter expressing your interest along with a current resume and confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity to:

Janina Harding
Indigenous Arts Program Manager
City of Melbourne
PO Box 1603
Melbourne 3001

For all enquiries please contact
Janina Harding on (03) 9658 8877.

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The Department of Child Safety has funding available for an Indigenous organisation able to support the department in its statutory child protection role in respect of Aboriginal children and young people and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. Organisations specifically approved for this purpose are designated as 'Recognised Entities'.

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Intending applicants are advised to contact Carolyn Weldon, A/Community Resource Officer, Community Support Team, Ipswich and Western Zone (Toowoomba) on (07) 4699 4255.

**Funding submissions must be lodged by
Monday 11 December 2006.**



Queensland Government
Department of Child Safety

Your Say

We can paddle our own canoe

I think the model proposed in the last edition by your columnist Stephen Hagan is potentially a good idea.

I would like people to think clearly about the notion of governance, as we all govern ourselves on a daily basis – we dress ourselves, go to work, or whatever, pay our bills.

Our ancestors governed well, not only between ourselves, but the land as well, and the flora and fauna.

We are capable of 'standing on our own two feet and paddling our own canoe'.

I think the thing that detracts from this is that many of us are jealous and try to keep each other down from getting ahead.

We need to realise that we are all worthy human beings and don't need to prove our worth to anyone, we don't need to compare ourselves with anyone, and we are capable of solving our own problems, whatever that may be.

Also, in spite of respecting the values of that lovely man Jesus, we have our own spiritual guidance from beings like Balame, for example, and domestic violence etc is not part of our law. It seems to be part of white law because they do the same thing behind closed doors.

I feel also that we are all potential

leaders and followers and no one person can represent us. We should not wait for government, whose obvious agenda is extermination of us as a people. We need to get on and help ourselves.

I write as someone who is 64 years old and have broken bones courtesy of the White Australia policy, but I have never given in and will keep going, no matter what.

I have also lost my children, grandchildren and family, again because of the White Australia policy.

I will love them always, but they are suffering and blame me for it, when I tried to prevent bad things from happening to them, so I am writing my own story. I will publish it myself because I've found that publishing houses do the wrong thing.

I hope what I have written makes sense.

By the way, I've been ripped off by my own mob as well as by the white bureaucrats.

I would be the last person to want heaps of money for what I have been doing since I was two – standing up for our mob to be given a fair go.

**NAME AND ADDRESS
WITHHELD**



Koori Mail columnist Stephen Hagan. The writer of the letter (left) believes there is merit in Hagan's concept of governance for Indigenous Australians.

A biased media takes aim at us

Nanette Rogers' exclusive announcement or denouncement to ABC TV's 'Lateline' program this year about allegations of child sexual abuse opened a Pandora's box, one that served the media interests to be openly biased.

Needless to say, it was a cue for the mass media to pursue a conquest to denounce Aboriginal society, values, and belief systems on a scale that went beyond racial vilification.

I am not condoning violence, for without a doubt there is violence within Aboriginal communities, whether it be rural or urban. Rest assured, there is violence within non-Aboriginal society as well.

This nation was founded upon violence.

As I watched Nanette Rogers, I pondered if she was a contract saboteur, if the whole saga was a sheep-dipping exercise and if she really had the benefit of the Aboriginal community in mind.

Needless to say, the damage has been done, for the very next day the blitzkrieg began as the mass media and radio shock jocks saturated the airways and news bulletin headlines with a primary objective to instill and win over the hearts and minds of a consumer society.

It was nothing short of an exercise of cultural invasion to divide and conquer. Rogers outlined specific cases. One would think that the Department of Community Services would have on record abuse within the community at large, not just the Aboriginal community.

But it was these selected cases that

were used to highlight the dysfunctional aspects of Aboriginal society as a whole and that caught the public's attention.

From my own understanding, those perpetrators were dealt with in a court of law, and some of the cases happened years ago, so why was the information leaked to the media in the first place?

Was it just a beat-up to sensationalise the abhorrent behaviour of a few individuals under the influence of alcohol, drugs or petrol?

Or was a more ominous objective at work?

On another issue, since the demise of ATSIC, it seems certain individuals, groups and corporations who have vested interests within the free-trade agreement, decided bilaterally to formally disperse Aboriginal communities further as a means to exploit mineral deposits and land without hindrance.

Then deny Aborigines their voice and reduce them to only an advisory level that is not inclusive and transparent.

One cannot help but wonder if this is psychological warfare.

It is not a question of resistance to change, but to adapt to change in a nurturing environment that is inclusive and is in communion with a community that maintains identity, culture and connection to the land.

That is, above all, indispensable. We may well be invaded but we are not conquered.

BRIAN GOLLAN
Ngarrindjeri/Kokatha

POEM

Miserable Life

Black man
Homeless man.

Sitting in the long grass
smelling like filth.
His eyes are bleeding with
fury and sadness.

How is it fair that
he lives in poverty?

How is it fair that he is sentenced
to be a stranger in his own land?

I feel helpless.

Why do all my actions seem
worthless?

My heartbeat no longer sings
to the rhythm of hope.
Can someone remove me
from this miserable life,
so that I might return
to the earth
where I belong.

suburban life

This silence deafens my
weary beating heart.
Look left, look right.
Where on earth do I start?

Inspiration seems lost,
amidst these painfully
conservative walls
clinging to security,
not risking the fall.

JONATHAN HILL
Turramurra, NSW

Go, Jessica, go!

I would like to wish Australian Idol contestant Jessica Mauboy all the very best.

Jessica is a joy to watch and listen too. She has a beautiful voice, wonderful

smile, and a bubbly nature.

Good luck Jessica.

I would also like to say how sorry I was to see Brendon Boney voted out of the Idol competition.

You are very talented

Brendon. Keep smiling, you'll be okay.

Best wishes for your future.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

YOUR POETRY

Is Australia Fair?

Indigenous National Anthem
(Sung to the tune of Advance Australia Fair)



Australians is there a reason to rejoice?
Are we really young and free?
We've golden soil but no wealth for our toil,
Our home is girt by poverty,
We sold our soul and nature's gifts,
We were promised beauty rich and rare,
In histories page will any stage?
Advance Australia fair,
We're forced to strain and forced to sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Beneath the blood stained Southern Cross,
We're obliged to say 'sir' and 'ma'am',
To make this Commonwealth of theirs,
Renowned as white man's land,
For those who come across the seas,
They've boundless plains to share,
They invaded with brutality,
They made our land unfair,
We're forced to strain and forced to sing,
Advance Australia fair.

When murderous Cook from England sailed,
To rape and kill all over,
True British heartlessness bore him on,
Till we were cursed by him on our shore,
Then here he raised old England's flag,
The standard of un-brave,
With all her fault she still lays claim,
That Britannia rules the waves,
We're forced to strain and forced to sing,
Advance Australia fair.

While other nations around the globe,
Pity us from afar,
Once again we will soar high and shine,
Like a deadly dreaming star,
Across Perth, Sydney, Brisbane and more,
They stole Nyoongars, Kooris & Murrin galore,
They should all combine with heart and hand,
Say SORRY and give US back OUR land,

Because we've been forced to strain and forced to sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Will we ever get a treaty so that we can take a stand?
Or will something just be drawn and then fade like lines in the sand,
Shall we take to arms like past warriors?
To guard our native land?
Beware world because we won't lay down and die,
Pemulwuy's spirit is still alive if you listen you can hear his cry.

No more will I strain,
No more will I sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

JACK HAMILTON and DARRYL GARDINER
Wagga Wagga, NSW
By email

Pain & Suffering

We all want to live, that's why we keep going.
We need to give, to keep the love flowing.
We all need to receive, so the loving's worthwhile.
We all need to grieve, when it's too hard to smile.
But why must there be pain and hurt and rejection?
Why put us all through it? What's the connection?
Why, when we all so desperately want to breathe,
Does life throw at us situations that make us grieve?
Like losing a loved one, through death or disease,
Or being rejected, when you've tried desperately to please.
Like watching your child fall, but not being able to catch,
Or trying harder than ever, yet still losing the match.

Sometimes when we feel very low,
It's hard to find joy, like there's nowhere to go,
We question the meaning of life each day.
Why are we here and why must we pay?

Surely our suffering is not all in vain?
What is the reason we feel so much pain?
I've pondered these questions, as all must do.
I want to know why now, do you too?

Well, I've come to learn through observation,
Something profound that needs narration.
It's that suffering is something no one will escape,
And that it's how we get through it which determines our fate.

The remarkable thing our bodies do,
Is heal from wounds and from

suffering too.
Let's examine physical pain,
A practical example with much to gain.

When our skin is cut, our body bleeds,
All the white blood cells rush to do good deeds.
Then the blood dries up and a scab forms,
Then given time a scar is born.

Give it more time and the scar goes away,
And presto we are healed, though not in a day.
But what if we kept touching that sore?
Poking and prodding and touching some more?

The wound would not heal, no it would rot.
In fact it would get infected, it would rot.
It is best if we leave our wounds alone,
They heal the quickest on their own.

The same can be said for emotional pain,
Though the method of healing is not quite the same.
When we are emotionally hurt by a deed,
We need to cry, like the body needs to bleed.

The tears dry up, just like our bleeding,
Then the scab forming, that is our grieving.
Next comes the scar, the hardening of our heart,
Sad as it is, this is an inevitable part.

It's the next bit however, which is truly great,
That the scar goes away, this is our fate.
Our hardened heart can soften too,
But to do that there is something we must do.

First, we must stop prodding and poking,
Stop thinking about it, stop all that sulking.
Then in order to truly live,
We must forget and we must FORGIVE.

For if we do not, our hurt will not heal.
Let it all go, its no big deal.
You're still breathing and still living,
And you still need to keep giving.

To let your heart heal is to open a door,
Which lets you love, like you've not been hurt before.
Life is for living and it is great.
This is our destiny, this is our fate.

TAMMY SOLONEC
Perth, WA



The Kangoulou-Ghungalu People propose to enter into a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with Enertrade.
The proposed ILUA grants the Kangoulou-Ghungalu Peoples' consent to Enertrade obtaining all necessary approvals (such as pipeline licences, and associated registered easements if necessary) and carrying out all works for the construction, operation, maintenance and development of that part of the proposed Central Queensland Gas Pipeline, from Moranbah to Gladstone, that passes through Kangoulou-Ghungalu country.

The area which the ILUA is proposed to apply to is detailed in the map to the left.
For the purposes of registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal, an authorisation meeting of people who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area will be held at the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Conference Centre, corner of Yeppoon Road and the Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton, from 9.30 am on Saturday 11th November 2006.
For any further information please contact:
Paul Maloney
Manager Environment and Land Access, Enertrade 078716



Entry to Government Selective Schools for Year 7 in 2008

Year 7 entry in 2008

Applications are now invited from parents or caregivers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2008.

Application is made in November 2006 for entry into Year 7 in 2008.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2008 will be required to take the Selective High Schools Test on the morning of Thursday 15 March 2007.

The application package will be available in schools, school education group offices and some state office locations after 25 October 2006.
The package will also be available on the Internet at:
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php>

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools, regardless of their location.

Residential places

Residential places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Enquiries

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on (02) 9707 6262. Enquiries relating to individual school matters should be directed to the schools concerned.

In 2008 the following selective high schools will be accepting enrolments for Year 7:

FULLY SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

Baulkham Hills High School (co-ed)
Caringbah High School (co-ed)
Fort Street High School (co-ed)
Girraween High School (co-ed)
Gosford High School (co-ed)
Hornsby Girls High School
Northern Beaches Secondary College (co-ed)
Merewether High School (co-ed)
Normanhurst Boys High School
North Sydney Boys High School
North Sydney Girls High School
Penrith High School (co-ed)
St George Girls High School
Smiths Hill High School (co-ed)
Sydney Boys High School
Sydney Girls High School
Sydney Technical High School (boys)

Baulkham Hills
Caringbah
Petersham
Girraween
Gosford
Hornsby
Manly Campus
Merewether
Normanhurst
Crows Nest
Crows Nest
Penrith
Kogarah
Wollongong
Surry Hills
Bexley

HIGH SCHOOLS WITH SELECTIVE CLASSES

Alexandria Park Community School ^ (co-ed)
Chatswood High School (co-ed)
Macquarie Fields High School (co-ed)
Sefton High School (co-ed)
Rose Bay Secondary College ^ (co-ed)
Ryde Secondary College (co-ed)
Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus*
Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus*
Tempe High School ^ (co-ed)

Alexandria
Chatswood
Macquarie Fields
Sefton
Dover Heights
Ryde
Balmain
Leichhardt
Tempe

^ A feature of these schools is that places in each school are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
* These schools are co-educational and enrol students in Years 7 to 10 only. Selective students at these schools will generally progress to Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus for Years 11 and 12.

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only) residential and day students near Tamworth
Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-ed), residential and day students near Liverpool
James Ruse Agricultural High School (co-ed), day students only Carlingford
Yanco Agricultural High School (co-ed), residential only near Leeton

APPLICATION FORMS

The application form should be completed and returned to your child's current primary school by 17 November 2006.

Does your
Community/Organisation
need new skills?

www.volindigenous.org.au

call toll free

1800 819 542

Indigenous
Community
Volunteers

Grandparents respite referral service

The Time for Grandparents initiative provides planned occasional respite for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

The Department of Communities invites submissions from organisations to deliver a statewide telephone referral service to link grandparents with recreational camps and activities. The successful organisation will also administer funds for client placements in programs operated by external service providers.

Information packages are available by phoning (07) 3225 8740 or 1300 132 654 or at www.communities.qld.gov.au

Submissions close at 4pm, Monday 27 November 2006.



Queensland Government
Department of Communities

TMP 0030459

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Funding to upgrade existing school age care facilities

Funding is available in 2006-07 for school age care services that existed prior to the commencement of the *Child Care Act* on 1 September 2003 and require financial assistance to meet the *Queensland Development Code, Part 22, Child Care Centres*.

School age care services that have already received non-recurrent funding for the upgrade of facilities of more than \$40 000 in the 2003-04, 2004-05 or 2005-06 funding rounds may not be eligible to apply for further funding at this time unless extenuating circumstances can be demonstrated.

For more information and an information pack, call your local regional service centre or visit the department's website at www.communities.qld.gov.au

Submissions close at 4pm, Monday 11 December 2006.



Queensland Government
Department of Communities

TMP 0020361

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Site named for wife of Bennelong



Controversy over the naming of a new inner-Sydney waterfront

development must not overshadow important planning issues, the Sydney Chamber of Commerce says. The NSW Government has revealed the East Darling Harbour site would be called Barangaroo, after the wife of renowned local Aborigine Bennelong.

The decision met with a mixed response, with former prime minister Paul Keating describing the name as 'a form of Aboriginal kitsch'.

But Sydney Chamber of Commerce executive director Patricia Forsythe said the naming debate was a diversion from the 'massive' task of getting the \$4 billion development right.

"The name of the precinct will soon be overshadowed,"

Ms Forsythe said.

"What we care about is making sure that the site will be an iconic attraction for generations to come."

"The site will be a major centre of economic activity, and

'What we care about is making sure that the site will be an iconic attraction for generations to come'

we need to ensure that it is a world-class addition to our city."

Barangaroo was a Cadigal woman, known for her determination and independence. She refused to

permanently settle in the colony at Port Jackson set up by Governor Philip and died during childbirth in 1791.

It was her husband, Bennelong, who struck a key relationship with Captain Arthur Phillip and Australia's first European settlers in the late 1700s.

The harbourside site of the Sydney Opera House was named after him.

NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor said the 22ha East Darling Harbour site was thought to be the first significant place in Sydney to be named after an Aboriginal woman.

The choice of Barangaroo's name for the development comes after a stretch of road adjoining the area's wharves was last month renamed The Hungry Mile, in recognition of the struggle of waterside workers during the Great Depression. —AAP

Racism is focus for Sydney conference



A conference examining new anti-racism strategies aimed at

addressing the evolving nature of racism will be held in Sydney at the end of next week.

'The New Racisms: New Anti-Racisms: An encounter between academic, activists and community and government workers' is being organised by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the University of Sydney.

The organisers say that 'while racism as an ideological belief in a

hierarchy of biological races has lost its coherence and has very few adherents today, the word is still used to denote the multitude of ways in which human beings are marginalised, demeaned, threatened, excluded and de-humanised on the basis of the way they look or a devaluation of their group identity'.

Strategies

"The multitude of forms that racism takes today makes it more difficult than ever to formulate anti-racist strategies that are capable of countering its slippery nature," the organisers said.

The conference will bring together people engaged in conceiving new forms of understanding and countering these new racisms.

Speakers will include Saree Makdisi from the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA), Eva Cox from the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), New Zealand Race Relations Commissioner Joris de Bres, Amanda Wise from Macquarie University in Sydney and Gillian Cowlishaw from UTS.

The conference will be held from November 3-4 in Eastern Avenue Complex at the University of Sydney.

Indigenous business to benefit



Indigenous businesses on the NSW north coast now have access to a new development service. Taree-based Community Business

Development and Information Technology Services Inc has started the service, which is aimed at local Indigenous organisations.

Service leader Mark Ziemer said the move was in response to an obvious need in the local Indigenous community.

"We have been providing some minor

support for some of the fledgling Indigenous businesses in the Manning Valley over the last year and saw there was a need for a more intensive business support program than that being provided by other agencies," he said.

"The service we propose would complement the services being provided by Indigenous Business Australia, Business Enterprise Centres and the Department of State and Regional Development."

For more details call (02) 6551 3233 or 0429 427 796.

Cattlemen 'steer' an holistic approach



Twenty-six cattlemen from throughout the Northern Territory took part in a three-day Indigenous cattlemen's workshop in Alice Springs last week.

The workshop, at the Arid Zone Research Centre, was the third to be hosted by the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (DPIFM).

DPIFM pastoral development officer Tony Freshwater said previous workshops had provided basic information on all areas of working on or managing a pastoral enterprise.

"This year we're looking at holistic management – an approach that helps communities, families and businesses improve their quality of life and generate real business income, while simultaneously restoring the environment," Mr Freshwater said.

"The emphasis of this workshop is on taking a holistic approach to managing many interacting key issues in a pastoral enterprise."

Workshop participants represented a broad cross-section of Indigenous pastoralists from the Northern and Central Land Council regions.

The workshops are part of the Indigenous Pastoral Program, a partnership between the Indigenous Land Corporation, DPIFM, the Northern and Central Land councils, the NT Cattlemen's Association, and the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Key speakers were Moira O'Brien, who runs a cattle station in the Roper River district of the Northern Territory, and Brian Marshall, a grazier from New South Wales. Both use holistic management techniques on their properties.

Ms O'Brien and her family run 3000 Brahman cattle on Numul Numul Station, which they lease from the Numul Numul Aboriginal Corporation.

The workshop was funded by the Indigenous Land Corporation and FarmBis, with additional support from the CLC, Elders Ltd, Landmark and Watershed.



Participants at the Indigenous cattlemen's workshop.

Gunai Kurnai people recognised



Land at Old Gipps town, in the Victorian town of Moe, in the LaTrobe

Valley, has been officially marked with a plaque to recognise the Gunai Kurnai people traditional owners.

The plaque was unveiled at the park by the Old Gipps town committee of management and was accepted on behalf of the local Koori Elders by Uncle Max Harrison, who declared it 'an honour for me and my people'.

LaTrobe City home and community Koori support officer Brenda Baker said the Koori community would be further recognised, with plans for a bigger memorial elsewhere in the park.

"The Elders are keen to be involved and they are stoked to have been asked," Ms Baker said.

"No plans have been put in place but a few suggestions have been made and they are definitely keen to be involved."

Old Gipps town manager Michael Fozard said having the Koori Elders and the park's committee of management involved in the unveiling was the first step in a long process.

"As the manager, my objective – through the support and at the request of the committee of management – is



Uncle Max Harrison with Kylie Meyers and Christina Lee from the Gipps town committee at the unveiling of the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Plaque at Gipps town Park, Moe.

to establish a Koori/Indigenous component here at the park," he said.

Organisers have dealt with the dilemma of how to include a memorial to Kooris in the same park as the Angus McMillan building. McMillan had a reputation for massacring Indigenous people in the region's early days.

"Now, whether that is factual, that's the story, so we have tried to separate them at opposite ends of the park," Mr Fozard said.

He said he had some ideas about what the Indigenous component might include, but would need to talk to Elders.

• The LaTrobe Valley is located on the Princes Highway, about 120 km east of Melbourne. The main towns are Moe, Newborough, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill and the population of the LaTrobe Shire is about 67,600. The major industries are brown coal open cut mines, power stations, the Australian Paper Mill and some sheep, dairy and beef farming.



EDNA ALLEY

Thrust into unknown at age 15

Continuing our series highlighting people affected by the Queensland Government stolen wages policy and subsequent reparations offer



"When you're 15, living in a settlement and you don't know there's an outside world out there and you come out into it, I tell you, it's the

strangest feeling you could ever have," says stolen wages claimant Edna Alley.

But Mrs Alley insists she was lucky because she had two sisters working on neighbouring properties who used to keep an eye on her.

"You're amongst all strangers, you don't know anybody, but you just have to do it," she said.

"If they told you to stay for one year, you had to stay for one year, if they told you to stay for two years, you had to stay for two years. Whatever they told you to do, you had to do."

"If we went back to Woorabinda, we would have been sent away from our family, out to Palm Island or Cherbourg, or somewhere for punishment."

Mrs Alley said she had to accept the Queensland

Government's Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations offer of just \$4000 for her six years of work out of Woorabinda, west of Rockhampton, as did her sisters.

"My four sisters and I accepted the money even though the older sister worked for nine years under the Act, she only received the \$4000 as well," she said.

At a recent Stolen Wages Working Group meeting in Brisbane, Mrs Alley said she was glad to hear Elders from all over the State being of the same mind.

"The things people touched on at the meeting were very good," she said.

"The money should be distributed out to the Elders because we are old and it should not be kept there for young people who have a lot of opportunities today that we never had."

"I thought 'we got the lousy \$4000, why can't they distribute the rest out?' I think there should be something done about this money, it should not be held in trust."

"I was told we could never ever get any more because we signed that paper, but we were under duress when we signed because we thought if we didn't, it would stay with them to use for something else."

"We're dying off fast, by the time we got the \$4000, I'd lost one of my sisters and we've lost two or three others who came in with us and received the \$4000."

"What are they going to do with that money, leave it in trust forever?"

Do you have questions about a post-mortem examination on a family member who passed away before January 2002?

NSW Health is providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with the opportunity to make an inquiry about the return of organs and tissue that may have been retained from a relative's post-mortem examination.

Please call 1800 225 822

Toll-free to lodge an inquiry

For further information please visit our website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/htil



NSW HEALTH

NSW Health Human Tissue Inquiry Line (freecall)

1800 225 822



Foster Carers Needed!!

Koorie Kids need the support of the community to grow up strong & proud

The VACCA Extended Care Program is always looking to identify Foster Carers who can provide a culturally appropriate, nurturing and supportive environment for children who are unable to live at home.

We are currently looking for an Indigenous person to care for a 12 year old girl in their home.

This young girl has been in care from an early age. She has a strong cultural identity and is interested in music, singing and the arts. Academically she is very bright and will require support to enable her to continue her education.

VACCA is looking to place this young person in an environment that will more fully meet her needs and allow her to reach her potential.

Ideally the person we are looking for will have some experience working with adolescents.

People who are interested in taking on this role would need to give a commitment of approximately 18 months - 2 years.

Expressions of interest can be made to Sharon Mongla (Indigenous Recruitment Officer) or Julie Toohy Extended Care Coordinator on 03 8388 1855 during business hours.

A tax free carers allowance applies to all people interested in providing Foster Care.

New group to have say on natural resources



Members of the WCMA Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group (from left) Ben Flick, Barry Edwards (WCMA staff), Max Sullivan, Bill Riley, Alma Bates-Hannah, Jenny Stewart, Peter Murtikos, Bill Kennedy, Alan Holt (WCMA staff), Blackie Gordon (WCMA staff) and Alf Fazldeen.



A new advisory group has been formed to enable the

Aboriginal communities of a 230,000 square kilometre area of New South Wales to have a say on how natural resources in the area, including land and rivers, are managed. The Western Catchment includes the Barwon-Darling, Culgoa, Paroo, Warrego, Narran, Bokhara and Birrie river catchments. It takes in significant portions of the Bourke, Brewarrina, Central Darling, Cobar and Walgett

Shires. The Western Catchment Management Authority's Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group (ARAG) held its first meeting in Cobar at the end of last month.

Ben Flick, from Lightning Ridge, was elected the group's chairman. Mr Flick's role for the next two years will be to represent the Western CMA ARAG at Western CMA Board meetings, external natural resource management and cultural heritage conferences, cross-catchment Aboriginal Reference group meetings and chair all Western CMA

ARAG meetings. The group plans to meet three times a year.

During their first meeting, members of the new group developed draft terms of reference and a memorandum of understanding which outline community and Western CMA protocols and will encourage members to work together to achieve the cultural heritage preservation of Aboriginal communities and reach the objectives of the WCMA's catchment and management targets.

The two targets that specifically refer to Aboriginal

communities are 'establish an Indigenous natural resource and cultural reference group, within two years of catchment plan approval to formally co-ordinate the input of Aboriginal communities into natural resource management planning activities in the Western Catchment'; and 'develop and assist the implementation of a process for the documentation, evaluation and ownership of Indigenous knowledge of sustainable land management and cultural values in the Western Catchment by 2009'.

Projects target rural suicides



A suicide prevention and education project targeting Aboriginal communities in far north and southwest Queensland is one of 17

projects targeting mental health and suicide prevention Australia-wide.

The Australian Government mental health and suicide-prevention programs would provide timely support for rural Australian people who were under increased stress at a time of severe drought, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing Christopher Pyne said.

"The Government is concerned that hardships increase for farm families when they have to face the extremes of flood and drought," Mr Pyne said.

"These place high demands on all family members, particularly when these people are in relative isolation from support services."

"More than \$8 billion in funding will be spent over the next three years on

17 projects that target suicide prevention in rural and remote communities."

Mr Pyne said suicide was complex and tragic for individuals, families, friends and communities.

"There is strong evidence that suicide is not simply a response to a single stress. Rather, it is the tragic outcome of a build-up of stresses in a person. High environmental stress and social isolation have been identified as risk factors for suicide - such as in times of drought," he said.

Prevention

Mr Pyne said the 17 projects for suicide prevention in rural and remote communities would include:

- \$915,000 for the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, University of Newcastle - enabling the Farm-LIFE to improve the mental health and wellbeing of people on NSW farms.
- \$1.5 million for the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health

Queensland Ltd - for a suicide prevention and education project targeting Aboriginal communities in far north and south-west Queensland.

- \$950,000 for the Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice Inc (WA) to build individual and community resilience across the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia.

Mr Pyne said several additional community-based suicide prevention projects in rural and remote areas would have national or statewide coverage.

"The rural suicide prevention projects are part of \$23.5 million in Australian Government funding that will put 46 community-based suicide prevention projects in place across the nation over the next three years," he said.

"The Australian Government has committed \$62.4 million over five years as part of the Council of Australian Governments' mental health initiative to expand suicide prevention efforts and to help people at risk of suicide." - AAP



NTS005 BYRON BAY BUNDJALUNG PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE INDIGENEOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT INFORMATION MEETING

NSW Native Title Services Ltd will be convening an information meeting with regard to the Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Native Title Claims. Outlined below for your information are all relevant details.

Purpose: This meeting is being held to discuss a proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement made pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). The Agreement will deal with land and waters in and around Byron Bay.

Area: The proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement covers land and waters in and around Byron Bay in NSW.

Who should attend: The following people are invited to an information meeting about the proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement for land and waters at Byron Bay NSW:

1. All people who hold or may hold native title for the land and waters in and around Byron Bay, NSW.

2. All Bundjalung People, including all subgroups of Bundjalung such as: Bundjalung, Minjigbal, Ngarakwal, Ngayabul, Widjabul, Wajjabul, Weyabul, Western Bundjalung, Baryugil Bundjalung, and any other groups who consider themselves to be Bundjalung.

3. All descendants (including adopted descendants) of:

* Bobby of Bumberbin (born between 1817 and 1837, and died 23 March 1907) and Alice (unknown);

* Harry Bray (born 1850 and died 17 October 1922) and Clara (Bray) (born 1864 and died 7 May 1922); and

* Linda Jane Bray (born between 1903 and 1905, and died 14 January 1953) and Jim Kay (born 1879 or 1901, and died 1977 at Ballina).

4. Any of the applicants or parties to native title applications Bundjalung of Byron Bay Native Title applications N6010/98 (NC 95/01) and N6020/01 (NC 01/8).

Date: Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd November 2006.

Venue: Richmond Room, Regatta Avenue, Ballina NSW 2478.

Time: 9:30am arrival and morning tea. 10:00am start - 4:30pm.

Meeting tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on both days.

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact: Natalie Rotumah - Community Facilitator on 0266 514 588 or 0428 155 822.

NOTE: This is a very important meeting and we hope to see you there.

It's Utopia for healthy people



Researchers have found the central Australian Aboriginal community of Utopia has a mortality rate almost 40 per cent lower than the Northern Territory's Indigenous average. Utopia's 1000 residents live on small outstations in the central Australian desert north-east of Alice Springs.

Researcher Kevin Rowley, from the University of Melbourne, said that as well as the lower death rate, the community had less heart disease, low smoking rates and almost no obesity.

"It's really encouraging, particularly at a time when there's so much despair about the state of Indigenous health," he said.

"Here's a really good model of something that's working."

The Federal Government is reviewing the viability of outstations

amid revelations that abuse and disease are rife in some communities.

Utopia's doctor, Karmarianda Saraswati, says his community's health is so good because people have chosen to follow a traditional lifestyle on their own land.

One of the study researchers, Paul Richard, said the results had the potential to impact greatly on how Indigenous health was managed.

"When the data came in from the most recent analysis at the end of 2004 and 2005, there were some really surprising results," Dr Richard said. "Not only is there a much lower mortality rate but the rates of people hospitalised for heart-related problems is extremely low."

"There is lower blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and almost no obesity. The outcomes are really exciting and they have to be taken very seriously."

Orkopoulos in visit to businesses



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos visited a wedding reception venue operated by an Aboriginal business as part of a recent two-day tour of Aboriginal businesses across the western Sydney region and southern Highlands.

"Economic development is high on the NSW Government's 'Two Ways Together' list of priorities for Aboriginal communities," said Mr Orkopoulos as he embarked on the tour.

"Aboriginal businesses are generating economic benefits for local people and strengthening communities across NSW."

"It is vital that we promote hard-working enterprises. The NSW Government is working to support these businesses, but there's still more work to be done."

The minister said he was looking forward to meeting the communities behind the businesses that were setting a new direction for their local communities by establishing viable enterprises.

Mr Orkopoulos visited the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) at its base and cultural centre at Couridjah, about 10km south-west of Picton. The land council operates cultural workshops and an arts and craft shop.

Tharawal LALC also operates a lawn-mowing business for Homecare and private clients as well as accommodation through converted railway carriages at the site.



MILTON ORKOPOULOS

The minister also visited Gibbergunyah, another property owned by the land council. Gibbergunyah, meaning 'Stone house' is the old 'Stonequarry Lodge' of Picton, which was bought by the local land council in 1998.

The former lodge is available for most types of functions with full catering and accommodation available. It is a conference and wedding reception venue, and is located in a quiet setting. The use of a swimming pool and spa, along with a beautician and massage service, are among services offered on site.

An Aboriginal cultural centre, where tourists experience traditional Aboriginal culture, including bush tucker food, art and dancing, was another business visited by Mr Orkopoulos.

The Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Centre is at Cranebrook. Muru Mittigar is an interactive visitor centre and business run by the Darug people.

Established in 1999, it was recently a finalist in the Indigenous Governance Awards and is a key tourist attraction in the region, attracting thousands of international and domestic tourists each year.

As well as offering tourist activities, such as a museum, dancing, arts and crafts and a cafe, Muru Mittigar has a number of other businesses, including a wholesale production nursery growing local native species, a land rehabilitation service for the Penrith Lake Scheme, and an employment and training program on site.

MEETING NOTICE

ALL TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE ILLAWARRA AREA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING TO DISCUSS NATIVE TITLE

TIME: 10am - 2pm

DATE: SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2006

PLACE: WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL, Cnr Crown and Kembla Streets, WOLLONGONG

PURPOSES:

To determine the decision making processes of the traditional owners of the Illawarra;

To authorise native title claim/s to be filed in the federal court on behalf of the traditional owners of the Illawarra;

To determine the area of the claim/s;

To determine who should make the claim/s.

The National Native Title Tribunal will attend to provide information on native title.

For further information or enquiries please contact Nicole Maher, National Native Title Tribunal on (02) 9235 6330 or freecall 1800 640 501.

Funding for Indigenous non-government organisations

The Department of Communities has introduced two funding initiatives for Indigenous non-government organisations:

• Strengthening Indigenous Non-Government Organisations

Funding is available for Indigenous organisations funded by the Department of Communities or Disability Services Queensland. This initiative is open to organisations in the South-East Queensland metropolitan area and regional towns on the coast.

• Strengthening Rural Indigenous Non-Government Organisations

Funding is also available specifically for Indigenous community organisations in rural Queensland. This includes organisations in communities west of the Great Dividing Range, small communities east of the range, and those in Cape York and the Torres Strait. This initiative is part of the Queensland Government's Blueprint for the Bush.

Both initiatives offer small one-off grants for activities that assist organisations to provide high-quality services to their communities.

For further information and eligibility criteria, contact the Department of Communities on 1300 794 611 or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au.

Applications for each of the initiatives must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 18 December 2006.



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TRANSFER OF LAND

Under the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991*, the Minister for Natural Resources and Water must as soon as practicable appoint those persons he considers should be the grantees of areas of transferable land. The grantees will hold the land in inalienable freehold title as trustees for the benefit of Aboriginal people. Before doing this, the Minister must, under section 28 of the Act, consult with and consider the views of Aboriginal people who are particularly concerned with the land to be granted.

The Minister has consulted with Aboriginal people who are particularly concerned with the following land that is to be regulated as transferable:

Part of Great Keppel Island State Land

being lot 50 on SP190989, lot 51 on SP190992, lot 52 on SP190991, lot 53 on SP190990 and lot 29 on SP190994

As a consequence of this consultation, it is proposed to appoint the following Aboriginal people as grantees:

Christine Konomie Barney
Colin James Barney
Ernest Albert Barney
Gordon W Barney
Tarita Yvonne Borland
Matthew Joseph Boustead
Malcolm John Fredrick Burns
Valmai Frances Rowena Burns
Lillian Bessie Catley
Joh-Ann Alice Coates
Jason Cockatoo
Selina Evelyn Costelloe
Glenice Esmai Croft
Marlene May Cummins

Meaghan Jay Cummins
Christine Joyce Doherty
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Peter Darryle Green
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Jay Jordan
Vanessa Noelene Kirk
Ruth Linda Link
Jill Linda McBride
Kathryn Ann Mann
Scott Bradley Mitchell
Robert Michael Muir

Bessie Parsons
Janice Rose Reilly
Debra Richards
Lucy May Richards
Nellie Ann Richards
Adam John Saunders
Daphne Singleton
Marlene Singleton
Vincent Stanley Singleton
Beryl Koseffa Smith
Frederick Stanley
Linette Joan Van Issum

Aboriginal people particularly concerned with the land are invited to express any objection they may have with the appointment of the above people as grantees. An objection must clearly state the name and address of the person objecting and the grounds for the objection. Objections must be received by 5:00pm Friday, 17 November 2006 and should be forwarded to the following address:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Acts Branch
Department of Natural Resources and Water
Locked Bag 40
COORPAROO DC QLD 4151

Enquiries to: Colleen Hines on Freecall 1800 645 874

Manager
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Acts Branch



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NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER

50 Croc Festivals

The 2006 Croc Festival has clicked over 50 festivals, concluding its 2006 tour last week at Swan Hill, Victoria.

