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Anyone for bush tucker?



Film-maker Lee Willis-Ardler is on a mission – he wants to highlight the impact of poor diets on Indigenous Australians. He is making a documentary on how a poor diet brings on illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure and heart disease. Mr Willis-Ardler is pictured outside Parliament House, Canberra, where he set up a food stall serving fresh kangaroo stew and pipi curry, enticing passers-by to sample – on film – the kind of 'tucker' that he would like to see take a higher profile in the diets of Indigenous Australians.
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'Don't waste our time'

Indigenous council puts Govt on notice



The Federal Government has narrowly avoided a revolt by its most senior Indigenous advisory body, disenchanted at how it has been consulted over Indigenous affairs policy since being appointed two years ago.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has apologised to the National Indigenous Council (NIC), admitting that he shares some of its concerns and saying he'll report back to the Council in the New Year on ways to improve the process, including dealings with the bureaucracy.

The Minister wheeled out the 'big guns', organising for Prime Minister John Howard to drop by the Council's final meeting for

the year in Canberra last week, and is considering changes to the Council's terms of reference.

"I thank the Council for its work and it would be disrespectful not to accept that a number of concerns were quite reasonable. We are going to fix it because the Prime Minister, myself and my ministerial colleagues want the NIC to keep doing the good work it has been doing," Mr Brough said.

"It would be a shame to see their collective work and efforts overshadowed by these concerns that we have mutually agreed to address."

Most members of the NIC have

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From left, Margie Williams, Lowanna Williams, Keeden Collins, Lateisha Livermore, Kaine Williams, Courtney Livermore and Otis Williams.

Margie Williams: I'm a Coe originally from Condobolin, in NSW, and my husband Otis is originally from Cowra, but we now live in Queanbeyan with our three children – Jerome, 14, Kaine, 10, and Lowanna, 9. Jerome isn't in this photo but Kaine and Lowanna are, along with some of their teammates from the Whispers Softball Club.

I'm Wiradjuri and Otis is Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri. I moved down here to finish school when I was 17.

Otis and I met in Condo when we were about 16 and we've been together ever since.

I work for the Department of Aged, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) in Queanbeyan as a service co-ordinator. I manage a team of care workers who maintain independent living for the elderly

and people with disability assisting them to live independently. I've been doing that for about a year and a half.

Otis is studying photography and works at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

We're a close-knit family, we do everything together. Otis and I play slow-pitch softball together, we take the kids to all of their sports – softball, touch footy, rugby and netball.

We think it is important for the kids to play sport, it gets them out of the house and into the fresh air, it keeps them active and happy.

We enjoy watching the kids play sport and it's a community thing too, getting out and mingling with the mob and our friends.

We'll probably stick around this region

for a while. All of Otis' family live here, as well as my dad Ernie.

The kids have a strong bond with all of their grandparents, including my mum Sandra who still lives in Condo and Otis' mum and dad Shirley and Arnold.

Otis Williams: I enjoy photography. There's much more to it than just pressing a button on a camera. You have to develop a rapport with the people you're photographing in order to capture the moment.

I'm not much of an artiste but my favourite part is working with people and seeing the look on their faces when they see what I've been able to capture.

One day, when I've finished my training, I'll move on to sports photography.

OUR CHILDREN



Youngest members of the Nunukle Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Group performed at the 13th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane the weekend before last. They were also on hand to perform in the opening ceremony for the international games.

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Caleb Juda and his dad Jon, the ACT junior and senior didjeridu champs.



Little fulla blows away competition



Caleb Juda still has plenty of growing to do. The seven-year-old is a good 15cm shorter than his dad but that hasn't

stopped him having a big impact on the Canberra performing scene.

He's in demand as a performer at local events, has opened a festival and done charity performances. He's already bought a \$600 racing bike out of his earnings.

During NAIDOC Week this year, he beat nine other competitors to win the Under-20s division of a didjeridu playing competition at the National Museum of Australia.

The competition was judged by the audience and it is easy to see how Caleb, the youngest entrant, charmed spectators.

"I beat 18-year-olds!" the spirited Year 2 student declared when the Koori Mail stopped by the Canberra gem and crystal shop owned by his parents Jon Juda, originally from Mapoon, in far north Queensland, and Chella Goldwin, from Erub Island, in the Torres Strait.

Caleb is highly self-motivated, having practised blowing his didjeridu in the bath to make bubbles until he got the circular

breathing right.

"The hardest part was when I was learning to do circular breathing. It took me about ten weeks. I just had a go and after that I had six lessons," he said.

"And I taught him how to play," Caleb said, smiling and gesturing towards his dad.

In truth, Caleb was introduced to the didjeridu at five years of age when he and his

family visited a tourism expo in Sydney's Darling Harbour.

"I wasn't going to teach Caleb until he was 12 or so but he was hooked from that moment on," said Jon, himself no slouch on the popular wood instrument.

Jon beat 16 other competitors to win the Over-20s division of the same competition in which Caleb competed.

"I learned at the age of 14 and then I didn't play for a while. It wasn't until we had Caleb that I really got back into it again," Jon said.

"Once he started, I got him into a class because he needed the discipline. Caleb and I tend to clash, what his didj teacher Phil Brown can teach him in an hour takes me a week."

Making Caleb's achievements more remarkable is the fact that he has type 2 diabetes, which requires him to have two injections a day and about six blood tests.



Caleb Juda and his didjeridu.

Outrage at UN rights 'betrayal'



In a shock decision, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly has voted to delay

consideration of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for up to a year. The draft declaration, which addresses individual and collective rights, cultural rights and identity rights to education, health, employment and language, had been expected to be passed by the General Assembly following its adoption in June by the UN Human Rights Council.

However, last Wednesday the General Assembly decided instead to 'defer consideration and action on the United Nations Declaration on the



LES MALEZER

Rights of Indigenous Peoples to allow time for further consultations'. It decided to 'conclude consideration of the Declaration before the end of (the General Assembly's) 61st session'.

In a statement headed 'UN affirms Indigenous Peoples are not equal to all other Peoples', Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Chairman Les Malezer, of Australia, said the group was shocked and outraged by the actions of the United Nations, 'who today failed to adopt the most important international instrument for the promotion and protection of human rights for Indigenous Peoples'.

"The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which represents more than 20 years of work within the UN, constitutes the minimum standards for their survival, dignity and well-being," said Mr Malezer, an Aboriginal man from Queensland.

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New push to save Pilbara rock art

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



A new lobby group with the working title 'Friends of Pilbara Rock Art' (FPRA) has been formed at a public meeting in Perth to apply renewed pressure on the West Australian and Federal governments to properly protect Indigenous heritage sites in the Pilbara region.

The new group will lobby for the protection of all Indigenous heritage sites in the Pilbara as a counter to the growing pressure on traditional owners and native title holders to give heritage clearances for mining companies eager to take advantage of the current resources boom.

The issue of heritage protection for the Burrup Peninsula was brought to world attention in 2003 when the World Monuments Fund listed the area on the top 100 most endangered heritage places on the planet.

Public awareness of the world heritage value of the ancient Indigenous rock art of the region was heightened again this year when it was

revealed that resources giant Woodside Petroleum had applied to destroy some ancient rock art to build a gas processing plant.

The Australian Heritage Council has recommended that the Burrup be placed on the National Heritage Register, but Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell has delayed a decision until February to consider public submissions on the issue.

Senator Campbell will now be under renewed pressure to list after resources giant Woodside Energy Ltd called for the entire Burrup Peninsula to be placed on the Register, except for a 6.8 square kilometre area earmarked for development as a gas precinct.

"We recognise the symbolic value of placing this region on the National Heritage List," a Woodside spokesman said in a written statement to The Koori Mail.

"This position is conditional on changes to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act currently before Federal Parliament becoming law, a gas precinct within an area of land already zoned for industrial development being excised from the boundary of the



National Trust of Australia spokesman Robin Chapple: "Management of the Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula, should be by a single, independent, fully funded body/authority..."

proposed National Heritage Listing area, and a Burrup management plan being implemented before listing. The gas precinct Woodside is proposing would reduce the area of land proposed for listing by about seven square kilometres, or 2.5 per cent.

"Rock art within this gas precinct would continue to be subject to strict heritage and environment laws and regulations, including the WA Environmental Protection Act and the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

"Our goal is to destroy no rock art. With the assistance of traditional custodians, Woodside's proposed Pluto liquefied natural gas plant has been redesigned to leave 95 per cent of the estimated 3000 engravings on the Pluto leases untouched.

"The remaining 150 engravings will be relocated in consultation with local Indigenous communities, or remain in place as a result of further refinement of our design."

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the proposed amendments to the EPBC Act meant that Senator Campbell could delay any decision on heritage protection indefinitely,



Palyku spokesman David Milroy: "Aboriginal people are held over a barrel and we're put into these positions of almost being complicit in the destruction of our own sites."

allowing the unimpeded expansion of heavy industry to continue.

"I can't understand why this is effective legislation if it enables the Minister to do that, and the Burrup is very good example of why it is imperative that the Minister makes timely, considered decisions," Senator Siewert said.

"The Minister has managed to put off this decision and now potentially could keep putting it off."

Senator Siewert welcomed Woodside's support for the heritage listing, but said the company could not ask for all of the Burrup to be listed except for those areas the company wanted to develop.

"We believe the whole of the proposed boundaries and the whole of the area needs to be added to the National Heritage List, and that the best win-win outcome would be for Woodside to be co-located on the Northwest Shelf joint venture site.

"There is space available and the rock art has already been destroyed in that area so Woodside would therefore be able to go ahead without further destroying rock art.

"That's a win for the rock art

and of course it's a win for Woodside."

Palyku (North Pilbara) spokesman David Milroy said the present system under the Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act (1972) actually applied pressure on Aboriginal people to be a party to the destruction of their own sites.

"There is no Aboriginal group that I know of that openly goes out and ask for their sites to be destroyed, but we're forced into this situation through the legislation that exists of going out and having to do surveys and then doing the Section 18 Notices and seeing the mining companies apply to the Minister to destroy the sites," he said.

"So, Aboriginal people are held over a barrel and we're put into these positions of almost being complicit in the destruction of our own sites."

Mr Milroy said that while the WA Indigenous Affairs Minister, currently Sheila McHale, had the right of veto over any recommendation by the Department of Indigenous Affairs, "there is no legislation that affords proper protection for any of our sites."

"It's all in the hands of the Minister in the end, and if the Minister decides to roll over and rubber stamp whatever the mining companies want, she will, and she has and this has been proven time and time again," he said.

"And with the boom on, it's just really highlighted how there is no protection for any heritage in this State. Nothing is sacred and nothing is protected."

Mr Milroy said that Aboriginal people were not necessarily opposed to mining, but there needed to be common sense applied to heritage protection which truly valued the sites under threat. "The bloody-minded attitude to develop the Burrup against everybody else's advice is just ridiculous," he said.

WA Environment Minister Mark McGowan and Senator Campbell were invited to comment on the issues, but had not responded by the time The Koori Mail went to press.

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National Trust's priority list

The National Trust of Australia WA has also welcomed Woodside's new position but has generated a priority list for proper management of the Burrup:

1. Management of the Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula, should be by a single, independent, fully funded body/authority, with the competency and capacity to oversee all issues of competing interests.

2. The independent authority should have representation of all stakeholders, including government, but not vested in or controlled by any agency of government.

3. The independent authority should have the capacity to represent the wishes of the traditional custodians.

4. The independent authority should not

make or allow any decisions pertaining to land use, until the cultural heritage values of the place, including aesthetic, social, scientific, historic and spiritual have been determined.

National Trust spokesman Robin Chapple said that while the Trust, conservationists and Aboriginal groups supported the proposed National Heritage listing, there would be a preference for State-level management if the protection of Indigenous sites could be guaranteed.

"We're not necessarily wedded to Federal jurisdiction," he said.

"We think it creates another level of bureaucracy but at the moment there is absolutely no management by the State (of WA) and there hasn't been since the development of the concept in the 1960s."

Women take out top NT honours



NT Australian of the Year Raymattja Marika receives her award from NT Chief Minister Clare Martin. Photo by Sally Carrington



Aboriginal women have taken out the Northern Territory's top two 2007 Australian of the Year awards.

At a ceremony in Darwin on 23 November, Nhulunbuy's Raymattja Marika was named NT Australian of the Year in recognition of her work in Indigenous education, teacher training, two-way education strategies, advocacy for mixing western and Indigenous knowledge and reconciliation.

The teacher/linguist is a director of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and Reconciliation Australia.

While unable to attend the presentation ceremony, high-profile Indigenous health champion Patricia Anderson was named NT Senior Australian of the Year.

Ms Anderson, from the Darwin suburb of Parap, has a national and international reputation as a powerful advocate for the disadvantaged, with a particular focus on Indigenous health. Among her achievements are her roles as chairwoman of the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal



PAT ANDERSON

Health and co-chair of the NT inquiry into child sexual abuse in Indigenous communities. She

has spoken before the UN Working Group on Indigenous People.

Classical musician Katharina Fehring, 23, of Walagi, was named Young Australian of the Year (NT), while Darwin community leader Frank Fotiades and Alice Springs paediatric nurse Carmel Hatch were named NT Local Heroes.

NT Chief Minister Clare Martin congratulated all Territory finalists for their achievements and contributions to the community.

Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Jackie Huggins said Ms Marika's achievements

showed how progress could be made when people of different cultures built relationships through mutual trust and respect.

The National Australia Day Council said the nominations received from the Northern Territory this year covered a broad range of achievers, community workers, civic leaders and scientists.

Ms Marika, Ms Anderson and the other NT award recipients now become national finalists in the 2007 Australian of the Year Awards to be announced by the Prime Minister in Canberra on 25 January.

Outrage at shock UN 'betrayal'

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"The newly created UN Human Rights Council, which is the premier international body to deal with human rights, adopted the Declaration in June of this year.

"The Declaration was one of the substantial achievements of the Council. However, it was delivered a huge blow today by African states, most of whom had chosen not to participate throughout this standard-setting process.

"Africa took the lead in blocking the adoption of the Declaration, which strategy was supported and encouraged by New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the United States.

"It is clear that these actions are a politicisation of human rights that show complete disregard for the ongoing human rights abuses suffered by Indigenous Peoples.

"This betrayal and injustice severely impacts on 370 million Indigenous people

'This betrayal and injustice severely impacts 370 million Indigenous people in all regions of the world, who are among the most marginalised and vulnerable' – Les Malezer



in all regions of the world, who are among the most marginalised and vulnerable."

Mr Malezer said that on 24 May 2002, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan had proclaimed that the world's Indigenous Peoples 'have a home at the United Nations'.

"However, today's vote by opposing states clearly demonstrates that this is not the case," Mr Malezer said.

Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Tom

Calma, also expressed his disappointment at the General Assembly's decision.

"(This decision) comes after 24 years of negotiations on the Declaration," Mr Calma said.

"I am concerned that the Declaration has been stalled on the basis of arguments that have been roundly rejected by Indigenous peoples over 11 years of negotiations.

"For example, Indigenous delegations have previously stated that any recognition

of a right to self-determination in the Declaration should be done in accordance with international law and pose no threat to the territorial integrity of nation states. There is a triple guarantee of this in the Declaration."

Mr Calma called on all governments, especially Australia, to ensure that any further discussions on the Declaration were conducted with the full participation of Indigenous peoples.

"We know that the majority of the Declaration is supported by our Government – as they joined in the consensus agreement on over two-thirds of the Declaration's provisions in the final session of the working group negotiations earlier this year," he said.

"However, the Australian Government's objections to the Declaration need to be laid out publicly – article by article – so they can be debated with Indigenous peoples and tested against Australia's existing international human rights obligations."

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'This land is ours'

A celebration of native title for the Miriuwung Gajerrong



The Miriuwung Gajerrong (MG) people of the East Kimberley region of Western Australia are celebrating recognition of their

native title over 6758 square kilometres of land.

On 24 November, Federal Court judges donned black robes in soaring temperatures at Molly Springs to hand down a consent determination resolving the Miriuwung Gajerrong No 4 native title claim.

The determination relates to land extending from near Kununurra to the Northern Territory border, and brings the total area where native title is recognised in the Kimberley to more than 35 per cent.

First of many

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) welcomed the determination, with Executive Director Wayne Bergmann predicting it would be the first of many such agreements across the region.

"The Miriuwung Gajerrong #4 native title claim is the last chapter to one of the most significant native title claims in Australia," Mr Bergmann said.