"Everyone has been dedicated to making the 2006 Croc Festival the best ever, with more activities and a continued emphasis on improving the literacy and numeracy skills of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students living in remote and rural areas of Australia," said Peter Sjoquist, executive producer and founder of the popular event.

"The Croc Festival encourages students to work collectively with their schools and community towards a positive goal.

"On a personal level, the events

Swan Hill hosts 'the big 5-0'

help build self-esteem, pride and confidence, while also promoting teamwork and building stronger relationships between students and their school and greater community."

The Croc Festival uses the tag lines 'Respect yourself, respect your culture' and '100 per cent in control' to emphasise its key health and social messages.

Designed to motivate and inspire young Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to live healthy lifestyles without tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, the Croc Festival encourages students to respect themselves, each other, and their culture.

It helps them make informed decisions about their bodies, their goals in life and their hopes for the future.

Primary and high school children engage in educational workshops, careers markets, health expos, sporting events and inspirational activities as well as performing and visual arts and crafts over the three-day event.

• Photos by Amanda James

Pictures on this page are from the 50th Croc Festival held at Swan Hill in Victoria



Outcomes positive

Croc Festival organisers say research shows the events are impacting positively on communities, specifically achieving outcomes in the areas of social education, health and drug education.

Teacher reports indicate that 89 per cent of participating students had improved self-esteem as a result of attending a festival, 69 per cent of students had a greater awareness of the dangers of drugs, tobacco and alcohol on their bodies, and 72 per cent had a greater awareness of personal health issues such as nutrition, cleanliness, mental health and depression.

Support for the festival from schools has continued to grow as a result of its successful delivery of educational outcomes.

This is evidenced through statistics showing that since 1998 the number of students attending the event has grown from 350 to more than 18,000 students in 2005.

Many schools continue to utilise the event as a vehicle to improve literacy and numeracy levels.

Many high-profile Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders have shown their support for the festival by acting as role models for the students, including Jimmy Little, Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, Kyle Vander-Kuyp, Arlie Beetson, Nova Peris and David Peachey.

The Croc Festival is supported by the Australian Government, which has committed \$3 million to the 2006 events.



and still rocking

Pictures on this page were taken at previous Croc Festivals around Australia and feature some of the high-profile people who have given their time to mix with our young people.



Halls Creek, WA



Alice Springs, NT



Derby, WA



Alice Springs, NT



Singer Jimmy Little and young fan.



Rugby League star David Peachey and admirers.



Olympian Nova Peris autographs a plaster cast.



1971 and 1980 Wimbledon women's singles tennis champion Evonne Goolagong-Cawley at a Croc Festival.



Bellingen and Dorrigo high school students at Moree in 2004.



Campbellfield Public School students at Moree in 2004.

Reaching out

Croc Festival this year visited eight rural and remote locations in Australia. Nearly 17,000 students from more than 400 schools participated.



Port Augusta, SA



Weipa, Qld, 2000



Torres Island State School at Weipa, Queensland.



Kempsey, NSW



Cauma Mien School at Weipa, Qld.



Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp passing on some tips.

Kununurra leader honoured



A 75-year-old Kununurra community leader has won a prestigious West Australian seniors award.

Jack Trust, pictured right, has been named Kimberley Senior of the Year and, as a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Award category, he is also in the running for the title of BankWest WA Senior of the Year for 2006.

Kimberley MP Carol Martin said Mr Trust had spent a life time promoting respect and understanding of Indigenous history and culture.

"Jack Trust has been a storyteller in the

Sharing Our Stories Indigenous project at Kununurra Library since 2003," Ms Martin said.

"As a member of the Stolen Generations, he has many interesting life experiences to share, and he also helps historians to record elements of local and Aboriginal history. Through this he builds respect and understanding of Indigenous culture with local people.

"He encourages tour groups to visit the Wuggabun community, of which he is chairman, and has hosted many events, including Stolen Generation reunions.

"He has spent his whole life time caring for others."

West Australian Seniors Minister David Templeman said Jack Trust was a worthy winner of the award.

"Jack Trust's storytelling is so important because it ensures the continuation of understanding of Indigenous history and culture," he said.

"It is wonderful that Jack Trust continues to give his time freely to participate in community projects which promote harmony between people and groups from different racial and social backgrounds."

The awards were presented by Mr Templeman during a gala ceremony at the Hyatt Regency, Perth, on October 22.



Clara Johnson, who has dedicated a lifetime to helping others. She is pictured with a Premier's Certificate of Appreciation.

A life of helping people

SA

A 76-year-old Aboriginal woman from South Australia's north-west has been acknowledged in a new book which shows you are never too old to make a difference.

Clara Johnson began her community work in the 1940s and now is a volunteer with the Aboriginal Carers Association.

The book featuring Ms Johnson, 'Eighty Not Out', was launched by South Australian Aboriginal Affairs and Families and Communities Minister Jay Weatherill.

Ms Johnson told the Koori Mail she was a strong believer in the fact that everyone in life was born with a gift. For her, it was being willing and able to help others.

"Being of Aboriginal descent and hailing from the northwest of South Australia, I was one of the Stolen Generations," she said.

"Although a part of my history, I fail to look upon this as a negative event. For me, it was an opportunity to receive an education and have a chance to learn different methods of communication, and to develop relationships.

"Sent to Quorn in 1934, I began school a year later, and throughout my schooling I was guided by the teachers to work hard and strive to achieve.

"I believe that to move forward in life you need to have goals, so I made it my goal to one day return to find my people and learn more about where I came from.

"I took up teaching so once I had finished

my training, I was able to become involved with the United Aboriginal Mission and through them, move to the Flinders Ranges.

"This presented me with the opportunity to achieve my goal.

"It was a difficult time, as I had lost my native language and the children I was working with did not understand English. However, we learnt from each other and it progressively became easier as time went on.

"It was also a time of determination as I was also focused on achieving my goal."

Ms Johnson said that over time, a work

"With some help from the Redfern Medical Service, we eventually began our own medical service in Port Augusta and Davenport."

Later, Ms Johnson saw a need for better housing in some communities where people were living in shanties.

"Again, I gathered a group of people and took our plight to the Government," she said.

"In 1978, we had a meeting with the South Australian Housing Trust and were able to establish proper housing for a number of communities. Both of these projects meant a great deal to me.

1940s and have been involved with many organisations including the Aboriginal Disability Network, Aboriginal Help Advisory and the Outback Areas Development Trust.

"Currently I'm involved with the Aboriginal Carers Association. I have found the Carers Association sets the best standards when it comes to their carers and the needs they have.

"Looking back, I was given an opportunity and I took it. I've had a good life raising a family and helping people when and where I can.

"Now I want to work on re-establishing elements of Aboriginal culture which have been lost over time, for example, the structure of Elders being mentors for the youth of the community."

At the book launch, Mr Weatherill said volunteering was the 'fountain of youth' for older South Australians.

'Eighty Not Out' sets out the benefits of volunteering, for those aged 80 and over. The book was developed by not-for-profit organisation Volunteering SA, through a \$30,000 'Kick Start' initiative from the State Government.

Mr Weatherill said the book challenged stereotypes of older South Australians by documenting stories of their lives and contributions.

South Australia has the oldest population of all the States and Territories. By 2051, almost one in three people (31 per cent) will be aged over 65.

"I don't look upon what I do as volunteering. It's what feels natural. It is implanted in me. It's the spirit of recognising and caring and when I see it, I just do it – even when it gets tough – and you never look for credit."

ethic developed in her. When she saw a challenge or a need, she would always have a go at it.

"This was evident in my early days when, wherever I went, I saw Aboriginal health services were lacking and the need to establish our own services," she said.

"So I took it upon myself to do something about the situation and took on the challenge to pull together a group of people from different areas and expertise to work on planning and developing Aboriginal health services.

"I don't look upon what I do as volunteering. It's what feels natural. It is implanted in me. It's the spirit of recognising and caring and when I see it, I just do it – even when it gets tough – and you never look for credit."

Ms Johnson said there were many organisations that needed help.

"When volunteering, it is so satisfying to know you are making changes and it makes you feel worthy to be in the position to be able to help people in need," she said.

"I have been volunteering since the



Jacob Pilot and Curt Oahwang from the Cairns Marlins take a break.



Perth visitors Aaron, Robbie, James, Brendan, Ryan and Jaden.



Roeburne, WA, boys Chris Wallu (left) and Karna Smith.



Simon and Tessa Smith, of Melbourne.

Enjoying all the hoop-la

People from across Australia were in Sydney for the inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships, held at the Sydney Olympic site. The Koori Mail's NAOMI MORAN was on hand to photograph some of them.

◆ See Pages 78-80 for a report and more pictures.



Organiser Stephen Ridgeway with Les Saxby, of Murrin Body Products.



Dhuluumbi (Tamworth, NSW) team members Tiarna Ryan and Kandelka and Maharlia Knox.



Young Jacob and Maddison Bamblett, from Victoria.



Shana, Jemima, Adrianna, April and Jocelyn, from Fremantle, WA.



Allan Garlett, Travis Fitzgerald and Rolland Bartlett, from Perth.

Baby bonus check urged



The Australian Tax Office is urging mothers to check if they are eligible for the baby bonus.

Kirsten Clarke-Drance, who runs the Tax Office in Alice Springs, says many people are asking about the bonus, which can result in an extra \$500 a year or more. "I'd say two to three thousand of the 16,000 phone calls we get each year include questions about

the baby bonus - mostly about whether they can claim it," she said. "If you had a baby or you adopted a child aged under five, on or after July 1, 2001 and before July 1, 2004 you may be eligible and, if you are, you can claim the baby bonus each year until the child turns five years old. Give us a call on 13 10 30 or talk to a tax officer when they visit your community and we'll help you work out if you can claim it and let you know what you need to do."

Indigenous Artist in Residence

Burrinja Gallery and Culture Centre invites expressions of interest from Indigenous artists and arts managers working in all disciplines, including visual, digital, writing and cultural management. The 06 to June 07 residency offers, for free, a studio, administration facilities, resources, artistic and managerial advice and support. **Contact for further information:** Nicholas Bosley, Burrinja Indigenous Collection Programs Manager, e-mail: nicholas@burrinja.org.au or phone 03 9754 8723.



Seniors Week 2007 community events funding

The Department of Communities invites community organisations throughout Queensland to apply for funding to support events and activities during Seniors Week 2007. The funding is available for initiatives that promote positive attitudes towards older people and encourage people of all ages to celebrate the contribution by seniors to the community.

Seniors Week will be held from 18 to 27 August, 2007.

Phone 1300 135 500 or visit

www.communities.qld.gov.au for an information pack.

Submissions close at 5pm, Monday 27 November 2006.

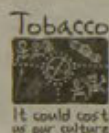


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Applications for grants



Event Support Program



A limited pool of funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events that propose ways of promoting smoke-free messages as a part of their event.

The Event Support Program is an initiative of Southern Area Population Health Services and aims to promote smoke-free messages to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through sponsorship of **existing** sporting and cultural events.

Sporting and cultural organisations are invited to apply for a grant as a strategy to promote a smoke-free message.

Applications for grants up to \$5,000 are encouraged.

Further information, application forms, and guidelines can be obtained by telephoning Lynne Martin at the West Moreton Population Health Unit on (07) 3810 1573.



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Football stars share secrets of success



On Flinders Island were, from left, Dean Rioli, Logan Wise, Matt Wilson, Trent Wing and Nathan Lovett-Murray.



Former Essendon footballer Dean Rioli and current player Nathan Lovett-Murray

shared some of their secrets of success with students on Tasmania's Flinders Island recently.

The two conducted clinics with students from kindergarten to Grade 10 and also gave motivational talks to the more senior students.

Dean and Nathan said that following their dreams was a key

to their success, along with determination and commitment - even in the face of knockbacks.

Both players acknowledged that mixing drinking and smoking with sport does not bring success at a high level.

Dean drew comparisons between Flinders Island and his own community on the Northern Territory's Tiwi Islands. He suggested that isolation should not be seen as a barrier but as an opportunity to participate in sporting pursuits where males and females are regarded as

equal participants.

The students appreciated Dean and Nathan's input. Grade 6 pupil Dwayne Robertson said the main message he received was 'set goals and go for it'.

Student Trent Wing said 'life can be hard but you need to be prepared to make sacrifices' and Walter Apps said 'wherever you are, you can do it - don't let where you live set you back'.

The clinics and motivational talks were supported by the Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc and several local organisations.

Cherbourg's museum an award-winner



Cherbourg's Ration Shed Museum and Precinct has won the Volunteer-Run Organisations category of the

2006 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards in Queensland.

And the Dandilri Maiwar: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures Centre at the Queensland Museum South Bank has won the category of Organisations with Staff of Seven or More.

Queensland Arts Minister Rod Welford presented the annual awards at a ceremony hosted by the Queensland Museum.

"Our Government is proud to be associated with the affectionately named annual GAMAA's, honouring the achievements of our many galleries and museums throughout the state and the

individuals who work in them," Mr Welford said.

There were six award categories.

Now in their third year, the awards celebrate the significant work of individuals in the museum and gallery industry and the projects they have initiated, while encouraging the development of outstanding exhibitions, education projects and public programs.

Enhance

They promote and inspire best practice in museums and galleries by encouraging organisations to enhance their profile for the benefit of their local and wider communities.

Nominations for the 2006 awards were received from as far afield throughout Queensland as Cooktown, Cairns, Longreach, Cherbourg, Townsville, Sarina, Bowen, Theodore, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Bundaberg, with

a large number of nominations from Brisbane, south-east Queensland and the Darling Downs.

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland chairman John Walsh said: "The awards are an important component of our annual program, drawing attention to the excellent work undertaken by our colleagues in the museum and gallery sector across Queensland."

"Whether they are major state institutions or individuals from small volunteer-run organisations, those being recognised work tirelessly with and for their communities."

Mr Welford also commended the work of Museum and Gallery Services Queensland, the peak industry body for the gallery and museum sector in Queensland, which manages the annual awards and praised the work that is being undertaken by the organisation in training and professional development.

A night of trivia and fun



Winners of the trivia were the Big Notin' Black Fullas.



The emphasis was on fun at the trivia and comedy night to raise money for an outside broadcast vehicle for Sydney Koori Radio 93.7FM.

The event was held at the Paddington RSL Club, where MC Leah Purcell introduced comedians Sean Choolburra, Adam Hill and Roy Ah See.

Koori Radio 93.7FM is owned by the Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation.

The radio station wants to fit out a vehicle so that it can go mobile, allowing it to present programs within the community and to travel to events around the State.

The aim is to use the vehicle on a weekly basis, attending schools to encourage young people to consider a career in radio and/or to just have an afternoon listening to music and enjoying a barbecue.

Koori Radio has conducted outside broadcasts at many events, including Yabun, NAIDOC Week, World AIDS Day, Seniors and Youth weeks, and Rugby League Knockouts.

Some of the items auctioned at the trivia night included signed and framed football boots from Adam Goodes, a signed 1977 St George Dragons jersey, and a hand-made, hand-painted quilt from the Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service.



Koori Radio's boxing show hosts Patrick and Brad.



Koori Radio staff with Leah Purcell, right.



Sean Choolburra.



Adam Hill and Leah Purcell.



Pauline, Gavin and Mayrah from the Kiss My Black Arts program.

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Apprentice honour goes to Juluwarlu



The Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation at Roebourne in northern Western Australia has won the Minister's Award for Excellence for Employers of Australian Apprentices 2006 (Northern Western Australia Region).

The multi-media Aboriginal corporation received its award from Federal Vocational and Technical Education Minister Gary Hardgrave at a dinner in Sydney.

The Awards acknowledged 22 outstanding employers from across Australia. Winners receive a cash prize of \$5000 from the Australian Government, a specially designed trophy, and a certificate commemorating their achievements.

Juluwarlu's mission is to collect, record, catalogue, archive, preserve, re-produce, exhibit and broadcast the culture and history of the Yindjibarndi people of north-western WA. The corporation currently employs nine apprentices who are completing a Certificate III in Multimedia.

Learning multimedia skills enables the apprentices to gain employment in the production and media industry, or to stay on and use these skills at Juluwarlu. The apprentices also participate in cultural workshops, which help them gain knowledge of Yindjibarndi (Ngarda) history.

Juluwarlu operations manager Michael Woodley says the corporation is able to offer its apprentices the opportunity to be themselves and embrace their Indigenous culture in a non-threatening work environment.

'Our Australian apprentices are passionate about local Indigenous culture. We are continuously encouraging local Indigenous people to come and help the team record our culture'.

"We understand what their needs are. Our work is essentially technology meeting tradition," he said.

"Our Australian apprentices will be multi-skilled in all aspects of video production and will have experience in web design. They can expect excellent career prospects in the media industry because they have

demonstrated that they can perform well in a professional environment to the highest standard.

"Our Australian apprentices are passionate about local Indigenous culture. We are continuously encouraging local Indigenous people to come and help the team record our culture.

"Recording their conversations with their Elders is a fantastic thing - for the trainees and, importantly, for the preservation of our Indigenous traditions for future generations."

Juluwarlu apprentice Rebecca Cheedy said: "It is important to study and preserve our people's traditions, history, language and culture for future generations because it makes us who we are and what we are. It's simply irreplaceable."

The Australian Apprenticeship courses run for six months, with students learning multimedia skills to enable them to be in a position to get work in production and media in mainstream sectors, or choose to stay and develop Juluwarlu's broadcast channel, JTV34.

They also participate in cultural workshops and gain knowledge of Yindjibarndi (Ngarda) history. Students have already completed several short video productions that have been aired on JTV34.

Mr Hardgrave said the award-winning employers had taken on the role and responsibility of training and career development of Australian apprentices in their local communities to the highest level.

The memories flow



Dorothy Gordon of Lismore (left) with Michelle Torrens and her son Darren Torrens, both of Casino. Michelle's dad Mick Walker was born at Turtle Point in 1931.



● Above: Annabelle Walker (left) with Robert Caldwell and Lola Bundock.

● Left: Four generations of the Walker family. Poppy Eric Walker (centre) with Celine Walker (far left), Jenny Walker (back), Felicity Walker, and Mackenzie Walker (front, right).

● Below left: Joe Walker and Artie Williams.

● Bottom: Rose Walker and Virginia Walker.



at 'Back to Turtle Point' day



The Elders of Turtle Point pictured at the gathering. "It's good to be back home again. It brings back lots of memories," one said.

Gathering at special place



Turtle Point on the banks of the Clarence River near Tabulam in northeast New South Wales holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Bundjalung Elders.

Despite some hard times during the former Aboriginal reserve's heyday in the middle of the last century, it still invokes memories of lazy days swimming in the river, games of marbles, humble homes and close-knit family life.

And although the site is today part of private property, it is becoming increasingly special to Bundjalung younger generations following a 'Back to Turtle Point' cultural day last week.

About 150 people, many of them associated with the Walker family, attended the event which started with a welcome home speech by Poppy Harry Walker, followed by a minute's silence for Elders who have passed on, the sharing of stories and photos, a barbecue lunch, dancing, music and kids activities. And, yes, swimming among the turtles that gave the idyllic spot its name.

Lance Walker, 74, reminisced about his childhood at Turtle Point.

"It's good to be back home again. It brings back lots of memories," he said emotionally.

Kathleen O'Connor remembered



Turtle Point Elder Lance Walker

surviving on rations and days when she would rise early to go horse riding through surrounding bush.

"We learned discipline and we were not allowed to cheek or answer up to our parents or any old people," Kathleen said.

"It was hard for food but I enjoyed the wonderful times here at Turtle Point. I

really thank God for giving me this life."

Joe Walker said his family was the last to move from the humble homes of Turtle Point.

"There were good times, some bad, but mostly good. If a big tree fell over and made a hollow, that was bad," he said.

"But when it was time for us to move, we didn't call in a big semi-trailer. We borrowed a horse and cart and all our belongings fitted into the cart and we were on top of it.

"When I look around and see all of the offspring of the people who lived in this area ... we've got precious memories."

Peter Walker shared an old story about an Aboriginal community – not Turtle Point – on the banks of a river which dried up for no apparent reason and was found to have diverted in a new direction.

"Look at our culture too, we can't go back, we must go forwards," he said.

"There are new technologies to bring about success, education is one of the new tools we have. I believe that the river is still flowing but it is up to us to make the change. I believe we're a strong family."

There are plans to return to Turtle Point for another cultural day at Christmas time.



Gilly Davis with his daughter Moelsha Caldwell.



Loretta Robinson, of Casino, with Maria Sharpe, of Lismore.

CHERBOURG GOLDEN OLDIES GATHERING



Carmen King was proudly accompanied by her nephew Faron Gray.



Alice Barney, Laurel Bird and Jack Harrison got dressed up for the event.



Preparing for presentation to guests at the Cherbourg Ball following Golden Oldies, Jennifer and Steven Bond received a huge welcome. The first Cherbourg debutante ball was held 1951.



The Dawson sisters looked radiant as they entered the Cherbourg Debutante Ball.



Lillian Gray and Grace Bond.



Walter Holt and Jackie Huggins appreciated the work the surprises the organisers had planned to ensure a memorable day in Cherbourg.



Vinnie Conlon and Tom Kirk love meeting their own mob but miss seeing some of their friends.



Tony Rouse with his mum Doris.



Hazel Speedy, Doris Murray and Sam Murray Jr and Snr at the Golden Oldies. Sam and Doris are highly esteemed and appreciated in Cherbourg and are the town's oldest married couple.



Cecil Fisher and one of the organisers, Sandra Morgan. Cecil is the proud holder of an AM and OAM awarded for his service to the Aboriginal community.

CHERBOURG GOLDEN OLDIES GATHERING



The Big Mamas from the Chub Club paid a visit from 'Hollywood' to a rousing reception from the Golden Oldies. Complete with work boots and pink fluffy slippers, their routine brought great cheers.

Hall packed for the big event

Report: PHIL YOUNG
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The Cherbourg Community Hall was filled to capacity when hundreds of current and former residents walked the red carpet to celebrate their connection with the tiny Queensland settlement at the 17th Golden Oldies gathering.

The event is considered a major highlight of the Cherbourg social calendar and guests travel from as far away as Townsville, Port Augusta, Canberra, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Brisbane to celebrate, reminisce and honour past friends and relatives.

This year, the hall – which has been used since 1951 for picture shows, concerts and balls – was transformed to reflect a Hollywood theme that gave guests an opportunity to dress up as their favourite film heroes and characters.

The program began with a welcome and minute's silence to remember and pay tribute to those who had passed away. Jack Moffat prayed for the event and paid tribute to Ruth, his Cherbourg sweetheart as they celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Laurel Bird, from Redcliffe, paid tribute to her brother Jack 'Dwarfie' Harrison by singing the classic 'He ain't heavy, he's my brother'. Now in his 80s, Jack was an original Cherbourg rugby league player.

Cecil Fisher was honoured as a recipient of an AM and OAM for his service to the Aboriginal community.

Victor and Cynthia Minniecon attended their first Golden Oldies. As managers of the rehabilitation centre at Cherbourg, they had welcomed extra guests staying at the



Cherbourg's Superman, boxing hero Jeff 'Mitta' Dynevor, made sure he had a good seat to enjoy the entertainment at Golden Oldies.

complex overnight before the drive home.

Local band Muddy Flats had guests singing along and dancing to their favourites and local songs:

They ask me where I come from

They ask me what's my name

I tell them I come from Cherbourg, that's my home

I've been to a lot of places and I've seen so many faces

But I always return to the place of my birth

And it's good old Cherbourg, that's my home

A place where we had so much fun

A place that we call our own

A place where we laugh and we cry.

Other entertainment was provided by the Wakka Wakka junior dancers, the Cherbourg School dancers, a tiny hula dancer, the Cherbourg line dancers and the first public outing of the outrageous 'Big Mamas from the Chub Club'.

Elvie Georgetown who, along with Barry Fisher, trained the Cherbourg School dancers said the boys had put in extra rehearsals to lift their corroboree performance to a new level to honour their Elders.

Mayor Ken Bone said he was proud of the response to the 17th Golden Oldies. He said the event, which started when townfolk realised funerals were the only time that Elders and friends were coming together, got better each year. Mayor Bone paid tribute to organisers and volunteers including Sandra Morgan, Jeanette Brown and Ada Simpson, and thanked the Cherbourg Council, aged care and respite centres, Rio Tinto and the Bunya Wakka Working group.

More than 50 volunteers worked to ensure the night ran like clockwork. Organising the day was a huge effort that was well rewarded with the tears, cheers, goodwill and smiles of the Cherbourg oldies.

Golden Oldies was filmed and the footage will be added to the catalogue available at the Ration Shed Museum.

Golden Oldies at Cherbourg continued with a debutante ball. Phyllis Bligh was honoured at the 'Recycled' Ball as the last of the original Cherbourg debutantes from 1951. Eileen Brown was honoured as the oldest guest, making the journey back to Cherbourg from Ipswich. She is 96 and one of the early pioneers of Cherbourg.

A further highlight for those returning to Cherbourg was the chance to spend time in the Ration Shed Museum and cultural precinct.



Helen Hill lookalike, Dolly Parton called in from Townsville to be part of the action and loved the entertainment.



Alice Barney came from Townsville, and Laurel Bird paid tribute to her brother, Jack 'Dwarfie' Harrison, one of the original Cherbourg rugby league players.

Youths rock at The Block



The Youth Rock the Block event, held in the Sydney suburb of

Redfern on October 14, featured young performers expressing their art and culture and raising money for a local women and children's dance studio.

Foretelling the kind of creativity the dance studio promises to harness, the day included singing in the Indigenous Darug language, original dance pieces, renditions of well-known Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal pop songs, and hip-hop.

The day was about turning The Block over to the youth to make a statement about their cultural and land inheritance, and their role in ensuring the Pemulwuy redevelopment proposed by the Aboriginal Housing Company comes about.

Redfern was turned into an art gallery with an official exhibition opening held for local artist Gordon Syron.

Performers included hip-hop artist Wire MC and Sabotage and the Entity Contemporary Dance Collective and the Aloha Dance School.

It showed the young people's powerful statement about what they can do to challenge poor perceptions of their environment, and contribute to its redevelopment.

The event was an initiative of the Aboriginal Housing Company, in collaboration with Sydney rock band Andorra, with assistance from Vibe magazine/Deadly Awards founder Gavin Jones and crew.

The Aboriginal Housing Company, which owns The Block, hopes to make 'Youth Rock the Block' a yearly event.



● ABOVE:
Artist Gordon Syron
presents
Commander
Catherine Brown
with a print of his
artwork, 'Judgment
by His Peers', from
his exhibition.

● BELOW:
Performers from the
Aloha Dance
School.



● ABOVE: Uncle Sam
(Ningamar) shows off his skills.

● LEFT: Seven-year-old Zeke.

● BELOW: Entity Dancers.



Representing
Glebe and Redfern
were Jordon, Dwayne,
Dunka, Edgar
and Kane.



● LEFT:
Attending the day were
local residents from left,
Anthony, Caroline
and Brad.

● RIGHT:
Sitting under shade
during the day were from
left, Lily and
granddaughter Sha-
Diamond,
Nellie and Maria.

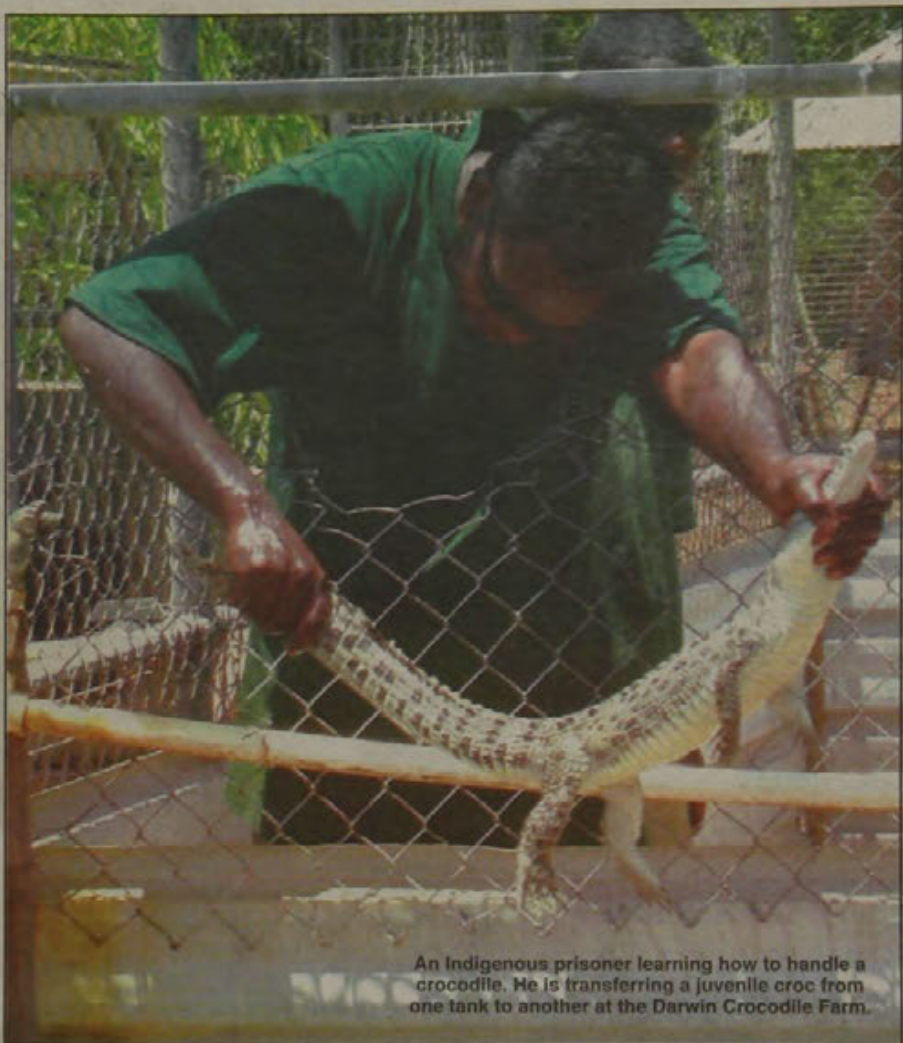


● LEFT:
Two deadly sisters,
Linda and Kay Hookey
showing their support for
Rock the Block.

● RIGHT:
Taking to the stage were
hip hop performers
Sabotage and Wire MC for
a collaboration.



How to handle a croc is part of the training



An Indigenous prisoner learning how to handle a crocodile. He is transferring a juvenile croc from one tank to another at the Darwin Crocodile Farm.



Five Indigenous prisoners from the new Living Skills Unit at the Darwin Correctional Centre in the Northern Territory are learning new skills as part of the prison's crocodile

handling course.

The 12-week course, delivered at the Darwin Crocodile Farm, is the first of its kind in Australia and the first batch of inmates are due to graduate in the coming weeks.

Those prisoners taking part expressed

pride in the skills they have learned.

"I would never have learned these skills except for this course," one of the men said.

"I want to run seminars for my family and friends when I get back to my community so I can show them how to handle a crocodile."

Another prisoner said he had worked as a crocodile handler before, ensuring the safety of swimming holes and he hoped to continue working as a crocodile handler once he was released from prison.

In addition to crocodile handling, other jobs around the crocodile farm include fencing, welding, painting, repairing stock enclosures, preparing feed and safely transporting crocodiles. And the value of developing a good work ethic in a genuine hard working environment prior to release cannot be underestimated.

Darwin Prison senior education officer Madonna Cochrane is pleased with the way the course has been received by the prisoners.

"The prisoners enjoy the work and will be able to return to their communities with

useful skills and improved confidence. We will be starting the selection for the next course soon which will include egg collecting over the Christmas period," Ms Cochrane said.

The skills gained from the course contribute to a nationally recognised Certificate 1 in Aquaculture.

Criteria for prisoners taking part in the course includes good behaviour and low security. Those from estuarine communities also take precedence.

The next pilot course is due to start in November.

They're keeping Aboriginal languages alive



Eight Aboriginal language teachers have graduated to take up teaching Aboriginal languages to students in seven

West Australian public schools.

Following a recent graduation ceremony held in the Goldfields, these trained Language Other Than English (LOTE) teachers will teach six Aboriginal languages at Hannans, Cable Beach, Shark Bay, East Kenwick, Bluff Point, and West Northam primary schools, and Yulga Jinna and Bayulu remote community schools.

The Aboriginal LOTE trainees attended their final week-long training session during the recent school holidays, which culminated in the students completing the two-year course.

Department of Education and Training's Aboriginal languages LOTE curriculum officer Lola

Jones said the graduates would return to their schools to teach their local Aboriginal language through schools' LOTE programs.

"Almost all of Western Australia's Aboriginal languages have been identified as endangered languages," Ms Jones said.

"Having Aboriginal language as a LOTE in schools goes a small step towards raising the profile, maintenance and use of the State's Indigenous languages."

Since the training program started in 1998, a total of 85 Aboriginal people - including the latest graduates - have completed the course.

"What's more, the language skills of the graduates are guaranteed to go back to their local schools, as schools must have a strong commitment to



Language graduates, back row, from left, Belinda Riley, Melissa Drage and Lisa Mourach; front, Roseanne Chiguna, Debbie Rundle, Dalisa Pigram, Stephanie Eades and Kymberley Oakley.

teaching Aboriginal language before people are accepted into the course during each intake," Ms Jones said.

Each cohort of trainees completes a two-year in-school traineeship and also attends four

block releases, where they are released from their schools to attend multi-day training sessions during that period.

"Trainees have persevered with their training and teaching while managing a range of family and

community commitments," Ms Jones said.

She said the benefits of teaching Aboriginal languages as LOTE subjects were many, including boosting cultural pride and bolstering the efforts of reconciliation.

"When our graduates go back to their schools, they teach Aboriginal language to all students and not just Aboriginal students," she said.

"This is important for reconciliation because there is a level of understanding and greater acceptance when that comes with learning the language of another culture."

"It also brings a sense of pride and identity for Aboriginal students, parents and the community that their language is formally recognised through the mainstream curriculum."

QPAC giving trainees all the experience they need

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Indigenous trainees Amee Jordan and Jamahl Bennet are loving getting the practical experience they need to work in the arts and entertainment industry.

The Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) based at Southbank in Brisbane has employed Amee (23) and Jamahl (18) as trainees while they undertake a Certificate III in Live Production Theatre and Events.

The traineeship, which began in May, runs for a year. It gives the two Indigenous young people work experience in visitor services, production (staging, lighting and audio visual), library, museum and programs.