"Miriwung Gajerrong #1 (lodged in 1994) was a milestone in the interpretation of native title law, with significance across Australia and internationally.

"The end result confirmed that native title is subject to other valid rights created by the Crown. It is within this context that native title

Justice North with Miriuwung Gajerrong dancers.



is now negotiated.

"The resolution of the MG #4 claim demonstrates what can be achieved by all parties working co-operatively together, and recognising that native title is a reality which cannot be ignored."

"The Miriuwung, Gajerrong and Kija people have remained committed to their pursuit of native title over many years, showing a strength and maturity in today reaching a consent determination which delivers positive outcomes for everyone."

Edna O'Malley from the Miriuwung Gajerrong Corporation said the ruling would allow access to country and generate economic benefits.

"Like the judge said today, it was only a pen to the paper to end 12 years of hard struggle," she said.

"Having full native title on our country means that we can have small business development on our living area, make business enterprise come our way and we've also got a big future with the whole Ord agreement."

The determination features an agreement between the claimants and pastoralists operating the affected leases of Carlton Hills Station and Ivanhoe Station. It recognises the importance of each party's rights in various areas within the MG #4 determination area and, according to the KLC, puts in place practical, workable structures as a basis for long-term relationships.

Deputy Premier Eric Ripper said the determination ended a series of negotiations with the Miriuwung Gajerrong people spanning almost half a decade.

"In that time, we have successfully resolved all the MG claims in WA," Mr Ripper said. "We have negotiated Australia's largest and most comprehensive land use agreement, the Ord Final Agreement."

"In doing so, we have developed a partnership with the MG people that paves the way for agricultural, industrial and residential development opportunities that will benefit the whole East Kimberley community."

National Native Title Tribunal Deputy President Fred Chaney described the outcome as 'an excellent example of the advantage of a whole-of-government approach to settling native title issues, which integrated native title into the future of the whole community'.

What it means

The MG #4 native title determination recognises that the Miriuwung, Gajerrong and Kija people have native title rights and interests inside the claim area, based on their continuing connection to that country in line with their traditional laws and customs, which have continued unbroken since before the British declared sovereignty over Western Australia in 1829.

It provides Miriuwung, Gajerrong and Kija people with exclusive possession over the Molly Springs/Wijilawarrin, Flying Fox, Kumburumba, and Ningbing community lease areas and shared rights and interests in pastoral lease land.

It allows access to country, hunting and fishing, and utilisation of food, medicine plants and trees, timber, charcoal, ochre, stone and wax.

The traditional owners will be able to continue engaging in cultural activities and protecting places of cultural significance, and making decisions about using the land in accordance with traditional law and custom.



MG dancers perform after the determination is handed down.



Anyone for bush tucker?



Flour, sugar, tea ... To some Australians, this might sound like a shopping list.

To most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, though, it's a reminder of meagre rations meted out to them in missions, reserves and girls' and boys' homes up until the 1960s. And it is what today is helping to make many Indigenous people sick with illnesses like diabetes, kidney failure and heart disease.

Aboriginal film-maker Lee Willis-Ardler is making a documentary exploring the impact that poor diet, often caused by lack of access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and a trend away from traditional lifestyles is having on Indigenous Australians.

Personal

He is telling the story from a very personal perspective, having begun making the film in partnership with his good mate – an Aboriginal father of two named John DeSatge (JD), from Mt Isa. Just a few months later, in August, his friend passed away from what is believed to have been an illness of the liver, although not related to excessive alcohol consumption.

"We're still finding it hard to accept that our friend, who was only 42 years old, has gone," Lee says.

"The last 12 months of his life were very confronting for him, as he had to deal with an illness that slowed him down. He ended up in and out of hospitals."

Now Lee, from Wreck Bay, on the New South Wales south coast, is chronicling the myriad of factors that contributed to his friend's death. Amongst others, he has interviewed doctors and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough. The film will be part of JD's legacy.

In Canberra the week before last, Lee set up a stall on the forecourt to Parliament House serving fresh kangaroo stew and pipi curry to entice passers-by to sample – on film – the kind of 'tucker' that Lee would like to see take a higher profile in the diets of Indigenous Australians.

Flour Sugar Tea is the working title of Lee's half-hour documentary, one of five being made under the National Indigenous Documentary Fund (NIDF) 8 Series overseen by the Australian Film Commission in association with the ABC, for screening in 2007.



Film-maker Lee Willis-Ardler's friendly approach attracted visitors to his healthy tucker stall at Parliament House, Canberra, but there's a serious message behind the project.

Candidates queue up for Palm job

Story by ALF WILSON in Townsville



Six candidates will stand for the hot seat position of Palm Island Aboriginal Community Chairperson, or Mayor, at a by-election on 16 December. The vote is shaping up to be one of the most closely contested on the island.

Former Mayor Erykah Kyle resigned on 1 November and nominations for the position closed on 24 November.

Those in the running are Acting Mayor Zac Sam, who has held the position since August when Ms Kyle went on sick leave, as well as former mayors Robert Blackley, Jacob Baira, Delena Foster and Alf Lacey. The sixth is former island councillor Lex Wotton.

A Palm Island Council spokesperson said that islanders who were registered on the electoral roll were required by law to vote.

"That is a great line of candidates with leadership qualities," the spokesperson said.

About ten per cent of island residents are believed not to be on the electoral roll.

It is difficult to predict the winner as each candidate is popular in the community.

Ms Foster is expected to attract votes from women.

Mr Wotton will stand trial in Brisbane next March for allegedly being part of the 2004 riot when the island's police station was burned down. Mr Wotton enjoys popular support on Palm Island.

Ms Kyle, 69, was elected as Mayor in March 2004 and had a week to go before returning from three months sick leave when she resigned.

NIC boss welcomes Govt reaction

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accepted the Minister's undertakings, with Chairperson Dr Sue Gordon welcoming as "excellent" the outcome of last week's meeting.

"The Minister listened respectfully and agreed with many of our points of view. Furthermore, the fact he undertook to improve the Government's interaction with the Council is very welcome," she said.

"While our issues were not with Mr Brough personally, the fact he has taken personal responsibility on behalf of the Government without quibbling is further demonstration of his respect for the Council and his level of commitment to Indigenous Affairs."

But the Minister's *mea culpa* came too late for one of the Council's youngest members, described by Dr Gordon in October as "brilliant".

Lost faith

In October, Joe Proctor declined the Minister's invitation for all NIC members to extend their Council terms until the next Federal election. At the time, the young investment banker cited business commitments but he last week admitted that he left because he had lost faith in the NIC process. He said the Government had ignored NIC suggestions and business advice, had reverted to old 'control' ideology, and was allowing bureaucratic lack of expertise to 'shortchange' Indigenous people and other taxpayers.

"Indigenous economic development was the number one priority identified by the NIC, yet nothing has been taken on board by the Government," Mr Proctor said.

"The Indigenous economy has experienced massive market failure and the Government appears to continually ignore advice for positive innovation in this area."

Mr Proctor said that over the past four to five years a range of prominent business

people had suggested the attraction of mainstream capital and expertise similar to programs such as the Pre-Seed Fund and the Innovation Investment Fund.

"These other mainstream programs mentioned have been going famously and, yet, the Government continues to let Indigenous economic development drift into obscurity. I just hope this is not a plan to completely disempower Indigenous people in this country."

"There are major problems with the current Government structure where you have lifetime public servants pretending to be fund managers of Indigenous allocated monies without relevant qualifications or expertise, millions of dollars invested under the Indigenous portfolio which have no Indigenous ownership, inactivity of investment supporting Indigenous ownership, no Indigenous people in senior public service management roles, and zero competition, creating a false and inefficient market."

"Indigenous people are being short-changed in the lack of expertise in economic development and the fact that the Government should be facilitating investment rather than trying to be an investment manager. They would not do this in any other section of wider Australia."

IBA Chairman Joseph Elu left the NIC at the same time as Mr Proctor, but has told the Koori Mail his departure was due to business commitments, including an appointment as chair of the new Outback Stores initiative. Mr Elu said he believed that the NIC was a good model because it gave members direct access to a range of Government ministers and departmental heads "whereas with ATSIC we only talked to one junior Minister".

"Outback Stores and other suggestions started from NIC suggestions," Mr Elu said, adding that housing loans and business funding schemes inherited by IBA from ATSIC were starting to generate wealth for Indigenous people.

While much of last week's developments

focussed on the consultation process surrounding the NIC, there are also glimmers of dissatisfaction with the Government's directions in Indigenous affairs generally.

The Government has announced a raft of initiatives in recent times, from extensive changes to NT land rights including facilitation of 99-year headleases in Indigenous communities in exchange for basic services such as housing, schools and other facilities, reforms to the NT Aboriginal land permits system, and law and order measures.

"When the Minister comes out and talks about deconstructing the permit system, which is taking a lot of control out of the hands of Aboriginal people out there, that was not even run past the NIC and it was made public a couple of days after we met," Mr Proctor told the Koori Mail.

"The consultation is flawed. Every meeting there was debate and argument over the process."

Only voice

The Council's newest member, footballer Dean Widders, told the Koori Mail the NIC would "love for Indigenous people to be in a stronger position".

"I'm not individually in full agreement about how things are being run for black people but this is the only voice we've got and we try to push things as far as we can," he said.

Mr Widders said he'd be in favour of part-time or full-time NIC members as a means of ensuring greater engagement between the Council and the Government.

Fellow NIC member Wesley Aird told the Koori Mail that the amount of time between meetings sometimes made things difficult.

"The NIC only meets every three months and so, in between those meetings, the Government has been making quite a lot of movement in terms of practical measures and policy issues like Mutitjulu, like the Tiwi land lease and the grey nomads etcetera."

"That's legitimate, the Government is entitled to do its business but if they don't consult with us, we're unable to advise them. The range of government announcements has come as a bit of a surprise."

However, Mr Aird said Mr Brough had reacted well to the NIC's concerns, and he was happy to wait and see what would pan out in the New Year.

"Everybody is busy and no-one was inclined to be wasting their time," he said.

"If the Government is going to take us seriously, we'll keep helping them out."

The NIC's disenchantment prompted Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Chris Evans to describe the NIC as 'toothless' and 'doomed from the start'.

"This policy area is condemned to experimentation and failure until Indigenous people can hold governments and service providers to account," he said.

"The marginalisation of NIC members is also symptomatic of what's happening across Australia. The Howard Government's approach is top-down and dictatorial – it completely rejects any Indigenous ownership of solutions."

Senator Evans' comments echoed Indigenous criticisms expressed when the NIC was appointed in the wake of the demolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), although the Government has consistently denied the Council is intended as a replacement for the elected body.

Dr Gordon told the Koori Mail she was saddened that the Opposition spokesman would take such a cheap shot at the NIC members who give of their time in very busy lives, just to keep a voice going to government.

"I would have thought that a bipartisan approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs would be more helpful," she said.

A number of other NIC members declined to comment to the Koori Mail.

Climate change 'killed giant animals'



Climate change, rather than Aboriginal people, killed off giant kangaroos and other 'megafauna' that once roamed Australia, a new study suggests.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) scientists Dr Gilbert Price and Dr Gregory Webb studied the fossil-rich Darling Downs of south-east Queensland and found large wildlife that roamed the area 40,000 years ago were drought-stressed when they died.

Debate has raged for years about whether the first Australians hunted the so-called megafauna to extinction.

Aboriginal people were thought to have arrived in Australia about 40,000 years ago, the same time that kangaroos as tall as 2.5m, wombats the size of cars and massive emus and goannas suddenly disappeared.

Dr Price said the layers of fossils in the dig area were not consistent with some theories that humans had wiped out megafauna.

"Some scientists believe in the 'blitzkrieg' megafauna extinction hypothesis, which blames humans for over-hunting these giant marsupials," he said.

"If that was the case, these fossils dating back thousands of years would show the animals dying out at the same point in time."

Extinction

"But they don't. These layers of fossils buried at a single site under the Darling Downs show a progressive, three-stage extinction over time that relates to periods of climate change."

Dr Webb said the research had found the Darling Downs was experiencing cycles of wet and dry conditions, resulting in droughts and periodic flash flooding when megafauna populations were declining.

"The research found no evidence of humans being involved in the accumulation of fossils in the catchment at the time of deposition, but is perfectly consistent with their decline being caused by increasing aridity," he said.

"So it's most likely that Australia's giant kangaroos and other megafauna in this area were driven to extinction by the hands of Mother Nature."

Dr Price and Dr Webb are senior researchers with the QUT School of Natural Resource Sciences and the university's Institute of Sustainable Resources.

Dr Price said drought-stricken Australia should heed warnings from the study, given the profile of the fossil kangaroo populations was identical to that of a modern, drought-stressed kangaroo mob.

"If we can understand how those animals responded to the massive droughts and climate change events of the past, we might be able to go some way in predicting the effects of future climate changes and its impact on the way that we manage and conserve the precious habitats and wildlife of the Australian bush," he said.

The study will be published in the next issue of the Australian Journal of Earth Sciences. —AAP

Tasmanians celebrate national first



Premier Paul Lennon, second from left, with Stolen Generations members, from left, Eddie Thomas, Annette Peardon, Belinda Farley-Wills and Tanya Harper outside Parliament House in Tasmania.

Compensation Bill now law

Pictures and Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Tasmania has become the first Australian State to pass legislation to compensate its Stolen Generations of Aboriginal children.

Amid tears and applause in the Tasmanian Upper House of Parliament last Tuesday afternoon, the Bill was passed unanimously and without amendment.

Premier Paul Lennon witnessed the historic occasion in the Chamber along with members of the Stolen Generations and Aboriginal community. They were then greeted by an appreciative crowd outside the Parliament.

Annette Peardon, 59, has been at the forefront of the campaign to first apologise and now compensate members of Tasmania's Stolen Generations of Aboriginal children.

Mr Lennon said: "Many people, such as Annette Peardon and Eddie Thomas, have fought a long campaign to have their cases recognised and I am delighted for them that they were able to witness this finally happen — fittingly, on Annette's birthday."

"We have taken steps to put right the wrongs of the past so that we can build a more positive future together."

Ms Peardon was born in 1947 and taken from her mother at the age of nine. She started campaigning for the rights of the Stolen Generations 22 years ago when she reunited her own family. In an historic address in 1997, she called on the Tasmanian Parliament to bring about compensation in response to their apology to the Stolen Generations.

With compensation legislation about to be enacted, Ms Peardon now plans to retire back to the islands where she was taken from as a child.

A week before the 2006 Bill being



Tasmanian lawyer and long-time Aboriginal activist Michael Mansell with Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon in front of Parliament House. Both men were happy with the passing of the Bill.



Heather Sculthorpe from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and Greg Brown from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, were among those thanked for their work.

debated, Ms Peardon and Mr Thomas addressed the Parliament, telling stories of their childhood away from their families. There was barely a dry eye in the House.

The new legislation will provide for one-off payments to be made not only to living members of the Stolen Generations, but also for the surviving children of those who are now deceased. It is estimated that those 35 still living will receive compensation of about \$130,000 each, while the children of the deceased will receive \$5000 each. It is estimated that more than 100 people stand to be compensated from the \$5 million package.

Mr Lennon said he would move quickly to appoint an independent assessor to deal with compensation applications. There will be a six-month window for this process.

Mr Thomas, who was taken from his family as a baby, congratulated Mr Lennon for "putting his neck out and sticking to his election promise".

"It's been a long road, very emotional. The politicians, you read some terrible things about them, but they have families, they are human," he said.

Mr Lennon said he had taken a risk during the election campaign and sought a mandate on the matter.

"We looked at it from a humanitarian point of view, not a legal one," he said. "We challenged political thinking today."

The Premier went on to say that his Government had proved that it was 'bullshit' that Aboriginal issues were 'too hot a political potato to handle'.

"As a result of the leadership Tasmania has shown, there is now a clear template for other states to follow in addressing the Stolen Generation issue," Mr Lennon said.

"I do not intend to lecture other jurisdictions, but I do hope that Tasmania's historic move will give other governments around Australia the confidence to move forward on this issue."

Benefit account to fund tourist resort



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough says \$1.8 million will be provided to begin development of a tourist resort on Groote Eylandt, off the Northern Territory mainland, and to expand anti-petrol sniffing

programs in Central Australia.

Of the Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA) funds, about \$1.5 million will finance infrastructure for the development of a tourist resort at Dugong Beach by Groote Eylandt's Aboriginal community.

The remainder of \$330,000 will go towards an anti-petrol

sniffing program and diversionary activities for youth in crisis at Docker River.

"This funding from the ABA will strengthen the anti-petrol sniffing programs already under way in Central Australia," Mr Brough said.

"The project builds on a range of initiatives supported

under the Government's eight-point plan to tackle petrol sniffing which includes the roll-out of Opal petrol."

The ABA is taxpayer-funded and is intended to benefit Aboriginal Territorians. The Australian Government funding to the ABA matches royalties from mining on Aboriginal land

paid mainly to the NT Government.

Mr Brough says the ABA committee's recommendation of the two initiatives demonstrated a commitment to ensure that ABA funds are soundly targeted to areas of social need and economic opportunity for Indigenous Territorians.

New WA court gets support of Elders

By WA Correspondent KEN BOASE



Wongatha Elders from the West Australian goldfields have given their full support to the State's first formal Aboriginal Community Court.

The new court opened in Kalgoorlie on 23 November, two days after being officially launched by WA Attorney-General Jim McGinty.

The implementation of such a court system was one of the key recommendations of the WA Law Reform Commission report into Aboriginal Customary Law and the Criminal Justice System in Western Australia, released in late October.

The Kalgoorlie Community Court is modelled on Koori courts operating in New South Wales and Victoria and involves two Elders from a trained pool of 15 sitting with the magistrate at a round table as a way of taking the fear, mystery and miscommunication out of appearing in court.

The Community Court, which is adorned with Aboriginal art and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, is available to all Indigenous defendants listed to appear in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Magistrates Court sessions.

Wongatha Elder Aubrey Lynch, who is a member of the panel of Elders qualified to sit in the court, says he supports the idea because for the first time the magistrate will have a full appreciation of the circumstances that bring Aboriginal defendants before the court.

"We'll assist the magistrate by knowing that person's or defendant's background and talking to the offenders right in the court and making them aware of what they've done," Mr Lynch said.

"And if they're going to continue going down that track of offending, there's a penalty at the end of the day if they keep coming before the court."

Results from the Koori court system are heartening, with re-offending rates dropping by 15.5 per cent in one Victorian town alone. While there are no statistics available on a similar more informal court operating at Norseman, near Kalgoorlie, insiders say interim results are encouraging.

Mr Lynch says he is confident that the results in Kalgoorlie will be similar.

"It will help a lot because wherever they've got these court systems set up in the eastern states and one here in Norseman, the crime rates have dropped,



Wongatha Elder Aubrey Lynch (right) accepts WA Attorney-General Jim McGinty's hand after the launch of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Court. Photo courtesy of the Kalgoorlie Miner

and that's a good sign. Now that this thing is up and running, we're sure that the crime rate will drop here as well," he said.

"And once it's proven that it's a goer, then I'm sure it will go out to other communities."

Mr McGinty said the Government was committed to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison, and the Aboriginal Community Court may be the best hope of achieving that aim.

"This is not about soft options or making excuses for Aboriginal offenders," he said.

"A specialised court, which recognises Indigenous culture, can provide justice which is far more relevant to Aboriginal people and also help reduce re-offending."

Mr McGinty said the law and sentencing options in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Court would be the same as in any other court in WA, but Indigenous values and cultural input would play a key role.

The key differences to the traditional Magistrates Court include all court participants sitting at a round table, legal 'jargon' replaced by everyday language, Aboriginal artwork and flags to be prominent in the court, and Elders and other community members to preside with the magistrate. The court will also employ a dedicated Aboriginal justice officer.

An evaluation of the court will be made at the end of 2008, but Mr Lynch said that he and the other Elders sitting in the court were all confident that it would have a

positive effect on the Wongatha community throughout the Goldfields.

While the use of Elders in the justice system in Western Australia is not official policy, Elders in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions have been invited to sit in on magisterial hearings, and Mr McGinty remains a strong advocate of such a system becoming a formal part of the WA legal landscape.

Judges and magistrates are already allowed to use their discretion to take traditional law into account when passing sentence, particularly where tribal punishment has been, or will be, administered for the same crime.

The WA Government is still considering a possible legislative response to the WA Law Reform Commission report.

'It will help a lot because wherever they've got these court systems set up in the Eastern States and one here in Norseman, the crime rates have dropped, and that's a good sign. Now that this thing is up and running we're sure that the crime rate will drop here as well.' – Wongatha Elder Aubrey Lynch

Threat charge is thrown out

Legal service to investigate possible rights violations against girl, 10

By ELIZABETH MURRAY in Perth



The prolonged detention and questioning by police of a ten-year-old Perth girl has drawn criticism from the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia which says it will investigate for possible human rights violations. Magistrate

Timothy Schwass dismissed a charge of 'threat to harm' against the girl the week before last and rejected the video of a police interview in which the child was questioned without a responsible adult present and was not read a complete caution.

Perth defence barrister Linda Black argued the child had a limited capacity to understand right from wrong on 14 June this year when she is alleged to have intimidated four male police officers with a pair of paper scissors and a rock. The officers subdued the girl with pepper-spray.

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said the incident raised alarm bells about the WA Education Department and the way police did their business, and ALSWA would be looking at whatever means were necessary to get justice for the child.

The situation arose after the girl was banned from competing in an interschool sports carnival and she threw a tantrum when the school registrar refused to refund her bus fare.

In court, the registrar had a limited recollection of the events in the office leading to the emergency call, but the child maintains she was grabbed around the waist and thrown to the floor when she would not step aside for the senior staff member. The day the confrontation occurred the registrar and a teacher's aide were left in charge of the metropolitan primary school, while the principal and deputy principal were on leave.

Despite the services of Indigenous teachers and Aboriginal police liaison officers available to the students, the staff opted to call police and failed to notify the girl's family, though they alerted the parents of all other children in the school by sending a school circular home with the children.

Former WA police officer James Hawkins, the only one of the arresting officers to attend court, testified he had never seen such an angry child and likened her to a drug addict. A WA Police Service spokesperson said the former officer had not been responsible for pepper-spraying the primary school student and had since left the WA Police Service of his own volition.

Initially, the Koori Mail was told the matter was subject to a Police Internal Affairs Unit investigation, overseen by the Crime and Corruption Commission and, as such, police could not comment on the conduct of the four arresting officers. However, a police spokesperson later said the only investigation of the incident that had taken place was conducted by the officer-in-charge of the unit where the child had been detained and filmed, without a guardian being present, or even contacted.

"It was seen to be such an 'unusual' case, the officer in charge of Rail Unit wanted to make sure that he was personally satisfied with how it was carried out and carried out his own investigation into the matter," the spokesperson said.

Although the spokesperson would not outline what the police service policies are in relation to the arrest of children, she said they did exist, and that recruits were also screened for racial bias and given ethics training.



Perth Aboriginal community member Mingli Wanjurri-McGlade with a pair of regulation issue school scissors similar to those alleged to have been used by a 10-year-old Perth girl to intimidate four police officers.

The spokesperson said the formation of policy to address high rates of arrest and incarceration of Aboriginal people was a judicial matter and had 'nothing to do with police'.

However, Dennis Eggington said: "WA looks up Indigenous people more than any other State and is a world leader in the (poor) way it treats its First Nations People and we've argued that it's over-policing that is the problem."

"The police in this state, for whatever reason, don't want to use discretion when dealing with Aboriginal people and that includes cautions or diverting people from the justice system."

Mr Eggington said ALSWA would investigate whether there were any grounds of cruel or inhumane treatment of the girl from the arresting officers, through to the education personnel.

"The police haven't been able to justify the treatment of that girl at all. The court found she had no charges to answer for and the case was dismissed," he said.

"We'll be looking at what may come about from that decision and whether or not there is any further action needed in relation to how the girl was treated."

Mr Eggington said he also understood the girl was usually a quiet student and that the school should have made more effort to resolve the situation through its Indigenous staff or police Aboriginal liaison officers.

He said the WA Education Department cut all channels of communication after the incident and was very difficult to deal with.

"We're totally dissatisfied with the initial response from the education system and it was

just smacking of some kind of cover-up from the beginning," he said.

Prominent community member Mingli Wanjurri-McGlade said her efforts to use restorative justice to ease tensions at the school after the incident had failed, and a greater commitment and understanding was required.

She said she doubted that the problem would have arisen if the principal and deputy principal had been present when the row erupted, but the staff left in charge 'got carried away and scared' and 'couldn't handle the situation'.

"Aboriginal Education didn't want to help and they didn't know how to help, it was horrible," she said.

Ms Wanjurri-McGlade said one officer rinsed the handcuffed child's face over a fountain, and her clothes became saturated with pepper-spray and water.

"What hurt me a lot was the way (in court) they said 'she slumped to the ground'. That was incredible, that was painful for me to hear," she said.

The episode had not only taken a toll on the child, she said, but had caused rifts in her own professional relationships with the school staff, and was emotionally very draining.

She said the student, who she has mentored since the incident, was 'very bright' and excelled at sport and generally liked to get along with people.

She commended the girl's efforts to adjust following the upset.

"She has coped much better than they have, hopefully she'll be able to change schools next

Plea to do something

Indigenous HIV/AIDS epidemic threatens



Twenty-five years since the identification of HIV and 25 million deaths later, Australians –

particularly baby boomers – are still refusing to acknowledge the disease, according to new data released in the lead-up to World AIDS Day last Friday, 1 December.

The theme for 2006 was 'HIV/AIDS – Let's Talk About It Many Faces, Different Stories'.

A national survey of 1100 people has revealed that three in five Australians have not discussed HIV or AIDS in the past 12 months, with the main reason being they don't believe it has any relevance to them, or that it doesn't affect them.

"These figures are of great concern, but not surprising, given the success Australia has had at keeping the virus relatively contained over the past 25 years," said Dr Roger Garsia, chair of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on HIV and Sexually Transmissible Infections.

"This containment was a result of mobilisation of the community at all levels. It didn't occur through complacency and denial of the potential for HIV to impact widely."

Meanwhile, the nation's peak Aboriginal health group has warned of a looming HIV/AIDS epidemic in remote communities unless the Federal Government urgently and appropriately resources HIV/AIDS programs.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairman Henry Councillor said the action was necessary to prevent an epidemic of the disease like the one which had occurred in some Indigenous Canadian communities.

"Canada's response to HIV/AIDS has failed, both financially and culturally, and has caused a dramatic rise in the disease," Mr Councillor said.

"While Indigenous people in Canada make up only 4 per cent of the population, they account for 22 per cent of reported HIV infections and that's a frightening statistic."

"We must ensure that a comprehensive, Aboriginal-led approach to HIV/AIDS is implemented – with enhanced primary health care, health promotion, treatment and support – to prevent such a dramatic rise in transmission here in Australia."

Mr Councillor said the theme of World AIDS Day – 'Let's Talk About It' – was relevant to many Aboriginal people who often had difficulty discussing HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections.

"This is not a gay or a white disease, as some people think – it's a virus that can affect anybody."

Mr Councillor has sought an urgent meeting with Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott to discuss the appropriate sponsoring of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS programs.

Ace choir records CD

By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA



It was a powerful moment when 20 Elders joined in a sea of red, yellow and black to perform before friends and family in Melbourne recently.

The Aboriginal Community Elders (better known as ACEs) Choir had come together at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Centre at the Melbourne Museum to record a variety of Gospel, traditional language and contemporary songs for their first compact disc (CD).

The choir was formed five years ago by Uncle Reg Blow and is led by Pastor Dennis Atkinson.

Choir spokeswoman Auntie Faye Carter told the Koori Mail that singing was just another extension of Aboriginal culture.

"We've been singing as a choir since 2001 as part of our ACEs daycare program in Brunswick. Singing is part of our culture; we sing hymns so much because that's what we learned on the missions," she said.

"People have come and gone. We've lost people but it's a real social gathering for us."

There were also performances at Bunjilaka from Lou Bennett and Kutcha Edwards.

When Mr Edwards performed, there wasn't a dry eye in the room. Tears flowed as it was one



Aboriginal Community Elders (ACEs) Choir members recording their CD at Bunjilaka, in Melbourne.

of Mr Edwards' first community performances since his mother passed away.

The recording of the Elders was a group effort between the choir, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and Bunjilaka. However, Auntie Faye credited Russell Smith as having made it all happen.

As a member of Melbourne band the Broilga Boys, Mr Smith is no stranger to music.

"Over the years, the Broilga Boys have done a lot of festivals and I had seen the Elders Choir doing their gigs," he said.

"One day two or three years ago, I thought 'this has to be captured' so I started an RMIT sound course to learn the technical stuff about recording and how it all works."

"The higher powers at the university apparently saw the Elders perform and they were just

blown away by them. When I said I wanted to record the choir, they put funds together and, with Bunjilaka's donation of the venue, we decided to do it."

Mr Smith said it has been great to get support for the project from Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

"The sound engineers, plus the film students at RMIT, plus the photography students – it's a mix of Aboriginal and

non-Aboriginal people working together on this project," he said.

"For me it's like, as youngsters in this community we've got to pull up our socks and get stuck in. Recording something like the choir is really important for us in any Aboriginal community. We've got to capture the Elders – this is what they do best."

For further information about the choir and its CD, contact Russell Smith on (03) 9925 4414.

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Australian Idol's Irish eyes



Idol judge Marcia Hines thinks Jessica is 'dynamite'



Jessica Mauboy congratulates Damien Leith on winning Australian Idol 2006.



Casey Donovan, the 2004 Australian Idol.



Jessica Mauboy's sisters, from left, Sophia, Sandra, Cathy and Jenny.



Just some of the Jess supporters in the crowd.



No prizes for guessing who these girls wanted to win.

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IRISH eyes may be smiling after November 26 at the Sydney Opera House, but Australian Idol runner-up Jessica Mauboy's trademark grin is still firmly in place.

In a television grand finale watched by 2.2 million viewers, Irishman Damien Leith was named the Australian Idol.

Jessica, the Aboriginal teenager from Darwin, humbly accepted defeat for the main prize with a big smile and hug.

The 17-year-old was 'discovered' at the televised singing contest's Alice Springs auditions, beating more than 25,000 hopefuls for a chance at the title. After six months, Jessica landed herself in the top two.

In the media conference following the grand final, Jessica said that she began the show as a very shy girl and getting into the top two was very unexpected.

"I can't describe it, it's just the best," she told Koori Mail. Although when the Koori Mail went to print Jessica had not yet been offered a recording contract, she did confirm that she was in talks with Sony BMG chief executive Denis Handlin.

"They said 'we want to talk to you' so that is exciting and I'll see where that takes me," she said.

"I really want to keep on with the music and try and write because I am not much of a writer."

Jessica is looking forward to going back to Darwin and spending Christmas with her family and friends.

"I want to go back to

It was a night to remember

Koori Mail journalist SOLUA MIDDLETON, pictured, was at the Australian Idol grand final, soaking up the atmosphere and capturing one of the biggest nights ever for Australian Idol contestant Jessica Mauboy.



The star-studded event held at the Sydney Opera House started with former Australian Idol contenders and past winners and runners-up taking to the red carpet. Celebrities taking part included 2004 winner Casey

Donovan, who is another Aboriginal girl, this year's Top-30 contestant Brendan Boney, and celebrities from Neighbours, Big Brother and The Biggest Loser.

The final announcement was preceded by an outdoor concert for the thousands of fans who turned up to get a glimpse of their favourites. The concert featured all past Australian Idol winners and runners-up with the exception of Casey Donovan.

A lot of the buzz on the red carpet pointed towards a win for Jessica, but it wasn't to be, with Irishman Damien taking home the title.

Brendon Boney told The Koori Mail that he soon would be touring with the Hoodoo Gurus and will be working as a presenter for a Channel Ten show.

Darwin and see all the fans and all the people that have really supported me, and my family who have really backed me up," she said.

A move to a bigger city has not been ruled out by the teen, and Jessica says that her parents will support her totally whatever her decision.

She wants to complete her school while pursuing her singing dream.

Encouraging

When Jessica watched the 2005 Australian Idol grand final, it was her father's encouraging words which propelled her on her own Australian Idol journey.

"I saw Kate and Emily in the final and my dad said 'that is where I want you to be and I hope I see you there'. And, wow, it is really happening," she said.

Jessica says she has no regrets from the competition and her goal is to have one album and be working on a second within five years.

She was known for her radiant smile as much as her singing capabilities, but has yet to hear from dental product companies. "Not yet, hopefully they will, so come on!" she laughed.