Amee and Jamahl also have to complete a theory and training component of each module.

Amee, from Kempsey, said the experience of working at QPAC was 'excellent, but the time was going too fast'.

"To work in this environment is just unreal," she said. "You do things where you are able to come to work and see performance everyday."

"It's great to be able to come to a place where you love to work and the people are really good."

Amee is a drummer and has an understanding of performance, but it is hands-on involvement in the entertainment and arts industry that she wants to pursue.

"I would really love to get involved in event management," she said. "Working at QPAC, you get to see and appreciate what goes into a major performing arts centre and at the end of the day how events come together."

Her male counterpart Jamahl, from



Jamahl Bennet at the Concert Hall sound desk with Blair Marks (right).

Gympie, also has a performing background. He's a drummer as well as a traditional dancer.

"I used to do a lot of traditional dance when I was little and I always used to wonder what was going on around us," he said.

"Working in this industry was a natural thing for me. I always said I wanted to do this after school."

Jamahl said there were many highlights to the job.

"I get hands-on experience and get to see what is involved in a production, like behind the scenes, making the sets."

"They are a good mob to work with, they're like a second family."

Only six months away from the end of their traineeships, Amee and Jamahl are keen to become permanent staff members.

As Amee said: "This traineeship is a great opportunity to get a leg up in the industry and I'm keen to further develop that."

Mentoring program at CSU under way



Charles Sturt University (CSU) at Dubbo in central-western NSW has

launched a new mentoring program involving its staff members and Indigenous students.

The initiative is a pilot mentoring project between CSU employees, Indigenous students of secondary schools and Dubbo TAFE College.

The program aims to assist students and encourage them to see the university as a place of learning and potential employment.

CSU Indigenous employment co-ordinator Karen Kime says the Dubbo campus is well-positioned to facilitate the mentoring of Indigenous secondary and TAFE students.

"It is an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with different aspects of university life," she said.

"It is also a unique chance for the mentors to develop an understanding of Indigenous people, their culture and of the issues important to their communities."

CSU's Indigenous employment strategy aims to enhance the participation and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across all of its schools and divisions, through building relationships between CSU and local communities.

Unique position

Ms Kime said that 'for too long, our people have been in unskilled, less-rewarding areas of employment. Organisations, such as CSU are in a unique position to be leaders in bringing about change'.

This is being achieved through strategies such as the provision of cross-cultural training in the workplace as well as introducing forums in which Indigenous staff can meet and develop their networks as well as gaining further training.

Leah Wighton, an Indigenous employee at CSU's Wagga Wagga campus, says she has benefited greatly from her employment as a trainee in the Learning Materials Centre.

"I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be part of this program," she said.

"The overall support I received from the mentors and Indigenous employment co-ordinator has helped me to get a foot in the door to gain further employment."

Ms Wighton also said the program had helped her learn quickly while working on the job.

"It has taught me to deal with new challenges, to know my limits, to deal with different pressures during the busiest times. It has also helped me develop skills in communicating with internal and external customers and other staff members," she said.

ACU staff member gets scholarship



Australian Catholic University (ACU National) staff member Stephanie Jacob has been named as one of

five people in Australia to receive a 2006 Indigenous Staff Scholarship.

Ms Jacob, a research support officer for ACU National's Weemala Indigenous Unit at the Brisbane campus (McAuley at Banyo), was presented with the scholarship at the University of Western Australia in Perth by Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop.

ACU national vice-chancellor Professor Peter Sheehan said: "I congratulate Stephanie on this wonderful achievement and wish her all the best with her future studies."

The \$32,600 scholarship is funded by the Federal Department of Education, Science and Training and is an initiative of the Australian Government Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.



From left, Professor Marcla Langton with the ISS recipients John Evans (University of Sydney), Max Lenoy (James Cook University, Queensland), Ms Stephanie Jacob (Australian Catholic University, Queensland), Robin McNamee (Australian National University, Canberra), Ms Bishop, Clem Hansen (Edith Cowan University, Perth), the Neville Bonner Memorial Scholarship recipient Mr Ross Bates (University of New South Wales), and IHEAC deputy chair Professor Roger Thomas.

Speaking about the scholarship, Ms Jacob said she was elated.

"This scholarship has provided me with the perfect opportunity to complete my honours next year (in an Indigenous primary health care-related course). It has opened up

my career pathway," she said.

Ms Jacob said that without the scholarship, she would not have been able to complete her honours.

"I have small children and need to have a steady income," she said.

"This scholarship has allowed me to take a year off work to complete my honours."

Ms Jacob said she would like a career in Indigenous health, or possibly working as a lecturer at a university.

Festive way to better health



Bush Tucker, basketball and boogie ... just three of the offerings available to those at the recent Galiwin'ku Healthy Lifestyle Festival.

The week-long festival, which was held by Galiwin'ku community off the northern coast of Arnhem Land, brought together traditional food and culture with contemporary music and physical activity to promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Since 2000, Galiwin'ku community has been actively promoting the healthy lifestyle message. Community leaders were concerned about heart disease, diabetes and the number of people having to leave the community for renal dialysis.

The community invited the Menzies School of Health Research to help with a community-wide screening and to support community change for better health.

Following the initial health screening, the community discovered that, as young people were very lean and active, there were low levels of diabetes – particularly in young men. This information allowed the community to target more effectively their health promotion work to young people under the age of 30.

The concept of the healthy lifestyle festival grew from recognising that the combination of music and health would be a powerful way to bring the community together.

Galiwin'ku community health workers worked with community musicians and Yalu'marrnggithinyaraw to come up with the concept of a healthy lifestyle festival.

"The first festival took place in 2001, but this year's festival was bigger than ever," said Frank Djirimbilpilwuy, festival organiser and community musician.

"We wanted to reach out to people – and when there is a big gathering of people, this is the time to give out the



Displays provided information about healthy lifestyles.

(Photo by Julie Brimblecomb, MSHR)

healthy lifestyle message so that people can enjoy life better and for longer," he said.

"Some of the young people have developed some bad habits, but many are very talented at fishing, hunting, music, song writing and dance.

"There are a lot of talented people in the community, particularly young people, and the healthy lifestyle festival showcased their talent as well as giving them an important message and the strength to change."

With the health statistics in the community showing a downward trend,

Galiwin'ku community worker Dorothy Yunggirringa is concerned.

"The statistics for Yolngu are going down ... once or twice a week there are medical evacuations because people are sick," she said.

"This is a big worry. If we are going to change, we have to change now, so we stay fit, so when we are older in our 20s or 30s or older we are not having to rely on medicine for health."

The program for the festival involved a mix of the traditional and the contemporary, with sports and dancing playing a significant role.

Concern at maternal death rate



Indigenous Australian women die during or soon after pregnancy at more than five times the rate of other Australians, a new government report shows.

The 'seriously concerning' statistics were due to the generally worse health of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander people combined with poor access to health services, a maternal mortality expert said.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report found 45.9 Indigenous women died for each 100,000 who gave birth, compared to 8.7 deaths per 100,000 non-Indigenous women.

The study found maternal mortality in Australia was rare, with 84 Australian women dying between 2000 and 2002 due in part to their pregnancy – just under 30 a year.

But it stressed mortality rates among Indigenous women remained unacceptably high.

Associate Professor James King, who chairs the AIHW's maternal mortality advisory committee, said the disparity was due to Indigenous Australians suffering a higher rate of heart disease and rheumatic fever and their pregnancy exacerbating these conditions.

Indigenous Australians also had reduced access to doctors and specialist services and many lived in remote areas, where emergency transfers could be at risk from bad weather.

Only 30 per cent of Indigenous Australians lived in major cities compared with 67 per cent of non-Indigenous people, the report said.

But Professor King said the greatest concern was that overall economic disadvantage – including income, employment, education and housing – tobacco, alcohol and other drugs spiralled into bad health outcomes during pregnancy.

Mortality

Simply increasing the availability of medical care would not solve all the causes of Indigenous maternal mortality, Professor King said.

"It's got to be increasingly social and educational opportunities to reduce the risk of ill health and disease," he said.

"The persisting and obvious discrepancies in health outcomes for the Indigenous population compared with the non-Indigenous population is something that reflects badly on our Australian tradition of equity and fairness and equality."

Maternal mortality is often used as a measure of a country's overall health and development status, the report says.

Professor King said research presented at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists annual scientific meeting in Perth showed some evidence that Indigenous infant mortality in Western Australia and Queensland appeared to be declining.

"It's the first indication I've seen that the outcomes for Indigenous populations are improving," he said.

But Professor King said although there was some indication the gap may be narrowing, it was not nearly as promising as hoped when he first began collecting data 20 years ago.

The AIHW report measured deaths directly caused by or aggravated by pregnancy that occurred while the woman was pregnant or within 42 days of termination or birth.

It attributed a slight rise in the overall maternal mortality death rate to a change in statistical classification, but said it could not rule out the possibility the rise was real.

Haemorrhage and amniotic fluid embolism were the most common direct causes of death during or soon after pregnancy, while infection, cardiac arrest and suicide were the most common indirect causes.

The report also found women aged 40 to 50 years were most likely to die from pregnancy, while women aged 20 to 24 years were least likely to die. –AAP

Cancer rates are much higher in NSW – report



Cancer rates for Aboriginal people in New South Wales are much higher than for the broader population, according to a report

published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health.

The article, 'Cancer mortality in Aboriginal people in NSW, Australia, 1994-2002', says cancer rates in that State are 66 per cent higher for Aboriginal women and 58 per cent higher for Aboriginal men.

"Mortality from lung cancer was 50 per cent and 100 per cent higher than for NSW non-Indigenous males and females respectively," the article said. "The high mortality rate from cervical cancer in Aboriginal females is contrary to the trends in the general population since the introduction of free screening."

The report, on research by the Cancer Council NSW with Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit, School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of

NSW, suggests that a combination of later diagnoses and poorer treatment outcomes as well as being diagnosed with poorer prognosis cancers is occurring in Aboriginal people of NSW.

It says the collection of Indigenous data on the deadly disease should be improved and public health planners in NSW can begin to address the issues of prevention, treatment and palliation of cancer in Aboriginal people with local, rather than imputed, evidence.

The numbers of cancer deaths observed in Aboriginal people by sex and cancer type were abstracted from the population-based NSW Central Cancer Registry that has operated since 1972.

In the period 1994-2002, there were 621 cancer deaths in Aboriginal people in New South Wales. Of the 321 cancer deaths in Aboriginal males, 99 were from lung cancer, 33 from prostate cancer, and 28 from colorectal cancers. Of the 300 cancer deaths in Aboriginal females, 73

were from lung cancer, 47 from breast cancer, and 24 from colorectal cancers.

The cancer mortality rate of Aboriginal males for oesophageal cancer was more than three times and stomach cancer was more than twice that of the NSW population. For indefinite and unspecified cancer sites, the rates were 78 per cent higher, and 50 per cent higher for lung cancers than for NSW males.

For Aboriginal females, mortality rates were more than three times that of the NSW population for kidney cancer and for cervical cancer.

Aboriginal females also had twice the mortality rates for cancers of the lung and almost twice the rate for pancreatic cancer.

However, Aboriginal females had a 25 per cent lower mortality from breast cancer.

Aboriginal Australians have significantly shorter average life expectancies than the peoples of Nigeria, Nepal, Bangladesh, India, and Thailand.

Tamworth to Toronto – artist to show his works



Tamworth Aboriginal artist Terry Allen is gaining valuable international exposure through an Australian Art Fest exhibition which opened in

Canada last week.

New South Wales Small Business Minister David Campbell says the Government's Aboriginal Business Link program has helped with freight and insurance costs of transporting Mr Allen's paintings to Canada.

"Terry Allen will have five artworks on show at the Australian Art Fest which will run for three months in Toronto," Mr Campbell said.

"The exhibition will potentially open up a huge new market for Mr Allen who has mostly been exhibiting in Australia."

Toronto has a population of 5 million people and is regarded as having a diverse and vibrant art scene.

The Australian Art Fest was launched on October 18 with a special viewing for more than 200 private collectors.

Mr Campbell said Mr Allen, who painted in acrylic on canvas, was one of 10 artists invited to participate in this special exhibition which was showcasing Australian art and culture to the Canadian market.

He said the Aboriginal Business Link program was a practical way for the NSW Government to invest in the future of regional artists and their businesses.

Mr Allen said he was looking forward to having his works seen by Canadians who had little exposure to Australian art.

"I believe the best potential for my work lies overseas, so the opportunity to have five paintings seen, and possibly sold, in Canada will be a great boost," he said.

A work by Mr Allen won fourth prize in the painting section in last year's Biennale in Florence. Mr Allen was also a finalist in the 2006 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize announced last week.



Tamworth artist Terry Allen with his Lorenzo de Magnifico medal from the 2005 Florence Biennale.

Gippslander wins \$15,000 award

By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA



There were long queues and a crowd that spilled to the footpath outside

Mahoney's Galleries for the 2006 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards in Melbourne recently.

More than 250 people turned up for presentation of the Garden State's equivalent of the Deadly Awards in art. The entire gallery was packed out with keen family members, community members, friends and gallery officials.

This year, a prize pool of \$35,000 was up for grabs for emerging, recognised and established Victorian Indigenous artists. Victorian State and Regional Development Minister John Brumby announced the winners.

The artwork under consideration was as diverse as the Victoria Indigenous community but it was East Gippsland-based artist Rachel Mullet who won the \$15,000 Deadly Art Award for her 2006 work, 'Bogong Moths on Paperbark'.

The awards' judging panel consisted of Gippsland Art Gallery director Anton Vardy, Sista Girl Productions director Kimba Thompson, and Indigenous artist Gayle Maddigan.

The judges said Ms Mullet's work combined contemporary and traditional techniques, and 'excellent melding of the traditional and the contemporary'. They described it as 'a powerful, intricate and multi-layered piece, painted with contemporary materials straight on to bark, in the traditional method'.

Laree Harrison, of Mildura, was awarded the \$5000 Lin Onus Award, open to artists aged 30 years and under, for her 2006 installation 'Life in Clothing Series'.

Judges described the work, made of



The KBN Business of Art Award winner Barbara Egan, from Miss Emily Aboriginal Art. The Robinvale-based manufacturing business is renowned for hand-painted ceramics, framed screen prints, hand-painted cards with silk inserts, scarves, jewellery, sarongs and other clothing items.



Deadly Art Award winning artist Rachel Mullet and John Brumby.

Pictures by MARCEL AUCAR

photographic negatives, paperclips and cotton, as an exciting, contemporary, cutting-edge installation.

Three new awards were presented at this year's event.

The NGV Acquisitive Prize was awarded to Brian Birch for Koorie Elders and Family Dancing 2006, which will now become part of the National Gallery of Victoria's collection.

The Victorian Cultural Heritage Award, sponsored by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, was awarded to Davina B Woods for her poem, 'Urban Songlines'. This award was open to two and three-dimensional visual artworks as well as creative writing, which have resulted from research into cultural heritage, customs, ceremonies or events relating to Victorian Aboriginal people.

The KBN Business of Art Award, sponsored by the Koori Business Network, was awarded to Miss Emily Aboriginal Art. The Robinvale-based manufacturing business, owned and operated by Barbara Egan, is renowned for hand-painted ceramics, framed screen prints, hand painted cards with silk inserts, scarves, jewellery, sarongs and other clothing items.

Mr Brumby said the awards raised the profile of Indigenous artists working in Victoria today and showcased their diverse and distinctive work.

The awards were part the Victorian Government's Deadly Arts Business program, a joint initiative of Arts Victoria and the Koori Business Network.

Arts Minister Mary Delahunty said the 2006 Awards had attracted a record number of entries from throughout the State.

Ms Delahunty said the 2006 VIAA finalists exhibition was the most extensive exhibition of contemporary Victorian Indigenous Art to be held in a commercial gallery and provided the finalists with important public and commercial exposure.

The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2006 exhibition will be open to the public until this Saturday, October 28, so get in quick between 9am and 5.30pm on weekdays and from 10am until 4pm on Saturday. Entry to the exhibition at Mahoney Galleries, 88 Hardware Lane, Melbourne, is free.



'Bogong Moths', Rachel Mullet's winning painting.

The VIAA People's Choice Award will be announced on Saturday.

Award winners

Lin Onus Award

'Life in Clothing Series', by Laree Harrison, of Mildura (winner).

'Shields', by Chris Kingsland, of Seabrook (highly commended).

Victorian Cultural Heritage Award

'Urban Songlines', by Davina Woods, of Roxburgh Park (winner).

'Keeper of the Forest', by Irene O'Loughlin, of Mooroolbark (highly commended).

KBN Business of Art Award

Miss Emily Aboriginal Art, of Robinvale (winner).

East Gippsland Aboriginal Artists Corporation, Bairnsdale (highly commended).

NGV Acquisitive Prize

'Koorie Elders & Family Dancing', by Brian Birch, of Brunswick (winner).

'Bogong Moths on Paperbark', by Rachel Mullet, of Bruthen (highly commended).

'Personal Belongings', by Dawn Mongta Daniels, of Cann River (commended).

Deadly Art Award

'Bogong Moths on Paperbark', by Rachel Mullet, of Bruthen (winner).

'Hidden Shore', by Treahna Hamm, of Wangaratta (highly commended).

'Blak Humour', by Wayne Quilliam, of Point Cook (commended).



'Life in Clothing Series', by Laree Harrison, of Mildura, winner of the Lin Onus Award.



Darwin's Jessica Mauboy on stage.

Darwin's darling a step closer to becoming Idol

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Darwin singing darling Jessica Mauboy is one step closer to becoming the Australian Idol.

With the television singing contest's final less than two months away, Jessica is second favourite to win with betting agency Centrebet, and the hot favourite with the 'Inside Idol' website (Australian Idol fan website) according to a members' poll.

The Aboriginal and Indonesian songstress was tested last week on a

night themed 'Instruments'. While other contestants strummed their guitars, Jessica declared that her voice was her strongest instrument.

"I am actually excited that they (the other contestants) are doing what they want to do and I am doing what I want to do," she said.

Grand final

Judge Mark Holden said although he thought she was holding back a bit, he had a feeling that she could be at the Sydney grand final in five weeks.

"On a night where it's all about

instruments, your voice is an instrument, you are an instrument," Holden said.

Fellow Idol judge Marcia Hines said that she thought Jessica was one of the most blessed natural singers she had ever heard.

On the judge-free 'Up close and personal' show, Jessica sang the Burt Bacharach classic 'What the world needs now is love'.

Last week was also the first time her father had made the trip from Darwin to Sydney to join Jessica's mother in the Idol live television audience.

Stylin out the 'Woori' way

Teens make most of city visit



Two teenagers from the small central Queensland Aboriginal community of Woorabinda are

making the most of their experiences in a recent regional outreach and development program.

In May, Michelle McInerney, 14, and Christine Richardson, 16, were among 70 local young people who took part in skills development workshops in song, dance, and visual arts under 'Woori Stylin OUT'.

Stylin OUT, which also involved workshops in Cherbourg, Goondiwindi, Logan and Ipswich, is linked to Stylin UP, Australia's largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hip-Hop and RnB music and dance event.

It aims to offer meaningful alternatives and opportunities for Indigenous young people to divert them from substance use, crime and violence and positively transform their lives and to encourage self-



Woorie Galz Michelle McInerney (left) and Christine Richardson (right) performed alongside hip-hop artist Busty Beats at Brisbane's 2High Festival.

determination, self-belief and pride in Indigenous young people, their communities and their culture.

Later in May, 26 of the Woorabinda workshop participants performed at an official Stylin UP welcome dinner. Emerging from this group were Michelle and Christine who, performing as the Woorie Galz, took things to a higher level late last month when they performed

alongside Indigenous hip hop artist Busty Beats at 2High Festival.

The teenagers cited their performance at the Cremorne Theatre in the Queensland Performing Arts Complex and a visit to the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts as highlights of their city trip.

The girls reflected that the festival brought about opportunities for regional artists to link with other

artists and to showcase young female Indigenous performers from regional/rural Queensland, with their involvement maintaining a connection between the big city and their small home town.

Stylin UP and Stylin OUT are funded by the Queensland Government and are co-ordinated by community organisation Speakout Ltd.



Billy Missi's linocut 'Links'.

Trade story maps way



Torres Strait Island artist Billy Missi has been named runner-up in the 31st Fremantle Print Award.

The award and exhibition celebrates the vitality of printmaking and is arguably the most prestigious accolade in

Australia recognising excellence in the medium.

Mr Missi's work was inspired by coastal life, family traditions and local customs, mythology and stories from the Torres Strait region. His linocut 'Links', awarded the \$3000 non-acquisitive prize, conveys the essential role of trading between the Torres Strait Islands and Papua New Guinea with the Aboriginal people of Cape York.

Judge Jasmin Stephens saw the work as evocative of a treasure map or navigational chart. "Its fluency and vitality underpin the continuity of traffic across the region today," she said.

Mr Missi is a founding member of the print-making workshop Mualgau Minnaral Art Centre, part of the Kubin Community Council, on Moa Island. His works are held in the National Gallery of Australia and the Parliament House collection.

This year's \$7000 acquisitive prize was awarded to printmaker Neil Emmerson for his screenprint wood nymph triptych (the heart is a lonely hunter).

Salvaged materials tell story of artist's fringe life



A mixed-media art exhibition that draws upon salvaged every-day materials to create works focussing on Aboriginal history between pre and post-European settlement will open in Melbourne tonight.

West Australian Yamatji/Wongali artist Brian McKinnon's first major solo exhibition of works – 'Who Am I' – will be opened by

Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings. Using a process known as 'bricolage', he creates works from discarded ready-to-hand materials of every-day life, including wood, natural ochres, corrugated iron and barbed wire.

According to Michael O'Ferrall, McKinnon's works focus on the missing years in Aboriginal history between pre and post-European settlement from a personal perspective.

"Bricolage' offers a metaphor for the creative passage that mirrors the plight of his people, forced to live on the outskirts of western society," Mr O'Ferrall said.

In July, Mr McKinnon made headlines when his work, 'Sorry (King Little Johnny)', was removed from an exhibition of Indigenous art being held to celebrate NAIDOC Week at Parliament House in Melbourne. According to the Speaker of the House, Judy Maddigan, the work was

deemed 'too political' for Parliament.

The work, to be included in the Melbourne show, reminisces on one of the artist's childhood memories of living in the fringe camp, Blood Alley, on the outskirts of Geraldton, in Western Australia.

• 'Who Am I' will be exhibited at Indigenart, The Mossenson Galleries, at 17 Grattan Street, Carlton until Sunday, November 19.



West Australian Yamatji/Wongali artist Brian McKinnon with one of his works.

10th Adelaide gay/lesbian festival a cultural feast



Adelaide's gay and lesbian cultural festival 'FEAST', celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, will

feature an Indigenous cabaret and a storytelling event.

To be held from November 10 to 26, the festival features a diverse program of theatre, cabaret, visual arts, forums, music, sporting and community events.

The 'Queer Gifted & Black' cabaret review will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday, November 19, at the Tandanya Theatre in Tam-O-Shanter Place, off Grenfell Street.

The event will feature Indigenous performance artists, including Sam Barsah, a singer/songwriter from the Torres Strait Islands Sistersgirls, Ms Tuppy Ware, Winne Royale and Kabooie as well as the manly charms of Coco Mass 'all wrangled and spangled' by drag queen and inaugural Miss Reconciliation 2000, Miss Ruby Royal Reserve.

For information, contact Maurice Shipp at email mshipp@tranby.edu.au

In 'Extraordinary Lives – Our Elders Share Their Stories', community Elders aged over 65 will share stories, music and images from their

extraordinary lives. Roger 'Rouge' Sheppard, Mirel Lenore, Helen Pasley, Isla Roberts, Bruce Thompson, Peggy Mares, Manfred Alk, Norm Tilley, Myra Betschild, Ian 'Cookie' Cook and Mieke van Dijk will take centre stage for this intimate event, sharing their fascinating, vital stories and revealing a treasure trove of their history. The event, including afternoon tea, will be held at 3pm on Saturday, November 25, at the Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre, corner of North Terrace and Morphett Street.

For information, contact Mij Tanith at email webb@olis.net.au.

Originally a grassroots community event, FEAST has grown since its inception in 1997 to become an important event on Australia's gay and lesbian calendar. A leading niche festival for South Australia, it provides an essential resource for the queer and arts communities.

• FEAST bookings can be made online at www.feast.org.au, by phone 4pm-8pm Monday to Friday on 08 8231 4322, or in person 4pm-8pm Monday to Friday at 129a Hindley Street, Adelaide. Or you can buy tickets at the door if available.



Promotional material for 'FEAST', celebrating the 10th anniversary of Adelaide's gay and lesbian cultural festival.

Yarns a deadly initiative



The Deadly Yarns 2 film series has been named a grand finalist in the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) Awards to be announced in Melbourne tomorrow.

The series is the second in a three-way Indigenous film production partnership between the Film & Television Institute (FTI), ScreenWest and the ABC.

The AbaF Awards recognise and showcase best practice and most strategic partnerships between the business and arts sectors across Australia.

In 2005, Indigenous film-makers from Western Australia were invited to explore 'their best, most personal, funniest or deadliest story' as a short documentary or drama. A major focus of the initiative was mentoring the film-makers through the production process and developing skills to an industry broadcast standard.

Five Indigenous films were produced and packaged into three half-hour ABC Message Stick programs, with behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with key Indigenous crew members, and broadcast nationally on ABC Television in March/April.

Deadly Yarns films have also been selected for international film festivals and other film events.

ScreenWest chief executive Tania Chambers says the Deadly Yarns series provides an excellent opportunity for emerging Indigenous film-makers to tell stories and demonstrate their creative abilities to national audiences.

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities

Customs trainee gets real Deadly

Nicole Zimmermann,
winner of the 2006 Deadly
Award for National
Trainee of the Year.
She works for the
Australian Customs
Service in Darwin.

Nicole Zimmermann is the winner of the 2006 Deadly Award for National Trainee of the Year. She works for the Australian Customs Service in Darwin, and started her career as a trainee with Customs in Canberra.

Nicole joined Customs in October, 2004, through the Australian Public Service (APS) Indigenous entry level traineeship program. As a trainee she was supported to do a Certificate III in Government.

Her talent was quickly recognised and she was soon promoted to a higher position as executive assistant to a senior executive officer in the central office in Canberra.

She was in this role for 12 months before moving to her current position in finance and property management in the Darwin office.

"I was working as a waitress and had been looking for a job in the Public Service when I found the Indigenous traineeship opportunities advertised online," Nicole said.

"I only had some administrative experience, but I thought 'I can do that' so I put in an application.

"Doing a traineeship is a great way to get into the Public Service if you don't have any qualifications. You get extra

support and guidance, and they put you through the Certificate III, so you get some qualifications and can continue on with other studies if you like.

"My manager was really supportive of me, and allowed me to learn and make mistakes along the way.

"I also got good support from other participants on the traineeship program, and made some good friendships. Now I have contacts and networks in other agencies that I can use to my advantage.

"Doing my traineeship and working in the APS has given me a lot of independence and confidence. I've been thrown into jobs that I didn't think I could do, but was encouraged to do by others, and I found that I could do them. These challenges have given me greater belief in myself."

Nicole said her main message to others was to 'believe in yourself'.

"The fact that I have got to where I have in the APS has shown others that they can do it too," she said.

Nicole quickly fitted into her new role in Darwin.

"Customs in Darwin is like a big

family. It's not just a work environment, but a social one as well," she said.

"Being here in the Northern Territory has also given me the opportunity to see how differently the regions operate to central office.

"University is next on the agenda. It will give me the knowledge I need to further my career in the APS.

"Working in the Public Service is certainly not boring. If you are working in the right area and doing what you love, it can be very rewarding."

Nicole said she could not

imagine where she would be today if she had not come into the Public Service.

"My mum always encouraged me to get into the APS," she said.

"Mum was a public servant with ATSI in Canberra and is now working at the Department of Health and Ageing in Darwin. Mum's family is from the Daly River region here in the Northern Territory, so I'm now living closer to that part of my family.

"Being in the NT has really opened my eyes to issues such as Indigenous health. This is an area I would like to move into. I'm not really sure exactly where I want to

be career-wise in say, 10 years, though I can see myself working in a department such as Health or Family and Community Services, helping Indigenous people.

"I feel very honoured to receive this Deadly award, and hope that it will inspire other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to believe in themselves and follow their passions."

● To find out more about careers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Public Service visit <http://www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous/index.html>

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Professor and Head of Centre

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Applications

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Professor and Head of Centre

Centre for Aboriginal Studies
Vice-Chancellor
(Full-time, Fixed-term - Five years) REF: 4232

Curtin University of Technology is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to Head of the Centre of Aboriginal Studies; a position that leads an indigenous academic team in the operation of the Centre. The Centre promotes Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander people in tertiary studies, and aims to create new ways of learning and working that are culturally appropriate, for the benefit of all people.

The successful applicant will hold a doctorate in an appropriate field, will have a strong track record in leadership and management, an ability to adapt to change and to liaise successfully with external stakeholders. The successful applicant must be able to support the further development of the academic programs and to foster research activities in the Centre.

The appointment as Head of Centre is for an initial term of five years.

This position meets the requirements of Section 50D Equal Opportunity Act 1983 (WA). Aboriginality is an essential criterion for appointment to this position.

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 24 November 2006.



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Indigenous Health Senior Project Coordinator

Faculty of Medicine
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Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start Project Worker

Community Development Worker Class 2 (\$38,750 - \$60,278)

Best Start is a prevention and early intervention project that aims to improve the health, development, learning and wellbeing of all Victorian children from conception through to transition to school (usually taken to be to eight years of age).

The Horsham Delkaia Aboriginal Best Start Partnership is seeking to appoint a highly skilled and motivated female indigenous project worker. The role is to coordinate a project specifically targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from zero to eight years of age and their parents in and around the Rural City of Horsham. Funding for this project is guaranteed for a further one year.

The project worker will need to demonstrate experience in community leadership and networking, excellent communication and problem solving skills, an understanding and sensitivity towards Aboriginal cultural beliefs; and related health/education/well-being issues. Qualifications or experience in relevant disciplines is highly desirable.

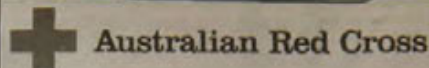
The successful applicant will be required to work full-time, Monday to Friday under the auspice of Wimmera Health Care Group, Horsham. A comprehensive orientation program will be provided. Salary packaging is available on request.

As this position is a designated position, applications are only accepted from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons. The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal have approved an exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 for this position, Exemption Number A387/2004.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Miss Gloria Clarke, Project Worker, on (03) 53825 691 or gloria.clarke@whog.org.au

Written applications, including curriculum vitae and the names of three professional referees should be forwarded to the undersigned.

Mr Chris Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Wimmera Health Care Group, Baillie Street, Horsham Vic. 3400.



Young Women's Health Program

The Young Women's Health Program (YWHP) is a 3 stage structured program that aims to assist young mothers who experience barriers to parenting their children.

Aboriginal Case Worker

Permanent Full time

Australian Red Cross is inviting applications for the position of Aboriginal Case Worker in our YWHP. Located in Randwick, Sydney, this position is responsible for case management of at risk young women and their children. You will need to possess the relevant qualifications and/or relevant experience working with young women and children, developing and monitoring case plans and excellent written and communication skills.

A position description is available online at www.redcross.org.au/nsw. For further information on the position please phone Anna King on (02) 8383 7503. Applications should include a resume and statement addressing the selection criteria and can be sent to YWHP, Glen Mervyn House, 24 Coogee Bay Road, Randwick NSW 2031 or email king@redcross.org.au

Please note: all attachments must be in WORD format.

Applications close: 5pm Friday 3rd November 2006.

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

ATSI TRAINEESHIP, BUSINESS (OFFICE ADMINISTRATION)

Dubbo, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number RA06/104. Total remuneration package valued to: \$27,005 p.a. (\$13,149-\$24,472) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provides administrative/clerical support, including computer services, reception, maintaining/updating records. Will gain experience to undertake all office procedures/policies and a sound knowledge of legal concepts and court operations. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Successful completion of Year 10 or equivalent. Willingness to undertake a Business (Office Administration) traineeship including the formal training component. Ability to undertake general clerical tasks. Commitment to providing high-level client service to people from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Good communication and organisational skills. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality. Ability to work independently or as part of a team. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary full-time position 35 hours per week including formal training at TAFE in Business (Office Administration) Certificate II or III. The period of the traineeship is 12 months under Section 27 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The attached position description outlines the competencies that the trainee will gain through the traineeship.

Inquiries: Kim Bromhead (02) 6885 4233.

Information Packages: Kim Bromhead (02) 6885 4233.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Lisa Staples, Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket, 1238 or by email to employment@legallaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

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DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL SERVICE

Position Vacant

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Communities on the Mid North Coast. The organisation is committed to a holistic approach to addressing the health needs of their service communities and this is reflected in our multi-faceted and dynamic service range.

Persons are invited to submit applications for the following position:

Chief Executive Officer

Durri ACMS is seeking a motivated Chief Executive Officer, with highly developed management, analytical and communication skills. The Chief Executive Officer is directly responsible to the Durri ACMS Board of Directors for the day to day management of the organisation, the establishment and maintenance of effective financial management systems, service development, evaluation and planning, community relations and the establishment and maintenance of working relationships with key stakeholders.

Salary: \$5M

Position status: Full Time (40 hours per week)

Closing date: 3rd November 2006

Note: The successful applicant is required to undergo a criminal record check.

For an application kit please contact:

Roslyn Roach (02) 6562 4919 0427 227 511.

Written applicants to be forwarded to:

Kim Donohue, Secretary - Board of Governance,
Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service,
PO Box 136, Kempsey NSW 2440.



Department of the Attorney General Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Project Officer

Division: TAB

Position No: 006623 (Recruitment Pool)

Salary/Level: L6 \$67,850 - \$75,133 pa

The Project Officer is responsible for supporting the analysis, development, review and implementation of a range of complex projects assigned to it, or as part of a team relating to the implementation and evaluation of local justice plans under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). This position liaises, engages and negotiates with Aboriginal communities and people and government and non-government agencies and other key stakeholders in facilitating, monitoring and evaluating justice plans to address the outcomes of the AJA.

This recruitment pool will run for 12 months to fill fixed term positions for the first 12 months then may become permanent positions on a full time basis thereafter.

For further job related information: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm



AES ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

Position Vacant

Manager

Dubbo Office

Job Description: Reporting directly to the Sydney Manager/Director Culture and Reputation, you will be managing an AES employment service office within the AES company. Working to a business plan, you will be responsible to manage and lead your office through working with your employment coordinators and administration officer as well as the Aboriginal community and corporate Australia to promote the vision of the AES company. Through this position you will be responsible to develop and implement new business solutions to improve the efficiencies within the office.

To be successful you will have a proven experience in people management, financial management, asset management, human resource coordination, compliance auditing and possess sound knowledge of employment related services. It is essential you are people focussed and look at the longer-term objectives as well as short-term gains. You will also be highly motivated, enthusiastic and results orientated, along with having the ability to deal with and an understanding of Government processes and a demonstrated experience in dealing with Government contracts are essential.

High level strategic, stakeholder management and change management skills are also critical, coupled with a strong commitment to achieving organisational outcomes.