Jessica blossomed throughout the series, and the judges have been impressed with her incredible journey and growth.

"Jess is a dynamite singer and a dynamite human being. Her parents have supported her all the way so what more can you want?" said Idol judge Marcia Hines.

"I have seen an immense growth in both (Jess and Damien) but even more so in Jess because she is a girl

from the Northern Territory."

Fellow contestant Dean Geyer, who was knocked out of the series in the fortnight before the grand final, praised the Darwin 'darling' too.

"Give Jess a couple more years and she is going to be as good as Whitney Houston," he said.

Channel Ten Chief Executive Officer Grant Blackley said he thought that this had been the best year for Australian Idol.

"We congratulate every contestant," he said. "I actually suspect that we are going to see a lot more of Jessica... and what an outstanding contribution she has made in the grand final and right through the series."

● The Koori Mail congratulates both Jessica and Damien Leith.



A winning smile ... Jessica Mauboy at the Australian Idol grand final in Sydney.



Jessica's proud parents Ferdy and Theresa Mauboy on the red carpet.



Fellow 2006 Idol contestant Brendon Boney ... He is set to tour with the Hoodoo Gurus.

Uni honour for Huggins



Dr Jackie Huggins ... "I'm just absolutely stoked at receiving an honorary doctorate and I feel very humbled by it. I know that I will be able to use it to good effect."



Jackie Huggins sits on some of Australia's most influential bodies, from Reconciliation Australia and the philanthropic Telstra

Foundation to the committee charged with re-writing the national history curriculum.

On Monday, the Queensland educator, author and activist added another string to an already crowded bow by receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Queensland (UQ) where she is Deputy Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research.

As high-flying as her story sounds, Dr Huggins still acknowledges the encouragement she received four decades ago as a student in the Brisbane working class suburb of Inala.

In the audience on Monday was her Grade 5 teacher Mrs Beryl Roberts, whom Ms Huggins credits with motivating her to pursue higher education.

The fact that she began her educational journey at a time when Indigenous Australians weren't counted in the national census is not lost on Dr Huggins, and she's

passionate about getting the teaching of Australian history right.

As Australia gears up to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum which resulted in Indigenous peoples being counted in the census, she says the teaching of Australian history must acknowledge past mistakes and injustices if the country is to move

'Until we get it right with the teaching of Aboriginal history then I don't think that we can pretend to be Australians together'

forward.

"It will take generations in order for reconciliation to become a reality in our country, but at least we're in the initial phases," Ms Huggins said.

"In this process we advise people to talk the talk and we want them to walk the walk now."

"Until we get it right with the teaching of Aboriginal history, then I

don't think that we can pretend to be Australians together."

"By that, I mean there is a lot of denial in our country about the original inhabitants and owners of the land."

A Bidjara and Birri-Gubba Juru woman, Ms Huggins worked at the ABC and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs before starting undergraduate studies at UQ. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in anthropology and history in 1987, and a Diploma of Education, and honours in history and women's studies from Flinders University in Adelaide. In 2001, she was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Indigenous community.

Ms Huggins ranks being a mother to her business and tourism student son John as her greatest achievement, followed by her participation in the recent Australian History Summit.

She says the guidance and encouragement she received as a student and staff member at UQ were invaluable.

"I'm just absolutely stoked at receiving an honorary doctorate and I feel very humbled by it," she said. "I know that I will be able to use it to good effect."

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Tender No. FaCSIA/06/T530

The Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is seeking tenders from suitably qualified researchers and evaluators for a panel of service providers to deliver social policy research and evaluation services to its policy and program areas. Activities undertaken by members of the panel may include:

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The Panel will operate for a period of five years, between 2007 and 2011.

Tender documentation may be obtained by contacting the Contact Officer at SPREP.Tender@facsla.gov.au

Tenderers should preferably direct any questions regarding this RFT to the above email address, or may post inquiries to:

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Research Management Section
Department of Families, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs
Box 7788 Canberra Mail Centre
Canberra ACT 2610

Please note, any queries raised by telephone will not be responded to.

Tenders close at 2.00 p.m. Canberra local time on **Friday 15 December 2006**.

All paper copies of tender responses must be lodged by this time to be considered.

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Welfare top priority for re-elected Bracks Govt

By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA
in Melbourne



Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings has retained his portfolio and the Victorian Labor Party says the newly re-elected Bracks Government will tackle the welfare of Aboriginal children and families during the next four years.

Earlier this year, Mr Jennings said the Government wanted to end the situation in which Indigenous citizens died on average 20 years earlier than other Victorians and experienced a greater concentration of hardship and trauma over the course of their lives.

He said a re-elected Government

would focus on support for Koori mothers and children and set the following objectives and outcomes in maternal health and childhood development:

- Reduce smoking and alcohol use in pregnancy by Indigenous mothers
- Reduce the Indigenous perinatal mortality rate
- Increase the percentage of Indigenous babies with birthweight at or above 2500g
- Increase the Indigenous four-year-old kindergarten participation rate
- Reduce the rate of Indigenous child protection substantiations.

Other objectives included improving literacy and numeracy, Year 12 completion, economic development, native title, preventing family violence

and community capacity building.

Since the election result, Mr Jennings has told the Koori Mail that overcoming Indigenous disadvantage will continue to be a highest priority of the Bracks Government in making a 'fairer Victoria'.

"We'll work with Indigenous leaders and citizens within our communities to articulate their strengths and aspirations and how they would like to build a more positive future for their children," he said.

"Indigenous disadvantage remains, as in the rest of Australia, a pervasive and entrenched problem, with Victoria's Indigenous community continuing to suffer from low rates of school achievement and high rates of unemployment, imprisonment and ill health."

'Grey nomads' ready to help



More than 150 so-called 'grey nomads' have signed up to a new initiative aimed at

encouraging Australia's senior citizens to volunteer their time, skills and experience to work with remote Indigenous communities.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough launched 'Senior Volunteers for Indigenous Communities' at the National Seniors Conference on the Gold Coast on 26 November.

Mr Brough said the initiative was intended to build on the Indigenous Community Volunteers Program.

"Senior Australians have a lot to offer and remote Indigenous communities have been isolated for too long from interaction with mainstream Australia," he said.

"They are starved of information and they need access to skilled people."

Mr Brough said the projects to be undertaken through the initiative would provide an opportunity for senior Australians to 'work hand-in-hand with Indigenous people and to build long-term, lasting relationships'.

He committed \$300,000 to the initiative, which is expected to start in 2007 and send 30,000 retirees into Indigenous communities.

National Seniors Association Chairman Everaldo Compton said the initiative was the 'best example of practical reconciliation we have seen in Australia'.

"This is using our skills to help others," he said. "This is a powerful message for the whole community about



The first recruit to Senior Volunteers for Indigenous Communities, Helen McLaughlin.

working together to deal with one of our nation's great challenges."

But the Federal Opposition said the joint Federal Government and National Seniors Association plan would do little to solve the problems afflicting communities.

"Unfortunately, the Minister

specialises in simplistic and short-term solutions to complex problems," said Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Senator Chris Evans.

"The problems facing many remote Indigenous communities are in large part problems of lack of infrastructure, lack of

adequate housing, and lack of resources.

"Sending in volunteers – however well-intentioned – for two or three months at a time won't address these problems."

"Remote Indigenous communities need assistance with recruiting doctors, teachers and tradespeople who are prepared to stay for the long haul, and these people need to be properly resourced."

Senator Evans also questioned the quality of language and cultural training the volunteers would receive.

National Seniors program co-ordinator Olivia Molaei told the Koori Mail that more than 150 people had signed on in the week the initiative was announced.

"We've got nurses, teachers, engineers, electricians, carpenters, agriculturalists, ex-police officers, boilermakers, business professionals and mechanics," she said.

"We've had a terrific response from a real mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

High-ranking Indigenous affairs bureaucrat Helen McLaughlin, who retires later this month from the Office of Indigenous Policy Co-ordination, was the first to sign up to the initiative.

"This program is about building relationships on the ground – it's Aussies helping Aussies," Mrs McLaughlin said.

"The last time I retired, I travelled all over Queensland and marvelled at the network of other senior Australians on the road. They are the people we want to volunteer and I encourage them to join me in doing so."

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The committee will consist of twelve (12) members. One person will be appointed from each of the following towns and will represent their own community:

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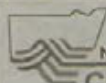
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Contracts will be offered following a merit based selection process. Specific criteria outlined in the project brief are to be addressed in the application for contract.

Submissions should address only the selection criteria and be no more than four or five A4 pages.

Closing Date: Monday, 18 December, 2006.

Specific project information is available on our website www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

For general enquires phone Ian Simpson, Program Manager on 0428 824 378.

Applications should be addressed to the General Manager, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, PO Box 618 Grafton NSW 2460.

Mundine seeks Senate seat

Story and photo by Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



Australian Labor Party President Warren Mundine spent more than a week in Perth meeting with

men's groups and giving a series of speeches on domestic violence as part of the national White Ribbon campaign.

Mr Mundine spoke candidly on a range of issues during an exclusive interview with the *Koori Mail*, including the Nyoongar native title win and his plans to fight next year's Federal election if he wins pre-selection for a place on the New South Wales Labor Senate ticket.

Mr Mundine said he was a strong supporter of White Ribbon Day (November 24) because it highlighted domestic violence as a priority issue in Indigenous communities trying to cope with the fallout from physical and sexual abuse.

"We all know the underlying issues in regard to colonisation and invasion and the problems in our communities, but we cannot make excuses any more when we look at the statistics where Aboriginal women are 45 times more likely to suffer domestic violence than their non-Aboriginal sisters," Mr Mundine said.

"They are seven times more likely to be murdered and they're statistics that we're not going to wear any more and as Aboriginal men we need to take up the challenge and be warriors and leaders and the men that our women need."

"We need to weed out the violence against our women that has become part of our culture because we don't want it to be a part of our culture any more."

'I expected some hostility from Nyoongar men, but I've been blown away by the reaction in the week I've been in Perth, and a lot of them spoke openly and said they wanted to be strong and proud Nyoongar men. They wanted to be part of change in respect to domestic violence.'

"We all love our sisters and our mothers and our grandmothers and our daughters and our cousins and we need to protect them and make sure they're safe and living a happy, healthy and strong life."

Mr Mundine said he was surprised at the positive reaction he had had while in Perth, particularly from those that the White Ribbon concept was supposed to target.

"I expected some hostility from Nyoongar men, but I've been blown away by the reaction in the week I've been in Perth, and a lot of them spoke openly and said they wanted to be strong and proud Nyoongar



Nyoongar Elder Harry Thorne with ALP President Warren Mundine during his recent visit to Perth. "We need to weed out the violence against our women that has become part of our culture because we don't want it to be a part of our culture any more," Mr Mundine said.

men. They wanted to be part of change in respect to domestic violence," he said.

"They see it as a change that will be better for their women and better for themselves and they all want to be a part of a big change and even Nyoongars I spoke to in prison said they wanted to be part of a turnaround and be proud of themselves."

Perth youth organisation Maamba Aboriginal Corporation is helping a group of young Nyoongar men with cultural teaching of respect for women and respect for culture.

Maamba chief and Nyoongar Elder Harry Thorne said he agreed that he'd heard of fewer incidents of domestic violence in recent months and perhaps the message was starting to get through.

"The government agencies seem to be keeping an eye on women and children who have been bashed and at last something is being done about it," Mr Thorne said.

"I've always been a strong believer in keeping domestic

violence out of a marriage and my wife and I have been together for 52 years and we wouldn't be together if I'd done those things."

"There's something in a good married life and if you can stay together, it really pays off because the value of the relationship is worth steering through all of the bad times."

"We have our arguments and that and if I feel that I'm going to 'lose it', I just get up and walk off."

"We have a lot of young people coming to Maamba and we've just started a Green Corp program and that's taking in about ten young blokes and they're going to be building walkways over the wetlands and marshes so that we can teach out culture to anyone who wants to learn."

Mr Mundine also answered criticism of his apparently close relationship with WA Deputy Premier Eric Ripper during a recent SBS Television program examining the Nyoongar native title win in the Federal Court earlier this year, and subsequent plans for an appeal by the WA and Federal governments.

"I'm a strong supporter of the Nyoongar native title claim, and my advice to Eric Ripper and Alan Carpenter is that they should not have appealed and I'm hoping that they lose that appeal and I hope they also lose in the High Court if it goes that far," Mr Mundine said.

"Some people say I'm a bit

close and cuddly to Eric Ripper, and of course I am because we're in the same political party, but that doesn't mean I support what he's doing."

"The reason I'm in the Labor Party and I support the Labor Party is because of the social justice issues and trying to build Indigenous representation in parliaments all around Australia, but that doesn't mean I'm going to kiss bum on issues like this."

Change of direction

Mr Mundine said he would not be seeking another term as ALP President, and was in discussions for a number two or three spot on the NSW Labor Senate ticket for next year's Federal election.

"I've still got another four months to go with my presidency of the ALP and everyone knows I've put my hand up for pre-selection," he said.

"So after Christmas I'll spend time with my family and my friends and my cousins and getting my feet back on the ground again."

"I'm going to hit the ground running in the New Year and start working towards a Labor Party win for the Federal election."

Mr Mundine said his focus would be on cultural education for Indigenous Australians with an emphasis on employment.

"It's about getting jobs, and real jobs, not just these six-month jobs or 12-month jobs,

but getting private enterprise jobs, getting Aboriginal people to be self-employed and building the economy," he said.

"We've got a booming economy here and Aboriginal people need to be a part of that. We need to be the benefactors of that as well because a lot of this mining activity is happening on our country. We need to have a share in that and have control of that."

Mr Mundine said he would be immediately pushing for better policy outcomes for Indigenous people caught up in the criminal justice system, many of whom he visited while in Perth.

"The prisoners identified to me that when they get out of prison, the support mechanism is not there for them, and they fall very easily back into this bad behaviour," he said.

"We need to ensure that governments have proper support mechanisms for them, that we do have programs where we take the men and the families, not the women who disrupt their lives, and put them in safe places and deal with their anger management."

Alternative

Mr Mundine said there needed to be an alternative solution to jail, especially for young offenders.

"We really need to stop locking up our kids, and we need to put our men in diversionary programs, our young men, so that they can then go through the proper cultural programs, the proper ceremonial programs, and the proper self development programs that make them deal with their issues and so we do not have more people suffering in the future," he said.

"And these are the types of programs that governments really need to get behind."

Mr Mundine concluded that all State Education departments needed to build solid education programs to meet the needs of Indigenous students.

"I'm a strong supporter of Aboriginal language programs and Aboriginal education and making sure that Aboriginal culture is taught in schools and I want to remove those things on the other side of politics that talks about teaching only English and colonial history."

"For us to have our own self-esteem and continue to grow our culture and be strong contributors to Australian society and the world society, we need to have our culture and our languages taught to our children."

Justin's family needs help



Justin Parker with his sisters in happier times.



Fundraising efforts are being mobilised to support a four-year-old Aboriginal

burns victim in the Royal Brisbane Hospital and his struggling family.

On the morning of 5 October in Mount Isa, Justin Parker was playing with matches and set himself alight. He suffered burns to 45 per cent of his body, mostly from the waist up.

Since the accident, he has spent time in an induced coma and on life support in the hospital's intensive care unit and has had five operations.

Justin is now in the burns unit while his parents Tanya Kum Sing and Larry Parker stay with their other five children at nearby Ronald McDonald House and take turns to stay by his side.

Last Thursday, an art event called the Art4Justin exhibition was held at Footsteps Gallery in Brisbane. Exhibition organiser and family relative Sherri Chapman said Justin's young family was struggling to cope.

"Family and friends are helping as much as they can but times are hard for this family," Miss Chapman said.

"We are hoping to raise funds for little Justin as he has a long journey ahead of



Young Justin Parker on life-support in a Brisbane hospital ... "We would appreciate any further donations to help this little fulla have a better future. You will be giving them the greatest gift of all, hope for the future."

him and will need a lot surgery, in particular plastic surgery.

"The doctors say that one of the first operations will be plastic surgery to reconstruct his ears as they have been very badly burned.

"We would appreciate

"They need support in housing because they'll have to stay in Brisbane now to get their son better," said friend Cleavon Davis.

"Up in the north-west, there's no help available for this family's child to heal.

"They don't have much family down here and have no money for Christmas so they're feeling the strain of the situation.