More important is the drive and determination to make a difference and to bring strong management skills and an innovative approach to supporting the needs of the unemployed Aboriginal community. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated.

How to Apply: All applicants must apply in writing addressing selection criteria and include resume with contactable referees.

For the selection criteria or for further information contact: Michael Anderson, Telephone: (02) 9852 2700 or 0428 239 933.

Job Notes: Successful applicant will be required to undertake a Working with Children check.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent is a prerequisite for all positions in the Aboriginal Employment Strategy. Salary range for this position is negotiable.

Closing Date: Friday 3 November 2006

Kambu Medical Centre Branch Manager Vacancies

- Indigenous Community Health
- Base salary \$60,000 per annum
- Based at Ipswich

Kambu Medical Centre is an Aboriginal Community controlled Health Service that provides holistic primary health care service within West Moreton, and child protection services through liaison with the Ipswich, Goodna and Inala offices of the Department of Child Safety for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the area.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer and leading a team of dedicated health workers and health professionals, the Branch Managers will be responsible for the day to day management of all operations within their branch in line with the overall Strategic Plan of Kambu Medical Centre. The Branch Managers will be guided by the corporate policies and procedures to ensure that the range of services provided operate effectively and to the benefit of the staff, patients and community as a whole.

The ability to deliver a high level of quality service to the clients of the Centre in a professional manner along with experience in the effective supervision of human resources is essential. Ideally, candidates will also have a minimum of twelve months management experience within a health environment and in working within an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisation. A current driver's licence, Senior First Aid Certificate and Queensland Blue Card are essential for all positions.

Community Branch Manager (Position KBM01)

The Community Branch Manager is responsible for the management of program delivery areas in Health Promotion, Diabetes and Nutrition, Sexual Health and Community Care. The Community Branch Manager also has responsibility for developing and delivering in-service and on the job training programs for staff and regular clinic skills audits. Registered nurse or degree qualifications in Health and/or a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and assessment would be advantageous.

Child Health Branch Manager (Position KBM02)

The Child Health Branch Manager is responsible for the management of program delivery areas including the Rainbow Generation Program (provides holistic health care and support to the client and their infant during pregnancy and post natal care) and the Hearing Health Program (provides early detection of hearing problems in children via increased community education). Current Registration with the Queensland Nursing Council would be advantageous.

Clinic Branch Manager (Position KBM03)

The Clinic Branch Manager is responsible for the management of Community Home visiting, GP services (including two GP's), Health Checks and Health Planning, Health Promotion and Education, Immunisations and Medication and Transport. The Clinic Branch Manager ensures that clinical services are delivered in a professional and effective manner in line with legislative requirements. Current Registration with the Queensland Nursing Council would be advantageous.

Child Protection Branch Manager (Position KBM04)

The Kambu Indigenous Recognised Agency (KIRA) incorporates Recognised Agency, Early Intervention, Relative / Foster Care and Family Support services. The Child Protection Branch Manager is responsible for supervising and providing leadership of a team to ensure the delivery of high quality child protection services, and for the ongoing professional development and management of staff. Possession of a Tertiary/TAFE Diploma or Degree or other Health or Welfare Certificate, and/or a minimum of two years work experience in Child Protection in a supervisory position would be advantageous.

To obtain an Application Kit for any of the above roles, visit www.ercompany.com.au, send a request email to apply@ercompany.com.au or call (07) 3839 1436.

Applications close at 5.00 pm Friday, 10 November 2006.

Kambu Medical Centre is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants who have experience and an understanding of Indigenous cultures along with a commitment to the principles of Aboriginal Community Health Services to apply.



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Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

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Successful applicants will possess:

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- One or more of the following skills: coaching and/or mentoring, training delivery, facilitation and presentation skills;
- Analytical and problem solving skills;
- The ability to model leadership and well developed skills in working in a team environment;
- Time management and project management skills; and
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People working at the APS 5 level work under general direction, with some independence in terms of the daily management of work, setting of priorities and monitoring of workflow.

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HOW TO APPLY

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Alternatively, contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036. People with hearing or speech impairment, may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

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Applications close Friday 17 November 2006.

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Department of the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Policy Officer

Division: TAB

Position No: 006631

Salary/Level: L6 \$67,850 - \$75,133 pa PSGA

The Policy Officer is responsible for supporting this analysis, development, review and implementation of a range of complex projects assigned to it, or as part of a team relating to the implementation and evaluation of local justice plans under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). This position liaises, engages and negotiates with Aboriginal communities and people and government and non-government agencies and other key stakeholders in facilitating, monitoring and evaluating justice plans to address the outcomes of the AJA.

For further job related information: Please contact Erica Lewin on (08) 9264 6488.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm.

Department of the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Manager Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution Service 50(d)*

Division - TAB

Position No: 005004

Salary/Level: L6 \$67,850 - \$75,133 pa PSGA

The Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution Service provides mediation and conflict resolution services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the State. It also provides information and training sessions on alternative dispute resolution processes to individuals, families and communities, as well as government and non-government agencies and groups.

The Manager will be responsible for the overall management and operation of the service. This will include:

- Managing a small team of mediators and case management staff;
- Management of human resources, budget, financial assets, contracts, and information technology;
- Facilitating the business planning process within AADRPS consistent with providing a state-wide mediation service;
- Providing policy advice to the Directorate and Department on issues related to mediation services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Contributing to development and planning of across government/agency strategies aimed at reducing the incidence of Aboriginal people involvement with the criminal justice system; and
- Representing the Branch, Directorate or Department when required.

* Aboriginality as defined under Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1994.

For further job related information: Please contact Amanda Gadsdon on 9264 6155.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 6 November 2006 at 5pm.

Department of the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Administration Assistant

Division: TAB

Position No: 006602

Salary/Level: L2 \$40,401 - \$44,890 pa PSGA

The Administration Assistant provides high level administration, clerical, reception and general support to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Project Team.

For further job related information: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm.



Port Pirie Regional Health Services Inc.

COMMUNITY & ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES is seeking applications for a PROGRAM MANAGER - HEALTHY FOR LIFE

Full time temporary position

Aboriginal Health Unit

ASOS

Duties: Responsible for ensuring successful outcomes for the initial stage of the overall project objectives. This will be achieved through:

- Development of a Healthy For Life Reference Group that involves and engages all key stakeholders
- Development of a comprehensive project plan that reflects the objectives of Phase 1 of the program
- Gathering organisational information about the child and maternal health and chronic disease activity in the Mid North health area to establish a baseline
- Liaison with the program facilitators to develop and implement strategies that support Phase 1 activities
- In conjunction with the Healthy for Life Reference Group, Aboriginal Health Advisory Council and other key stakeholders develop a full "Healthy for Life" proposal for Stage 2 that documents a range of key deliverables, strategies, responsibilities etc required to ensure a successful project.

Qualifications: A relevant tertiary education in health, research or social science

Special Conditions: This is a temporary position up to 6 months. A current Driver's licence is essential. Frequent travel within the region may be necessary along with a degree of intrastate travel. Some out of hours work may be required. This will only be undertaken with prior approval of the Aboriginal Health Team Leader. Attendance at mandatory training sessions as determined by the organisation. Temporary accommodation can be supplied for a non local applicant.

Salary: \$55,298/\$61,944 p.a.

Job and person specifications and job application forms: Ms Jane Southam, Personnel Clerk, Human Resources, Port Pirie Regional Health Service Inc, Box 546 Port Pirie SA 5540, telephone 8638 4626 or e-mail southam.jane@saugov.sa.gov.au

Enquiries: Mr Jim Anderson, Aboriginal Health Team Leader, telephone 8638 4698, e-mail jim2@saugov.sa.gov.au

Applications: Ms Jane Southam, Personnel Clerk, Port Pirie Regional Health Service Inc, Box 546 Port Pirie SA 5540, e-mail southam.jane@saugov.sa.gov.au

Applications Close: Friday 3 November 2006

People of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply

Please forward an original application plus three copies and include the name, address and contact number of three current referees. Applicants must complete and submit the PPRHS Inc Job Application Form and are required to address the essential and desirable criteria of the job and person specification in their application.

Successful applicants will be subject to a police check prior to their appointment being confirmed.



Government of South Australia

Country Health SA Inc.

PPRHS001/006



The Fred Hollows Foundation

Stores Operation Coordinator

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The Fred Hollows Foundation is a non-government organisation which seeks to eradicate avoidable blindness in developing countries and to improve the health outcomes of Indigenous Australians. It is renowned for its commitment to developing local solutions to resolve the inequities caused by poverty and disadvantage.

This position in the Indigenous Program coordinates The Foundation's stores project that plays a critical role in the provision of nutritional foods to community members as well as financial benefits to the community through a viable business enterprise.

The successful candidate will have a strong understanding and experience of remote Aboriginal communities, their social, cultural, political and historical experiences. They will also have extensive experience in the community development field with highly refined organisational skills. Retail or store management experience will be viewed very favourably. This person will possess superior consultation, communication, and negotiation skills as well as a strong collaborative style. Regular travel to remote communities is essential.

For further details, go to www.hollows.org/employment or call Alison Edwards on (08) 8941 5145.

Send applications to fhf@hollows.org by Monday 30 October 2006.

The Desert Knowledge CRC, a virtual research network linking Aboriginal and local knowledge with science and education, is pleased to offer 15 tax free:

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Topic areas include:

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- bush tomato biology
- economic modelling of 4WD tourism; animal production performance in rangelands; desert businesses
- management tools to understand desert settlement sustainability
- facilitating desert settlement futures
- service delivery to Aboriginal settlements in WA and SA

If you want to gain valuable experience, prove your research potential and make a real difference in desert Australia, go to:

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for contact details for different research areas, application guidelines, and application forms.

Applications close 7 November 2006.



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NSW HEALTH

Trainee Enrolled Nursing Course

Applications are now available for the NSW Public Hospital Trainee Enrolled Nursing Courses:

For the course commencing 26th February 2007 the closing date for applications is 5pm 30th October 2006

For the course commencing 23rd April 2007 the closing date is 5pm 25th January 2007

The course consists of 12 months employment and attendance at TAFE for 15 weeks. Trainee Enrolled Nurses in NSW are paid an award wage in accordance with the NSW Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives (State) Award.

Once the course is successfully completed, there is opportunity for ongoing employment subject to satisfactory performance and the availability of positions.

There are targeted positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: An exemption has been granted under the provisions of Sections 8 and 51 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, for NSW Department of Health to designate, advertise and recruit 32 positions per year as Trainee Enrolled Nurses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Selection Criteria for all applicants

Held a current VETAB accredited or Workcover approved senior first aid certificate that is valid at the commencement of the TEN courses. Please note, in previous advertisements, this criterion was for the certificate to be current until the end of the course. To ensure fairness, the criterion has been adjusted to the current wording. Previous applicants will be brought forward and assessed on this basis.

Hold a NSW HSC obtained within the last three years or equivalent with English Advanced Band 4 or above or English Standard Band 5 or above, or English as a Second Language Band 5 or above at HSC level and satisfactory completion of Year 10 Mathematics Band 5 or 6 or without an HSC

Successful completion of the Numeracy and Literacy Test developed for entry into this course. Applicants may be eligible for exemption from the Numeracy and Literacy Test if they can provide evidence of an accredited tertiary qualification. If the qualification is from overseas, evidence of equivalence in NSW must be provided.

Further information:

All applicants will need to complete the application form available from www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing or from the Nursing and Midwifery Office NSW Department of Health Ph 02 9391 9531

Information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
Project Manager - Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy
Ph 02 9391 9367
Aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

The Numeracy and Literacy Test is conducted by
The College of Nursing
Ph 02 9745 7500
www.nursing.aust.edu.au

Information about hospitals where you will be employed is available from Area Health Service Web pages at www.health.nsw.gov.au



New South Wales Government

Nganytju Tjiti Pirri Aboriginal Corporation

NTP is an incorporated Indigenous Maternal and Infant Health Service which has been established to address the high rates of Indigenous maternal and infant death and illness in the Kalbarrie region of Western Australia.

EXECUTIVE MANAGER

Salary: Remuneration package to be negotiated. **Position status:** Full Time (38 hours per week)
NTP A/C is seeking a motivated Executive Manager with highly developed management, financial, analytical and communication skills. The Executive Manager is directly responsible to the NTP Chairperson and Committee members, and is the leading staff member of the Senior Management Team.

For further information, and application kit and the associated selection criteria, please contact: Anne Forrest, Clinical Co-ordinator, (08) 90917862

Written applicants to be marked: Private and Confidential, and Forward to: Mrs Thomasisha Passmore-Skelley, Chairperson, Nganytju Tjiti Pirri Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 1404 KALGOORLIE WA 6430.

Closing date: Friday, 3rd November 2006

Note: The successful applicant is required to undergo a national criminal record check.

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Office of Financial Management

NSW Treasury is the NSW Government's key advisor on state financial and economic management.

Administration Coordinator,

Clerk Grade 5/6, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No TREA06/222.

Total remuneration package valued to \$71,567 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,854). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supporting Directors and their teams through the provision of broadly based administrative and clerical support services. This includes supervision of support staff, monitoring expenditure, providing monthly forecasts and reporting on budgets.

Selection Criteria: Highly skilled in administration practices & procedures, including staff management. An excellent communicator, able to interact with all levels of staff and in a team environment. Able to use your budgeting experience and skills to establish budgets, monitor performance and forecast expenditure. Organised and able to set priorities and meet deadlines. Able to work unsupervised, use initiative, and make decisions. Strong experience in desktop computer (wordprocessing, spreadsheet) operations. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Financial and leave assistance for further study. Generous flexible work arrangements.

Inquiries: Angela Lester (02) 9228 3134.

Information Packages: Angela Lester (02) 9228 3134.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Consultant, Central Corporate Services Unit, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 03 November 2006.

Delivering Australia's
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Come and join us at Medicare Australia!

Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services. We deliver vital services to the Australian community including Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Aged Care payments, Family Assistance Office (FAO) services and other services. We are heavily involved in developing cutting edge technologies to enable us to do business with the Australian public more effectively and conveniently online.

- Excellent prospects for career advancement
- Competitive remuneration
- Great location with access to onsite parking

Medicare Liaison Officer for Indigenous Access

(PN Ref: S1365)

APS Level 5 \$52,828 - \$54,316 pa Ongoing full time

Join the Branch Operations Branch, Adelaide office, and be part of a professional team where you will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the integrity of the programs administered by Medicare Australia.

Your main purpose will be to improve access to the programs administered by Medicare Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their service providers. As a member of a National Strategy, progress the National Initiatives in keeping with State conditions.

Contact Officer: Margaret Unicomb (08) 8274 9349

Key information on these and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply. This is an explicit position.

Candidates should forward their applications to the address below (quoting the PN Ref) or by email (see website), by close of business, Thursday 2 November 2006.

HR Co-ordinator
Medicare Australia
GPO BOX 9822
ADELAIDE SA 5001



Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

New Positions - Broome WA and Darwin NT

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment while furthering the economic and commercial interest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are building our services and capabilities and a looking for a motivated and enthusiastic person to join our teams in Broome WA and Darwin NT, providing home loans to Indigenous people in surrounding areas and leading a new program to create home ownership opportunities in Indigenous communities.

Senior Lending Officers - Home Loans

Do you have experience and skills in

- Home lending
- Consumer or business lending
- Banking
- Financial services?

We need experienced lenders to join our teams assisting Indigenous Australians to participate in home ownership through a range of flexible and affordable home loan products.

Salary range \$54-\$67K based on experience and skills, bonuses for performance are available and Commonwealth Superannuation applies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description and selection documentation visit www.iba.gov.au or contact Graeme Boulton on (02) 61212612 or email Graeme.boulton@iba.gov.au

Applications close on 6 November 2006

www.iba.gov.au

Department of Justice

Community Corrections - Alice Springs

There's nothing ordinary about Alice Springs, rich in culture and a gateway to some of Australia's most famous natural wonders including Uluru and Kings Canyon. This is an exciting and professionally fulfilling place to live and work, with a wealth of diverse opportunities.

The Northern Territory Department of Justice, Community Corrections Division is seeking motivated and dedicated people to join its team in Alice Springs.

Several positions are available

Senior Probation & Parole Officer

(\$55,737 - \$58,640 plus superannuation)

Administrative Officer 5

Two permanent vacancies

This position requires an ability to effectively lead and support a team of Probation & Parole Officers in the case management of adult and juvenile offenders, as well as maintaining your own caseload of complex clients.

Quote vacancy number:3296

Probation & Parole Officer

(\$47,006 - \$53,962 plus superannuation)

Administrative Officer 4

One permanent vacancy

One temporary vacancy from 15/12/2006 to 30/03/2008

This position involves supervising a diverse caseload of adult and juvenile offenders, together with administering Community Corrections programs and initiatives and developing and supporting justice and other client related initiatives in the region.

Quote vacancy number:3304

As an employee of the Northern Territory Government you will enjoy excellent job conditions including six weeks annual leave, generous superannuation entitlements and an open and flexible work environment.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Closing date: 03 November 2006

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Child Safety

Placement Co-ordination Officer - Child Safety Services Division
Category: Community Engagement
Salary: \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.
VRN: CHS1026/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: Coordinate out of home placement services for children and young people on orders across the zone to ensure an appropriate range and mix of placements are negotiated, to better match client need, through the development of strong relationships and effective purchasing arrangements between the non-government sector and Child Safety Service Centres.

Co-ordinator (Out of Home Care) (Specified) - Child Safety Services Division
Category: Counselling/Social Work
Salary: \$64 020 - \$68 972 p.a.
VRN: CHS1027/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: Ensure the delivery of high quality alternative care services to children as part of an integrated child protection response to resolve children's protective needs through the implementation of quality case management processes and identifying and developing suitable placement and support options including family, foster and relative carers and community agencies across the Zone.

Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Team Administration Officer - Child Safety Services Division
Category: Administration and Secretarial
Salary: \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.
VRN: CHS1029/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: Provide administration, records and data management support using relevant computer systems and software applications to Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Assessment and Management (SCAN AM) Coordinator and Team. Organise SCAN AM meetings and consultative working relationships with stakeholders.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 6 November 2006
Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Communities

Project Director - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Temporary full-time specified position up until 31/12/2008)
Category: Project Management
Salary: \$97 306 - \$101 812 p.a.
VRN: COM1001/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: You will be responsible for providing high level management and support to the Government Coordinator in the implementation, operation and performance of the office.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have significant capacity in building relationships and partnerships, excellent interpersonal and written skills, high level of ability in strategic, analytical and creative thinking, and the ability to manage conflicting demands within a changing environment.

Director (Government Coordination East) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position up until 31/12/2008)
Category: Management
Salary: \$89 048 - \$92 802 p.a.
VRN: COM993/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: We seek a qualified person, within the context of Partnerships Queensland, to provide direction and leadership to communities, and a range of government and private sector organisations in the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have significant capacity in building and maintaining relationships and partnerships, excellent interpersonal and written skills, outstanding project management skills, demonstrated success in leadership and management, and extensive knowledge of issues facing Cape York communities.

Director (Government Coordination West) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position available until 31/12/2008)
Category: Management
Salary: \$89 048 - \$92 802 p.a.
VRN: COM994/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: We seek a qualified person, within the context of Partnerships Queensland, to provide direction and leadership to communities, and a range of government and private sector organisations in the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have significant capacity in building and maintaining relationships and partnerships, excellent interpersonal and written skills, outstanding project management skills, demonstrated success in leadership and management, and extensive knowledge of issues facing Cape York communities.

Director (Government Coordination - South) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position up until 31/12/2008)
Category: Management
Salary: \$89 048 - \$92 802 p.a.
VRN: COM992/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: We seek a qualified person, within the context of Partnerships Queensland, to provide direction and leadership to communities, and a range of government and private sector organisations in the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have significant capacity in building and maintaining relationships and partnerships, excellent interpersonal and written skills, outstanding project management skills, demonstrated success in leadership and management, and extensive knowledge of issues facing Cape York communities.

Manager (Research and Performance Outcomes) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Specified temporary full-time position available until 31 December 2008)
Category: Management
Salary: \$79 922 - \$84 527 p.a.
VRN: COM958/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: We seek a qualified person to join the newly established Government Coordination Office - Indigenous Service Delivery. This office will play a critical role to improving the circumstances of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through coordinating government stakeholders.
Skills/Abilities: You will be responsible for managing research, performance management and reporting functions for the Office. In particular, you will establish research and performance processes, develop data and survey tools, identify trends and issues through research, and establish partnerships across government agencies.

Special Project Manager - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position up until 31/12/2007)
Category: Project Management
Salary: \$79 922 - \$84 527 p.a.
VRN: COM996/06
Location: Mt Isa
Key Duties: You will be responsible for developing initiatives and solutions to regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You will also manage projects, implement policy and service delivery priorities.
Skills/Abilities: Capacity in building relationships and partnerships, experience in evaluating and reporting on data, excellent interpersonal and written skills, and well developed project and resource management skills.

Special Project Manager - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position up until 31/12/2007)
Category: Project Management
Salary: \$79 922 - \$84 527 p.a.
VRN: COM997/06
Location: Thursday Island
Key Duties: You will be responsible for developing initiatives and solutions to regional issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You will also manage projects, and implement policy and service delivery priorities.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have capacity in building relationships and partnerships, experience in evaluating and reporting on data, excellent interpersonal and written skills, and well developed project and resource management skills.

Principal Project Officer (Government Coordination Woorabinda) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Full-time specified temporary position up until 31/12/2008)
Category: Project Management
Salary: \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.
VRN: COM995/06
Location: Rockhampton
Key Duties: We seek a qualified person to undertake projects and coordination activities relating to the Woorabinda community for Woorabinda Government Coordination - Indigenous Service Delivery. The person will engage and coordinate community, government and business to achieve positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Senior Policy Officer (Statistics) (Specified) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy
Category: Economics and Statistics
Salary: \$64 467 - \$68 972 p.a.
VRN: COM1025/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: Collect, analyse and report on data describing Indigenous demographics, health and wellbeing and implement a whole of government performance management framework.
Skills/Abilities: You may be suited to this role if you have proven ability to design and implement data management systems, highly developed statistical analysis and problem solving skills, high project management skills and superior communication skills.

Team Leader (Specified) - Rural and Remote (Far North Queensland) Youth Justice Services Centre
Category: Management
Salary: \$64 020 - \$68 972 p.a.
VRN: COM990/06
Location: Cairns
Key Duties: Manage the delivery of high quality youth justice client casework services in accordance with relevant legislation and policies.
Skills/Abilities: Knowledge of legislation, policies and procedures in youth justice. Expertise in the delivery of youth justice services including ability to lead a team to achieve outcomes for clients and provide advice on case management.

Court Coordinator (Specified) - Youth Justice Services
Category: Counselling and Social Work
Salary: \$55 072 - \$60 138 p.a.
VRN: COM972/06
Location: Toowoomba
Key Duties: To provide quality professional services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention.
Skills/Abilities: Well developed knowledge of the court systems and of the Juvenile Justice Act and other relevant legislation, regulations, policies, practices and trends. Experience in service delivery with young people, families and communities.

Program Development Officer (Identified) - Youth Justice Services
Category: Administration and Secretarial
Salary: \$48 482 - \$53 313 p.a.
VRN: COM984/06
Location: Lutwyche
Key Duties: Consultation, negotiation, and facilitation skills to assist with, development and delivery of programs to young people including Indigenous clients on youth justice orders. Provide services to young people and families, including program development and delivery to meet client needs.

Senior Program Officer - Violence Prevention (Specified temporary 0.5 part-time position available until 30 September 2009)
Category: Community Care
Salary: \$32 233 - \$34 466 p.a.
VRN: COM1009/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: Ideal for people with a good understanding of community development processes and the ability to participate in these processes to aid community identification of significant issues and facilitate its development of solutions.
Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated understanding, and sound knowledge, of how issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contemporary society interrelate with domestic and family violence.

Program Development Officer - Youth Justice Services (Identified permanent 0.5 part-time position available)
Category: Community Engagement
Salary: \$24 241 - \$27 761 p.a.
VRN: COM1006/06
Location: Mermaid Beach
Skills/Abilities: A demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and an understanding of the clan/family/kinship systems within specific communities and ability to communicate effectively and work within these using appropriate cultural protocols.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 6 November 2006
Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Disability Services

Program Coordinator (Friendship Program) - Friendship Program (One permanent part-time position available 58 Hours per fortnight)
Category: Administration and Secretarial
Salary: \$38 650 - \$42 511 p.a.
VRN: DSQ1028/06
Location: Beenleigh relocating to Browns Plains
Key Duties: Support and promote the inclusion of adults with a disability within a social network through the use of community linking strategies.
Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated experience in delivery of human services in variety of disability contexts, competence in facilitating participation of people with a disability.
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 6 November 2006
Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Environmental Protection Agency

Ranger (Indigenous Specified) - Central Region, Parks Division (Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply.)
Category: Environment/Health and Safety
Salary: \$34 936 - \$37 435 p.a.
VRN: EN149/06
Location: Byfield National Park
Key Duties: Undertake general estate development, protection and maintenance duties and basic public contact.
Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a knowledge and understanding of cultures, societies and issues.
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Friday, 3 November 2006
Enquiries: Phone: (07) 4938 6909 or E-Mail: hr.rok@csq.qld.gov.au

Housing

Project Officer - Portfolio Asset Management, Property Portfolio Management
Category: Property and Real Estate
Salary: \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.
VRN: HO210/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: Develop and implement policies and strategies which maintain and enhance the performance, value and utilisation of the property portfolio.
Skills/Abilities: Extensive property knowledge and experience as well as knowledge of building standards, codes and practices.
Financial Analyst - Financial Strategy and Performance, Housing Finance
Category: Finance and Accounting
Salary: \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.
VRN: HO208/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: Provides support in the analysis and reporting on aspects of the department's resource allocation process, financial reporting and budget related issues.
Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated ability in assisting and contributing to the resource allocation process; sound knowledge of financial management and reporting.
Asset Registration Officer - Asset and Information, Property Portfolio Management
Category: Administration and Secretarial
Salary: \$48 481 - \$53 313 p.a.
VRN: HO194/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: This position provides a support function to the unit supervising the administration, accuracy and validation of data in the department's Real Property Asset Register.
Skills/Abilities: High level of communication and interpersonal skills, and an ability to coordinate and influence team outputs.
Administration Officer - Portfolio Asset Management, Property Portfolio Management
Category: Administration and Secretarial
Salary: \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.
VRN: HO207/06
Location: Brisbane
Key Duties: Provide high quality administrative support to Manager and team in Portfolio Asset Management to contribute to the team's performance. Ensure provision of high quality and timely administrative services.
Skills/Abilities: Requires strong organisational, communication and prioritising skills.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:
Closing Date: Monday, 30 October 2006
Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au
Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or E-mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

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Barista/waiter wanted for exciting, new cafe specialising in modern Australian and Indigenous cuisine. Enthusiasm and reliability essential. References required. Ph 02 9202 9102 during business hours.

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Department for
Victorian Communities

Heritage Project Officer - Inspector

- 47,295 - \$57,425 plus super
- Numerous regional & metropolitan positions available

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) is responsible for developing a whole-of-government approach to Indigenous issues. Ten exciting new positions are now available, two in each of our Regional Teams - Metropolitan, Barwon South West/Gippsland, Gippsland, Hume and Loddon Mallee.

Do you have the motivation and ability to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage at the local level? If so, read on.

These roles present an excellent opportunity to work as part of a regional team that will address priority Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues and the needs of local Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

You will work as part of a team to implement cultural heritage management programs and policies, contribute to administration and operation of Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation and prepare high quality briefs and reports on cultural heritage management issues. You will also perform the functions of an Inspector under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 including monitoring compliance with legislation, investigating suspected offences, directing the conduct of cultural heritage audits, and issuing and delivering stop orders.

To thrive in these roles you will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal communities and their culture, the issues, concerns and aspirations affecting Aboriginal communities, together with an understanding of the importance and role of Aboriginal cultural heritage. You will present with sound communication skills and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal people and demonstrate a capacity for influencing, negotiating and building beneficial relationships with stakeholders.

A formal training program to be appointed as an Inspector will be provided to successful candidates. A current driver's licence is mandatory.

To apply online and access position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

and search under 'Current Vacancies' for Department for Victorian Communities.

Closing date for applications is 07/11/06

For further information about DVC visit www.dvc.vic.gov.au

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Department of the Environment and Heritage

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Indigenous Heritage Assessment Section
Heritage Division

NB: This is a Non-ongoing vacancy for up to 18 months

Provide leadership to the Indigenous Heritage Assessment Section, ensuring the Section delivers excellent outcomes in accordance with the Divisional Business Plan, particularly in relation to National and Commonwealth Heritage List assessments.

The successful candidate will have high level management skills and excellent leadership capabilities.

Selection documentation may be obtained by telephoning Alexandra Todd on 02 6274 2064, by email to HDRrecruitment@deh.gov.au or via the Internet at <http://www.deh.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

After reading the selection documentation, further information about the position may be obtained from Mr Terry Bailey on (02) 6274 2156.

Applications must be received by **COB 6 November 2006**.

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional Information about the Department may be accessed via the Internet address: <http://www.deh.gov.au>

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Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our central office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Kambah YMYP Hostel

House Manager

APS Level 3

\$42880 - \$45503 pa, plus superannuation

Turner YMYP Hostel

Relief House Manager

(Part-time 30.40 hours per week)

APS Level 3

\$607.48 - \$644.69 per week, plus superannuation

Role: provide residential support for young Indigenous people aged 16-24 years and manage an accommodation facility for up to 10 residents.

We are seeking motivated people to manage group houses or similar accommodation and provide residential support for young Indigenous people from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

Duties include

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. On-the-job training will be available.

Further inquiries: David Collins, telephone No: (07) 32213866

Selection documentation: Peter Hassell, telephone No: (07) 32213866 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 10 November 2006 and should be sent to:

Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 10122 Adelaide Street PO, Brisbane QLD 4000

Thursday Island

Jumula Dubbins Hostel

Hostel Manager

APS Level 3

\$42880 - \$45503 pa, plus superannuation

This position also includes accommodation (\$30992.51 pa) plus food and utilities

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomos, telephone No: (07) 40514588

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen, telephone No: (07) 40514588 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Cairns

Joe McGuinness Hostel

Assistant Houseparent

APS Level 2

\$35880 - \$38074 pa plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students.

Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22-seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Further inquiries: Irene Laloo, telephone No: (07) 40512141

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen, telephone No: (07) 40514588 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 10 November 2006 and should be sent to:

Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143 Cairns QLD 4870

William T Onus Hostel

Hostel Manager

APS Level 3

\$39613 - \$42039 pa, plus superannuation

This position also includes accommodation (\$9545.67) plus food and utilities

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Rita Stewart, telephone No: (03) 96422775

Selection documentation: Dale Wandin, telephone No: (03) 96422775 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 10 November 2006 and should be sent to:

Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G Melbourne VIC 3001

Tamworth

Tamworth Hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager

(Re-advertised, previous applicants need to re-apply)

(Part-time 15.20 hours per week)

APS Level 2

\$275.12 - \$291.94 per week, plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of a hostel whilst on duty which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing

Sydney

Sydney Regional Office

Relief Hostel Manager (2 positions)

APS Level 2

\$35880 - \$38074 pa plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24-hour operation of a hostel on duty which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Greg Hazel, telephone No: (02) 93102777

Selection documentation: Jo Love, telephone No: (02) 93102777 or from website at: www.ahl.gov.au

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 10 November 2006 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited GPO Box 783 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012**

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment at the probationary period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Aust Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

These are identified positions.

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**SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
MEDICAL OFFICER/S
Fulltime or Part-time Position/s**

An exciting opportunity exists....

...for the right Doctor/s to commence a new full-time or part-time Medical Officer position for the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

This position is based within the beautiful Shoalhaven geographic area of NSW with South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC) in partnership with the Wreck Bay and Jerrinja (Orient Point) Aboriginal Communities.

SCMSAC is situated on the scenic NSW South Coast at Nowra within the City of Shoalhaven - approx. 2.5 hours south of Sydney. SCMSAC is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Health Organisation, which has been operating for 23 years.

The successful applicant/s will be working from a rather new purpose built complex with spacious and well-equipped clinic facilities in Nowra. Further the SCMSAC provides General Practitioner services to outreach communities such as the Wreck Bay Community, (owners of the favored Booderee National Park incorporating pristine waters and lush bush lands) and the Jerrinja Community, located at the mouth of the beautiful Shoalhaven River.

SCMSAC has been accredited by AGPAL for the past 3 years and has just completed the re-accreditation process for its second term. The service is offering reasonable terms and conditions of employment for the right applicant/s on a contractual basis. Availability for job share arrangements are inclusive. An attractive remuneration package is being offered with a focus on lifestyle.

The successful applicant would possess a degree in Medicine, Current registration in NSW, knowledge of OH&S Act and Infection Control guidelines, experience in treating patients in all age groups, effective communication skills and the ability to work under pressure.

Desirable qualifications/experience include:

- Interested and/or experienced in working with Aboriginal people; and
- ability to work within a multidisciplinary team.

For information regarding position/s please contact: Jo Naughton, Practice Manager on (02) 4428 6666. Applications should include an expression of interest and resume with at least two (2) referees who are familiar with your work.

Applications close by: COB Wednesday 8th November, 2006.

Written applications must be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer

South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 548, NOWRA NSW 2541.

or via facsimile (02) 4428 6602 or via Email to: jo@southcoastams.org.au



**TEACHER - DANCE
Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Studies
Vacancy Reference No: TNQT 75/06**

The Faculty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies is seeking a suitably qualified professional to coordinate and deliver the Certificate III in Indigenous Dance. The full time position is available from 02 January 2007 to 14 December 2007 with the possibility of extension. Conditions of employment are as per the TAFE Teachers' Award - State.

Qualification and Experience requirements for the roles are:

- Relevant qualifications in Dance (Diploma level or above) (and FATD, RAD and ISTD credentials)
- Minimum of five (5) years experience in the dance industry - teaching, performing or managing.
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA04) or is able to demonstrate equivalent competencies. Possession of a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training (BS240198) is also acceptable.

Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is highly desirable as is experience working in a cross cultural teaching and learning environment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait people are encouraged to apply.

For more information please contact Joanne Savage on (07) 4042 2641 or CSQTNQITHR@csq.qld.gov.au

Closing date: 13 November 2006

To apply: Applicants must address the dot points above and send a copy of their resume outlining their skills, knowledge and abilities which can be assessed against the role requirements and quote the relevant vacancy reference number. A copy of the Job Description and an Application Guide may be obtained from the TNQ TAFE website or telephone (07) 4042 2598.

A criminal history check will be conducted on the recommended person for this job. Applications remain current for 12 months.