"Tanya and Larry are trying to stay strong and positive, especially for the children.

"Please show your support for this family."

'The doctors say that one of the first operations will be plastic surgery to reconstruct his ears as they have been burnt off'

any further donations to help this little fulla have a better future. You will be giving the greatest gift of all, hope for the future."

Justin's family especially needs emergency housing.

● If you would like to donate money or assist in some other way, contact Justin's mum Tanya on (0411) 345 400 or Cleavon Davis on (0402) 338 750.

Jagera sign MoU



Native title claimants and a south-east Queensland city council are set to reap benefits from a native title

agreement that charts the way forward for constructive community engagement.

Ipswich City Council and the Jagera people last week signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that establishes the framework for an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) about how they will manage land in the shire under the Jagera people's native title claim.

The Jagera people lodged their claim in 2003 over an area in south-east Queensland that includes the entire Ipswich City Council region.

Under the proposed ILUA, the council and native title claimants will establish how they will deal with future infrastructure development, cultural heritage issues and community relations in this area.

National Native Title Tribunal Member Neville MacPherson, who assisted the parties in reaching the MoU, said the parties' goodwill was evident during the 18 months of negotiations, and their working relationship set a firm basis for further negotiations about the ILUA.

"This developing relationship will lead to better protection and management of public land within the native title claim for the wider public benefit," he said.

"During the agreement-making process the groups have had the chance to explore and gain an understanding of each other's perspectives and relationships to this land. As a result, we expect this MoU to be an enduring agreement.

"The parties have demonstrated what can be achieved in a local government area when councils and claimants choose to reach agreement over native title rather than being drawn into the expensive, uncertain and divisive litigation process."



From left, Ipswich Councillor Paul Tully, Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale, Eddie Ruska and Elder Irene Egert at the signing of a memorandum of understanding establishing how they will manage land in the shire under the Jagera people's native title claim.

Film-makers expose diabetes tragedy



A new documentary shows how pioneering health prevention programs are helping to combat the devastating effects of the diabetes epidemic on Indigenous communities in outback Australia.

The documentary, *That diabetes - Tackling it Together*, is the work of Aboriginal film-makers and was launched last month in Melbourne.

It covers the tragedy of Indigenous diabetes-stricken dialysis patients in an

Alice Springs hospital through to the hope and inspiration of how a group of Aboriginal women have begun beach walking on the remote north-west coast of Australia to help avoid the onset of diabetes in their own community.

Diabetes Australia President Associate Professor Peter Little said there were many barriers in addressing the problem of diabetes in Indigenous communities, including access to fresh foods, language and remoteness.

"This film aims to raise awareness of the terrible toll that diabetes is having on

Indigenous Australians while showcasing these initiatives," he said.

At Lombadina, 200km north of Broome, the small community of 400 people is in the initial stages of addressing diabetes. A group of local women of all ages have begun regular hour-long beach walks as part of efforts to change their lifestyle.

Among the programs featured are those introduced in the Kimberley by Aboriginal leader Ernie Bridge and the Unity First People of Australia (UFGA).

Mr Bridge described the documentary as being about health, a lifestyle change and

cultural shift where healthy people are equally targeted.

"Diabetes needs a 'self-managed' strategy. We need to educate Aboriginal people and Aboriginal people need to act and take a level of responsibility themselves," he said.

"UFGA carers live in outback communities to carry out diabetes education. It's a seven-day-a-week commitment where the carers live, share and embrace the community and constantly drive home the message of good health, fitness and medication compliance."

Dodson lashes 'gutless polities'

Message Stick starts long peace journey



Murray's Bridge State School in Warwick, on the Queensland Darling Downs, played host to the Warwick

Peace Festival's Message Stick ceremony.

Warwick Shire councillors, business people, youth workers and local Indigenous people at the small gathering were enthralled by performances and stories told by local Githabul people about traditional life along the river.

Indigenous choreographer and dancer Sharman Parsons had the crowd's attention while performing the Singing of the Message Stick.

Ms Parsons is also the artist who created the message stick used for this occasion.

The crowd was also entertained by Tom Brown, a local Indigenous didjeridu player.

The Murray's Bridge students treated the audience to a performance of *We Are One*. They were accompanied by Mr Brown on the didjeridu.

The Message Stick then began its journey from Murray's Bridge (Queensland) to Murray Bridge (South Australia), carrying with it an invitation for towns and communities along the Murray/Darling rivers to join Warwick's International Soccer Carnival which is to be part of the 2007 Peace Festival.

Although it's an international carnival, event co-ordinators say they would like to see more Indigenous teams involved in what has been dubbed Warwick's World Cup.

Peace Festival co-ordinator Jan Gudkovs said: "We already have a couple of Indigenous teams from south-east Queensland taking up our invitation, but are eager



Tom Brown playing the didjeridu while the Murray's Bridge Students sing *We Are One*.



Peace Festival committee member Ruth Power holding up the Message Stick.

to have a lot more from around the country."

Other teams expressing interest in the carnival come from Warwick's sister city in Japan, Kumiya, and teams from Brisbane, Toowoomba and townships along the Condamine.

The weekend aims to promote friendship and understanding between ethnic groups.

Warwick Shire tourism and events marketing co-ordinator Judith Charles said: "Warwick is progressively becoming a more accepting community."

"With events such as the Message Stick ceremony and

the recent success of the multicultural luncheon, it looks like things are only getting better for a place that has not been overly encouraging of Indigenous or multicultural events in the past.

"I think people in Warwick would like to see more of the Indigenous culture and we hope to do so by organising more events that showcase local Koori talent."

The 10-day Peace Festival will be held from 16-25 March and will include a range of activities, art exhibitions and performances from cultures from around the world.



Prominent Aboriginal leader Patrick Dodson has lashed out at 'gutless' politicians, saying they should stop accusing

Indigenous people of harbouring paedophiles.

Speaking at the recent Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) national conference in Sydney, Mr Dodson, who is the Lingari Foundation chairman, said Indigenous Australians spent too much time dealing with police, courts and community service personnel.

"It'll never be the faceless politicians (we talk to) - they are so gutless they hide behind the media and run around denigrating the Aboriginal people of this country, calling us paedophile harbourers and all sorts of other things," he said.

"They've never sat down in the scrub and had a serious debate or discussion about the rights of the Indigenous people in this country."

Mr Dodson did not name individual politicians, but Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough claimed earlier this year that paedophile rings were operating in Aboriginal communities, including the tiny Northern Territory community of Mutitjulu.

Mr Dodson said that for governments to achieve

reconciliation with Aboriginal communities, they must change their current practices.

"All assistance in the world will be of no consequence if our governments are not prepared to enter into genuine conversations with our people at every level to come to agreement about how Aboriginal people can take their place in the Australian society, while still being able to be Aboriginal people with unique roles and responsibilities in their own land," he said.

"Then and only then will we have the reconciliation that this nation needs and desires."

Mr Dodson said Australians would live in shame if the Government did not make changes.

"The alternative is a diminished nation living in the shame of its past and incapable of achieving real maturity as a nation state at peace with its first peoples," he said.

Mr Dodson said there was a price to be paid for racism in Australia and internationally.

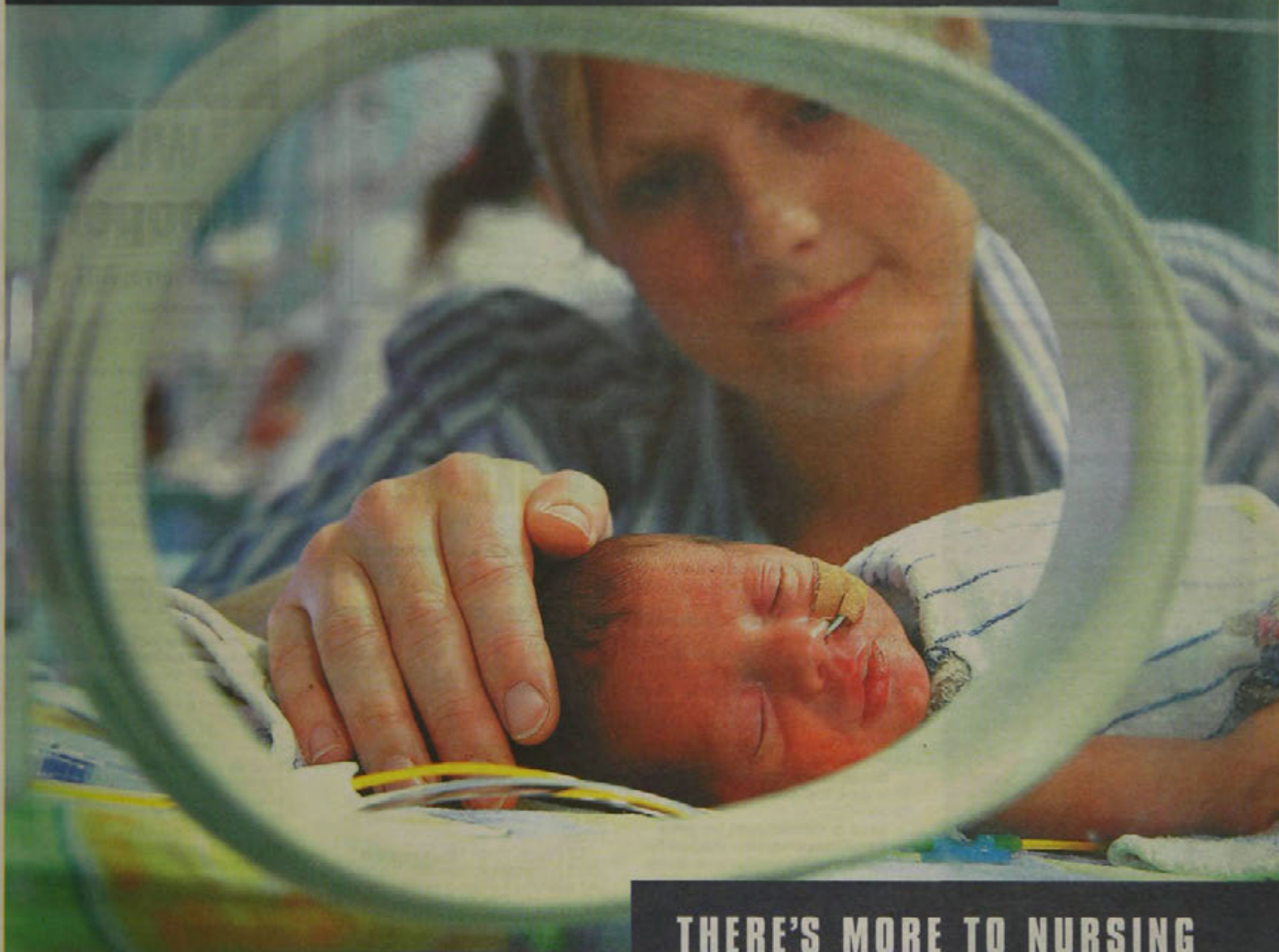
"Racism and intolerance are cancers that will destroy our society if allowed to roam unfettered in our national values," he said.

The ACOSS Congress considered whether Australia is a fairer country now than it was 50 years ago, and what action was needed to set the foundations for Australia to be a fairer country in the next 50 years. -AAP



PATRICK DODSON

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A Yarn With...



Will Cooper

Canberra, ACT

Favourite bush tucker?
All of it

Favourite other food?
I really like Italian spaghetti and lasagne, and I like Mexican, too.

Favourite drink?
Coca-Cola

Favourite Music?
I am into everything but my favourites are urban R&B and hip-hop and rock.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Rugby League and basketball

Favourite holiday destination?
Back home (Harden-Murrumburrah in New South Wales) to see family.

What are you reading?
50 Golden Years of the Chaser and Monday Mourning

What is your greatest highlight in life?
Getting into uni and then next year my degree.

What do you like in life?
The opportunity to pursue what you want to do and have family and friends around as a support base.

What don't you like?
I don't like racism, ignorant and narrow-minded people and animal cruelty.

Who would you most like to meet?
Nelson Mandela.

Which three people would you invite around for a campfire?
Mandaway Yunupingu, Bono (of U2) for music and what he stands for and actor Angelina Jolie.

Who or what inspires you?
My family and just the idea of trying to make the most of myself. To be the best person I can be.

What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
There is still not enough awareness of our issues. The major issues do not get enough airtime and there doesn't seem to be a willingness. While we have come a long way, there is still a long way to go to get rid of stereotypes of our people.

Quote



We looked at it from a humanitarian point of view, not a legal one. We challenged political thinking today.

— Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon commenting after Tasmania has become the first Australian State to pass legislation to compensate its Stolen Generations of Aboriginal children

Unquote

Rally on troops, here and in NY

As far as strategy goes, ex-military man and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough would no doubt have preferred to avoid last week's almost-mutiny by the National Indigenous Council.

Public airing of the news that the Council is unhappy with the way it has been consulted about Indigenous affairs policy would have to be a major shame job for the Government, especially on the heels of the still-pungent Wadeye COAG trial disaster.

But, as it turns out, the Council may have done itself and the Government a favour.

Since its establishment two years ago, the Council has been plagued by criticisms that it is a token body, set up to make it look as if the Government cares what Indigenous people think about what it is doing.

Some of those critics might now be thinking 'we told you so' but the fact that the bush mouse has roared could do quite a bit for the NIC's credibility as a body prepared to stand up for Indigenous people.

The Minister is certainly talking things up: 'The sheer fact they (the complaints) were raised and we are working together to resolve them reflects the fact that the NIC is a much more robust body than many people suggest'.

Good to see he's a glass half-full kind of fella. Given the state of Indigenous communities, we need optimists.

It's a bit of a waiting game though, with the Minister promising to fix things



OUR SAY

up over the festive season and get back to the NIC mob in January. One suspects there'll be a few bureaucrats beavering away, brows furrowed, in the shadow of a willing office Christmas tree. Not much of a Chris-Kringle, that, but there's work to be done so rally on troops.

Of course, much has been made about processes surrounding the NIC and less about whether its members are impressed with the direction the government is heading in. That's a bit of a closed shop but would benefit, too, from a bit more transparency.

Further afield, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly's decision to delay consideration of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for up to a year will be disheartening for a lot of Indigenous Australians.

Although the latest spanner in the works was lobbed by a handful of African countries, Australia, Canada, the United States and New Zealand have also been spoiling against the draft declaration.

Maybe us blackfellas should use the next twelve months to really avail ourselves of what the draft will mean if it ever gets passed and rally on ourselves.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Early last month I was invited to speak at the prestigious Bangkok WINGS Forum, *Making a Difference in Philanthropy*, and took the opportunity during the delivery of my paper to press home the point that charity does in fact begin at home.

The WINGS (Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support) Forum brings together all major global philanthropic organisations to discuss initiatives in charity giving and to network.

Organisations were invited from regions, including Africa (Sub-Saharan), Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North Africa/Middle East, North America.

Prominent non-Australian organisations in attendance included the United Nations, World Bank, World Health Organisation, the Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, Kellogg and Kraft to name a few. The Myer Foundation was prominent amongst the strong Australian delegation of charitable groups.

I was fortunate to be sponsored by a large United States-based philanthropic organisation – the organisation that will employ me. I will be spending several months a year at their California base and the remainder of the year working with Indigenous specific projects in Australia.

The Macquarie Dictionary defines 'philanthropy' as: *Love of mankind, esp. as manifested in deeds of practical beneficence; benevolent.*

I can still vividly remember incidents of charitable acts from others when I was a child, and said so in my 2005 book *The N Word – One man's stand* (P 37):

"On the occasional Sunday after church, the white folk of Cunnamulla would drive to the end of the bitumen road to unload large boxes of clothing and toys. It didn't matter to us kids that they were rejects or outgrown items from their children. After the white folk had climbed back into their cars and headed to the safety of town, there would be a mad rush to see what booty we could claim."

So yes, the sprint was definitely on when white folks hastily presented their charitable boxes at the edge of the cemetery for us camp kids to share and enjoy.

Back then, I never really thought of it as an act of charity and I certainly hadn't heard of the word philanthropy. Even today, when I tell my friends that I'm going to work in the field of philanthropy, some of them innocently shake their heads and ask why I would want to leave a good academic job to go stamp collecting.

I tell them that they've got my job description mixed up with philately (collector of postage stamps).

Crash course

Even though I had grown to become more acquainted with the meaning of philanthropy from direct involvement as a volunteer worker in recent times, I still felt I needed to do a crash course on the specifics of this charitable and noble profession in order to fashion a paper of substance.