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**NSW HEALTH
HUNTER NEW ENGLAND
EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Aboriginal Health Worker
Birra-ii Aboriginal Birthing Service**

Perm Full Time Position No: HH06/1010
The successful applicant will be responsible for implementing the new 'Bringing Services Together Project' into the Birra-ii Aboriginal Birthing Service and work with the Raymond Terrace and Karuah Aboriginal communities to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal families and their children aged from 0-4 years who have accessed Birra-ii. Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper (02) 4921 3082
Closing Date: 10 Nov 2006

Application Kits may be obtained from either www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Kit line (02) 4985 3272, or Position Enquiry Officer
Criminal Record Check will be conducted on recommended appointees.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

**UNIT COORDINATOR
(Aboriginal)**

Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre, Campbelltown, Position No: DJJ06/182. Total remuneration package valued up to \$66,906 pa including salary (\$52,894 to \$60,631 pa) and employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Supervises and directs the work of a team of Youth Officers to ensure the appropriate care and custody of clients and safety of staff.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Service or equivalent. Experience in working with, motivating, supporting and communicating effectively with young people with challenging behaviours, including an understanding of their needs. Capacity to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and clients. Demonstrated ability to manage a team. Demonstrated conflict resolution, negotiation, liaison and problem solving and advocacy skills. Demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations. Knowledge of the Department's casework and programming practices. Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence. A knowledge and understanding of ethical work practices, EEO, OH&S and the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement.

Notes: In this position, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants will be the subject of an employment screening check. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

Inquiries: Scott Harrison (02) 4629 3800

Information Packages: Administration Officer (02) 4629 3800
Applications marked 'Confidential' To: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240

Closing Date: Friday 3 November 2006.



**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
UTILITIES AND SUSTAINABILITY
NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT**

DEUS GRADUATE PROGRAM

Graduate opportunities with the NSW Government's expert authority on energy and urban water reform and sustainability.

For more information regarding this position and for how to apply, please see the Jobs NSW website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Job Reference No. DEUS06/232.

Applications close on the 24th November 2006.

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and wellbeing needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

Following a recent review of internal services and organisational structure, the following positions have been created and will be based at our new premises on Ferry Road, West End:

**Deputy Chief
Executive Officer
(Salary \$70-\$80K per annum)**

The Deputy CEO is required to actively lead the development and implementation of AICHS policy, and to provide management and administrative advice and strategy to the CEO, senior managers, and the AICHS Council of Management, across a complex range of issues. The Deputy CEO will be responsible for the management of all internal corporate services including Finance, Human Resources, IT, Planning, Workplace Health and Safety and building service and management activities.

**Human Resources Officer
(Salary \$35-\$40K per annum)**

The HR Officer is required to provide timely, accurate and quality operational advice and general support on Human Resource Management policies, procedures and issues. The role also ensures the accuracy and availability of relevant information to support and facilitate strategic human resource planning and organisational development. This position provides high level administrative support and undertakes allocated human resource tasks to ensure efficient and effective Human Resource Services.

For an application kit for any of the above positions, please go to the Employment link on the AICHS website, www.aichs.org.au or email: admin@mjsp.com.au If you do not have internet access, please call Mark Smith or Emma Howse in the MJ Smith & Partners office on (07) 3839 1233. Applications close Friday 10 November 2006. AICHS is an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Human Resources (HR)/
Organisational Development
(OD) Advisor
(Salary \$60-\$70K per annum)**

The HR/OD Advisor has the primary responsibility of acting as the organisational development liaison and advisor, and facilitates organisational development initiatives throughout AICHS. In addition, they are responsible for the provision of operational human resource management advice and support and the planning, development, administration and evaluation of HR programs as directed by the Deputy CEO.

**Service Co-ordinator
(Salary \$40-\$50K per annum)**

The Service Co-ordinator's role is to manage service functions (fleet, assets, building management and maintenance) and to ensure that internal customers have access to appropriate resources and services. This includes the responsibility of managing all procedures related to internal services, including monitoring, tracking, and co-ordination. The Service Co-ordinator will provide strategic and operational input into the overall management of internal services including initiatives for review and improvement.

**M. J. SMITH
& PARTNERS**

PARTNERS IN EMPLOYEE PLACEMENT



The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements, and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

**Aboriginal Education
Consultant**

**Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS), Bourke,
Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 125791.**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$95,784 p.a. (\$80,174-\$86,800) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing advice and support to schools across the region on the organisation and implementation of Aboriginal education policies and programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school-based experience within the K-12 range. Experience in supporting and implementing Aboriginal education/studies programs. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement programs and initiatives that contribute to the reduction of the achievement gap in the learning outcomes of students who are targeted by Aboriginal Programs. Experience in assisting and coordinating training and development activities in Aboriginal education. Ability to work as part of a team to provide support to personnel in schools and across the region. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 26 January 2010. Administrative hours and conditions apply. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Inquiries: Allan Hall 02 6883 6313
Email: Allan.Hall@det.nsw.edu.au
Information Packages: Joy Rich, 02 6841 2117

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Garry Brown, Manager Regional Consultancy, Level 1, 188 Macquarie Street, Dubbo NSW 2830.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service

The Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service is a community controlled organisation addressing the health needs of the local Aboriginal community. We are currently seeking applications for the following position.

Aboriginal Boys and Men's Health Worker

Position status: Full-time (38 hours per week)

Essential criteria: Aboriginality; Current NSW Drivers licence; Demonstrated understanding of the health issues which impact upon Aboriginal boys and men; Demonstrated ability to develop and implement preventative health promotion and education programs; Well developed verbal and written communication skills; Demonstrated ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary team and maintain strict confidentiality; Demonstrated ability to work within Aboriginal communities; Demonstrated understanding of the NSW Health System; Certificate 3 in Aboriginal health or above, or an enrolled nurse (current registration).

Desirable: Computer literacy skills; Ability to relate to children and young people in a range of settings.

Applicants are required to address each criterion.

Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service considers being a man is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The appointment is conditional on the satisfactory completion of the Working with children and young people check and criminal records check. Successful application will be paid under the Health Union of Australia (Aboriginal Health Services Award 1992).

Written Applications addressing each criterion and a C.V with 2 referees to be forwarded to: Robert Barker-Sall, PO Box 253 Tamworth 2340.

Closing Date: 17th November 2006.

For further information please contact: Robert Barker-Sall on 67685211.



Allied Health/Clinical Support

Senior Health Worker (Cultural and Spiritual Team Leader) - Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$65 457 p.a., comprising salary between \$54 409 - \$57 370 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Late applications will be accepted) VRN: SB-4406. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide and manage the primary service to Indigenous clients with immediate mental and/or cultural health needs. Work as directed within the Cherbourg Community Health Service to support the work of Health Workers seeking to improve the status of Indigenous Health in the community.

Advanced Health Worker - Sexual Health, Men's Business, Community Health Services, Cherbourg Community Health Centre, South Burnett Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$4985 p.a., comprising salary between \$1601.30 - \$1761.40 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$1577.50 - \$1879.60 p.a. (T02) (Temporary position until 30 June 2007 with possible extension. Late applications will be accepted.) VRN: SB-4306. **Duties/Abilities:** Encourage men to adopt self-help responsibilities toward their health and adopt safe sex practices. Facilitate Indigenous men's access to mainstream services to further the prevention and early treatment of Sexually Transmissible Infections and other sexual health conditions.

To Apply for Positions Grouped Above:

Enquiries: Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 4162 9186 or

email: sb_recruitment@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: 5:00 p.m. Monday, 20 November 2006.

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



The Australian Bush Heritage Fund is a non-profit, non-government organisation which aims to protect the natural environment through the acquisition and management of land or water of high conservation value or environmental significance.

Indigenous Partnership Officer

Classification Level: Conservation Programs Officer 3 (\$53 000 - \$58 000) Plus super

This position is part of Bush Heritage's increasing commitment to working with Indigenous peoples in nature conservation.

The Indigenous Partnership Officer will work across North Australia to: assist in increasing the number of ecologically significant properties acquired by Indigenous people; identify ways to support land management on existing Indigenous lands; and work with Bush Heritage to improve Indigenous participation on our properties. As part of a committed team, this position will allow you to develop more effective links between Indigenous and non-Indigenous landholders for the purposes of nature conservation.

It is essential that you have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies and cultures; on-ground experience working with Indigenous peoples in practical natural resource management; and a broad and practical understanding of land and land management/resource management/environmental issues particularly as they relate to Indigenous peoples.

Bush Heritage strongly encourages Indigenous people to apply.

For further information about Bush Heritage, and to download the selection criteria/position description go to our site at: www1.bushheritage.org

For information about the position contact: Stuart Cowell, Beyond the Boundaries Coordinator Phone: (09) 6226 5845 Mob: 0427163080 Email: scowell@bushheritage.asn.au

Applications close: 8th November, 2006

WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE (ACT & REGION) INC

INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

The Women's Legal Centre would like to employ a part-time Indigenous liaison officer. The duties of the position include:

- providing support for Indigenous clients
- arranging outreach visits to indigenous clients and agencies
- organising community forums and education sessions about legal issues in the Indigenous community.

Formal qualifications are not necessary.

Hours are up to 20 hours per week and can be worked flexibly.

Salary is at Level 5 Paypoint 1 of the Social and Community Services (ACT) Award 2001, currently \$41,933 pa for a full-time employee, to be adjusted according to the number of hours worked. Salary sacrifice arrangement also available.

Job description and selection criteria can be obtained by phoning 02 6257 4377.

An information session will be held at a venue and date to be advised. Contact Rosemary Budavari on 02 6257 4377 for more information.

Applications close on Tuesday 31 October 2006 and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, Women's Legal Centre, GPO Box 1726, Canberra City, ACT 2601

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

EDUCATION OFFICER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

EPO Class 8, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC06-508. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,802 p.a. (\$68,117-\$76,848) The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

This position facilitates and coordinates the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of Aboriginal community education project. **Selection Criteria:** The position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the position. Experience in promoting opportunities for the involvement of Aboriginal communities including community aiders, different family groupings, organisations and individuals in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects. Strong communication (both written and verbal) skills, and well developed interpersonal, liaison, negotiation, presentation, group facilitation and customer service skills. Strong organisational skills with an ability to meet tight deadlines and operate within budget. Proven experience in the facilitation and coordination of all facets of environmental or similar programs and initiatives (This includes planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating programs). Experience in the research, writing and production of resource materials for programs. Experience in preparing correspondence, submissions and reports. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Karen Paroissien (02) 8837 6050 Email: karen.paroissien@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 8837 6050 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Closing Date:** Friday 27 October 2006.

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Department of the Attorney General Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Senior Mediation/ Training Officer 50(d)*

Division - TAB

Position No: 5050

Salary/Level: L5 \$58,006 - \$64,439 pa PPGA

The Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution Service provides mediation and conflict resolution services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout the State. It also provides information and training sessions on alternative dispute resolution to individuals, business and communities; as well as government and non-government agencies and groups.

The Senior Mediation and Training Officer will be responsible for:

- Providing mediation and conflict management services of a more complex nature;
- Supervising, coaching and mentoring mediators and contract mediators;
- Reviewing the case management of files as required;
- Developing and delivering information and training material on mediation and conflict resolution;
- Assisting the Manager in the development and implementation of policies or plans directed at improving the provision and delivery of services to customers and stakeholders; and
- Representing the Manager or Branch when required.

For further job related information: Please contact Joslyn Tass on 9264 6171.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 6 November 2006 at 5pm.

Expression of Interest

Teacher in Training

(National Indigenous Cadetship Project) 2007

Are you interested in a career in teaching?

If you are Indigenous, enrolled or enrolling in an undergraduate Bachelor of Education degree you may be eligible for a cadetship with the Diocese of Townsville, Catholic Education.

Interested persons are invited to submit an expression of interest.

To apply contact Sue Blake

Employment Services Officer,

Telephone: (07) 4773 0946

E-mail: recruitment@tsv.catholic.edu.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 10th November 2006



The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) has embarked on an exciting and challenging period of change in the provision and delivery of regional based services across the state. As a result of continued development the AHO is seeking to recruit the following senior position.

Regional Manager, Western Region

Clerk Grade 12, Dubbo, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No AHO06/228

Total remuneration package valued to \$112,390 p.a. (\$97,552-\$101,849). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for community engagement in planning and service delivery of Aboriginal housing programs. Leads and manages a unit.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven expertise to lead, formulate and implement business strategies. Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and of the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people in relation to housing. Demonstrated expertise in advising on sector programs. Superior analytical skills and capacity to provide strategic advice on complex issues. Sound understanding in relation to leading and managing regionalised service delivery. Demonstrated achievement in managing and leading a unit with project outcomes and performance targets. Proven presentation, negotiation and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated understanding of Commonwealth and State policies and programs relating to the supply and management of Aboriginal housing. Travel within NSW required. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorized under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Inquiries: Kerry Pearce (02) 8836 9451 0429 126 895 Email: Kerry.pearce@aho.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: J Pasfield 8836 9446 ahorecruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, PO Box W5, PARRAMATTA NSW 2150 or fax (02) 9635 3400

Closing Date: Friday 24 November 2006.



JOBS FOR INDIGENOUS GRADUATES Indigenous Graduates Program 2007

Are you an Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander person?

Do you have an undergraduate degree, honours degree or postgraduate qualification?

Are you committed to discovery and performing at your best?

As part of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, ANU is recruiting a number of Indigenous graduates to perform various administrative and research roles across the University.

Reference: HR 3697

Salary Range: ANU Officer Grade 3 (Graduate) \$42,941 or ANU Officer Grade 5 \$47,574 - \$53,777 pa plus 17% super

If your application is successful, you will undergo a twelve-month development program involving work projects, mentoring and workshops. On successful completion of the development program, you will be promoted and placed in an on-going position at ANU.

Enquiries & Selection Criteria:

http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Recruitment/Graduate_Recruitment

Applications Close: Friday 17 November 2006

Arjuna Hart, ANU Working Drawing - CHRTSR 001202

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy enquiries:

Lindsay Stanford T: 02 8125 5981 E: Lindsay.Stanford@anu.edu.au

W: http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Recruitment/Indigenous_Employment/index.asp

Aboriginal Family Support Worker

28 hours/week - Liverpool area

ABRS Socialworks currently has an exciting opportunity for an Aboriginal Family Support Worker, based in Green Valley, to work with children and families in a developmental and supportive role by assisting families to identify their own goals and to achieve these in areas such as life skills and family and community relationships. As well as assisting families to gain access to community services and entitlements.

To apply for this role you must be Aboriginal, have good written and verbal communication skills, a drivers licence and reliable motor vehicle.

Salary: SACS 4 Yr 3

For more details please call Courtney on (02) 92182354 or email recruit1@barnardos.org.au



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussed on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. We need capable and motivated people working with us to make this happen. Our simplified recruitment and selection process makes it easier for you to apply. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and a better life for all Australians.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE OFFICE

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

PROGRAM MANAGER

\$73,626 - \$80,648

Reference Number: 06-0644

ADELAIDE

The objective of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) is to achieve sustainable gains in health status for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by improving access to effective primary health care and substance use services and population health programs. The OATSIH has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that contribute to the achievement of the objective in collaboration with Indigenous specific health services, NACCHO and its State/Territory Affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and State and Territory government health departments. This position will work under the guidance and supervision of an Executive Level 2, and will be responsible for managing the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) within the State Office.

Contact officer: Fran Lovell on 08 8237 8307 or fran.lovell@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or 08 8237 8329 (sarecruit@health.gov.au)

Closing date: 9 November 2006, 7pm EST.

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE OFFICE

OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

VARIOUS SECTIONS

APS LEVEL 6

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SEVERAL POSITIONS, based in Sydney

\$59,912 - \$67,590

Reference Number: 06-0646

SYDNEY

Do you want to make a difference in Aboriginal Health?

Would you like the opportunity to work in an organisation that offers great employee benefits?

Then this is an outstanding opportunity for you to join our dynamic and committed team working on a wide range of innovative primary health care programs that aim to improve the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) NSW is seeking to recruit to a number of ongoing and non on-going vacancies based in Sydney.

In these positions you will be involved in the provision of services to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW and contributing to whole-of-government approaches to funding Aboriginal services. You will be involved in the allocation of new health care funding which requires consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, health service providers, other Government agencies and the policy areas of the Department of Health and Ageing. You will also be involved in developing and managing service agreements which include the monitoring and evaluation of health services and programs. You may also be involved in the development and implementation of key policy initiatives such as those targeting early childhood and chronic disease. You will be required to prepare written correspondence, ministerial responses, briefs, reports and submissions and to undertake travel.

The outcomes of this recruitment process may be used in order to fill other similar positions within the NSW Office. We are also seeking to develop an order of merit list to fill positions as they become available over the next 6 to 12 months.

Contact officer: Margaret Teuma on 02 9263 3563 or margaret.teuma@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Karen Evans on 02 9263 3913 (nswhr@health.gov.au)

Closing date: 9 November 2006, 7pm EST.

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection comments from the Department's TTY number 02 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

For further information please visit www.health.gov.au



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An independent statutory body
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The Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) is an independent statutory agency that promotes equality and resolves complaints of unlawful discrimination across Victoria in the public, private and community sectors.

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION & COMPLAINT OFFICER

(GRADE 4) \$58,550 - \$66,431

This is an identified position in accordance with the identified policy of Victoria Aboriginal Justice Agreement and is part of the Commission's commitment to providing culturally appropriate and accessible services.

An exciting opportunity exists for a human rights motivated professional to make a difference in Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This position involves informing community of their equal opportunity and anti-discrimination rights and working with individuals through the complaints process to lodge complaints, conduct investigations and facilitate conciliations.

Closing Date: 8 November 2006

Enquiries: Michael Atkinson on 9281-7153

Position Description: Ian Le Noury on 9281-7145

To apply online and for further information on position description and key selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

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Commences January 2007

Indigenous Traineeship Program

(6 positions)

Full-time (fixed-term)

Ref. 20270

The trainees will provide general support for the work area in one of the following qualifications:

- Business Administration (3 positions)
- Business Marketing (1 positions)
- Information Technology (1 position)
- Human Resources (1 position)

The trainees will attend accredited training one day a week to obtain an appropriate qualification. The positions are available on a full-time (fixed-term) basis for a period of 12 months and may be subject to probationary conditions.

Essential Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- School Certificate or equivalent combination of skills, knowledge and experience
- Basic keyboard and computer skills
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to solve problems
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Willingness to learn and apply new skills in the relevant qualification environment

Desirable Selection Criteria: Higher School Certificate.

Please contact Alana Freeburn, Manager (Acting), Indigenous Employment on (02) 9850 9765 or ies@pers.mq.edu.au

Package: From \$39,269 pa, including (Level 2) base salary \$35,589 - \$37,045 pa, annual leave loading and 9% employer's superannuation.

The appointment is currently governed by the terms of the Macquarie University Enterprise Agreement (2006-2009). The successful applicant will be offered the choice of an Australian Workplace Agreement for this appointment.

Macquarie University's Indigenous Employment Strategy, is making this position available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. This is authorised by Macquarie University's Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan in accordance with Part 8A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Application forms, including the Statutory Declaration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, are to be submitted onto our Online Application System at www.jobs.mq.edu.au by 17 November 2006. Written applications will not be acknowledged.

Applications Close: 17 November 2006



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

NSW HEALTH NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST

Written applications quoting the position number, addressing the essential and desirable criteria and including the names and addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) referees (unless otherwise indicated) should be sent to:
Manager, Recruitment Services, Locked Bag 2235, North Ryde BC 1670
or Email: nscchs@nsw.health.nsw.gov.au (in MS Word format only)
Applications will not be acknowledged and eligibility lists may be created.

Website: www.nscchs.health.nsw.gov.au

Community Drug & Alcohol Counsellor - F/T or P/T

(Job Share Considered)

Position No: 06-1804

Salary: As per Relevant Award

Located at Royal North Shore Hospital, St. George & Alcohol, Enquiries:
Dr James Guinan (02) 9906 7083. Closing: 1 November 2006.

Drug & Alcohol After Care Counsellor - F/T or P/T

(Initial contract 4 years)

Position No: 06-1803

Salary: As per Relevant Award

Located at Royal North Shore Hospital, St. George & Alcohol, Enquiries:
Dr James Guinan (02) 9906 7083. Closing: 1 November 2006.

Salary and conditions are in accordance with relevant award/enterprise agreements.
Northern Sydney Central Coast Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer providing a workplace environment. Successful applicants will be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct and be committed to ethical practices. Relevant criminal record checks (including Child Protection checks) will be conducted on applicants recommended for employment to positions within the NSW Health System.

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Department of the
Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Communications Officer

Division: TAB

Position No: 006694

Salary/Level: L5 \$55,306 - \$64,439 pa P&GA

Provides a public relations and communications service to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement project, with responsibility to plan, develop, implement and evaluate public relations and communication programs, coordinates and evaluates publishing and promotional programs to reach identified audiences. Assists Aboriginal Justice Agreement Team Leader, as required.

For further job related information: Please contact
Trevor Carleton on (08) 9264 6106.

Job Application Packages To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm



SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW IN INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH

Indigenous Health Unit
(Yaitya Purruna), School of
Population Health and Clinical
Practice (Ref: 13641)

Full-time salary: (Level C) \$77,760 - \$89,677 per annum, pro rata at 29.4 hours per week. An employer superannuation contribution of 17% applies.

Closing date 16/11/06

- Fixed-term position available immediately for a period of 3 years on a 29.4 hours per week basis.
- The role of University Senior Research Fellow has grown out of strong collaboration between Yaitya Purruna and the Central Northern Adelaide Health Service (CNAHS) with a specific focus on seeking funding grants for research projects that will lead to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Contact Jenni Caruso ph (08) 8303 6275, or visit www.adelaide.edu.au/jobs

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants must address the selection criteria for the position. They are available, with the duty statement from

www.adelaide.edu.au/jobs



Life Impact

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
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The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Aboriginal Education Consultant

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS), Dubbo,
Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 123315.

Total remuneration package valued at \$95,784 p.a. (\$80,174-\$86,600) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing advice and support to schools across the region on the organisation and implementation of Aboriginal education policies and programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school-based experience within the K-12 range. Experience in supporting and implementing Aboriginal education/studies programs. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement programs and initiatives that contribute to the reduction of the achievement gap in the learning outcomes of students who are targeted by Aboriginal Programs. Experience in assisting and coordinating training and development activities in Aboriginal education. Ability to work as part of a team to provide support to personnel in schools and across the region. Effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 26 January 2010. Administrative hours and conditions apply. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Inquiries: Allan Hall 02 6883 8313 Email:

Allan.Hall@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Joy Rich, 02 6841 2117.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Garry Brown, Manager Regional Consultancy, Level 1, 188 Macquarie Street, Dubbo NSW 2830.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

Moreland Hall has more than 35 years experience in the statewide delivery of alcohol and other drug services; we are a leader in the field. As an employer and Registered Training Organisation, Moreland Hall is committed to providing a positive and supportive work culture where employees have access to professional development and generous salary packaging arrangements.

Koori Alcohol and Other Drugs Linkage Support Worker

Moreland Hall's Assessment and Intake Services currently have a vacancy for a Koori Alcohol and Other Drugs Linkage Support Worker to join us in providing culturally sensitive treatment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's with alcohol and other drug problems.

The role includes the provision of:

- Information and advice to clients and staff at the Koori Magistrates Court in Broadmeadows;
- Alcohol and other Drugs assessments with priority for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clientele;
- Linkage of clients on deferred sentences into treatment at Moreland Hall;
- Communication with Moreland Hall clinicians and the court to ensure that information on treatment progress is provided to the court in a timely manner.

To be successful in this position you will have:

- Evidence of strong links with the Victorian Aboriginal community;
- Demonstrated experience working in Aboriginal organisations or health settings;
- Demonstrated knowledge of alcohol and other drugs issues;
- The ability to communicate effectively with clients, treatment providers and court staff, and to advocate on behalf of clients;
- Strong written communication skills, and the ability to prepare reports.

Education & Training Officer Koori Focus

Moreland Hall's Education and Training Department currently has a vacancy for an Education & Training Officer with a Koori Focus to join us in providing culturally sensitive education and training packages to meet the needs of people in the community with alcohol and other drug problems.

The role includes the provision of:

- Preparation, delivery, and marketing of education and training packages to workers and community members in the area of Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD);
- Contribute to raising the profile of the Education and Training Department by liaising with prospective and current purchases and users of the service;
- Participate in identifying and developing research projects;
- Develop and coordinate promotional information for internal and external use.

To be successful in this position you will have:

- Experience in the preparation, delivery, and marketing of educational programs;
- Demonstrated understanding of culturally sensitive issues particularly within the Aboriginal community;
- Knowledge of alcohol and other drugs sector;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and personal presentation;
- Intermediate skill base with Microsoft Office applications.

For further information and details on how to apply for either of these positions: Please phone 03 9384 8850 or go to the employment section on our website www.morelandhall.org

Applications are to be sent to: The HR Manager, 26 Jessie Street, MORELAND 3058 OR email: jobs@morelandhall.org

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



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Department of Education,
Science and Training



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Director

\$89,000-\$104,000**

DEST Executive Level 2

Reference no: 06-411

DARWIN

DEST NT is working towards accelerating educational outcomes for students in Schools, Vocational and Technical Education, and Training and Higher Education sectors. This position manages a range of agreements, projects and programmes and the delivery of DEST services through a network of regional officers. This work is conducted in the context of the whole of government approach to the delivery of Australian Government services.

As a key member of the State Executive Group:

- Lead a dynamic team of staff, located in the Northern Territory and major regional centres, who are engaged in the delivery of DEST programmes and services.
- Represent DEST with key stakeholders engaged in partnerships to implement Indigenous education programmes and Vocational Technical Education (VTE), Higher Education and transitions services.
- Provide high level management of specific DEST programmes and services to ensure achievement of business plan objectives
- Provide high level input to the development of policies to achieve improved outcomes in schools, vocational training, higher education and transitional services.

Please note: In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants who are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian in either oral or written form.

Please note: This position is a security assessed position. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a security assessment. The applicant must be prepared to undertake substantial air and road travel within the Northern Territory and interstate. The applicant must hold a current driver's licence.

**Please note successful applicants for DEST Executive Level 2 jobs will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA). An EL2 AWA commencing salary would normally be \$93,000, however a higher salary may be negotiated based on skills and experience.

For further information about the position please contact Greg Gibbs on (08) 8936 5100.

For selection documentation see below.

How to Apply

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by email recruitment@dest.gov.au, or 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

Please note that applications will not be acknowledged on receipt. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants who are not shortlisted, we extend our thanks for considering DEST as a potential employer.

Successful applicants must be Australian citizens. Conditions of employment are contained in the Department's Certified Agreement.

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

The Recruitment Officer - Location 758
Department of Education, Science and Training
GPO Box 9880
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Applications close: 2 November 2006

www.dest.gov.au

DEST values social and cultural diversity

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Broken Hill, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 06523. Salary: (\$58,777-\$64,854).

Provide advice and support to the case management of Aboriginal offenders in the community and in the transition from custody. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance community based offender programs. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Broad understanding of the organisational and operational structure of Community Offender Services and the Department of Corrective Services. Ability to work in an enforcement and helping case management role with Aboriginal offenders. Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System. Well developed knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, negotiation and liaison skills. Effective oral and written skills and computer literacy. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The Department is currently trialling a new model of offender management which involves weekend and evening work in Community Offender Services Offices. Successful applicants for these positions may be required to work shift work. Applicants should be aware that limited out-of-hours response work may be required. Background checks will require applicants to be fingerprinted. Applicants are to provide email addresses for two of their nominated referees one of whom must be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies.

Inquiries: Alexandra Dennis (08) 8087 9155 Email: Alexandra.Dennis@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Alexandra Dennis, (08) 8087 9155.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

GA177720

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Coonamble, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 06530. Salary: (\$58,777-\$64,854).

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Inquiries: Peter Johnston (02) 6822 1988 Email: Peter.Johnston@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Peter Johnston, (02) 6822 1988.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

GA177721

National Indigenous Television (NITV)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Package Negotiable

NITV is seeking a CEO to provide visionary leadership and highly effective management for a new Indigenous television service.

The new service will commission and acquire diverse programming, from Indigenous program makers, including news, children's, drama, documentary and cultural interest programs that reflect Australia's diverse Indigenous communities.

The CEO will be responsible for defining and shaping this unique television service, with the NITV Board, driving NITV through the critical start up phase and into the future.

Essential attributes for this role will be the ability to maintain excellent relationships with all stakeholders, including Indigenous communities, corporate sponsors and government, as well as being strategic and creative in the operation of the service, and with a strong desire to contribute to the development of this unique organisation.

You will have:

- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and have the ability to communicate effectively with people from these backgrounds.
- A strong background in the film/television/audio visual industry in any of the following areas: acquisitions, commissioning, distribution, production, arts management, financial management, business affairs, high level public or private sector administration/management.
- Broad leadership and management experience
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience in managing budgets and financial performance
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills and the ability to consult with stakeholders and private sector membership
- Experience in liaising with Federal and State government agencies and departments

Indigenous people with relevant experience are urged to apply.

To receive a copy of the selection criteria and application instructions please email pph@entertainmentpersonnel.com.au or telephone Patricia Powell-Hughes on 02 9383 4520

Applications close by Nov 17, 5pm.

ENTERTAINMENT PERSONNEL



GENERAL MANAGER

Silver Lining Foundation Limited (SLF) (AGN 116 735 461) is a Public Benevolent Institution which cultivates success in young people failing mainstream education.

SLF is developing NICED near Wondai, SE Queensland to offer young people employment and vocational and life skill development.

SLF is seeking a dynamic person to manage NICED.

The successful applicant will share SLF's vision; have a strong work ethic and management skills; be able to establish and maintain good relations with the local Indigenous community; and bring a strong business like approach to the job.

SLF welcomes written applications from interested persons by 10 November 2006 to: The Chief Executive Officer, Silver Lining Foundation Limited, PO Box 2178 TOOWONG 4066.

Enquiries can be made to Mike O'Neill on 07 3310 8890 or to mike.oneill@silverlining.net.au



Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care



SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR

Access Worker

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)

Alleena/Warrumbucca Branch Campbelltown

Permanent Full-time

Salary package is valued up to \$60,605pa includes a salary range \$49,792 to \$54,920pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: Responsible for identifying Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers/families who require services and advocate on their behalf to existing agencies to provide these services.

Selection Criteria: 1. Aboriginality. 2. Demonstrated experience in case management, assessment, contract management and brokerage preferably in a similar community service organisation. 3. Knowledge of the complex needs of Aboriginal communities and proven experience in providing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal communities. 4. Demonstrated ability to network with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, groups and networks at a community level. 5. Demonstrated experience in facilitation and co-ordination in order to develop and train staff to meet the client needs. 6. Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability and cultural groups. 7. Demonstrated written, oral, administrative and record keeping skills. 8. Computer literacy. Current driver's licence. 9. Knowledge and understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

Job Notes: There are 2 positions available. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicant will be subject to criminal records check.

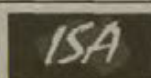
Inquiries: Sharon Bloxsome on (02) 4261 4389.

Information Packages: Sharon Bloxsome on (02) 4261 4389.

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service of NSW, Alleena/Warrumbucca Aboriginal Branch, PO Box 1009, Campbelltown NSW 2530.

Applications close: Friday, 3 November 2006.

GA177641



Indigenous Cadetship Program Commencing in 2007

Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking is seeking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in their first year or above of university study to join our Cadetship Program.

As the largest financial institution in the world with around 120 million customers in more than 100 countries, Citigroup is at the forefront of financial services. In the Corporate and Investment Banking business, we advise companies, governments and institutional investors on the best way to realise their strategic objectives. If you have an interest in building your career within the exciting world of banking and finance, then we would like to speak to you.

We are looking for students who are studying the following disciplines: Accounting, Commerce, Finance, Economics, Business, Combined Law, Mathematics, Physics or Engineering. Ideally, you will also have solid academic results, be a good team worker, have solid numerical skills and be a good communicator.

Cadetship Program: The Cadetship Program will provide 2 successful candidates with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and learn more about Citigroup Corporate and Investment Banking and our business. The successful candidates will be assigned to one of the divisions in our Sydney office for ten weeks over the summer break commencing in 2007/08.

You will also participate in the broader Citigroup internship program, including all orientation, training and social activities.

Financial Assistance: Financial assistance to relocate will be provided to successful candidates living out of Sydney.

Application Process: Please phone Indigenous Success Australia on 02 6251 2122 or email jeffery@indigenoussuccessaustralia.com.au to request an application form.

Send your completed application including a copy of your CV and academic results to: John Jeffery, Executive Director, Indigenous Success Australia, PO Box 6090, Phillip ACT 2606 or fax 02 6251 2133.

Applications close 17th November 2006.

For Further Information: If you have any further enquiries about the program, please contact John Jeffery from Indigenous Success Australia on 02 6251 2122.

For more information about Citigroup, please visit our website www.citigroup.com.au



Department of the Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Policy Officer

Division: TAB

Position No: 006633

Salary/Level: L5 \$58,306 - \$64,439 pa PS5A

The Policy Officer is responsible for supporting the analysis, development, review and implementation of a range of projects assigned to it, or as part of a team relating to the establishment of local justice plans and other initiatives under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). The position liaises, engages and negotiates with Aboriginal communities and people and government and non-government agencies and other key stakeholders in developing justice plans to address the AJA's outcomes within a planning framework.

For further job related information: Please contact

Erica Lewin on (08) 9264 6488.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No into the Search Box or Fax: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm

Position Vacant

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Aboriginal Child Family and Community Care State Secretariat (NSW) Inc. known as "AbSec" is the peak body in NSW responsible for the policy advice, support and advocacy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) children and young people, their families and carers in Out of Home Care and related sectors in NSW. An opportunity exists to join the organisation as the Executive Officer, reporting to a Board made up of sector organisations. The position is based in Sydney CBD.

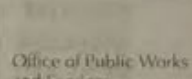
The successful applicant will have:

- Suitable tertiary qualifications in Community Services or equivalent workplace experience, especially in the Non Government Sector.
- Demonstrated management skills in working at a senior level in a Non Government Organisation.
- Proven financial management abilities.
- Verified excellent people skills particularly working in an ATSI organisation/community.
- Display strong representation skills including proven ability to develop productive working relationships with stakeholders and funding bodies.
- The ability to think strategically.
- A good understanding of the child welfare sector and current legislation trends.
- Proven abilities in communication including submission writing, report writing and show accountability to a Board of Management.
- Willingness to undergo a Police and Working With Children's Check.

An attractive remuneration package is offered for this challenging yet satisfying role. Aboriginality of the successful applicant is desired but not essential in this position.

For a detailed position description contact Garry Matthews on (02) 66483680 or garry@absec.org.au

Applications should be forwarded by 3rd November 2006 to: AbSec Position/C/- Mr Garry Matthews, PO Box 521 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450.



For information on Commerce please see www.commerce.nsw.gov.au. For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

Indigenous Architect-Graduate

Professional Staff Grade 2, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 2006/353.

Total remuneration package valued to \$76,717 p.a. (\$63,871-\$70,383). Package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Contribute to the delivery of projects including the development of feasibility studies, designs, construction documents, post tender services to achieve project objectives and meet client needs consistent with time, cost and quality parameters.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application. Sound architectural skills and technical capability, and an understanding of professional and industry issues. Experience in design and documentation of architectural solutions. Good basic computer literacy including the use of CAD. Demonstrated lateral thinking and effective problem solving. Developed business sense with a strong client service to meet client expectations. Project management knowledge and skills with the ability to supervise staff. Very good written and oral presentation skills; effective communication and interpersonal skills. Degree in Architecture and/or Registration with the NSW Board of Architects. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants that do not specifically address all the selection criteria will not be considered for interview.

Inquiries: Dillon Kombumeri (02) 9372 8323. Information Packages: Email infopack@commerce.nsw.gov.au quote 2006/353.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: You can apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by post to Dani Petherick, HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney 2000.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

Administration Coordinator

Division: TAB

Position No: 006376

Salary/Level: L3 \$46,547 - \$50,536 pa

The Administration Coordinator provides high level administration support to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) Team Leader and other staff within the AJA.

The role carries a high level of responsibility for a broad range of human, financial and physical resource data gathering, verifying, analysing and compiling for decision-making purposes.

For further job related information: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm.

Mediator 50(d)*

Division: TAB

Position No: 002932

Salary/Level: L3 \$46,547 - \$50,536 pa PGG4

Under the supervision of the Senior Mediation Training Officer, the successful applicant will provide mediation and conflict management services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and other relevant parties and stakeholders and assist in negotiations with Senior Mediation Training Officers.

You will also assist Senior Mediation Training Officers in the development and implementation of alternative dispute resolution training programs to government and community groups.

* Aboriginality (as per section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984).

For further job related information: Please contact Joselyn Tass on 9264 6111.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 6 November 2006 at 5pm.

ASSISTANT PROJECT OFFICER WORKFORCE STRATEGIES (ATS)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Sydney CBD, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 060ADHC5082. Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,854) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Contribute to the development and management of projects arising from the Workforce Planning Framework which support client service and delivery needs. Provide co-ordination and administrative support to project design, delivery and evaluation. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Understanding of workforce planning issues as they relate to a large complex workforce. Ability to contribute to workforce planning projects which address staffing and service delivery needs. Ability to participate as a team member and collaborate on group projects and other branch activities. Demonstrated organisational and budget monitoring skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further information about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the package.

Inquiries: Bronwyn Dennis 02 8270 2377 or by Email: Bronwyn.Dennis@dahc.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: 1800 149 919 or by Email: Sharon.Coad@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 5, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 03 November 2006.

GA177986

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 2/4, Goulburn and Queanbeyan, Various, Position Number 06DOHS166. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,163 p.a. (\$47,127-\$54,520) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This position form the majority of staff in the client service area. They carry out all client service functions delivered by the Department of Housing. **Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated ability to work with diverse clients and community groups to assess their needs and provide appropriate services. Sound decision making and problem solving skills and demonstrated negotiation and interviewing skills. Effective interpersonal, oral and written communication skills and demonstrated capacity to work as an effective team member. Strong organisational and administrative skills with the ability to manage competing priorities. Capacity to demonstrate flexibility and cope effectively with the demands of client interaction in a complex service environment. Computer literacy and capacity to manage computer based information systems. Sensitivity to the needs of diverse client groups and in particular, Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities. Current Drivers Licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: These will be temporary positions under the terms of PSEM Act 2002 over a period of 12 months. If you are interested in working in a temporary relief capacity and enjoy working with people, then this is the position for you, these positions will be used to fill short-term vacancies. The successful applicants will provide a effective variety of housing services to a diverse range of clients and community organisations, including the assessment of housing needs and the management of a portfolio of properties. Flexible working hours may be negotiated between the successful applicants and the Team Leader to suit the needs of the applicant and the operational requirements of the Client Service Team. Applicants should nominate whether they prefer to work in either the Queanbeyan or Goulburn office. Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

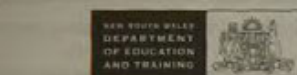
Inquiries: Debbie Trengove (02) 62007277.

Information Packages: Telephone: (02) 6200 5620 or Email: hrrsoutern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: hrrsoutern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

GA177987



Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer

Education Officer, Dubbo, Temporary Full-Time,
Position Number 123309.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$76,510 p.a. (\$42,943-\$89,334) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of issues affecting the regular school attendance of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of the Home School Liaison program. Demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies. Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 26 January 2010.

Inquiries: Pam Sharkey 02 6883 6322

Email: Pam.Sharkey@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Joy Rich, 02 6841 2117.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Sue Stanford, Teaching Learning Coordinator, Level 2, 37 Carrington Avenue, Dubbo NSW 2830

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

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The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements; and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer

Education Officer, Lismore, Temporary Full-Time,
Position Number 123956.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$76,510 p.a. (\$72,943-\$89,334) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working with the community and schools to support the regular attendance of students, with a particular focus on Aboriginal students.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of issues affecting the regular school attendance of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of the Home School Liaison program. Demonstrated involvement in student welfare programs. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team. Demonstrated ability to liaise with schools, students, parents and outside agencies. Effective written and oral communication and liaison skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 26 January 2010. Administrative hours and conditions apply.

Inquiries: Clancy Benson 02 6623 5924

Email: Clancy.Benson@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Alison Chawner, 02 6623 5908.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Mr Clancy Benson, Department of Education & Training, PO Box 4029, Goomallabah NSW 2490.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IDENTIFIED

Clerk Grade 1/2, Wagga Wagga, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 06DADHC5072. Total remuneration package valued to: \$63,430 p.a. (\$44,538-\$48,418) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of administration, office management and customer services to the Regional management team. Regional offices and customers. Assist with process improvement and implementation of new systems. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Broadly based administration skills and experience in providing customer service. Ability to work in a team environment and with minimum supervision. Effective interpersonal and communication skills (both verbal and written). The ability to plan, organise and prioritise work in a high-volume work environment. Demonstrated computer and keyboard skills, including experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software. Ability to acquire quickly knowledge of the department's structure, roles, strategies and its relationship with other human services agencies and its clients. Knowledge of records-management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions within and to and from the Regional Office. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the package.

Inquiries: Michael Evans (02) 6024 8700.

Information Packages: NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800 or apply online at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email: hwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

GA177988



The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements; and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Bathurst, Permanent Full-Time,
Position Number 123206.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$54,408 p.a. (\$49,305-\$49,305) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, regional and State Office levels. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs. Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one.

Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: Allan Hall 02 6883 6213 Email: Allan.Hall@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Joy Rich, 02 6841 2117

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Allan Hall, Indigenous Engagement & QT Consultant, Dubbo School Officer, Level 2, 37 Carrington Avenue, DUBBO NSW 2830.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

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Applications are called for the following full-time positions with Townsville Aboriginal & Islanders Health Services Limited (TAHS). Candidates must either possess or be able to obtain a Suitability Card for Working with Children (Blue Card).

CHILD PROTECTION & ALTERNATIVE CARE PROGRAM (CPAC)

Employment with CPAC will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal History Check. Qualifications in social or behavioral sciences are highly desirable but not essential.

Placement Services Officer

The Placement Services Officer is responsible for organising and monitoring alternative family care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. You'll be required to support approved Care Providers and Relative Carers and their families before, during and after placement. You will also identify, recruit and train potential Care Providers.

Senior Child Protection Officer

The Senior Child Protection Officer is responsible for supervising the provision of culturally appropriate protective intervention services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients of CPAC and the Department of Child Safety. Experience in intensive family support and child protection is essential for this position, including a working knowledge of the statutory child protection system.

Child Protection Officers (x 3)

The Child Protection Officers are responsible for providing protective intervention services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in contact with the statutory child protection system. Experience in intensive family support and child protection is highly desirable for this position, including a working knowledge of the statutory child protection system.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL HEALTH UNIT

Illicit Drug Diversion Worker (20 hours/week)

You will be responsible for providing assessment, information, education, advice, brief intervention, ongoing counselling treatment and post-treatment referrals for offending cannabis users. Applicants must have previous experience providing health, education and/or counselling services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Qualifications in Health, Social Work, Community Welfare or another Social Science area are highly desirable.

Stolen Generation Counsellor

TAHS seeks a highly motivated and experienced Counsellor to provide support, advocacy and counselling services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and families who have been affected by past practices identified in the Bringing Them Home report. You must have demonstrated knowledge and/or experience of the social, cultural, emotional and psychological effects of the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their family and land. Qualifications in Social Work, Community Welfare, or another Social Science area are highly desirable.

Male Social Health Worker

The Male Social Health Worker is responsible for delivering culturally appropriate social support, advice and referral services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in Townsville and Thuringowa. Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men are eligible to apply. Previous applicants need not reapply.

It is a genuine requirement that the CPO, Senior CPO & Male Social Health Worker positions be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by, and arguable under Sections 25, 104 & 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination (1991) Act.

Non-Indigenous applicants for all other positions must nominate an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, who is recognised and accepted in the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community, as a referee to support their ability to meet the relevant selection criteria.

All applicants must address in writing the selection criteria obtainable from Damon Baxter on (07) 4759 4008 or dbaxter@tahs.net.au

Applications close: 5 p.m. Monday 6th November 2006.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Grade 1, Hornsby, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 06DADHC5169. Total remuneration package valued to: \$68,786 p.a. (\$44,538-\$62,334) Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide therapy services in the areas of communication & dysphagia to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. All staff on community support teams may be involved in providing a service co-ordination role. **Selection Criteria:** Recognised Degree/Diploma in speech pathology & eligibility for practising membership of the SPAA. Experience working with children and/or adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. Ability to utilise a multi-disciplinary approach & experience working in community settings. Ability to provide assessments, intervention and consultancy services to carers, educators and others. Knowledge of and/or experience with augmentative communication systems and management of dysphagia. High level written and oral communication skills. Demonstrated computer skills particularly in Microsoft applications. Knowledge of principles of the Disability Services Act (1993). Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is temporary up to December 2007 and employment/appointment will be in terms of Section 27 & 86 of the PSEM Act 2002. An eligibility list will be created. Applicants MUST obtain an Information package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and additional information about the Dept. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and MUST complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in it.

Inquiries: Caroline Micallef (02) 9450 7999.

Information Packages: sharon.coad@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or 1800 149 919.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466 Liverpool BC 1871 or email JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

PARKS AND WILDLIFE DIVISION

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Murrumbidgee, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC06-533. Total remuneration package valued to: \$58,335 p.a. (\$40,116-\$53,518) The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to walking tracks and associated infrastructure. Operate and maintain associated plant and equipment. Contribute to the enhancement and preservation of natural and cultural resources and heritage. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job, as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.

Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and an ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills.

Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and certification to operate 4wd vehicles. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible. This is a readjusted position, previous applicants will need to re-apply. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties.

Inquiries: Steve Foreman (02) 6672 8153.

Information Packages: Katrina Farr (02) 6670 8600

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 03 November 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

PARKS AND WILDLIFE DIVISION

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FIELD OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Dungog, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC06-527. Total remuneration package valued to: \$58,335 p.a. (\$40,116-\$53,518) Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Salary rate includes an allowance for working weekends and public holidays. Progression criteria apply.

Undertake maintenance and improvements to walking tracks and associated infrastructure. Operate and maintain associated plant and equipment. Contribute to the enhancement and preservation of natural and cultural resources and heritage. **Selection Criteria:** This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job. Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement. Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties. Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and an ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate. Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard; ability to operate two-way radios. Effective communication and community relation skills are required; ability to work independently and as part of a team; administrative skills. Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft. Current Drivers licence and certification to operate 4wd vehicles. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Chris Reynolds (02) 6538 5305.

Information Packages: Janni Mill (02) 6538 5300.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 03 November 2006.

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BARRISTER WANTED

The services of a barrister are required to re-open the Mabo (Nr2) High court decision. Only genuine responses need reply. SCU graduates and Northern Rivers Barristers need not apply. Please contact via e-mail elvianna1@bigpond.com



The department is a non-smoking workplace. Common Selection Criteria: All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common selection criteria' - Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statements; and Occupational Health and Safety - as they relate to the job.

Aboriginal Education Regional Support

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS), Griffith, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 140571.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$95,784 p.a. (\$80,174-\$88,800) Including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing support to schools to develop and implement key actions from the Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy.

Selection Criteria: Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Experience in and commitment to implementing effective education for Aboriginal students in schools. High level written, oral and liaison skills and demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team. Relevant experience in collaborating and working effectively in partnership with schools and Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.

Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 30 June 2007. Administrative hours and conditions apply. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

Inquiries: Thelme Rudd (02) 6937 3815

Email: Thelme.Rudd@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Emma Pearce, 02 6937 3835.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Thelme Rudd, DET, Level 2, 76 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

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Queensland Government Queensland Health

Allied Health/Clinical Support

District Health Worker Coordinator - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$72 107 p.a., comprising salary between \$60 183 - \$63 199 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) VRN: TV61024. **Duties/Abilities:** Manage the operational, financial, human and physical resources of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program. Provide leadership and expertise in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and health related issues to the Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Brett Cowling (07) 4799 9479.

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or email: TSV_Recruitment@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: 5.00 p.m. Monday, 6 November 2006.

Advanced Health Worker - Child Health, Indigenous, Child Youth and Family Health Services, Brisbane South Community Health Services, Coorparoo, QEII Hospital Health Service Districts. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) VRN: 2610-006. **Duties/Abilities:** Plan, implement, evaluate and support culturally respectful primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents, women, children and their families in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation, community groups, Queensland Health staff and other government and non-government agencies. Work as a member of the Child Youth and Family Health Team and will play a major role in the promotion of healthy and safe children, young people and families through strengthening prevention and early intervention approaches within the community. Work to support the development and implementation of Primary Health Care activities for Indigenous parents, women, children and their families including, but not be limited to, preventative programs such as the Growth Assessment and Action Program, screening and education, immunisation, injury prevention, hearing, infectious disease, Strong Women's Strong Babies, parenting programs, Growing Strong, Eat Well Queensland, active-AE programs and similar initiatives to promote healthy eating and physical activity in children.

Enquiries: Rosey Signorini (07) 3847 0902.

Application Kit: (07) 3275 6550 or email: qeii_recruitment@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: 5.00 p.m. Monday, 6 November 2006.

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

CREATIVE ARTS WORKER - HQ GRAD - PPT OR PPT

\$21,075 - \$21,750 p.a. At a number of a multi-disciplinary team providing integrated primary healthcare services to young people who are at risk and homeless, with associated arts based programs using community development and capacity building strategies. Enquiries: Fiona Roberts (02) 9607 2544.

High Level Youth Health Service Ad No. 251/77591-2688 Close Date: 18.11.06

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POSITION VACANT

TENANT ADVICE AND ADVOCACY WORKER

MURRA MIA TENANTS ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICE IS SEEKING A SUITABLY SKILLED AND MOTIVATED ABORIGINAL PERSON TO TAKE UP THIS POSITION.

THE MURRA MIA ABORIGINAL TENANTS ADVICE SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE NSW GOVERNMENT TAAP PROGRAM, PROVIDED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF FAIR-TRADING.

IN THIS POSITION, AN APPLICANT'S RACE IS A GENUINE QUALIFICATION, AND IS IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 14(d) OF THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT 1977.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31st OCTOBER 2006.

JOB DESCRIPTION ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING JIM ALLEN ON TOLL FREE 1800 672 185 OR 02 44 729 363.



the benevolent society initiating change

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Benevolent Society's purpose is to create caring and inclusive communities and a just society. We offer staff ongoing professional development and attractive salary packaging.

Aboriginal Case Manager

Part-Time (30.5 hours per week)

Based in Muswellbrook

The Benevolent Society's Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a new initiative committed to providing targeted support to vulnerable families to support them in caring for their children. The successful candidate will have a passion for working alongside Aboriginal families and will be responsible for case planning, implementation, monitoring, and review assessment in addition to delivering a home visiting service to provide practical support and skill development to parents in the home.

The Benevolent Society is working in partnership with Mulcoobins Aboriginal Corporation to deliver the EIP in the Lower and Upper Hunter.

For further information, please contact Marco Zaniol, Network Manager or Joy Reid on 02 4964835 or 0406384024 or go to our website. Written applications must address the selection criteria and be received by Friday 10th November 2006. These should be addressed to: Sarah Southwell, Human Resources, PO Box 171, Paddington, 2021 or via email at sarahs@bensoc.org.au

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Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Family Visitor

If you have a passion for working alongside vulnerable families and want to provide practical, emotional support; and to build on and improve parenting skills please see our advertisement at www.bensoc.org.au/jobs or speak with Matthew Solomon EIP Network Manager, Northern Sydney on Ph: 0406 384 068.

www.bensoc.org.au/jobs

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PROJECT OFFICER (ACYFS) (RE-ADVERTISED)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Burwood, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 06DADHC4726. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,591 p.a. (\$66,796-\$73,938) Included employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Working in collaboration with indigenous organisations, families, communities, children & young people, government & non-government agencies & other stakeholders to assist in the development implementation of the South East Sydney ACYFS plan. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated skills in working with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations. Degree in (or working towards) social sciences, planning, humanities, or other relevant tertiary qualification. Excellent written and oral communications skills. Capacity to analyse data, community need, develop strategic plans and service responses. Ability to balance competing demands, set priorities and meet deadlines. An understanding of the NSW Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy and the prevention, and early support approach. Current drivers licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position was previously advertised in the PSN of 11/10/06 and previous applicants will be carried forward. This is a temporary appointment/employment for a period of up to 12 months in terms of Sections 27 and 86 of the Public Employment and Management Act 2002. In this position, an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain an information package which contains the full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained within.

Inquiries: Nicole Henry (02) 9334-3700. **Information Packages:** (02) 9334-3781 or Jodie Porters@dadhc.nsw.gov.au.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: The Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006

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Project Officer

Division: TAB

Position No: 006623 (Recruitment Pool)

Salary/Level: L6 \$67,850 - \$75,183 p.a.

The Project Officer is responsible for supporting the analysis, development, review and implementation of a range of complex projects assigned to it, or as part of a team relating to the implementation and evaluation of local justice plans under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). This position liaises, engages and negotiates with Aboriginal communities and people and government and non-government agencies and other key stakeholders in facilitating, monitoring and evaluating justice plans to address the outcomes of the AJA.

This recruitment pool will run for 12 months to fill fixed term positions for the first 12 months then may become permanent positions on a full time basis thereafter.

For further job related information: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: (08) 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 13 November 2006 at 5pm.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMUNITY PROGRAM OFFICER ABORIGINAL

Clerk Grade 7/8, Illawarra, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 06DOCS5086. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,591 p.a. (\$66,796-\$73,938) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Community Program Officer (Aboriginal) is responsible for purchasing services from a range of organisations and individuals that are involved, in partnership with DoCS, in the provision of services to the community in Child & Family Services. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Proven experience in planning and service development, contracting and performance monitoring of human services. Knowledge of the human services sector, particularly services for Aboriginal communities. An understanding of disadvantage in the community and the policy context within which DoCS exists. Demonstrated relationship building, negotiation & analytical skills. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, including excellent written & verbal skills. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Applicants must complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and the Screening Consent Form contained in the Information Package.

Inquiries: Jelena Mealey (02) 4254 0312

Information Packages: Telephone: (02) 6200 5820 or hrsouthern@bzlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email: hrsouthern@bzlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 10 November 2006.

04/07/2006

DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (BUSINESS STREAM SUPPORT)

Clerk Grade 3/4, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 06DADHC5021. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,163 p.a. (\$49,792-\$54,520) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of administration, office management and document preparation support to the Manager, Business Stream Support. Assist in writing tasks and in monitoring, analysing and reporting on the Branch's budget performance. **Selection Criteria:** General administration experience in an office environment. Experience in handling competing priorities and a high volume of work. Ability to edit and write elementary briefing notes and submissions. Experience in taking meaningful and accurate minutes, preparing agendas and background papers. Ability to register and maintain workflow to and from the office; track to ensure work requests are acted on and completed within timeframes. Ability to interpret and apply human resources, purchasing and financial regulations and guidelines. Knowledge of records management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions, using document tracking software. Secretarial or administration qualifications through TAFE or a recognised business college, and/or equivalent experience in executive assistance or administration. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and the Screening Consent Forms contained within.

Inquiries: Lucy Limbers 9277 5662. **Information Packages:** 1800 149 919 or sharon.coald@bzlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: JobsDADHC@bzlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, Level 8, Locked Bag 7406, Liverpool BC 1871. Closing Date: Friday 03 November 2006

04/07/2006

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15458 This application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 9 km W from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°08'S Long.144°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 21 km SE from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°20'S Long.144°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 3: Approx. 14 km S from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°17'S Long.144°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 278 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 85 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 796 y 868 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 869 f, g, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 870 l, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 941 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, p, r, s, t, u 942 a, b, c, f, g, i, m, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 943 v, w, x 1014 d, e, k 1015 c, d, j, o, p, u 1016 f, g, l, m Area of Part 2: 39 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1088 l, q, r, v, w, y 1160 a, b, c, d, h, j Area of Part 3: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1087 g, m	Kagara Pty Ltd 101 738 096
EPM15459 This application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 13 km WSW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°11'S Long.144°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 15 km ESE from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°13'S Long.144°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 3: Approx. 17 km SSE from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°18'S Long.144°34'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 4: Approx. 14 km S from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°17'S Long.144°31'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 226 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 69 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 940 d, e, j, k, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 941 f, l, q, v, w, x, y, z 942 v 1012 c, d, e, h, j, k 1013 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, w, x, y 1014 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1086 a, d, e Area of Part 2: 36 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1016 h, j, n, o, s, t, u, y, z 1017 q, v Area of Part 3: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1087 h, j, n, o, p, r, s, u, y, z Area of Part 4: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1087 f, l	Kagara Pty Ltd 101 738 096

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1425, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy Landcentre, Corner of Culture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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 Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000.

Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qidreg@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 30, 279 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted under, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 279 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 November 2006



NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL CLAIMS

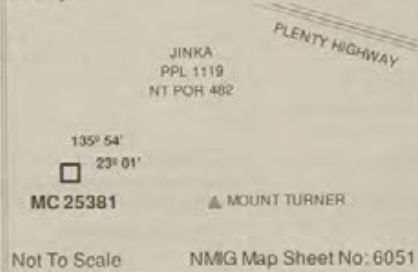
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts, namely to grant the following mineral claims in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Claim 25380 sought by HEART OF THE EARTH BYRON BAY PTY LTD, ACN 111 445 197 over an area of 6 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 10 years, within the BRAHMA locality.

Mineral Claim 25381 sought by HEART OF THE EARTH BYRON BAY PTY LTD, ACN 111 445 197 over an area of 7 Hectares depicted below, for a term of 10 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral claim under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals and carry out such works as are reasonably necessary for these purposes including (but not limited to) the removal of mining materials from the claim area and the treatment of tailings for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewals. The term sought for is 10 years commencing from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: 25 October 2006

Plea to tell history 'in our words'

Indigenous Australians have had their identity defined for them and had been described as less human or intelligent than non-Indigenous people – more like flora and fauna, according to an Aboriginal academic.

"They have said we communicate knowledge orally and less reliably than non-Indigenous people who have the writing skills, that we practise lore, not law, have tools and weapons, not technologies, and artefacts, not art," said Associate Professor Nerida Blair.

In delivering one of the Rob Riley Memorial

Lectures at Curtin University's Bentley campus in Perth, Associate Professor Blair said: "As Indigenous peoples, we have been defined by research that has been conducted by Eurocentric colonisers, anthropologists, archaeologists, linguists, social scientists and historians."

"We have had our identity defined for us and this identity constructs us as disadvantaged – less human or intelligent than non-Indigenous peoples – and more like flora and fauna."

Associate Professor Blair gave the first of four memorial lectures by Visiting Indigenous Research Fellows at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) at Curtin.

Dr Irene Watson will present a lecture titled 'Universal Human Rights versus Cultural Relativism: What's Culture got to do with it?' from 4pm to 6.30pm on Tuesday, October 31, in the Norm Duffy Lecture Theatre at the Bentley campus.

Dr Kylie Cripps will present 'Indigenous family violence – from moral action to moral panic', from noon to 1.30pm on Wednesday, November 29.

Began in 2004

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University established the Rob Riley Memorial Lecture in 2004. The lecture helps to uphold the memory of one of Western Australia's key Indigenous figures, the late Rob Riley, who was nationally acknowledged as one of the great leaders in the land rights and native title, reconciliation and stolen generation

debates and whose death was mourned across Australia.

The inaugural lecture in 2004 was presented by the former chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Pat Dodson.

In her address, Associate Professor Blair challenged some stories of Indigenous history in Australia.

Associate Professor Blair is from the Waka Waka country and was raised in Melbourne. She has worked in the fields of education and social justice for three decades in NSW, Canberra and Victoria. She is currently Associate Professor (Research) and Director of the Umuliko Indigenous Research Centre at the University of Newcastle.

Erased

Associate Professor Blair said research has had a lot to answer for over the years as it had sometimes erased Indigenous culture and history.

"We need to do our own research and tell our stories and history in our own ways," she said.

"We must centre Indigenous voices, knowledges and laws and create our own space as we can no longer try to fit in to Eurocentric knowledges and visions."

"I believe research is important in this context – we must create our own models, then we will begin to truly define ourselves and accept ourselves and our place as true innovators in this country."

Head of CAS Associate Professor Pat Dudgeon said Associate Professor Blair's address was an inspirational tribute to Rob Riley.



Pat Dodson, who delivered the first Rob Riley Memorial Lecture at Curtin University in 2004.

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of applications for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 8 November 2006

These applications are 'Non-Claimant Applications', ie an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the applications described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 7 February 2007. After 7 February 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a 'relevant native title claim' (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 7 February 2007, the area may be subject to section 24FA protection and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Registrar may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Eraring Energy

Non-native title interest: Site Investigation Licence (LI 387605)

Federal Court File No: NSD1685 of 2006

Location: The area subject to this application covers an area of approximately 0.35km² and is located about 26km south-west of Newcastle and east of Lake Macquarie as shown on the locality map.

The application adjoins the northern boundary of Lot 11 DP 1050120 to the ridge line at Awaba. The land borders the eastern border of Lot 100 DP 828283 and the western border of Lot 383 DP 727264.

The application falls within the Lake Macquarie City Council local government area.



Applicant's name: Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLC, Minister for Lands for the State of NSW as the State Minister under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Non-native title interest: Minister responsible for administering the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

Federal Court File No: NSD1708 of 2006

Location: The area subject to this application covering 2.3 hectares is located within the town of Camberwell approximately 12km north-west of Singleton and is contained with Lot 1, Section 15 Deposited Plan 758214 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Singleton Shire Council local government area.

Data statement: non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Dept of Lands, Land and Property Information Division, NSW.

FOR ASSISTANCE OR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, CALL THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL ON FREECALL 1800 640 501.



Works like 'The Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek' are included in the 'Books from our Backyard' series.

Reading goal of initiative



Aboriginal authors and illustrators are part of a Queensland Government initiative to get children reading.

In a first for Queensland, the Department of State Development has created a publication called 'Books from our Backyard'. Must-read books from Queensland which highlights the works of 100 of the State's top authors and illustrators.

'Books from our Backyard' features works by Indigenous authors and illustrators Bridget Primar (Townsville), Robbie Paul (Townsville), Jaquanna Elliott (Townsville), Trevor Fournile (Ipswich), Lillian Fournile (Mareeba), Ruth Hegarty (Brisbane), Fiona Doyle (Brisbane), Herb Wharton and the late Sylvia Emmerton.

Launching 'Books from our Backyard' at Regent's Park Primary School with Brisbane author Narelle Oliver, State Development Minister John Mickel said the publication was a free, comprehensive resource tool for teachers and librarians looking to buy suitable books for their classrooms and libraries.

"When it comes to authors and illustrators, we have an enormous wealth of talent in Queensland and we want to see that talent promoted to Queensland's budding bookworms," Mr Mickel said.

"Our teachers have been crying out for a reference tool like this for years - local stories from our own backyard that are relevant to our

young and teenage readers.

"Books from our Backyard" will not only engage students with its Queensland flavour; the publication actively supports an important sector of our economy - our creative industries."

The State's creative industries are worth \$3.4 billion to the economy annually, with \$878.3 million of that output attributed to the writing and publishing sector.

Mr Mickel said 'Books from our Backyard' was a great outcome not only for the Queensland Books in Schools project; it will also allow local authors' stories to be more widely read.

The Queensland Books in Schools project is a major initiative of the Queensland Government's creative industries strategy. 'Creativity is Big Business', and is designed to help Queensland authors and illustrators maximise their commercial opportunities through the education system and provide them with an income source.

"We estimate that if every school in Queensland purchases just one class set of 30 Queensland books a year, we could generate over \$900,000 in sales for Queensland books annually," Mr Mickel said.

'Books from our Backyard', which has been published with the help of the Queensland Writers Centre, provides teachers with a synopsis of the stories as well as information on accessing teaching notes and booking authors and illustrators for school visits. It will be supplemented with online resources and updates.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for State Development C/- Dept. of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/438	Quarry Park Pty Ltd	6.97ha	51km Ely of Broome	Lat 17°49' Long 122°41'	Broome
31/475	Heron Resources Ltd	120.69ha	100km Ely of Merredin	Lat 29°42' Long 122°04'	Merredin
37/126-7 & 37/1136-7	Sir Samuel Mines NL	3038.77ha	59km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 120°49'	Leonora
45/1152	John Robert Venn Money	203.36ha	66km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 26°53' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
59/534-7	Prosperity Resources (Yalgoo) Pty Ltd	2827.69ha	15km Ely of Yalgoo	Lat 28°17' Long 116°49'	Yalgoo
77/1079	WA Salt Koolyanobbing Pty Ltd	161.34ha	20km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°40' Long 119°23'	Yalgoo

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: 25 October 2006

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 25 January 2007. 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. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 25 February 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Mining Registrar C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4459	Kim James Harris	4.84ha	12km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°13' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
15/4460	Kim James Harris	9.69ha	11km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
20/1959	Symon Alexander Yates	25.63ha	70km NWly of Cui	Lat 26°57' Long 117°24'	Cui
24/903	Steven Colin Caporn	81.12ha	59km S'ly of Merredin	Lat 30°12' Long 120°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1856	Lakewood Mill Pty Ltd	44.52ha	41km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/1867	Lakewood Mill Pty Ltd	116.07ha	41km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3172-4	Lakewood Mill Pty Ltd	345.59ha	31km NEly of Kalbarra	Lat 31°03' Long 121°56'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1002	Neville Peter Joseph	9.79ha	62km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/6922	St. Barbara Ltd	62.59ha	12km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°18'	Leonora
37/6927-95	St. Barbara Ltd	1556.12ha	40km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°20' Long 121°00'	Leonora
37/7014	St. Barbara Ltd	127.09ha	17km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°13'	Leonora
37/7017	St. Barbara Ltd	173.77ha	9km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°20'	Leonora
37/7018-9	St. Barbara Ltd	375.1ha	9km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°22'	Leonora
37/7021	Evelyn Marie Trueman	15.8ha	23km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/7022-3	St. Barbara Ltd	267.19ha	44km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°35' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/7024	St. Barbara Ltd	9.85ha	9km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°17'	Leonora
37/7025	St. Barbara Ltd	14.89ha	10km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°16'	Leonora
38/3319-20	Diversity Resources Pty Ltd	294.31ha	30km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/3325	Victor Ronald Winkles	9.99ha	21km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/3339-43	Newmont Wiluna Gold Pty Ltd	666.68ha	56km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°57' Long 122°19'	Laverton
39/4487	Broad Resources Limited	173.72ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 121°56'	Laverton/Leonora
39/4488	Broad Resources Limited	197.64ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 121°55'	Leonora
39/4489	Broad Resources Limited	173.1ha	57km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°55'	Laverton/Leonora
39/4500	Broad Resources Limited	200ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 121°56'	Laverton/Leonora
39/4501	Broad Resources Limited	190.40ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 121°56'	Laverton/Leonora
39/4502	Broad Resources Limited	66.5ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°56'	Leonora
39/4503	Broad Resources Limited	178.1ha	57km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°57' Long 121°54'	Leonora
39/4504-8	Broad Resources Limited	929.03ha	56km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°50'	Laverton
39/4522	A1 Minerals Ltd	161.07ha	49km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°07' Long 121°49'	Leonora
39/4523	A1 Minerals Ltd	120.75ha	49km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°49'	Leonora
39/4537	Rage Resources NL	200ha	49km SWly of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 121°59'	Laverton
39/4543	A1 Minerals Ltd	121ha	49km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°49'	Leonora
39/4544	A1 Minerals Ltd	130.94ha	49km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°49'	Leonora
39/4545	A1 Minerals Ltd	120.84ha	49km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°49'	Leonora
39/4546	A1 Minerals Ltd	120.21ha	51km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°59' Long 121°50'	Leonora
39/4547	A1 Minerals Ltd	9.7ha	60km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°50'	Leonora
39/4557-9	Heron Resources Ltd	536.30ha	39km Wly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 122°01'	Laverton
45/2574	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	154.87ha	49km NWly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°49' Long 119°30'	East Pilbara
45/2620	Michael Timothy Kitchin	7.62ha	32km SWly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°47' Long 119°34'	Meekatharra
51/2550	Yellow River Gold Pty Ltd	183.29ha	24km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 28°39' Long 121°32'	Widaro
53/1251	Western Australian Resources Ltd	161.76ha	131km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 28°53' Long 120°59'	Wiluna
53/1276-8	Furze Technologies Pty Ltd	570.11ha	70km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°48' Long 121°53'	Wiluna
53/1283	Nature Resources Pty Ltd	199.32ha	64km Wly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°26'	Sandstone
57/1106	Legend Mining Ltd	166.09ha	73km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°34' Long 118°56'	Sandstone
57/1107	Charles Peter Bucherera	9.98ha	6km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
58/1356-8	Julie Anne Ganville Terrence Harold Little David Albert Chadwick Michael Terrence Leyland	446.30ha	7km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
58/1359	Julie Anne Ganville Terrence Harold Little David Albert Chadwick Michael Terrence Leyland	126.37ha	7km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
58/1360-1	Julie Anne Ganville Terrence Harold Little David Albert Chadwick Michael Terrence Leyland	242.50ha	11km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet
58/1740-4	Sco-Mak Pty Ltd	425.93ha	60km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°00' Long 117°04'	Yalgoo
58/1751	Osmond Michael Senouhar	4.66ha	14m NEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°41'	Yalgoo
58/1752-6	Royal Resources Ltd	975.58ha	30km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 28°03' Long 117°26'	Yalgoo
59/1753-61	Grindale Metals Ltd	504.74ha	30km SEly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°54' Long 116°50'	Yalgoo
59/1762	Minar Gold Pty Ltd	120.99ha	10km S'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°25' Long 116°43'	Yalgoo
63/361-2	Royal Resources Ltd	231.36ha	9km Ely of Newman	Lat 32°11' Long 121°48'	Dundas

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.

Notification day: 25 October 2006

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Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licensee may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 25 February 2007), 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 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9222 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Mining Registrar C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
46/1583	RMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	102.00ha	4km NW of Newman	Lat 28°07' Long 120°26'	East Pilbara
47/1270	RMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	98.54ha	74km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°32' Long 117°05'	Ashburton

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.