Accessing data from a recent Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs report on philanthropy, I discovered the following snippets of information.

- In 2005 \$7.7 billion was donated by Australian individuals.
- \$5.7 billion donated by 13.4 million people (87 per cent of adult Australians).
- Over \$2 billion donated by the corporate sector in cash and \$1.1 billion in services.
- Average donation was \$424 per year.
- \$2 billion was provided by 10.5 million individuals through 'charity gambling' or support for events.

As I read these statistics, I wanted to find out more about who these people were that gave generously of their time and money and discovered that:

- Women are more likely to give than men (90 per cent and 84 per cent respectively).
- Middle-aged people are the age group more likely to give – those aged 45 to 55 years give at a rate of 88 per cent and give on average \$500 per year.
- Those aged 65 years and over give the largest average donation (\$517).

Gina Anderson, of Philanthropy Australia, which represents the benefactors, makes a pertinent point in difficult economic times

Charity begins at home



From left, Stephen Hagan, Janet Mawiyoo (Kenya Community Development Foundation), Henrietta Marrie (the Christensen Fund, USA), Filiz Bikmen (Third Sector Foundation of Turkey), and Sarah Adam (World Bank, Thailand) at the WINGS Forum in Bangkok.



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the Kumburi Centre at the University of Southern Queensland, an award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of his latest book *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100*.

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that: "Ten years ago you could write a cheque and give that to the charity and feel good about it – but today we expect more, a good feeling is not enough."

She was obviously referring to accountability of monies donated.

Although Australians were quick to donate to the Asian tsunami, the earthquake in the Middle East and the drought in Africa, it would appear that they are more discerning today about how their money is being spent.

If donations of charity are measured as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product, America gives more than twice as much as Australia – 1.6 per cent compared with 0.68 per cent.

On the first night of the conference, I spoke to a representative of the United Nations based in New York and she explained that a high-profile US billionaire businessman gave her organisation a \$1-billion grant for biodiversity specific projects.

I asked her how we could access some of that money in Australia. She commented that

if we could make a connection with a United Nations-sponsored program in Australia, she would be happy to assist.

It now looks possible that my colleague and I will be working closely with her organisation on global warming issues in the Pacific Islands and the Torres Strait Islands. The latter group is now building homes on stilts as the ocean continues to rise and lap their low-set homes in the outer northern islands, as a direct result of global warming.

Central issue

The central issue that captured my attention the most at this conference, attended by more than 200 donor delegates, was the successful collaboration of large corporate sectors with Indigenous and poorer socio-economic groups in their respective countries. In the Philippines, for instance, a large coffee production company assists in the planting and harvesting of coffee crops in remote Indigenous communities.

They successfully sell the coffee cultivated from the Indigenous groups at a

premium price, and market the produce as being organically grown from this discrete group. The market pitch, aided by the exotic flavours, ensures the expensive crop is snapped up by coffee connoisseurs who don't mind spending a couple of extra dollars on the product.

In the Czech Republic, a philanthropic group has entered into a business relationship with a mobile phone company whereby they advertise that they will charge an extra Euro on each SMS call as part of charitable fundraising. The money raised goes directly to assist poor farmers to get them through hard times and to teach them better farming practices. Detailed portfolios of all moneys expended are placed on their web page and made available to the public.

Just as everyone at the conference started to feel good about their charitable acts performed around the world – specific projects discussed proudly at networking river terrace cocktails, harbour cruises and cultural entertainment functions, the WINGS organisers shrewdly introduced a dynamic keynote speaker, Anuradha Mittal, on the second last day to stimulate further debate amongst the influential attendees.

Anuradha Mittal, Executive Director of the Oakland Institute, speaking on Partnership with the Grantmakers, Community Foundations, Philanthropic Sector said:

"If progressives leave the policy arena to the conservatives, the safety net for the poor will be further weakened or be abolished outright as homelessness and hunger continue to increase.

"The prison industry will grow, constituting the only form of public service that is fully and willingly funded.

"The gap between the rich and poor both within and among nations will widen.

"We will see more xenophobic immigration laws.

"Unregulated industries will require employees to work in increasingly unsafe work places at lower wages, pollute the water and air, and set aside less and less money for workers' health benefits and retirement.

"Nations will retain and build large military establishments even in peacetime. 'What can we do to stop this juggernaut?'"

Ms Mittal concluded her hour-long paper with a quote from Sufi poet Hafiz, who wrote, 'Fear is the cheapest room in the house. My dear you deserve better living conditions'.

"So please accept my greetings and gratitude for having me here. Yes, we all deserve better living conditions," Ms Mittal said.

Took affront

I was amazed at the number of people in attendance, significantly from the large American delegation, who took affront at Ms Mittal, an internationally-renowned US-based poverty advocate formerly from India, for daring to challenge the capitalist ways of doing business.

Many commented to me that if it wasn't for globalisation, many big corporations wouldn't be in the position of making significant donations to charity.

Perhaps they missed the point of the challenge and took things a little too literally.

I also came under attack from several conservative philanthropic organisation representatives from Australia, who were in attendance, for unduly emphasising the high level of social disadvantage of Indigenous Australians, high death rates, infant mortality, high incarceration rates, least access to employment, education, housing, legal and health services etcetera.

One elderly lady told me that this prestigious gathering was neither the time nor place to be dumping on Australia.

I guess some Australians left our shores for Bangkok in the knowledge that they could luxuriate in air-conditioned comfort at the impressive Millennium Hilton and not expect to have the appalling social conditions of their Indigenous population raised publicly by a staunch advocate like me.

Although I made great contacts with most Australian philanthropic representatives, and will undertake collaborative work with them on behalf of my US-based philanthropic body with Indigenous people, I still think it is important to remind them from time to time that 'charity begins at home'.

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INVITATION TO ALL DARUG PEOPLE

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), with
 representatives of the Darug ILUA (Indigenous Land Use
 Agreement) Negotiating Committee, have developed a non-
 exclusive draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the
 Darug community regarding Darug country managed by
 NPWS.

We invite you to attend a meeting so that the Darug community
 can select members for a Darug Consultative Committee to
 further discuss and progress the draft MOU.

WHEN: Saturday 9th December
WHERE: Parramatta Park, Salters Field
TIME: 10.00am - 12.00pm to discuss Consultative
 Committee and MOU
 12.00pm - 1.30pm Family BBQ

TRANSPORT: Train to Westmead Station for 10 minute walk.
 Plenty of parking within Parramatta Park.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 6 December or direct any
 inquiries to Jacqueline Reid by telephone (02) 4784 7326 or
 email: jacqueline.reid@environment.nsw.gov.au

HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Tenders for community capacity building in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority
 (HNCMA) seeks tenders from suitably qualified Aboriginal
 organisations to build capacity in the Aboriginal community in the
 Hawkesbury Nepean catchment area.

The HNCMA will fund training programs across the catchment to
 enable Aboriginal individuals to gain a recognised qualification in
 environmental management. NSW TAFE is a partner with the HNCMA
 in the training program.

Programs funded under this tender will provide qualified training
 on-site to deliver the Certificate I and/or Certificate III Program in
 Conservation & Land Management (Specialising in Indigenous Land
 Management).

A tender is required from the Aboriginal organisation for the
 employment of a training supervisor and the material cost of the
 on-ground activity involved in the training (eg trees for revegetation,
 tree guards, herbicide, gloves etc).

Tenders will close at 4.30 pm, **Friday, 2nd February 2007**. For a
 copy of the tender package or other inquiries contact John Lennis at
 HNCMA on (02) 4587 0059 or john.lennis@ncma.nsw.gov.au



TUBBA-GAH PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE MEETING

Date: Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December 2006

Time: 10am-4pm on both days

Place: Dubbo Showgrounds Expo Centre,
 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo

NSW Native Title Services Ltd, the legal representative for the
 Tubba-Gah native title claim (NSD6010/02; NC02/90), is convening a
 meeting of all members of the Tubba-Gah native title claim group
 (currently described as the biological and adopted descendants of Jack
 Turrong and 'Jane' or 'Amy', who identify as Tubba-Gah and are
 recognised as such by the Tubba-Gah Advisory Council) and any other
 person who asserts native title in the claim area (including the
 descendants of Harriet Taylor and Tommy Taylor).

The Tubba-Gah native title claim is over the land and waters of the
 (former) Goonoo State Forest.

The AGENDA for the meeting is:

1. Report on developments in the claim including in mediation and
 the Federal Court
2. Decision making processes for the work of the claim
3. Authorisation of Amendments to the claim including:
 a. The claim group description;
 b. The description of the claim area;
 c. For the purposes of the registration test; and
 d. Any of the people who together make up the
 Applicant for the claim
4. Presentation on developments with the National Parks and
 Wildlife Service
5. Nomination of the Goonoo Negotiating Committee
6. Tubba-Gah Central Ranges Trust
7. Wirimbah Direct Descendants Aboriginal Corporation and
 related business
8. Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)
9. Any other Tubba-Gah business arising at the meeting

Please contact NSW Native Title Services - Coffs Harbour Regional
 office by 7 December 2006 to confirm your attendance at the meeting.
 Limited assistance for travel and accommodation may be available but
 you will need to complete a registration form and return it to the Coffs
 Harbour Regional office by 7 December 2006.

ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NATALIE ROTUMAH,
 COMMUNITY FACILITATOR, COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL OFFICE ON
 PHONE 02 6651 4598 OR TOLLFREE PHONE 1800 111 844 OR
 FAX 02 6651 7954.

Man-ipation: Tool used by some fullas

I had this most exciting email
 the other day. This sistagirl
 was out somewhere flash,
 when she recognised this
 man. She knew she had met
 him before but could not
 remember where.

So she went over and
 asked him where they had
 met. You'd never believe it, but
 this fulla would not tell her
 where they met! In the end he
 simply said, 'don't you
 remember our lips touching?'

She was shocked that she
 didn't remember 'cos this fulla
 was good looking, had a great
 job, and was not the kinda
 brother you'd want to forget in
 a hurry.

For days afterwards, she
 couldn't stop thinking about
 what this fulla said.

The next time she saw him,
 she quizzed him about it.



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No, he said he was only
 joking!
 Sistagirl was relieved and

could eventually see the funny
 side of it.

But why would someone
 make up some thing like that?
 Do men do things like this? A
 man telling a white lie? I don't
 believe it!

Saying something that they
 know is a blatant lie is a way
 for them to test you. It's also a
 way for a man to make you tell
 him if you are easy or not.

Hey, it's called
 man-ipation for a reason.
 They are checking out what
 kind of person you are and if
 you meet their 'high
 standards'.

To identify one of these
 guys, they usually say sweet
 things with a smile. If you
 come across one of these
 no-good yellow-bellied black
 snakes, back away slowly.

Men can also talk up like

this 'cos they have been
 reading them '101 Pick Up
 Lines for the Fullas Who Don't
 Know How to Just Say Hi'.

If a man says things like
 'this as a joke', it's really 'cos
 they have no idea how to
 communicate. They are
 scared to talk to lovely Fine
 Black Women! They gotta
 make everything out to be a
 big joke, eh!

These ones would have got
 one of their boys to talk to you
 as they're too shy. If you come
 across one of these lying
 hounds, don't worry - tell his
 boys to tell him to buy Cosmo
 for some real pick-up lines.

Remember sistas, it's a
 jungle out there.

● Check out my group
<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/aboriginalsingles/>

Wik ruling led to a new era

Native Title and You

By National Native Title Tribunal
 President GRAEME NEATE

WITH the 10-year anniversary of
 the Wik decision rapidly
 approaching, I would like to
 reflect on how this historic decision has
 affected relationships between
 Indigenous communities and
 pastoralists.

The Wik and Wik Way peoples' claim
 in 1994 over a 17,700 square kilometre
 area on the west coast of Cape York
 Peninsula, in far north Queensland,
 raised the question of whether
 Australian law would recognise that
 native title could exist on pastoral
 leases.

The case went to the High Court and,
 on 23 December 1996, the court
 decided that native title could co-exist on
 some types of pastoral leases.

The decision was a turning point for
 Indigenous communities because it
 meant that claimant groups may have a
 seat at the negotiating table with
 pastoralists, and others who used
 pastoral lease land.

Initially, many pastoralists were
 shocked at the High Court's decision
 and native title was seen as a threat.

But much has changed over the past
 decade. Many pastoralists involved in
 native title claims have come to realise
 that agreement-making is the best way
 forward, and that constructive
 relationships with native title claimant
 groups can be developed along the way.

Arrangements can be made so that



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- NNTT President
 Graeme Neate

Indigenous groups can access the land
 to carry out their traditional activities,
 while pastoralists conduct their daily
 business.

So far 139 agreements dealing with
 pastoral issues have been made
 throughout Australia.

In 1998, the Western Yalanji people
 of far north Queensland became the first
 to have native title recognised by
 agreement over a pastoral property in
 Australia.

Their rights were recognised through
 a consent determination over part of
 a property north-west of Cairns. This year
 their native title rights were recognised
 by another consent determination over a
 further two parcels of land on the same
 property.

In 2000 a consent determination was
 made over the Wik and Wik Way
 peoples' claimed area in the Aurukun

Shire and a further two consent
 determinations were made in 2004 over
 other lands.

The most recent agreement took
 place in South Australia, in August. It
 was the State's first consent
 determination that native title exists.

The Yankunytjatjara and Antakarinja
 peoples and seven pastoralists agreed
 to share access and rights over 118,665
 square kilometres of land south of the
 Northern Territory border.

These are just some of the
 determinations made by agreement
 between pastoralists and native title
 claimants since the Wik decision. They
 are an indication of how far pastoralists
 and Indigenous communities have come
 since the Wik decision in terms of
 building a firm basis of co-operation and
 understanding through negotiating
 native title issues.

YOUR SAY



People on the jetty at Palm Island. Alison Thorne, from the Indigenous Social Justice Association, Melbourne Supporters Group, says people are in solidarity with the community of Palm Island for Government action following the inquest into the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee. - See Page 26

No-one is asking us what we want

I don't really know what it is like to be owned by a bank, but we will all find out over the next few years as the bank takes hold of the State Land Council, with the passing of the amendments to the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act having all but closed the door on Aboriginal people having a say in their future.

It all comes down to who owns the best land along the coast.

The people who made this decision will need to take a real good look at themselves in a few months - around election time - and ask why the people do not support them any more. That's where the payback will come from, and then we need to clean out the public servants who supported these people because they need to be removed as well.

The first question that should be asked is: How they decided how much one will be paid if appointed as an administrator. The rumoured fee for one land council is more than \$500,000 a year, so let's start at the top and go down. We then have 121 or 123 local land councils and more than half are under administration.

What is the end sum that is paid out to these people? My people would be happy with the small change.

The question then needs to be asked: If this trouble with the ex-Minister has been around for the past ten years, how come our leaders did not know about? They tell us they know everything else that happens around the place.

Then we have the door closed on us with the CDEP. Remember, we were consulted on this the same as the land council.

Boy, we've come a long way since the removal of ATSIC in 2005.

Our fishing people along the coast are being pushed out, a reported \$182 million in education funding has been handed back, there have been changes to funding for organisations moved to mainstream, and agreements that only work part of the way.

I'm a black man and I will not sit in the back row over this. I ask the same question as Marianne Skeen, from Tennant Creek, NT: Where are these leaders? Why have they sat on their backsides? When the money is around, they come out, and when the Government wants a black face, they come out. Well, your people need you now. If you can't support them, don't come back.

I never voted for these people anyway so they don't talk for me.

There is so much we have not been told by government because they don't understand the changes that they're trying to put in place.

No-one has really come out and asked us.

PAT LOCK

Narellan Vale NSW

Chairperson, Carwoola Council of Elders

We need leaders, and we need them now

It saddens me to read your article (Edition 389, 22 November 2006) in which 40 CDEPs across the country are being closed down in June 2007 and the fact that it appears that the only person willing to speak out about the closures publicly in this article is Mark Edwards (well done Mark) while others in the article preferred to remain anonymous. Why?

Marianne Skeen in the same edition asks the question 'Where are our leaders?' when she speaks about Mutitjulu community.

Well, the same should be asked here.

Where are our leaders? And why haven't they spoken out about this issue?

Why aren't they out there leading the way encouraging and advising all CDEPs to stand united to prevent these closures from happening?

Sadly, they all seem to have gone underground on this issue.