Notification day: 25 October 2006

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 25 January 2007. 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. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The prospecting licences may be granted it, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 25 February 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the prospecting licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1596	Redgrove Investments Pty Ltd	29.27km ²	73km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°12' Long 124°54'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1597	AJ Exploration Geology Pty Ltd	658.41km ²	83km NE of Derby	Lat 16°56' Long 124°18'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1327	Minor Resources NL	443.06km ²	130km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°20' Long 118°14'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1334	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	92.03km ²	153km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°49' Long 115°53'	Ashburton
09/1341	Thundarra Exploration Ltd	77.02km ²	148km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°28' Long 116°31'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1348	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	125.22km ²	137km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°55' Long 115°48'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
09/1349	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	140.65km ²	147km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°07' Long 116°14'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1350	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	21.89km ²	159km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°00' Long 116°16'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1351	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	194.29km ²	165km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°47' Long 116°03'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
15/756	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	205.04km ²	60km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°21' Long 122°17'	Coorale
25/292	Rushwin Pty Ltd	58.96km ²	50km E of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°43' Long 122°05'	Kalbarrie-Boulder City
26/120	Dominion Mining NL	23.9km ²	14km NW of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°20'	Kalbarrie-Boulder City
26/1654	Alplex Ltd	312.89km ²	117km NW of Balladonia	Lat 31°29' Long 123°23'	Dundas/Kalbarrie-Boulder City
36/582	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	162.97km ²	67km SW of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 120°20'	Leonora/Menzies
36/583	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	150.74km ²	78km S of Leonora	Lat 28°33' Long 120°25'	Menzies
37/842	Regency Resources Ltd	123.59km ²	60km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°41'	Liverton/Leonora
37/857	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	211.36km ²	64km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°18' Long 121°12'	Leonora
38/1898	Englefield Holdings Pty Ltd	405.89km ²	129km E of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 120°37'	Liverton/Menzies
38/1900	Zeldan Enterprises Pty Ltd	11.58km ²	71km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°58'	Liverton/Menzies
38/1901	Drake Resources Ltd	157.31km ²	161km NE of Kalbarrie	Lat 30°01' Long 122°55'	Kalbarrie-Boulder City/Menzies
38/1935	Englefield Holdings Pty Ltd	514.44km ²	127km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°14' Long 123°30'	Menzies
45/2844	Dukeston Consolidated Ltd	38.3km ²	61km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°19' Long 119°11'	East Pilbara
45/2845	Dukeston Consolidated Ltd	54.31km ²	54km W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°13' Long 119°14'	East Pilbara
45/2784	Harcos Mining NL	143.63km ²	43km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°21' Long 119°23'	East Pilbara
45/2794	Atlas Iron Ltd	140.06km ²	67km W of Nullagine	Lat 22°02' Long 119°29'	East Pilbara
45/2807	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	222.38km ²	66km E of Willemunda	Lat 22°24' Long 119°09'	Ashburton/East Pilbara
46/512	Tantakum Pty Ltd	158.03km ²	23km SE of Nullagine	Lat 22°04' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara
46/533	Ro Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	203.22km ²	48km S of Nullagine	Lat 22°18' Long 120°13'	East Pilbara
46/579	Wib Pty Ltd	223.03km ²	19km NW of Nullagine	Lat 21°47' Long 120°00'	East Pilbara
46/583	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	221.72km ²	104km SW of Nullagine	Lat 22°29' Long 119°19'	East Pilbara
46/584	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	221.70km ²	86km SW of Nullagine	Lat 22°30' Long 119°30'	East Pilbara
46/585-9	Harcos Prospecting Pty Ltd	961.27km ²	48km W of Newman	Lat 22°47' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
47/1629	Jupiler Mines Ltd	79.57km ²	40km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°33' Long 117°22'	Ashburton
51/1161	Acord Resources NL	215.86km ²	13km W of Meekatharra	Lat 26°33' Long 118°22'	Meekatharra
52/1960	Aurora Resources Ltd	65.1km ²	144km N of Wiluna	Lat 25°22' Long 119°44'	Meekatharra
52/1973	Aurora Resources Ltd	501.06km ²	164km S of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°40' Long 117°43'	Meekatharra/Upper Gascoyne
52/1983	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	105.6km ²	152km E of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°55' Long 116°42'	Upper Gascoyne
53/1167	MP Nickel Pty Ltd	70.33km ²	63km S of Wiluna	Lat 27°07' Long 120°27'	Wiluna
53/1237	Nature Resources Pty Ltd	42.9km ²	80km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 120°55'	Wiluna
56/510	Petrol Ltd	36.4km ²	33km S of Cue	Lat 27°43' Long 117°48'	Cue/Mount Magnet
63/1040	Alplex Ltd	95.86km ²	54km W of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°12'	Dundas
63/1050	Avoca Resources Ltd	11.63km ²	37km NE of Norseman	Lat 32°01' Long 122°06'	Dundas
63/1051	Avoca Resources Ltd	11.64km ²	34km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°57' Long 121°56'	Dundas
63/1052	Avoca Resources Ltd	14.59km ²	39km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°57' Long 122°04'	Dundas
63/1053	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km ²	33km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°56' Long 121°57'	Dundas
63/1054	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km ²	43km NE of Norseman	Lat 31°55' Long 122°06'	Dundas
68/2226	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	424.73km ²	269km S of Telfer	Lat 24°19' Long 123°11'	Wiluna
70/2911	Quattro Resources Pty Ltd	200.65km ²	21km E of Wagin	Lat 33°18' Long 117°34'	Dumbleyung/Wagin/Woodanilling
70/2927	Diamond John Foyes Anthony Warren Slater	105.79km ²	19km SE of Wongan Hills	Lat 31°00' Long 118°48'	Goornaling/Wongan-Baldie
70/2947	Diamond John Foyes Anthony Warren Slater	73.21km ²	23km NW of Merredin	Lat 31°21' Long 119°05'	Yellaberrin/Merredin/Nargan
80/3687-8	Coldis Resources Pty Ltd	1297.29km ²	42km S of Halls Creek	Lat 18°35' Long 127°48'	Halls Creek
80/3690	Coldis Resources Pty Ltd	561.09km ²	81km S of Halls Creek	Lat 18°57' Long 127°41'	Halls Creek
80/3709	Mungin Gold Pty Ltd	628.83km ²	129km SE of Halls Creek	Lat 18°40' Long 128°48'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: 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: 25 October 2006

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One of the works by Gunditjmarra artist Bronwyn Razem on show during the 'Symbols of Identity' exhibition at Melbourne Museum.

Exhibition highlights 'Identity'



A new exhibition in the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Centre at Melbourne Museum highlights the many

facets of identity for Gunditjmarra artist Bronwyn Razem.

Presenting images of proud and powerful Indigenous people, Ms Razem's first major exhibition, 'Symbols of Identity', acknowledges her quest to strengthen her identity as an Indigenous person living in two worlds – black and white.

'Symbols of Identity' is a retrospective exhibition, collecting together contrasting large-scale paintings created by Ms Razem over the past three years.

The museum says that by joining strong visual effects with creative symbols, she has developed a style and technique reflecting her personal perspective on the world as an Aboriginal woman and artist.

Born in Warrnambool and originating from the Gunditjmarra Clan in the Western District of Victoria, Ms Razem was taught traditional basket weaving by her mother Zaida Couzens. From this formative experience, she has developed a great respect for her heritage, and continues to explore its many facets through her art.

"Our cultural roots speak to us at the deepest level of our being," she comments.

"The journey I walk in this life has always been led by my quest for greater knowledge and understanding of the tangible and intangible elements of my culture and of this Earth."

lands of my own people, as well as that of other people and the wider community – all have created the diverse tapestry that is called Australia."

Ms Razem has been short-listed for the 2006 Victorian Indigenous Arts Awards, after receiving a high commendation in the inaugural 2005 competition. She co-ordinated the Ballarat Possum Skin Cloak project, featured in the opening ceremony for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Ms Razem has taught textiles and basket weaving at the University of Ballarat, where she is completing a Master of Arts by

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research on Victorian Indigenous basket weaving.

"Bunjilaka is honoured to be presenting the work of such an outstanding artist, who is now developing her work in new and fascinating ways," says manager Caroline Martin.

"Bronwyn vividly expresses her identity as a Victorian Indigenous woman through her art. I particularly enjoy her use of natural and unusual materials, such as sand and wool, to make amazingly tactile works."

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Bunjilaka hosts an annual program of changing community exhibitions in the Birrarung Gallery, celebrating the creativity of Indigenous individuals and communities from across Victoria.

'Symbols of Identity' will be shown until February 2007 at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Centre at Melbourne Museum.



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A book written when the author was just nine years old will be launched in Perth on Sunday, November 29. Magabala Books describe 'The Lizard Gang' as a 'beautiful children's book imbued with a contemporary moral tale about teamwork and relationships', illustrated by the award-winning Grace Fielding.



KIRRA SOMERVILLE

Incredibly, the author, Kirra Somerville, was only nine years old when she wrote this story.

Kirra is a descendent of the Martu people from the Western Desert region of Western Australia.

She was born in Perth in 1995 and goes to school there with her twin sister, Jarra.

Magabala Books became aware of this gifted young writer when her story, 'The Lizard Gang', won a prize in the 2004 WA Children's Book Council of Australia 'Make Your Own Storybook Competition'.

Kirra's inspiration to write this story occurred after witnessing the floods in Broome and Karratha. Her love of lizards determined the creatures used to tell her tale.

This contemporary moral tale reinforces the importance of learning to identify not only one's own strengths, but also the strength in others.

'The Lizard Gang' characters are brought to life by the artwork of Grace Fielding.

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1324	Paul Winston Askins	306.12km ²	151km NE'y of Kalbarri	Lat 27°06' Long 115°32'	Murchison
47/1531	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	50.68km ²	45km N'y of Tom Price	Lat 22°18' Long 117°41'	Ashburton
74/286	South Coast Metals Pty Ltd	11.46km ²	12km N'y of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°28' Long 120°01'	Ravensthorpe

Nature of the act: 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: 25 October 2006

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15268	Approx. 15 km SSW of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°45' S Long.141°48' E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Aurukun and Cook	Area: 80 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 622 d, e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y 623 f 694 b, c, g, h, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	Oresome Australia Pty Ltd 071 762 484
EPM15278	Part 1: Approx. 45 km NE of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°20' S Long.142°09' E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook Part 2: Approx. 63 km NE of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°12' S Long.142°16' E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area of Part 1: 154 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 46 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 266 h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 267 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 338 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 339 a, b, f, g, i, m Area of Part 2: 60 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 123 z 195 e, k, p, u, z 196 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, v 267 e	Cape Alumina Pty Ltd 107 837 694

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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 Exploration Permits. 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.

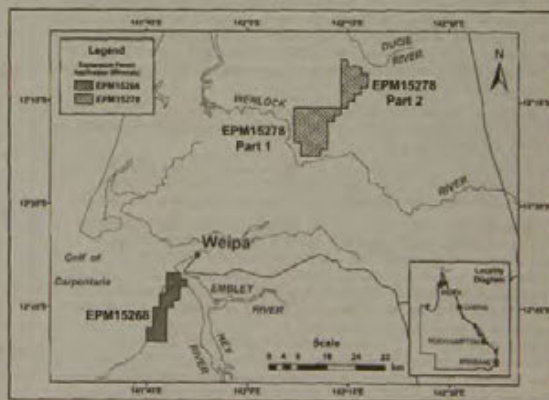
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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building, Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 November 2006



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for State Development C/- Dept of Industry and Resources, 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
80/3304	Maincoast Pty Ltd	KP2/67	354.99ha	166km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°14' Long 127°16'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3308	George Francis Lee	KP4/67	27.95ha	83km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°50' Long 127°12'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 October 2006

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **25 January 2007**. 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. 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. **25 February 2007**), 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 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Dept of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

A guide to help people navigate legal mire



A guide to legal services for Aboriginal people in NSW and the ACT will be launched in Sydney the week after next.

The guide is aimed at assisting Aboriginal people and organisations working with Aboriginal people to locate appropriate legal services in NSW and the ACT.

It is a comprehensive directory of legal services – civil and criminal – available to Aboriginal people in NSW and the ACT. In a format designed to be easily accessible to workers and clients, the guide sets out the contact details for each agency and the services they provide.

It is the first time that such a comprehensive directory of relevant services has been made available in this format.

As well as setting out the details of each agency and service in an easy-to-use directory, the guide contains an extensive index of legal problems, ranging from apprehended violence orders (AVOs) to wills, referring workers and clients to the relevant services in their area. Those services that provide an Aboriginal-specific service are also identified.

The idea for the guide came from the first meeting of the NSW Legal Assistance Forum (NLAFF) Working Group on Aboriginal Clients.

The guide will be launched by NSW Attorney-General Bob Debus at Parliament House, at 10am on November 8.

The guide is a joint effort by the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd and the NLAFF.

Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM15630	Approx. 46 km SSE from Collinsville Centred at Lat.20°57' S Long.147°59'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Bowen and Nebo	Area: 320 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 767 t, u, y, z 768 m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 769 g, h, i, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 839 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 840 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 841 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 842 q, v 913 c, d, e, h, j, k 914 a, f	Conquest Mining Limited 009 232 277
EPM15637	Approx. 9 km W from Eungella Centred at Lat.21°02' S Long.148°24'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mirani and Nebo	Area: 278 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 87 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 917 r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 918 q, v, w 988 x, y, z 989 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, v, w 990 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1060 d, e, k 1061 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u 1062 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s 1063 a, f	Conquest Mining Limited 009 232 277

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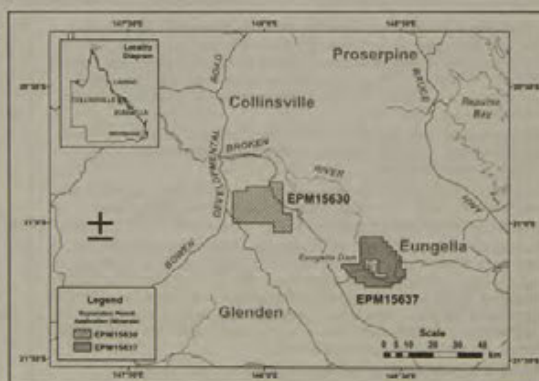
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Notification Day: 17 November 2006



Pitjantjatjara story at the Opera House

'Ngapartji Ngapartji' a performance that traces the true story of one of the world's oldest nations – the Spinifex people – will premiere at the Sydney Opera House on November 1.

It will run until November 5.

In a deceptively simple theatrical form, performers, including Elders and young people from the Pitjantjatjara community, share their story through Pitjantjatjara language and culture.

Created by principal performer and Spinifex man Trevor Jamieson ('Rabbit Proof Fence', 'Bran Nue Dae', 'Crying Baby', 'Corrugation Road'), with writer and director Scott Rankin ('Box the Pony', 'Beasty Girl', 'Certified Male'), 'Ngapartji Ngapartji' (narp-ar-gee, narp-ar-gee) captures the complexities of Jamieson's family and their journey through the 20th century.

Weaving in Mr Jamieson's story in his native tongue, themes of family, land, the Dreamtime and the Cold War permeate the performance.

The presentation begins with a language lesson, before moving on to traditional singing, western songs sung in Pitjantjatjara language, storytelling, theatre and film.

Teaching the audience to speak and understand some Pitjantjatjara will give those who have never been to the Red Centre a new level of appreciation and experience, as well as new insights into one of the world's oldest cultures.

Performed over five nights, each night revolves around a different key area of Pitjantjatjara life such as Anangu (Body), Walytja (Family), Ngura (Country), Tjukurpa (Law and Culture).

● Times: Wed-Sat @ 8.15pm, Sun @ 5.15pm. Prices: \$25 full / \$20 conc. - All 5 sessions \$110 / \$90 conc. Bookings: (02) 9250 7777 or online at sydneyoperahouse.com/messagesticks



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Disturbing child sex abuse accounts heard by inquiry



Disturbing and tragic stories have been heard by an inquiry into child sex abuse in remote Aboriginal communities, prompting one case to be passed on to police, says its co-chair, Pat Anderson.

The high-profile inquiry was launched by the Northern Territory Government in June amid reports that child sex abuse was rampant and going unreported in some remote areas of central Australia.

Among the allegations were that children as young as five had contracted sexually transmitted diseases and that young girls were being prostituted for petrol in Mutitjulu, near Uluru.

The full board of the inquiry has met for the first time in Darwin to discuss the 50 meetings it has had with government agencies, service delivery organisations and Aboriginal communities since August.

"All are conscious of the difficulties we've got," said co-chair Rex Wild, QC, who has already spoken to people in 10 communities, including Alice Springs, Mutitjulu, Katherine and Timber Creek.

By the time the inquiry stops hearing evidence in February, it will have heard from 25 communities to report findings some time in April.

Ms Anderson, who was also present at the meetings, said they heard distressing accounts of abuse.

"This is a really stressful area, it's stressful for the people we are speaking to, it's hard for them to respond to us, it's hard for us," she said.

"We are hearing distressing and tragic stories almost every day but that's the nature of this particular beast ... it's not a picnic."

Following these discussions, Ms Anderson said one case was referred to police about four weeks ago.

"We asked them to investigate a matter that had come to our attention, they've done the investigation and they have come back to us with a response," Ms Anderson said.

"The matter has been dealt with ... it hasn't led to any further action as a result of that, though."

Superintendent Colleen Gwynne said a young boy had been interviewed by police and an ongoing protective assessment was undertaken.

No charges were laid over the matter because there was no evidence of abuse, she said.

The inquiry into child sex abuse was in the spotlight after it was revealed NT Chief Minister Clare Martin had known about the child abuse allegations 18 months before she ordered a formal investigation.

Ms Anderson said it was important to break down the wall of silence and find solutions to "this phenomenon".

"We are having quiet group discussions on the ground. There will be some people who won't talk to us but enough people will," she said.

"People are really concerned about this, distressed about it - men, women and organisations." - AAP



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the Northern Territory

Notification day: 8 November 2006

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806, Darwin NT 0801, on or before 7 February 2007. After 7 February 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



If you have a calendar listing email it to calendar@koorimail.com or fax to (02) 66 222 600.

Until October 28: The 8th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival will be held in the Balgo Community - Wirrimanu.

For more information contact Neil on (08) 9192 1325 or Paul on (08) 9168 8619.

Until October 26: Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is holding a three-day workshop to be held in Coffs Harbour, NSW, from 9am - 4pm. The workshops will focus on how to start your own successful business.

For more details contact Michelle on (02) 6643 5944 or email michelle.rorato@iba.gov.au

October 27-28: 2006 Australian

Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining and Exploration Conference in Perth, WA. This year's two-day conference will include panel discussions and networking opportunities as well as international and Australian speakers. For more information phone Rose on (03) 5244 5300 or visit www.aboriginalmining.com

October 27-29: Link-Up (NSW) is

holding their Annual Link-Up weekend for all members/clients as well as its annual general meeting.

It will be held at 'Illaroo' in West Cambewarra, near Nowra.

To confirm attendance contact Kylie at Link-Up (NSW) on our free call 1800 624 332 or email kylie@nsw.link-up.org.au

October 29-November 3: The 2006 National Indigenous Golf Championships will be held at the Growling Frog Golf Course, Yan Yean, Victoria.

For details contact Bob on 0407 513 357.

November 2-3: The ASA and AECG will be holding their 12th conference 'Aboriginal Studies: Making the Connections' at the Bankstown Sports Club.

For information visit the website www.asa.nsw.edu.au

November 11: KARI Gala Dinner Dance - 'Celebrating Our Community and Culture'. Venue: The Grand Ball Room, Sunnybrook Motel Convention Centre, Warwick Farm, NSW. \$20 a person including meal and beverages package, 18 years and above only. Entertainment includes Blake Ralph and the All Stars Band, Adrian Ross and Sarah Bertram. Contact Carol or Cheryl on (02) 9822 4922.

November 13-15: The International Diabetes Federation, Diabetes in Indigenous People Forum will be held in Melbourne.

For more details contact the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health at <http://www.craa.org.au/> or call (08) 8927 8488.

November 16: A 'Learning Tolerance Seminar' will be held by the City of Ryde Community Harmony Reference Group. For more information contact Lee on (02) 9952 8083.

December 3-5: An E-Learning Symposium will be held at RMIT University in Melbourne. For more details visit the website www.learningsymposium.com

December 9-11: An 'Around the Bush Campfire' camp will be held in the Wattagan State Forests for women to discuss Aboriginal issues. For more information contact Helen on (02) 6249 1277.

February 1-3 2007: Yalukit Wilam Ngargee - People Place Gathering, featuring music, performance, market stalls, visual art display and children's activities. Boonewrong Country - St Kilda. For more details contact (03) 9209 6502 or www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/indigenous.html

February 20-22, 2007: Government Marketing 2007. IQPC presents a three-day learning and development forum to give insights and inspiration to help produce campaigns that get results. For more details contact Sam Morrow on (02) 9229 1067 or email sam.morrow@iqpc.com.au.

Until March 2007: A major Melbourne Museum exhibition at Bunjilaka for the Commonwealth Games. An exhibition of 'contemporary etched and burnt possum skin cloaks by Indigenous artists Lee Darroch, Treahna Hamm and Vicki Couzens. It also includes works from the old Melbourne Museum collection, old photos, and other contemporary pieces. The project aims to inform the public about the continuing Indigenous cultural tradition of making possum skin cloaks. Contact (03) 9658 9658 for details.

Until June 30, 2007: An exhibition of surviving photographs from the records of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board from 1924-1966 will be held at State Records Gallery, The Rocks, from September 8. For details contact Susan on (02) 8247 8624.

July 1-21, 2007: 'About F.A.C.E.' is a faith and cultural exchange, which provides an opportunity for young adults to spend time in Indigenous communities here and overseas. For more details contact (08) 8236 4240.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM15419	Approx. 121 km SSW from Kidston Centred at Lat.19°45'S Long.143°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Richmond	Area: 322 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3162 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3234 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3235 q, r, s, v, w, x 3306 d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3307 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3378 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	Pepinnini Minerals Limited 101 714 989
EPM15523	Approx. 40 km ESE from Kidston Centred at Lat.19°05'S Long.144°28'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge	Area: 97 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2598 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2670 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	Pepinnini Minerals Limited 101 714 989
EPM15571	Approx. 70 km SSE from Kidston Centred at Lat.19°29'S Long.144°21'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Dalrymple and Etheridge	Area: 100 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2956 a, t, u, x, y, z 2957 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2958 f 3028 c, d, e 3029 a, b, c, d, e	Pepinnini Minerals Limited 101 714 989
EPM15646	Approx. 57 km ESE from Kidston Centred at Lat.19°07'S Long.144°38'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Etheridge and Dalrymple	Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 99 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2599 c, k, p, u, z 2600 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2601 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2671 c, k, p, u, z 2672 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2673 l, q, r, v, w 2743 c, k, p, u 2744 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty. Ltd. 006 195 982

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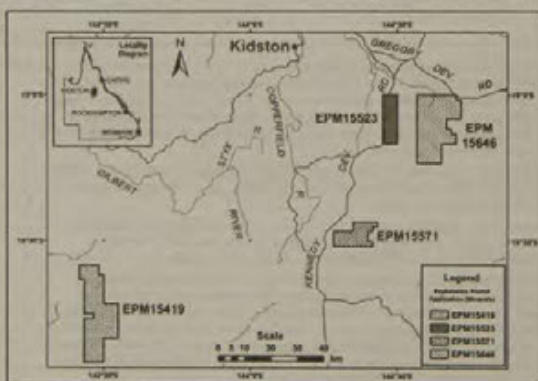
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Notification Day: 17 November 2006



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NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

BRETT WILLIAM HASSETT and MARGARET ELLEN HASSETT has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE, 100MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

at/adjacent to Lot 1/970989 in the Parish of BLOWERING, County of BUCCLEUCH

For Irrigation:

at/adjacent to Lot 1/1103080 in the Parish of BLOWERING, County of BUCCLEUCH.

at/adjacent to Lot 1/970989 in the Parish of BLOWERING, County of BUCCLEUCH.

at/adjacent to Lot 2/1103080 in the Parish of BLOWERING, County of BUCCLEUCH

New license as a result of property subdivision.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530728.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 22/11/2006. Please quote the application number 360 on all correspondence.

Steve Webb
Resource Access Manager
MURRUMBIDGEE REGION
Department of Natural Resources
PO BOX 156, LEETON NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 25/10/2006.

Closing Date: 22/11/2006.

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JOHN DAVID TOSCAN and GERARD CHRISTOPHER TOSCAN have

submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, FOR A BORE;

at/adjacent to Lot 2/1072212 in the Parish of TUBBO, County of BOYD

FOR IRRIGATION:

at/adjacent to Lot 2/1072212 in the Parish of TUBBO, County of BOYD

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 22/11/2006. Please quote the application number 363 on all correspondence.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMIT (PETROLEUM) NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that an application has been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Application(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 130 sought by MERLIN ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 081 592 734 over an area of 200 blocks (15,590 sq km) depicted below for a period of 5 years, within the LANGLEY locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the Petroleum Act, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including (but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepont Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 25 October 2006

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15222	Approx. 38 km NW of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°21'S Long.141°41'E Local Authorities (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 104 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 189 x, y, z 261 c, d, g, h, j, m, n, r, s, w, x 332 u, z 333 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, v 404 d, e, j, k, n, o 405 a	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15276	Approx. 25 km WNW of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°32'S Long.141°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 476 k, p, l, u 477 f, g, i, m, q, r	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15525	Approx. 84 km N of Weipa Centred at Lat.11°52'S Long.141°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 107 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3288 j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y 3289 f, l, q 3360 c, d, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x 3432 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538
EPM15526	Approx. 60 km NNW of Weipa Centred at Lat.12°05'S Long.141°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cook	Area: 157 km ² Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 46 k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 47 a, b, f, g, i 118 c, d, e, g, h, j, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 189 k, p, t, u 190 a, h, f, g, i, m, q Torres Strait 3431 n, o, p, r, s, t, v, w	Matilda Minerals Ltd 103 651 538

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 1, 1st October, 2001 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

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 Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

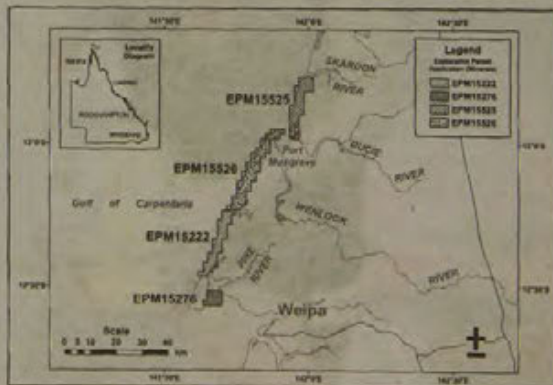
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3246 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 27 November 2006



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Natural Resources and Water

Cubillo on right track after stunning month



It has been an amazing final month of football for Indigenous protégé from North Adelaide Josh Cubillo. The season culminated in the solidly built 18-year-old creating history, becoming the first Aboriginal player to collect best-on-ground honours in any level of SANFL football on grand final day.

On Sunday, October 8, after a stellar performance in the Roosters Reserves' emphatic premiership win over Norwood, he was awarded the game's best player trophy – the Bob Lee Medal.

While Aboriginal players have experienced healthy results with the AFL's equivalent award, the Norm Smith Medal, with such champions as Maurice Rioli, Peter Matera, Michael Long and Andrew McLeod collecting this accolade, in the 25

years since the first medal was awarded in the SANFL competition, Cubillo has finally broken the duck.

The coaches and management at Prospect Oval have a high opinion of their teenage football talent.

"Josh has a great work ethic. His commitment to become the best he can be will hold him in great stead for his footballing future," Roosters football manager James Moore said.

"If he is not drafted this coming season, I can see him becoming a regular member of our league side."

Cubillo was also a member of the NT under-18 side which were runners-up in the division-two title in Melbourne during early July. This was his second year at the national under-age championships.

"I was a bit more prepared and was reasonably happy with my form," the 184cm, 84kg footballer said.

"I was used as a half back rotating through the middle, much the same as I was during the season at North. It is my second premiership at the Roosters, after being a member of the under-17s last year – you don't get tired of winning."

Having turned 18 the day before the final game of this season, Cubillo nominated for the AFL draft after his grand final effort. The young man, who is studying at the University of SA to become a teacher, also was selected for his first SANFL league game in the qualifying final against Central District.

"It was a bit of a shock when I got the call from Jars (coach Andrew Jarman) before such an important match, but it was one of my goals to play league footy this year," Cubillo said. "They are a great group of blokes and a good club. There are a few of us (Aboriginal players) at Prospect and Jars calls us 'the brothers'."



Josh Cubillo in action.

Indigenous stars named for international rules

Five set to compete in Irish series

By PETER ARGENT



Five Indigenous AFL champions will enter the ranks as international rules players this

month, four of them representing their country in Ireland for the first time. In the AFL's 24-man squad for the Foster's Australian international rules team for the 2006 series are Aboriginal champions Chance Bateman, of Hawthorn, Adelaide crows defender Graham Johncock, Fremantle running player Brett Peake and the 2006 NAB rising star recipient Danyle Pearce, from Port Adelaide, who will all be making their first appearance in the Australian colours. Melbourne livewire Aaron Davey has previously played at this international level and was a part last year's victorious team.

For Pearce and Peake it has been an extraordinary rise. Pearce was overlooked in the

2004 national AFL draft and was contemplating a move to Queensland before being collected as a rookie by Power, while Peake was playing WAFL State league football at the start of this season.

The squad, which is again being coached by Essendon legend Kevin Sheedy, will be defending the Cormac McAnallen trophy. Last summer, with Andrew McLeod as a team captain, the Australian side won emphatically 2-0, with victories in Test matches played in Perth and Melbourne.

Successful

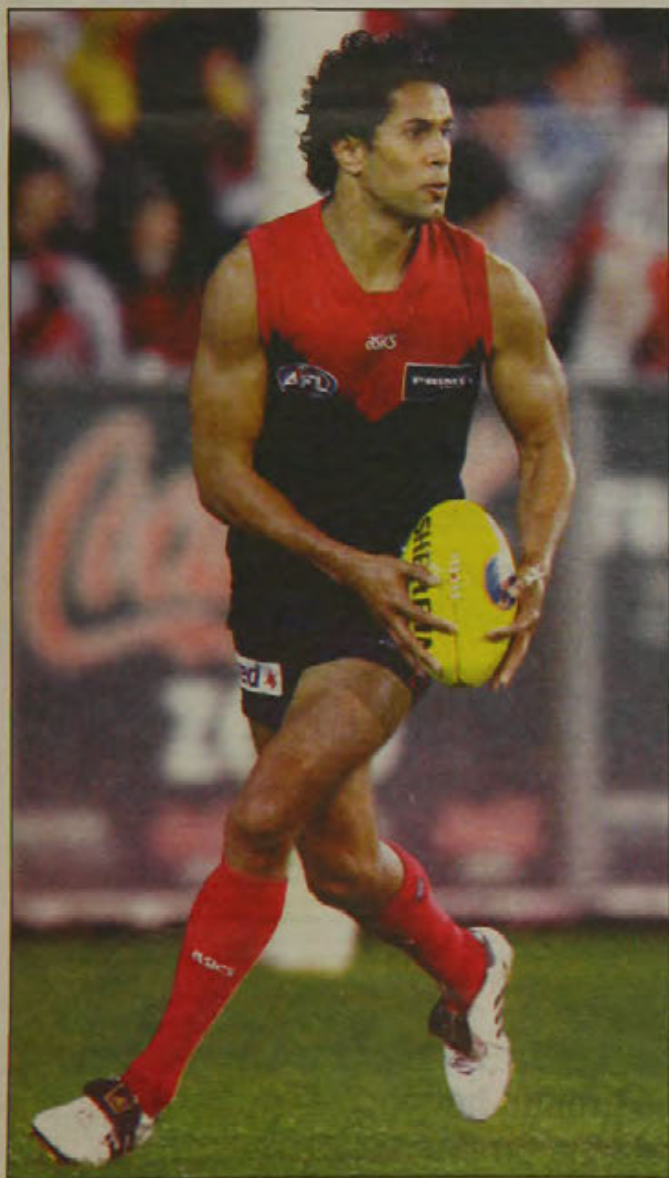
Sheedy explained that the squad's make-up had been based on last year's successful model with an emphasis on pace and youth, sprinkled with older players who had successfully played at this international level. The squad left for Ireland on October 21 and will play a first-ever night Test in Galway on Saturday,

October 28, at Pearse Stadium. The second Test will be played at Croke Park in Dublin on Sunday, November 5.

"The Australian selection panel of myself, Danny Frawley, Gerard Healy, Stephen Silvagni, Rod Austin and Jim Stynes have received an outstanding response from the AFL player group and it was vital to tailor a team specifically for the demands of the hybrid game," Sheedy said.

"The ball will spend a lot of time on the ground and we showed last year that we can be very successful with a young, fast group, with a real emphasis on their ability to kick the ball and to be able to chase and tackle well."

"At least seven or eight of our squad, including the Aboriginal contingent, possess absolutely elite-level pace, while we also have a good group of taller players with very good ability to get around the ground."



Melbourne's Aaron Davey, who will play in the International Rules series.

Big year for our SANFL players

By PETER ARGENT

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Regarded by football purists as the best state league competition in the country, a number of Aboriginal footballers made their mark in SANFL during 2006.

The Adelaide-based competition, which launched the careers of stars of the code including Michael Long, Gilbert McAdam and Derek Kickett, produced again this season a number of stellar performances.

The club with the highest number of Aboriginal players was the third-placed North Adelaide, which lost the penultimate game of the year to eventual premiers Woodville-West Torrens. Brothers Joel and Matt Campbell, former Bulldogs and Fremantle AFL player Steven Kooops and members of the Motlop clan, including Aaron, Marlon, Tom and the Power-listed player Daniel all made an impact for the Roosters during the year.

Known for his extroverted nature, North Adelaide coach Andrew Jarman gave State under-18s player Zac Millar his first opportunity at league level during the finals series. In the preliminary final match Millar was a solid contributor, including kicking a goal in the Roosters' frustrating seven-point loss to the eventual premiers.

A couple of young talents to watch at this club during next season are Port Augusta teenager Wade Thompson and another lad to debut through the finals, Josh Cubillo.

For Central District, grand finalists a record-equalling seventh consecutive time, one of the most consistent players was Adrian Wilson, the son of Central District legend Wilbur Wilson. Playing mainly across half back during the year, Wilson frequently controlled the defensive half for the Bulldogs, along with creating many attacking moves as well.

It was surprising that Wilson was not included in the 2006 SANFL team of year. Playing all 23 games this year, he was an integral part of the Doggies outfit.

"Adrian is a quiet family man off the field, and on the ground he reads the play superbly and has a good understanding of the game," triple premiership coach Roy Laird said.

"He was the highest mark taker within our senior group and he got fitter as the season progressed.

"There is still 20 per cent improvement in him as a footballer at Centrals, I believe."

Alex Stengle, the half brother of Swans superstar and Koori Mail columnist Michael O'Loughlin, made his SANFL debut for the Doggies against West Adelaide in round 13, playing three during the 2006 season and showing enough to suggest he will make a big impact over the next couple of years.

"Alex's one priority is to improve his fitness, as he should develop into a competent on-baller," Laird said.

"He has football skills, doesn't lack any courage and is good defensively – a strong tackler."

Fleet-footed wingman Elijah Ware,



Adrian Wilson in action for Central District.

besides having a couple of games with the Power, was a sound player with the team from Elizabeth all year.

During the season, Ware played 19 games in the Bulldogs' tri-colours, including all three finals.