Maybe we could adopt the advertisements used by Tourism Australia which asks the question 'So where the bloody hell are you?' to entice our so-called leaders out of hiding?

LES AHoy

Toronto, NSW



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The good old days

Is it just me or has anyone else noticed that since the demise of ATSIC, policy regarding us is almost always Government (Mal Brough) driven?

Call me old-fashioned, but I miss the days when Lowitja, Geoff Clark, Pat and Mick Dodson, Alison Anderson, Lionel Quartermaine, etcetera, were on the front page demanding accountability from government, and not the other way around.

RONALD BRIGGS
Petersham, NSW

YOUR POETRY

My Story, A Story, Your Story

My story is like that of many others, With one voice we question our mothers, Who am I? Where do I come from? Why?

My story begins as answers come by, A mother weeps silently for her daughters, Removed, taken in the best interest, a chapel their quarters

My story unfolds like a tangled web of deceit, Two sisters, lesser castes institutionalised, paper work, assessments, health checks stamped in receipt

My story becomes theirs - my nanna, my mum and my aunt Sisters forced apart from country, family and life because of the colour of their skin, A lonely and hard life for some

A story of children forgotten - motherless, Halls of darkness echoes of sadness and pain as a thousand of my sisters stand alone

A story of two sisters parted the years have flown, The nightmare begins as your soulful journey starts

A story of your mother's love in their hearts, So very different yet in mournful sadness the same, The cycle continues in the present from the past - history to blame

Your story is sad, who will listen or care - this is true, Children wrenched from you, removed, what can you do, Denial becomes easy, the mirror of Aboriginality you do not see

Your story a road of hardship and sadness for thee, A daughter dead so tragically, Eight children left behind, hold them near, Your story does not end here, A mother violently beaten in love her life slips away, How much more are you to bear in this life - pray

Your story tragic deals a final cutting blow, Death visits you now, his touch cold you know, Two sisters parted memories faded - lost

My story is your story, a real story about my Nanna, my aunt, their life, my life, why is this the cost? Koori we are, Koori you were the sacrifice for our identity was, is and always will be given, My story, A story, Your story, Our history will be told the past can never be forgiven.

BELINDA BARTLETT

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Written in loving memory of Ruby Riley (dec) and Maryanne Tillman (dec).



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Coming the full circle

I am writing in relation to the letter 'Proof of Aboriginality' written by Noeline Briggs-Smith (Edition 385, 27 September) and the ensuing replies from Najella Green and Rebekah Nungarrayi Copas (Edition 386, 11 October).

After reading Noeline Briggs-Smith's interpretations of a 'true' Aboriginal person, I felt a sense 'coming full circle'.

Our Aboriginality is our identity, it is who we are. I understand that to be Aboriginal, one has to have Aboriginal

ancestry, live as an Aboriginal person and be accepted by the community as an Aboriginal person.

I am able to relate personally to the argument exposed by Noeline Briggs-Smith about 'Proof of Aboriginality'. I, like so many others across this nation, have suffered the past. It is not our fault that our people were forcibly removed, de-culturalised and immediate linkage to genealogy forgotten on the tides of ethnocide.

I am perhaps one of the 'plastic' people unravelling my own history, my ancestry and my identity.

Over ten years of my life, I searched historical materials, museums, corporations, genealogical services, libraries, numerous Aboriginal departments and Births, Deaths and Marriages records for my people.

Why would I spend all this time developing a cynical perception of processes out my control? I needed to

feel connected to my people, country and my soul.

I begged guidance, support and assistance in a journey where the tree held only two pieces of fruit. The tree I am referring to is my heritage tree, my birthright that many had conspired to remove.

In my dealings with all those that have assisted me and supported me, I send out my deepest gratitude because I have gained a sense of identity and belonging. I am no longer a lost soul caught between the worlds. I know where I am and who my family are.

During this dark period of my life, I never once asked for the 'Confirmation of Aboriginality' as it harkens to days where Aboriginal people were required to forget their Aboriginality for 'citizenship papers'.

We are coming full circle. I just wanted to belong, to be nurtured by family and know where I came from and hold my head up high, safe in who I am.

For the many people who claim Aboriginality under falsities, then I agree that we have the right to question their authenticity.

However, in the course of questioning, we should also have the right to query the many non-thinned-down blooded people who by the very nature of their Aboriginality are de-valuing our culture and identity. Those who condemn advancement for monetary gain, those who sell culture and claim ownership solely instead of accrediting their knowledge to community and the carriers of culture, those who sit back and take the perks, cash in on the lurks and gain the benefits of their Aboriginality selfishly.

We should have the right to question the injustices and the inequities attributed to the many falsities that arise from 'Aboriginality'.

BELINDA BARTLETT
Busselton, WA

Comments don't help

I would like to respond to the article submitted by Maxine Hinton, of Hebersham (Edition 388, 8 November).

Being an Aboriginal person and having worked in the Mt Druitt community for many years, I was extremely disappointed to read Maxine's comments and ideas of Aboriginality.

As she may or may not be aware, Mt Druitt has the most diverse Aboriginal community in Australia, representing all Aboriginal nations and tribes.

Her comments about the coconuts and wannabes trying to help our people is non-productive and an insult to the Mt Druitt Aboriginal community in general. Maxine's letter reeks of hypocrisy. Maxine herself has worked in many high-paid government Aboriginal identified positions, and I ask how has she 'benefited the community'.

I have been to many meetings where Maxine simply grandstands her ideas and imposes barriers on Aboriginal people who have worked hard to educate themselves and obtain positions within government to help our people.

Maxine would have no idea how hard these so called 'coconuts' have worked and the sacrifices they have made to improve the lifestyles of local Aboriginal people.

In closing, I would suggest that Maxine concentrates her efforts towards helping her people instead of criticising other Aboriginal people whom are employed in so-called high-paying jobs. These people work long hard hours for very little reward.

We as Aboriginal people can be our own worst enemies and Ms Hinton simply reaffirms what mainstream Australia perceives.

NAME WITHHELD
Mt Druitt, NSW

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Setting the record straight

For a number of years many unkind words have been uttered behind my back, about my time as a manager of Aboriginal reserves. I worked for the former Aborigines Welfare Board from 1961 to July 1969 when it was shut down and we employees were transferred to the Department of Child Welfare.

I have been accused of sending Aboriginal children away to Government homes. These accusations are untrue and incorrect as I had no part in such decisions, such matters were the responsibility of my bosses.

I come from a family background of dedicated fighters for Aboriginal justice. My Ridgeway family members includes my grandfather John Henry, my father Arthur John, my cousin the former Senator Aden Ridgeway, and Sidney, the younger son of William (King Billy) Ridgeway, of Port Stephens.

All these men, including myself, over years have fought for Aboriginal justice. I am still fighting the State and Commonwealth governments over many issues today and getting much support from Aborigines and white folk.

John Henry and Sidney Ridgeway were workers of the first Aboriginal activist movement in NSW. This movement was called the 'Australian Aboriginal Progress Association' and was run by its president, Frederick Maynard, with Sidney as the secretary. Years later, the Patterson movement started. My father Arthur John was part of this movement, along with many folk across NSW.

Then the Ferguson movement commenced. All these movements were successful because they were united and spoke as one voice. Not like our folk today with all doing their own thing.

Nothing wrong with that, but we need to unite to be successful.

Whilst employed with the AWB on the reserves, I had access to many past and current files. Over time I was able to collect copies of material on important matters such as children taken away, stolen wages, pensions and child endowment. Such articles were important.

I was at Moree in the 1970s as senior welfare officer in the Child Welfare Department when a letter of instruction was sent to all district officers of Child Welfare. It told them to destroy all former managers' records held in the offices of the reserves and stations. I was told to burn all the

records from the Mehi Crescent Reserve at Moree. I stood by at the Moree dump and watched the department's handymen burn those records.

However, the few records I salvaged have enabled me to re-open the cases on stolen wages and child endowment stolen monies.

So I can say that we Ridgeway folk have had much to do in the fight for Aboriginal justice.

Today, I hope, with the support of honest trustworthy folk, to maybe

establish a NSW State Aboriginal Elders Council.

And I hope other States and Territory Aboriginal people will do likewise, and perhaps out of this a National Elders Council could be formed.

Goodness knows, we need such a group now that ATSIC has been shut down.

We currently don't have an Aboriginal voice to tackle all the issues Aborigines are faced with. All I can say is, don't sit back and be critical, join in the fight as it

affects you all.

We need unity to survive in this country. I have travelled the world looking at the many cultures that are similar to our own. And these cultures are being dictated to similar to our own case.

So folks, unite and fight to get things right.

LES RIDGEWAY
Chairman, Worimi Traditional
Aboriginal Elders Group Inc.
Bonny Hills, NSW

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THERESA MACE
Brisbane, Qld

Land rights: Our right

The subject of land right claims, native title, etcetera, was raised with me by a non-Indigenous person.

She said, 'Well, why should Aborigines be able to have native title, land rights etc? What would they do with the land?'

My reply was simple: 'Why shouldn't we have back land that's rightfully ours? What would we do with the land? Our land is sacred to us, we care for it, nurture it, respect it. White fullas ruin our land by clearing it, by over-developing it with high-rises.'

I know which one I would rather look at: Mother Nature in all her glory, untouched.

So yeah, we do something with our land. We care for it. We also enjoy the beauty of our untouched sacred places.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

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Disability Service Plan Review

The Department of Indigenous Affairs is reviewing its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (formerly called Disability Service Plan) and wants to hear from individuals and organisations who would like to have input into the review and the development of a new plan.

The Plan describes the ways in which the Department is working to ensure its services are accessible to everyone including people with disabilities.

A community consultation is being held as part of the review process. There are a variety of ways that people can have their say including a written survey, phone survey, email or by taking part in small group discussions.

Written surveys are available at this Department's offices or at dia.wa.gov.au.

For more information about ways to have your say contact E-QUAL (disability consultants) on 9385 6666 (1800 648 021 for country callers) or email e-qual@e-qual.net.

Consultation closes:
Friday 15 December 2006.



INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - RELEASE OF DISCUSSION PAPER ON CHILD PROTECTION LAWS

The NSW Government has recently completed a review of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act, 1998. The review included a call for public submissions and the provision of advice by a Ministerial Advisory Committee.

These processes have informed the development of a Discussion Paper which will provide an opportunity to test options for possible changes to the legislation.

The Discussion Paper focuses on improving the child protection system in NSW.

For further details and a copy of the Discussion Paper, visit www.community.nsw.gov.au.

Responses should be sent to:

The Secretariat
Review of the Children and Young Persons
(Care and Protection) Act, 1998
NSW Department of Community Services
Locked Bag 28
Ashfield NSW 1580
Telephone: 1300 362 280
Email: actreview@community.nsw.gov.au

Submissions close on 30 March 2007



Aboriginal heritage - Fitzgerald Bridge, Aberdeen

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) proposes to construct a new bridge on the New England Highway over the Hunter River at Aberdeen.

Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to the Aberdeen area are invited to register their interest in the project.

Registrations must be received in writing by 5pm on 22 December 2006. All registrations received will be accepted.

To register your interest, please contact:
Jennifer Burnie, Project Manager
Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW
Locked Bag 30, NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Facsimile: (02) 49295 271
Email: jennifer_burnie@rta.nsw.gov.au



Your Say

Backing people of Palm Island

On Saturday 18 November, people all around Australia mobilised for a National Day of Action in solidarity with the community of Palm Island.

The G20 was meeting in Melbourne, but campaigners against Aboriginal deaths in custody did not let the barricades and the rows upon rows of armed police stationed around the city stop us from mobilising.

This repressive show of force by the State made us even more determined that those whose actions led directly to the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee be brought to justice.

Members of Indigenous Social Justice Association (Melbourne Supporters Group) were out in force to gather support for an open letter to Queensland Premier Peter Beattie and to show our solidarity with those marching in Queensland and other parts of the country to demand justice and mark the second anniversary of Mulrunji's death.

More than 500 people signed the open letter to the Premier that included these key demands.

● Immediate criminal charges to be brought against Senior Sergeant Hurley for



Idyllic from the air ... simmering on the ground - Palm Island, off Townsville, north Queensland, scene of riots following the death in police custody of one of its residents, Mulrunji Doomadgee. In Melbourne, more than 500 people signed an open letter to Queensland Premier Peter Beattie. The letter makes a number of demands following the inquest into Mulrunji's death.

Mulrunji's death

● Immediate criminal charges to be brought against any other police officer who was involved in Mulrunji's death and any cover-up.

● Immediate suspension and charges to be brought against those police who were supposed to have investigated the death.

● Immediate implementation of the 40 findings of the State Coroner.

● Immediate convening of a national conference to assess the Royal

Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC)

recommendations and the implementation of those recommendations. This conference should also discuss and consider the implications of all deaths in custody of Aboriginal prisoners since 1991.

The open letter also called for the Queensland Premier, the Governor, the Police Minister and the Police Commissioner to sign a legal binding contract with the Aboriginal people to honour

those recommendations and prevent further deaths in custody.

The hundreds who signed the open letter to the Premier insisted that the deaths of Indigenous people in police and prison custody and the racist over-imprisonment of Indigenous people must stop now!

ALISON THORNE
Indigenous Social
Justice Association,
Melbourne Supporters
Group
Melbourne, Vic

Open letter to John Howard

I wish to set the record straight regarding your Bill Crimes Amendment (Bail and Sentencing) Bill 2006, which was recently debated in the Senate.

Your claim is you are creating 'equality before the law' for Aboriginal peoples by deliberately rejecting the existence of our own Law and culture, which has stood the test of time over millennia.

Traditionally, we did not need police because our law and order is an effective social, cultural and legal balance. Our great Creator Spirit's rule of natural law and spirituality is above and beyond the man-made rule of law.

Over more than 200 years, our laws and culture have been violated by the imposed foreign laws originating from Britain.

We have already suffered ten years of systematic destruction of our well-being by your government policies and legislation and now your Parliament is significantly adding to the denigration of our law and culture, usually by unfounded allegations.

Let me remind you, your Government's man-made laws have no jurisdiction over the sovereign First Nations Peoples in Australia.

Your Government is an occupying power, a colonial power beholden to the Crown, and colonialism has been ruled illegal under international law.

Your Government is imposing a foreign rule over us and you want us to come under your man-made law, but we don't want to do that. You and your Government are engaging in racial discrimination

against us.

Even the United Nations CERD committee condemned your amendments to the Native Title Act three times and you had to suspend the Racial Discrimination Act to pass those amendments.

We are being denied our religious freedom, a right guaranteed under section 116 of the Constitution.

The tide of history can never take away our connection to land, because it is spiritual connection and at a higher level. We belong to and are intertwined with the Creator's law that has been in place since the Dreamtime. We will make every effort to get our land back, because our law and spirituality is intertwined with the land, the people and creation and this forms our culture and our sovereignty.

I am a Gungalidda Elder from the Doomadgee Aboriginal Reserve in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Survivors from many nations were dumped at Doomadgee here seven generations back, but now we have strengthened our peoples and we come together as Gungalidda, Gungalidda Yungula, Gungalidda Yaruwa, Gungalidda Waanyi, Gungalidda Lardil, Gungalidda Kardill, Gungalidda Kothan' and Gungalidda Aranda.

While you boast of being a part of Asia during your recent visit to Vietnam, we see this as a mere commercial deal, not a genuine human-to-human connection.

And you have never made that human-to-human connection with us, because how can you when you have stripped us of our very essence, our

connection to land, for your material and political gain.

Now you are even prepared to sell uranium from our lands, but our old people call it gumin gooru, which means poison. To disturb it is a danger to every living thing.

How is it that you are so blinded by greed? When will common sense prevail and you sit at my peoples' feet and learn how to care for the Earth, which is our responsibility?

We are so saddened by people who are leaders today, who are leading humanity down a path of destruction.

We abhor the way you and your Government are instrumental in opposing the passing of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which is in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly at this moment.

For Australia's international reputation and the survival of Indigenous peoples globally, we strongly advise you immediately to cease your opposition to this declaration and support its passage through the General Assembly in New York.

We remind you that the rights articulated in the declaration are basic human rights already recognised in the UN covenants. They are not new rights, but the rights which are being denied to us.

We hold the oldest culture in the world, which is a proven sustainable and peaceful system interconnecting us to all creation.

We reserve our right.

WADJULARBINNA
Downer ACT

Governor in visit to Cherbourg

By PHIL YOUNG



Cherbourg Elders were delighted that Queensland Governor Quentin Bryce visited their community and saw first-hand the award-winning Ration Shed Museum.