A player to watch from Centrals in the next couple of years is Adam Varcoe, younger brother of Geelong recruit Travis Varcoe.

One of the more intriguing stories of the year came on grand final day. Premiers Woodville West Torrens had a number of injury concerns going into the ultimate game and it was nearly a fairytale start for 16-year-old Eagle Jared Petrenko.

In the squad of 24, the day before the

game he finished up being first emergency in the premiership team.

"Jared is a special player and would have made his debut during the latter part of the season but for players coming back from AFL clubs," football manager Kym Ireland said.

"Expect this young man to play a lot of league football next year.

"He had exceptional pace and had a superb season at reserves level."

Alwyn Davey, the brother of Melbourne star Aaron, was spectacular during the second half of the season, as South Adelaide surged toward finals participation for the first time in 14 years.

An important part of the Panthers'

resurrection, the younger Davey brother added pace, creativity and another goal-kicking option to the forward line. His impressive efforts would have put him in front of AFL recruiters.

Alwyn played all 22 games, including the Panthers' two finals, he kicked 42 goals for the season, and also was among the side's best players on six of the last seven games.

"Alwyn certainly had that X-factor and he suggested that he is actually quicker than his brother," South Adelaide football manager Alex Burrows said.

"His ability to run down opponents was amazing, creating many turnovers for his side.

"In our best-and-fairest he finished fourth, and his forward pressure was second to none."

Tomkins Medallist from 2003 Brad Hunter failed to play a league game during the year, although he was runner-up to the reserve's best-and-fairest.

After starting the season well and being one of the favourites at the half-way mark, Port Adelaide Magpies faded during the second half of the year, eventually losing the elimination final to South.

The best-performed of the Indigenous talent at the club was Lindsay Thomas, another product from the famed Mallee Park Football Club in Port Lincoln. Being one of the few South Australian players who enhanced their credentials during the under-18s national carnival in Melbourne, Thomas made his SANFL league debut against North Adelaide on May 13 at Prospect Oval.

"Lindsay has real football smarts; he reads the ball well, along with having agility and speed," Port Adelaide football operations manager Bob Clayton said.

"A left-looter who finds space and delivers the ball well, he has a real chance of being drafted this year."

Touted as a chance to be drafted last year, utility Cameron Miller spent most of the 2006 season playing reserves for the Magpies.

Goal-kicking ace Michael Clinch was part of Port Adelaide under-19s' premiership win over West Adelaide. In his 20-game season at this level, the elusive small man knows how to kick goals – he finished with 69 majors for the season. This included a game-high nine goals against North Adelaide on May 13.

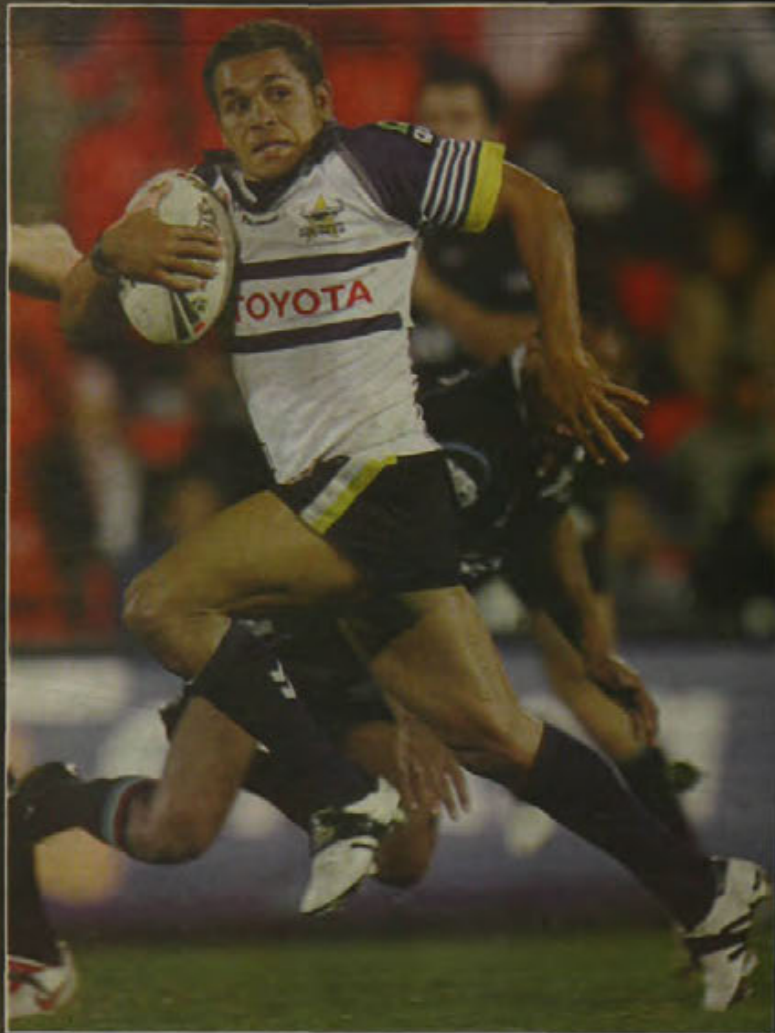
A member of the Australian Indigenous team which went to South Africa with Michael Long earlier in the year, Isaac Weetra was a member of the Port Adelaide under-17s grand final team.

At Unley Oval, the Sturt Football Club had a modest year, but a highlight was a couple of stellar performances by highly talented Bathurst Island player Rupert Pupangamiri in reserves football during the last part of the year.

"Rupert showed many unique skills, but needs to work on his fitness during the summer to take the next step," Sturt football development manager Steve Rechner said.

'Adrian is a quiet family man off the field, and on the ground he reads the play superbly and has a good understanding of the game. He got fitter as the season progressed'.

A look back over 2006



Matt Bowen in action this year for the North Queensland Cowboys.

WHILE all the controversy of the haka and the Tri-Nations early games continues the league season for the avid supporters, it is timely to take stock of what was an intriguing season that saw many pundits lose credibility as teams fell by the wayside to prepare for the return of the Broncos as the champion team in the NRL.

Modesty has never been my strong point, so just let it be noted that I quietly backed the Broncos home to win the competition while others were calling for Wayne Bennett's head.

Then again, I did predict that the Cowboys, Wests Tigers and the Roosters would all make the finals!

At the start of the season I began with a few words about the progress of the Gold Coast Titans as they prepared for their debut in 2007 and would like to continue by saying how impressed I remain with the new franchise.

The signing of the 'People's Champion', Preston Campbell, as their first marquee player sent two important signals to the rugby league community.

First, the club was serious about 'buying back the farm' with Preston being given the opportunity to finish his career where he started out in defying people's claims that he was 'too small' to succeed at the top level. Give me a Preston or Matty Bowen any day of the week!

Secondly, the Titans made a statement to young Indigenous players that they were a club prepared to give them a go.

The key signing of Scott Prince as halfback means that they have already developed a potent combination that embraces Indigenous creativity.

In addition they have claimed the signature of young Chris Sandow from Murgon – an exceptional young talent who was in the sights of a number of clubs – as



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well as the prodigiously talented Walker brothers from Kyogle.

Without placing undue pressure on these three, it would not surprise to see all three have a taste of NRL football in 2007.

At the start of the year it was hardly a brave prediction to state that the Knights would improve from their wooden spoon position of 2005.

It almost goes without saying then that the return to good health of 'Joey' Johns was critical to the Knights' success.

Early in the season the attacking brilliance and anticipation of Milton Thaiday made him a lethal weapon running off Johns.

It is a fair comment to say that the Knights

never quite recovered that attacking potency with Thaiday's injury.

It was disappointing to me that Brad Tighe did not get as many opportunities this year as to me he is still a potential representative player.

He was thrown in at the deep end in 2005 and had to learn the harsh lessons of experience without senior players to protect him.

I expected him to prosper this year but it was not to be.

With the departure of Mat Gidley, I believe centre might well be his long-term position as he has a natural swerve and pace to burn.

Both he and Thaiday will be critical parts of the Knights' equation for next year.

The Rabbitohs had another disappointing season but one can only hope that the new ownership and coaching structure will help them restore credibility to this proud foundation club.

I said at the start of the year that a solid group of senior players would be needed to guide some of the best young talent emerging in the game.

Peter Cusack is a leader by example, but you could see how much he appreciated the unexpected return of David Peachey to the NRL and what his experience brought to the club.

The Rabbitohs recruitment has targeted similar experience and leadership with the signing of the likes of Dean Widders, Nigel Vagana and David Kidwell.

Roy Asotasi is another key signing, showing that Souths can now attract true marquee players.

Hopefully this will allow the likes of John Sutton, Yileen 'Buddy' Gordon, Beau Champion, Manase Manuokafoa and Nathan Merritt to blossom. Merritt progressed this year and his selection in the Prime Minister's XIII was a just reward.

The same could not be said of Buddy Gordon and I hope he is not just going to prove to be a shooting star that fades from our memory, because the kid has talent to burn. Unfortunately, his commitment may not match his talent. There is a supreme athlete within the large frame of a youngster who has shown he can mix it with the best.

Jason Taylor will not waste his time on potential – he works on results.

Also watch for my mate Joe Williams to make a claim for the halfback spot. He knows this could well be his last chance and deserves a change of luck.

My final team for this week is the enigmatic Warriors.

If ever there was a team that could take a coach to an early grave, it is the unpredictable yet exciting Warriors.

Yet surprisingly this year they perhaps played their most consistent football after being penalised four points for a salary cap breach.

Coach Ivan Cleary gained immediate respect, with his knowledge of the team culture from his playing days at the Warriors being an invaluable asset.

I am still amazed that there has been hardly any acknowledgement that the Warriors would have made the finals were it not for the penalty imposed.

They were by far the most improved side of the season.

It was great to see the 'bruz - cuz' Brent Webb return to form in probably his most consistent year at club level.

He will be a loss next year as he continues his career in the Super League. Hopefully he will spend some of his time perfecting the haka!

But that's another story...

Go the Aussies!

● David Liddiard continues his review of 2006 in the next edition.

Tony Mundine in Palm Island visit



Former champion boxer Tony Mundine was the special guest at Palm Island on October 14 for an action-packed card during which local fighters won six of the 12 bouts.

Mundine, the father of Anthony 'The Man' Mundine, was presented with a spear, a didgeridoo and a painting all crafted by appreciative Palm Islanders.

Visiting boxers came from as far as Gordonvale, Babinda, Mount Isa and Mackay, and Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis described it as a great success.

"They just idolise Tony Mundine over here and his visit was great for the community. He liked being presented with the spear and didgeridoo and deputy mayor Zac Sam gave him a great local painting," Dennis said.

Local Hosea Murphy won the first bout in the 41kg division, beating Tom Dodd, of BB's Club from Gordonvale.

Islander Nathan Coolwell was a late replacement for Mervyn Bengaroo and was successful in the second bout, beating Broughton Worth, of Babinda, in the 35kg.

Inosi Gela, from Palm Island, made it three wins when he beat Bradley Boyd, of Starbodies club in the 45kg.



From left are Wayne Parker snr, Wayne Parker jnr and Tony Mundine.

In the 41kg bout, Caleb Muller, of Starbodies, beat Ekila Creed, of Palm Island, in the 41kg.

Jarryd Lawton, of Starbodies, defeated Denis Haines, of Palm Island, in the 38kg bout, and in the 91kg heavyweight match, Sefo Pau, of Townsville Stingers, knocked out Nat Seaton, of Palm Island.

In the 81kg division, Dwayne Richardson, of Hawks, beat Raoul Miller, of Palm Island, while in the 54kg, Selwyn Seaton (Palm Island) beat Cain Gandal

(Stingers), in the 75kg. In other results, Costa Sam (Palm Island) beat Brad Franklin, of BB's, in the 71kg; Allan Patterson of BB's d Stacey Lenoy (Palm Island) in the 45kg; Tom Dodd (BB's) d Inosi Gela (Palm Island) and in the 71kg main bout, Assam Sam (Palm Island) d Mark Smith (Hawks).

"That was a great fight and Assam only got on top late to win on points," Dennis said.

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spokesman Rod Stockham travelled to Palm Island on the morning ferry with visiting boxers and officials.

"Tony Mundine was already over there but came back with us. Everybody loved him going to Palm and there was a packed hall. Palm trainer Ray Dennis deserves great credit for the day," Stockham said.

Another boxing identity instrumental in getting Mundine to venture north was Aitkenvale PCYC trainer Wayne Parker senior.

Mundine was guest at a function held at the Aitkenvale PCYC and Parker's son, Wayne Parker Jnr, has now left for Sydney to be part of Team Mundine for the next month.

Parker Jnr is a talented middleweight with two professional wins under his belt. He will spar in Sydney and fight an undercard before Anthony Mundine's next bout on November 15.

Superfit Tony Mundine had some good advice for aspiring boxers and sporting types in general.

"Live and eat well and take care of the body," he said.

Dennis paid tribute to the Parkers for their effort. "They also presented me with a shield for my work with boxers on Palm Island," he said.

WA Draft hopes

By CHRIS PIKE



Indigenous football players from Western Australia have a long history of being among the best the country has to offer, and this year's AFL National Draft is set to see that continue.

Following on from Patrick Ryder (Essendon) and Jarrod Oakley-Nicholls (Richmond) being taken with picks seven and eight respectively last year, several young hopefuls are looking to find an AFL home on November 25.

Graham 'Polly' Farmer, Stephen Michael, Barry Cable, Peter and Phil Matera, Chris Lewis, Nicky Winmar and more recently Daniel Wells have all hailed from their local WAFL club to make it big nationally and there's no reason why at least one player from the State can't do the same out of this draft.

While WA players Matthew Leuenberger and Scott Gumbleton are expected to go inside the top three selections, up to six Indigenous stars from the WAFL system could be selected.

Dynamic South Fremantle pair Leroy Jetta and Clayton Collard are expected to head the list, followed by Claremont trio Nathan Krakouer, Clinton Benjamin and Carl Peterson and East Perth's Shawn Colbung.

Jetta has the ability to do anything on the field, with dynamic pace and a great goal sense. He can often do mercurial things and kick spectacular goals. It took him until round nine of the WAFL season for him to make his league debut and after that only played one more before round 21.

When he broke back into the side, which finished second and ultimately lost the grand final to Subiaco, Jetta showed his best form at league level. He was unlucky to be left out of the grand final team when Ashley Sampi

was brought back in.

He is expected to be a first-round pick in what is being touted as the best-ever National Draft.

His Bulldogs team-mate Collard probably showed more at league level, before succumbing to an injury.

Prior to his injury, Collard was starring up-forward for the Bulldogs. He played the first eight games of the season and was part of a dangerous forward-line alongside Evan Hewitt, Sampi, Ryan Webb and Ryan Murphy. His season was highlighted by a six-goal haul against Swan Districts under lights at Fremantle Oval in round six.

After round nine he managed only one more game for the season, but there is no doubt that when fully fit he could make a great player at AFL level either up forward or on the ball.

Another Krakouer

Claremont have produced the likes of Jim and Phil Krakouer in the past, and now another young Krakouer - Nathan - is set to take his game to the big stage. The slightly built 16-year-old from Mt Barker has all the pace and skill required to make it at the highest level.

At the recent AFL Draft Camp, he recorded the fastest time in the 20m sprint (2.83 seconds) and came seventh in the 30m repeat sprints (25.08 seconds). While still yet to make his league debut, he represented the WA State 18s this year and was also part of Claremont's strong colts side, which ultimately went down to East Perth.

His Claremont team-mate Clinton Benjamin has been on the radar of scouts since he was 16 and they have just been waiting for him to be eligible to be drafted. Now that he is, he is a likely first-round selection.

In almost each test at the draft camp he starred. He came third in the 30m repeat sprints (24.74 seconds), third in

the standing vertical jump (67cm) and ninth in the 20m sprint (2.95 seconds). But more than that, he has a good football brain and with a good-sized body as well. He could make a great centre half-forward of the future.

Ord River native Carl Peterson, also from Claremont, came from nowhere late in the season to make his league debut and firm as a strong chance of getting picked up by an AFL club.

The 19-year-old made his debut against eventual premiers Subiaco in round 21 and never looked back. On debut, as soon as he first came off the bench, he soared to take a clean pack mark, a rarity on a rainy day at Leederville Oval.

The following week against East Perth he bagged five goals and held his spot throughout the finals, of which Claremont were eliminated by South Fremantle in the preliminary final.

He has enormous natural ability and can do almost anything, but is also a good size.

Shawn Colbung may not have the profile of his East Perth teammates Leuenberger and Garry Moss coming into the draft, but he has plenty of talent. The trio were also a big factor in the Royals colts premiership success and will all be hoping it leads to a successful AFL career.

Colbung, originally from Albany and the son of East Perth legend of the same name, is a hard-working player, with a good goal sense, but also with the ability to play on the ball. If not selected in the National Draft, he is every chance to be rookie-listed by an AFL club.

My predictions for each of these potential young stars: Leroy Jetta (first-round pick), Clayton Collard (second-round pick), Nathan Krakouer (second-round pick), Clinton Benjamin (first-round pick), Carl Peterson (third-round pick), Shawn Colbung (rookie list).



East Perth player Shawn Colbung, who is among WA players likely to be considered for next month's AFL National Draft.

Archie Smallwood Memorial Townsville Allblacks Carnival



Cannonballs players celebrate their grand final victory in style.



Cherbourg Hornets after their first-round win.



Yarrabah team Bukki Bunas celebrate their win in the losers' grand final.



From left are Barry Prior, Kevin Barry, Vince Thimble and Kevin Aldridge.



The Kulpiyam Tigers, who came all the way from the Torres Strait.



Woorabinda side Budda Boys



Palm Island side the Barracudas.



The Bindal Sharks after their first-round win.



Kulpiyam players after their final loss

Archie Smallwood Memorial Townsville Allblacks Carnival



Members of the Guyala team.



Eastern All Stars No 2 team after being beaten in the losers grand final.

Cannonball run

By ALF WILSON



Tears flowed and emotions ran high as Cannonballs broke a 21-year drought when they thrashed 2005 champions Kulpiyam Tigers from Badu Island 60-18 in the grand final of the Archie Smallwood Memorial Townsville Allblacks carnival on October 7 and 8.

A total of 19 teams competed at the Townsville Sports Reserve in the highly successful carnival organised by Bindal Sharks United.

Teams and players came from as far afield as the Torres Strait, Brisbane, Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Rockhampton, Mackay and Hughenden, with some players even coming from NSW.

It was sweet revenge for the Maurice Bowman-coached Cannonballs which had been heart-breakingly beaten 21-20 by Kulpiyam last year in the decider when victory was sealed with a field goal in the last five seconds.

"I am so happy now as we have been competing at this carnival for 21 years and it is the first time we have won it," Bowman said.

Tears also flowed at the trophy presentation when Dorothy Savage, the eldest daughter of the late Archie Smallwood, spoke to the crowd before presenting the winning trophy.

"My dad was a great believer in these carnivals and a fighter for justice for our people and his grandson Nathaniel Bowman is in the Cannonballs winning team. Congratulations," Mrs Savage said.

Former Queensland State of Origin and Test star Colin Scott, who was born in Charters Towers, was special guest at the carnival.

"This is a fantastic carnival with so much untapped talent on show and a great opportunity for the Indigenous community to come together - we can put on successful sporting events like this and be proud," Scott said.

The carnival started early on the Saturday morning with round one qualifying games: Cherbourg 46 d Palm Island Brothers 0, Guyala 56 d Eastern All Stars (2) 14, Bindal Sharks United 28 d Eastern Stars (1) 22, Yarrabah Seahawks



With the Archie Smallwood Memorial Shield are, from left, Nathaniel Bowman, his uncle Trevor Bowman, Dorothy Savage and Mop Conlon.

24 d Woorabinda Budda Boys 22, Cannonballs 64 d Giringun Manta Rays 12, East Coast Eagles Mackay 64 d Barkay Warriors 6, Palm Island Barracudas 18 d Woorabinda 18 (first try scorer advanced to winner's round), Gunuma 38 d Walkabouts 8, Kulpiyam Tigers 18 d Bukki Bunas 12, and Palm Islands Skipjacks had the bye.

After those there were two pools - one for the winners' comp and the other for the losers' plate comp.

The Charlie Williams-coached Eastern All Stars number-two team reached the grand final of the losers' plate comp before being rolled by the classy Yarrabah team Bukki Bunas 60-28.

The big game

MP Mike Reynolds officially started the big game, and Elder Alec Illin also gave a speech to the large crowd then the action started.

An early blitz saw Cannonballs race to 10-0 lead after the first four minutes with tries to Bradley Cameron and Liam Georgetown, and it took the Badu Islanders 17 minutes to score with a try in the corner.

At the 33rd minute, Glenn Butler scored for Kulpiyam in the corner but Cannonballs hit back to lead 24-10 at half-time.

Torres Strait Islanders were many in the crowd screaming encouragement, but any chance of a Kulpiyam fightback were gone when Cannonballs scored two tries in the first three minutes after the break to race away to a 34-10 winning lead.

Cannonballs were simply outmuscling Kulpiyam in the forwards and were too speedy in the backs.

Kulpiyam captain Jimmy Ahmat summed it up as he said the mental attitude of his players was missing.

"It all came down to attitude and we never that that today, even in the dressing rooms it was missing, they were by far the better team," he said.

In the final analysis, Cannonballs scored 11 tries to Kulpiyam's four by Butler, Keiji Bowie, Leon Wallis and injured star Jimmy Ahmat when he came on.

Player-of-the-carnival was Cannonballs fullback Liam Georgetown, who was presented with the Richard Mosby Memorial Shield.

His son Richard Mosby Jnr presented the shield to Georgetown in memory of a

Yorke Islander who did so much for rugby league in north Queensland.

The Cannonballs' Bob Blair was named player of the grand final for a great attacking and defensive effort.

Best players in the final for Cannonballs were Blair, Georgetown, centre Nathaniel Bowman, Edward Dodd, powerhouse prop Mop Conlon, and classy hooker Robert Congoo.

Kulpiyam Tigers were well-served by hooker Roy Baira, front-rower Fili Sofa, fullback Dan Sorbello, forward Jimmy Baira and injured back Jimmy Ahmat when he came on.

Kulpiyam players travelled to Townsville from Bamaga in five four-wheel-drive vehicles and while supporters were disappointed, one fan yelled out that it was no disgrace to be beaten by such a talented team.

Many Torres Strait Islanders played for teams at the carnival including many for the two Eastern All Stars sides.

A women's promotional game was played at 11am on the Sunday.

Carnival co-ordinator Jenny Prior was presented with a Cannonballs coat in appreciation for all the work she has done over the years.

Grand Final: Cannonballs 60 (Bob Blair 2, Edward Dodd 2, Liam Georgetown 2, Bradley Cameron 2, Algon Congoo, Mop Conlon, Phil Dennis 1 tries, Liam Georgetown 7 goals), Bradley Cameron 1 goal d Kulpiyam Tigers 14 (Leon Wallis, Glenn Butler, Keiji Bowie 1 tries, Jimmy Baira 1 goal).

Semi-final: Kulpiyam 32 d Cherbourg Hornets 8, Day Two Winners Round Qualifying Games: Cannonballs 40 d Mackay East Coast Eagles 10, Kulpiyam 42 d Gunuma 22, Cherbourg 38 d Guyala 10, Day One Winners Round: Guyala 30 d Palm Island Skipjacks 26, Cherbourg 28 d Palm Island Barracudas 16, East Coast Eagles 48 d Seahawks 18, Cannonballs 52 d Bindal Sharks United 4, Kulpiyam 46 d Gunuma 10.

Losing Teams Day One Qualifying: Eastern All Stars (2) 22 versus Woorabinda 22, Woorabinda Budda Boys 32 d Bwgcolman Brothers Palm Island 22, Eastern All Stars (1) 14 d Barkay Warriors 12, Bukki Bunas Yarrabah 26 d Giringun Manta Rays 12.

Losers Comp Day Two: Skipjacks 24 d Walkabouts 4, Eastern All Stars 28 d Budda Boys 14, Bukki Bunas 56 d Eastern Stars 6, Eastern All Stars (2) 24 d Skipjacks 18, Losers Plate Grand Final: Bukki Bunas 60 d Eastern All Stars (2) 28.

Lending a hand

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PART of the enjoyment of the break from the footy season is the opportunity it affords me and other players to visit some of the remote and regional communities that are difficult to travel to during the season.

When this edition goes to print I will be in the Top End on ARMtour along with other players and athletes visiting the Tiwi Islands before returning to continue visiting some of the Queensland communities after already calling into Mossman, Yarrabah and my friends at Abergowrie College.

In my next Queensland trip I will be calling into Cherbourg with Willie Tonga and Timana Tahu before working our way through a number of towns to Rockhampton.

As I have written about ARMtour before, one of the great benefits of such visits – apart from building long-term relationships with the communities – is the personal development you gain as an individual. One of the most exciting aspects of my joining South Sydney next year is the club's vision for community work under its 'Souths Cares' banner.

Part of this commitment is a dedicated Indigenous program that reflects the strong relationship the club has historically had with Aboriginal players and their communities.

As part of the club's relationship with NASCA I was pleased to see owner Peter Holmes a Court and five players – Joe Williams, Shannon Hegarty, Beau Champion, Yileen Gordon and Germaine Paulson – take the opportunity to visit Central Australia as part of the ARMtour program.

I caught up with Joe Williams on his return and if his reaction is any indication, the trip was a great success.

"I approached the trip with an open mind," Joe said. "I have done similar work with disadvantaged kids for St Vincent de Paul before but had never visited a traditional Aboriginal community before."

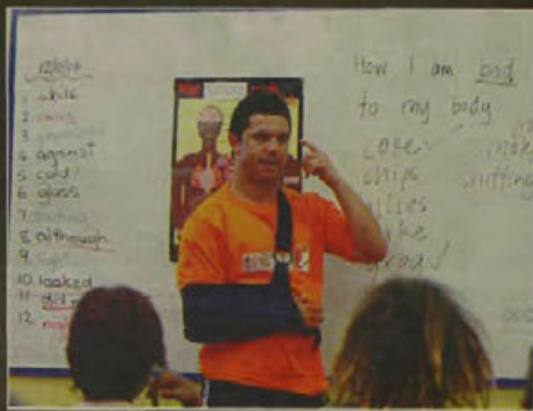
"Without wishing to sound selfish, I hoped to get as much out of the experience as I could by putting as much into helping the kids as I could."

Despite trying to approach the trip with an even approach Joe, like many other athletes before him, was caught completely unawares by the openness of the kids.

"I visited Papunya and Yuendumu and in both communities I was knocked over by how happy and loving the kids were," he said. "It rubs off on you when you see how happy they are when they have so little compared to what we have."

Joe has always been a proud Aboriginal man but the trip, in his words, allowed him to 'connect more fully with my Aboriginality'.

"I witnessed the preparation for a fire dreaming ceremony and it awakened a



South Sydney players with local kids during the ARMtour visit to Central Australia.

deeper sense in me ... put me in touch with a part of my culture that I had not witnessed," he told me.

It also allowed Joe to more fully appreciate the debate about the value of these isolated communities.

"Those communities have their problems but so does every community," he said.

"To take them away would destroy everything that makes them who they are."

"What seems like nothing to us is everything to them," he said in a passionate way that showed how much the trip had affected him personally.

This emotional response allowed Joe to open up in front of his peers and the kids to expose some deeply personal issues he confronted as a youngster. "I only had to look at my own background to show that the problems faced by some of these kids have little to do with where they live," he said.

"I won't know whether I have had an effect

on these kids' lives until they get older. But if I can touch one or two kids in a positive way then I can be happy within myself."

Williams also spoke of the value of this trip as part of a club exercise.

"There will be a special bond between all the players who went on this ARMtour," he said. "We can never look each other in the eye and complain about how hard we have it – it has really brought us down to earth."

"As a father I feel especially fortunate that I can raise my kids in an environment where there are so many opportunities. I will certainly respect my opportunities a lot more than I might have in the past."

I could almost sense the type of father Joe must be when he spoke of the special connection he felt for two young girls – Sara-Lee and Kara. "They were two gorgeous young girls willing to listen and learn," he said. "I will keep in contact by email until I get the chance to return because I want to see

them live their dreams and assist in any practical way I can."

Joe also saw Peter Holmes a Court in a different light and – like myself – is careful in what he says because he does not want to be seen to be seeking favour from the new boss.

"I was able to gain a whole new level of respect for Peter," he said. "Here he was – a rich man in his own right – happy in getting out and getting dirty and showing his respect for others as individuals."

"What really struck me was that his young son Robert, aged seven, was just one of the kids and like his new friends had no concept of prejudice."

This is the value of ARMtour and other similar program – it brings people together and even allows Aboriginal people to more fully understand the beauty of our culture.

With this understanding, together we can confront so many of the problems that do exist.



Ready to race ... Veteran Aboriginal BMX racer Julian Lim.

BMX veteran one of a kind

By ALF WILSON



BMX racing is not a sport involving very many Indigenous competitors, but Beenleigh

based 29-year-old Julian Lim is one who excels.

Lim was one of 700 competitors who contested the State BMX titles held recently in Townsville. He was reportedly the only Indigenous competitor.

The quietly spoken Lim rides for Phirebird Racing of Brisbane and reached the final of the AA Pro Men's section in which he finished a very creditable fifth in a hot field.

"I drove my ute up from home and was happy to make the final. There were 14 contestants," he told the *Koori Mail*.

When we visited the State titles it was a hive of activity, with many

competitors, their family, supporters and others.

Sydney-born Lim said he was proud to be an Aborigine and added that not many Indigenous competitors were involved in BMX racing.

"From time to time there have been some but they have dropped out as far as I know. My mum is a Koori from a mob in NSW," he said.

Long service

If there was such a thing as long service in the sport, Lim would be one to be recognised.

"I have been a BMX rider for 20 years and love the sport and the track here in Townsville is great and very technical," he said.

Lim is a three-times Australian champion and is proud of his record and hopes more Indigenous youngsters will take it up.

"I was Australian champion in the under-15,

16 and 17 Cruiser divisions and have been told that I was the first Aborigine to be a national champion," he said.

While in Townsville a few days before the State titles started, Lim was under the spotlight with his first live radio interview on Indigenous Radio Station 4K1G when he spoke on the *Murri Voices* program.

"I have done a radio interview before but never a live one and was a bit nervous but it went well," he said.

BMX Australia media manager Sharon Payne said Lim could have a chance to make the five-rider Australian team for the Beijing Olympics.

"The competition at the elite level has gone up a notch, but if Lim uses his experience and can focus on a strategic training program, he could be looked at by selectors," she said.

Roosters hang on



Jubilant Roosters players and supporters celebrate the team's win over Dragons in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League premiership played in the Torres Strait.



Strong defence paved the way for Roosters to defend their Kaiwalagal Rugby League premiership

when they downed Dragons 38-26 in the grand final held on Thursday Island.

While most games in the Torres Strait are won because of brilliant attacking flair when the ball is thrown around, defence proved the difference in the climax to the season.

The Roosters conceded 26 points and it was a period of sustained defence on their try line in their final few minutes which denied the Dragons.

The final score is distracting, as a runaway try on the siren by man-of-the-match Danny Sebasio only served to inflame the result, when the reality was the game was much tighter than reflected in the numbers on the scoreboard.

Roosters were leading 32-26 with less than five minutes to play when the Dragons started pounding the line.

Although having a glut of possession, Dragons could not breach the Roosters'

defence over what seemed an eternity for the crowd.

One incident alone personified the substance of the defence. Dragons were attacking immediately adjacent to the posts and only a hair's breadth from when the line, when the defence was able to get under the ball and drive the ball carrier back from the line.

Never headed

Roosters led from the start and were never headed. They raced to an early lead, scoring two tries from Dragons' handling errors, and looked well on the way to back-to-back titles, leading 20-6 at half-time.

Dragons scored first after the break, and immediately comparisons were being made with the NRL grand final preliminary game when the Broncos came back from a 20-6 deficit to defeat the Bulldogs in what is now a much-celebrated revival.

But Danny Mosby struck twice within three minutes to make it 32-10.

The Dragons fought their way back, with tries to Bill Eseli, TJ Nona and Assan Nona and with 10 minutes to play, it was 'game on' again.

1st National ATSI Basketball Championships



The Fremantle PCYC Steelers, who won the under-18 boys division.



Members of the PCYC Steelers, who won the under-18 girls title.



Under-18 girls division runners-up Clontarf Cougars.



A grade women title winners the Black Eagles, from Victoria.



A grade women runners-up MAARLI.



Members of the Cairns Marlins and Brisbane Breakers after the men's grand final.



Roeburne Wizards, who played in the under-16 boys division.



The Black Eagles, who were third in the under-18 boys division.

1st National ATSI Basketball Championships



DFA Sydney versus Commin 2Gether Fullas Sydney.



Action from the PCYC Steelers v Black Eagles under-18 boys clash.

Murris fight out thriller



A thrilling all-Murri final in the open men's section capped off a successful inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships, held in Sydney.

Forty teams from across Australia were at the Homebush Olympic site for the titles, held over five days.

The event featured strong play and some exciting action, none more so than in the men's final, where Cairns Marlins downed Brisbane side Cycle Breakers 50-49.

In the women's section, the Black Eagles from Victoria downed West Australian side MAARLI 48-29.

Another feature of the titles was the formation of the National Indigenous Basketball Council which, with the blessing of Basketball Australia, will now oversee the national Indigenous basketball titles.

Inaugural chairman Stephen Ridgeway, who organised this month's titles, said next year's championships would be played in Perth, where there is a very strong Indigenous basketball presence.

Ridgeway's sister Nikita, who oversaw the titles, said the standard of play was excellent. "We had basketballers from all over Australia in all divisions.



Action from the WA Storm versus Black Eagles clash.

It underlines just how popular the sport is with Indigenous Australians," she said.

"Next year's event will be in Perth, and we are expecting an even bigger turn-out."

Other results:

Under-18. Boys: Fremantle PCYC Steelers 37 d Victorian Black Eagles 13; girls: Fremantle PCYC Steelers 46 d

Clontarf Cougars 44.

Under 16. Boys: Fremantle PCYC Steelers 45 d Roeburne Wizards 21; girls: Westside Young Black and Deadly (WA) d Redfern Community Centre.

Under 14. The boys champions were Gilgandra Goannas. Girls: Westside Young Black and Deadly 46 d Redfern 5.



Thomas Coe, from DFA Sydney, takes on Cairns Marlins defenders.



Star BMX rider is one of a kind

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Members of the Black Eagles A grade women's side from Victoria celebrate their victory at the National Indigenous Basketball Championships in Sydney.



Action from the Marlins versus Commin 2Gether Fullas (Sydney) clash at the National Indigenous Basketball Titles.

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Quality action at titles



Indigenous basketball is alive and well. That's the message from organisers following the inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships, held this

month in Sydney. Forty teams of men, women and teenagers from every State took part in the titles, with officials reporting a good spirit and some top-quality action.

Held over a full week, the titles also resulted in the formation of a new

peak body for Indigenous basketball – the National Indigenous Basketball Council. It will oversee next year's national titles, to be held in Perth.

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Koori Mail writer David Liddiard takes a look back at how Indigenous players performed during this year's NRL competition. The first part of his special feature starts on Page 72.