Mayor Ken Bone and Joe Button, 82, welcomed the Vice Regal visitor to the community before a minute's silence to honour the contribution of those who had passed on.

Songs by Annie Moffatt and the Cherbourg women helped tell a story of confidence, hope and celebration.

Museum team members said there was an inspiring atmosphere and excitement for the first visit by a Queensland Governor in many years.

Sandra Morgan said they appreciated the interest of the Governor, who found it moving to see the photographs on display and meet the people whose stories she had heard.

The Governor was accompanied on her trip from Brisbane by Honour Cleary, a former resident who had been able to share stories of Cherbourg's history.

Despite many 'fancy foods' being part of the lunch provided, Museum team member Jeanette Brown said the big hit with the Elders was damper and treacle, a reminder of the days when rations were distributed from the shed they were meeting in that day.

Organisers from Cherbourg say the visit by Governor Bryce will have a lasting, positive impact on the community, building confidence that they have a story to tell and memories to celebrate.

Members of the public are



Queensland Governor Quentin Bryce with local children during her visit to Cherbourg.

welcome to visit the Ration Shed Museum, located adjacent to the War Memorial at Cherbourg.

To arrange a visit or for more information, go to website rationshed@westnet.com.au or telephone (07) 4169 5753.

Scholarships on offer



In a bid to attract and support more Indigenous Australian students, the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Sydney is offering two new residential scholarships for students starting study in 2007.

The residential scholarships are offered collaboratively between the Faculty of Economics and Business, The Women's College and Wesley College.

The new scholarships are available to students who are enrolled in undergraduate degrees such as the Bachelor of Economic

and Social Sciences, the Bachelor of Economics, the Bachelor of International Studies or the Bachelor of Commerce.

Graduates with an economics/business degree can work in accounting, banking, commerce, government, marketing, media, politics, publishing, research, retail businesses, local councils and many more industries in cities, rural communities and overseas.

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For further information about the positions please contact Janet Thompson on (03) 9920 4635.

For selection documentation please see below.

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Reference no: 06-483

CAIRNS

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The successful applicant will manage the operations of the District Office, including programme performance evaluation, and team leadership in Whole of Government approaches, develops plans, and strategies to ensure agreed Indigenous education programme objectives are achieved; monitor outcomes and recommend action as appropriate, promote the Department's Indigenous education services and the Government's policy and strategies.

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.

For further information about this job please contact Shane Williams on (07) 3223 1001.

For selection documentation please see below.

TASMANIA STATE OFFICE

Programme Officer - Indigenous Education

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Reference no: 06-479

HOBART

The Tasmanian State Office manages a range of DEST programmes and services, especially Indigenous education programmes. The work is conducted in the context of the whole of government approaches to the delivery of Australian Government services to the Indigenous community.

The Programme Officer, Indigenous Education will work in a whole of government context with other Australian, State and local government agencies to progress overall DEST portfolio objectives.

The successful applicant will demonstrate knowledge including ability to apply knowledge of the Australian Public Service and DEST context and values to their work, demonstrate well-developed oral and written communication skills, plan, organise, schedule and prioritise their own output, manage networks and relationships within their work area, research, analyse and use information, and be adaptable to and implement change.

For further information about this job please contact Stephen Brown on (03) 6222 9680.

For selection documentation please see below.

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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.

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The Recruitment Officer - Location 758
Department of Education, Science and Training
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REQUEST FOR TENDER PRN 12059

A STUDY OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CENTRES INCLUDING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TEACHING AND LEARNING FACILITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), invites Request for Tenders from suitable individuals, organisations, educational institutions or consortia (the Providers) with the appropriate knowledge, experience and skills to conduct a national study of the role of university Indigenous education and support centres and their relationship to with the teaching and learning faculties in higher education.

The aim of this study is to determine good practice models for Indigenous education and support centres to improve the educational outcomes for Indigenous students at university, including raising their aspirations and confidence, and to develop models in which Indigenous support is closely related with core academic activities of faculty-based teaching and learning.

The successful tenderer will be responsible for the management and conduct of the research including developing the methodology to include elements such as a literature review, survey and consultative processes and to make recommendations which may influence policy and programme directions.

Three copies of the completed Request for Tender should be delivered to **Tender Box No. 12, Ground Floor, 16 Mort Street, (GPO Box 9880) Canberra City ACT 2601**, by 5pm (AEST) on **Monday 29 January 2007**. Please quote the **RFT No: 12060** in your application.

Further information about the Request for Tender documentation is available at www.dest.gov.au or by telephoning **1300 363 079**, or by emailing Indigenousresearch@dest.gov.au

NB: Lodgements must be made by: **5pm (AEST) on 29 January 2007**.

REQUEST FOR TENDER PRN 12060

A STUDY OF THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

The Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), invites Request for Tenders from suitable individuals, organisations, educational institutions or consortia (the Providers) with the appropriate knowledge, experience and skills to conduct a national study of the first year experiences of Indigenous university students in Australian Universities.

This research aims to identify aspects of Indigenous students' entry, progress in and/or attrition from first year university studies, and the factors associated with their first year performance at university.

The successful tenderer will be responsible for the management and conduct of the research including developing the methodology to include elements such as a literature review, survey and consultative processes and to make recommendations which may influence policy and programme directions.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER PRN 11834

A STUDY OF LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODELS IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), invites Request for Tenders from suitable individuals, organisations or consortia (the Providers) with the appropriate knowledge, experience and skills to conduct a study on establishing good practice models of leadership which focuses on building and sustaining Indigenous participation, retention and success in higher education.

The successful tenderer will be responsible for the management and conduct of the research including developing the methodology to include elements such as a literature review, survey and consultative processes and to make recommendations which may influence policy and programme directions.

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Australian Indigenous delegates at a recent training session by former US Vice-President Al Gore, from left, Victor McGrath, Professor Larissa Behrendt and Henrietta Marrie.

Three ready to spread word on a hot topic



The Australian Conservation Foundation and the Climate Project have started a project under which former US Vice-President Al Gore helped to train 1000 people to become messengers about global warming.

The information is based on the data and images that Mr Gore used in his film *An Inconvenient Truth*.

The second of these training sessions was held in Sydney from 18-20 November. More than 1700

people applied online to do the course and only 85 were chosen. Three of the participants were Indigenous – Henrietta Marrie, of Cairns, Professor Larissa Behrendt, of Sydney, and Victor McGrath, of the Torres Strait.

A condition of doing the training was that each trainee, or 'messenger', would deliver at least ten presentations of what they were taught.

All of the Indigenous participants plan to give their presentation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.



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REQUEST FOR TENDER (RFT 12053)

PROVISION OF A CONSULTANCY TO EVALUATE AND REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE YACHAD ACCELERATED LEARNING PROJECT.

The Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training is seeking to engage an organisation, educational institution or consortium with the appropriate knowledge, experience and skills to evaluate the effectiveness, appropriateness and the efficiency of the Yachad Accelerated Learning Project.

The consultant must demonstrate their:

- Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Australian societies and cultures and the issues affecting these societies and cultures in Australian society;
- Ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous Australian people and Indigenous young people; and
- Ability to carry out educational based research and evaluations, including programmes involving Indigenous Australians.

Tender closing: 2:00pm (AEDST), Monday 8 January 2007

Submissions to:
**DEST Tender Box 16
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CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601**

More information on the Yachad Accelerated Learning Project is at <http://www.yalp.org.au/>

Registration and documentation at <http://www.dest.gov.au/tenders>

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The last of the stockmen who led the August 1966 Aboriginal 'walk off' from Wave Hill cattle station in the Northern Territory will be buried at Kalkaringi, about 600kms south of Darwin, on 15 December.

'Hoppy' Mick Rangiari, aged in his 80s, died at Kalkaringi on 12 November, just a few months after the 40th anniversary of the historic strike.

His passing drew many tributes, including from the NT Government and the Central Land Council (CLC), of which Mr Rangiari was an executive and original member.

Prior to the anniversary in August, Mr Rangiari issued an invitation to the Freedom Day Festival.

"A lot of people been passed away," he was quoted as saying.

"I been just one bloke left and I start to think that a lot of people need to get that story. We will give them that story and tell them about things, about that story too."

Then, at the celebrations, he declared 'I'm still here'.

CLC Chairman Lindsay Bookie described Mr Rangiari as a great Australian whose contribution to the cause of

'Hoppy' Mick Rangiari - the last stockman

land rights for Aboriginal people was enormous.

"Mr Rangiari should be considered as one of Australia's greatest political figures and take his appropriate place in our history," Mr Bookie said.

"He was one of the few surviving Gurindji leaders from the 1966 strike and he remained a powerful advocate until just a few years ago when he became very frail."

"We all give our sympathy to Mr Rangiari's extended family and to the people of Daguragu and Kalkaringi, who will miss him very much."



The Gurindji strikers at Wattie Creek in 1967. Standing, back row, from left, Bruce Peter, Sammy Panalis, Captain Major, unknown, Vincent Lingiari and Mick Rangiari; front row, Starlight, Roger Tjaparta, Joe Randal, Jerry Rooney, Old Major (on drum), Pincher Numiyari, Horace Wellman and Tim Vincent.

Photo: Brian Manning

The Gurindji people's walk-off from Wave Hill ignited a long national campaign for equal pay to Aboriginal pastoral workers, return of Gurindji land, and recognition of Aboriginal land rights generally.

Thumbprint

In 1967, Mr Rangiari was one of the Gurindji leaders to put his thumbprint on a petition to the then Governor General, Lord Casey, requesting the return of their tribal lands.

In 1975, then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam poured sand through Gurindji leader Vincent Lingiari's hand to signify the return of Wave Hill Station to the Gurindji.

Northern Territory Chief

Minister Clare Martin said Mr Rangiari's death was a loss to the Territory.

"He was one of the key figures, along with Vincent Lingiari, in the beginnings of the land rights movement," Ms Martin said.

"The effect of the strike ... went far beyond the Territory. It is now regarded as one of the seminal events in modern Australian history."

"Mr Rangiari was very much part of that story, and we pay tribute to his contribution then - and in the 40 years since that time."

Note: The Koori Mail respects Aboriginal protocols about the deceased and has obtained family permission to use Mr Rangiari's name and image.



'Hoppy' Mick Rangiari, centre, with a family member, left, and Stolen Generations advocate Alec Kruger at the Freedom Day Festival in August.

Photo courtesy Jane Hodson, CLC

AVOs still legitimate: Justice body



The New South Wales Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council has disputed claims at a rally in the north of the State last month that apprehended violence orders (AVOs) cannot solve sexual and domestic violence.

During the recent 'Don't Turn a Blind Eye to Sexual Violence' rally in Casino, Richmond Valley mayor Charlie Cox said AVOs were not the answer.

"The police cannot fix the problem - the power is with the people," he said. "This is not the last step, it must continue from here."

"We need to recognise the reality of the disrespect and misuse of power towards women and children and collectively help break the silence and acknowledge that sexual violence is part of this community."

However, NSW AJAC Executive Officer Terry Chenery says AVOs are an important tool in the prevention of physical and psychological harm.

He says the council was pleased

that the rally declared that sexual and domestic violence was unacceptable and needed to be targeted through community education and support, but was very concerned that the importance of the use of AVOs had been diminished.

"When a person needs legal protection, contacting police and getting the backing of a court can be the first step needed for a victim to regain the power in a relationship," Mr Chenery said.

"Making agencies conduct their business along the objectives set out in the Aboriginal Justice Plan (AJP) is the way to reduce all forms of violence. The key is improving the education of our people which will, in turn, build the strength and resilience of individuals and communities."

Mr Chenery says he agrees with Cr Cox about collectively breaking the silence, but as we know, the problem remains silent unless the police are contacted.

"We all accept that the use of violence in any form is about trying to

exert power in a relationship," he said.

"What we need to do is make sure the whole community supports a victim when they seek to correct the power imbalance and if that is through an AVO, then so be it."

"Sometimes the person or people with the highest need for protection are the children and I would certainly advocate for the legal protection of our young people."

Mr Chenery says the AJP is the only community developed and consulted plan that has been endorsed by the 121 regional AJAC council members. Copies of it can be downloaded from www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/ajac.

The Casino rally was aimed at raising awareness about the impact of sexual assault in the community and encouraging the community to take action.

It was an initiative of local government, and various women's and sexual assault and violence prevention organisations.

Hawkesbury Nepean Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Applications are sought from Aboriginal Community members living within or having connection to the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (CMA) area, to apply for membership of the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The geographic area covered by the Hawkesbury-Nepean CMA extends from Goulburn to Putty and from Lithgow to Gosford.

The broad role of the Committee will be to advise the CMA on priority natural resource and cultural heritage issues for Aboriginal communities, and to act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the CMA and local Aboriginal communities.

Membership of the Committee will reflect the diversity of skills, experience and 'grass-roots' knowledge held by Aboriginal people. Membership will also reflect the geographical cross-section of Aboriginal organisations and individuals across the CMA region as well as gender and age balance.

For an Information Package and Application Form contact John Lennis or Paul Houston on (02) 4587 0050.

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Do you want to help to improve health services in your area?

South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health is looking for members of the community to join the consumer advisory committees for hospitals and services in the area.

These committees advise the hospitals on health consumer issues, and help them to provide appropriate, quality health care.


Our community is made up of people from different walks of life, eg young and old, culturally diverse, Aboriginal, with an illness or disability, parents, carers etc. We want the membership of our consumer advisory committees to be as diverse as the communities we serve.

We are seeking interested people who live in the Botany, Hurstville, Kogarah, Randwick, Rockdale, City of Sydney, Sutherland, Waverley and Woollahra, Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven local government areas; who have experience with the health system as a patient or a carer; and who have links to the community.

To obtain an application kit for this voluntary position call 9382 8281 or 4221 6713, or visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au/consumers

Applications close 8 January 2007

RTA



**Upgrading the Pacific Highway
 Tintenbar to Ewingsdale
 Aboriginal Heritage Assessment**

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is undertaking investigations to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Tintenbar and Ewingsdale.

Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to the area surrounding the Pacific Highway between Tintenbar and Ewingsdale are invited to register their interest in the project.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by **Friday 15 December 2006**. All registrations received will be receipted.

To register your interests please contact:

Peter Waugh, Arup Project Manager
 Reply Paid 76
 Arup Millers Point
 Sydney NSW 2000
 Phone: 1800 882 787 (toll free)
 Fax: (02) 6640 1001

The closing date for registrations is:
Friday 15 December 2006.

Culture set in stone

Ancient techniques revisited



The Bunjilaka Aboriginal Centre at the Melbourne Museum recently hosted a stone tool-making workshop, at which local community participants tried their hand at creating spear tips and other objects using ancient techniques.

Archaeologist Simon Greenwood from Museum Victoria's Indigenous Cultures department and Bunjilaka project officer John Duggan presented the workshop in Bunjilaka's Milarri

Garden.

Participants were shown methods of shaping stone and binding. Most of the workshop participants created flint spear tips, to follow on from a spear-making workshop earlier this year.

Held over a weekend, the interactive workshop provided an important opportunity for young and old to come together to share experiences and reinstate aspects of traditional knowledge and practice.

The ability to work stone into useful tools through pressure and percussion flaking has been a key factor in the survival of Aboriginal people for thousands of years.



● **ABOVE:** Bunjilaka project officer John Duggan shapes stone for a tool.

● **LEFT and BELOW:** Binding and other attachment methods were demonstrated.

Photos by Jon Augier, Museum Victoria



Footy star O'Loughlin takes on a new role



Champion Sydney Swans footballer Michael O'Loughlin is the newest Indigenous Ambassador for the Department of Human Services.

"Michael's successes on and off the sporting field make him a wonderful role model," Federal Human Services Minister Joe Hockey said.

"Michael's new role will see him working with Indigenous communities to ensure they have the best possible access to health and social services.

"Visiting remote and regional areas throughout Australia will give Michael first-hand experience of how people access government services in Indigenous communities. He can then provide feedback to the agencies and myself about how we can boost these services."

Mr O'Loughlin said he was thrilled to join the Indigenous Ambassadors Program and was looking forward to making a difference to the lives of Australian people.

"The department already has an extensive network of Indigenous specialist staff," he said.

"I'm honoured to get this opportunity in the Indigenous Ambassadors Program because it's a great initiative that gives something back to the communities."

Mr O'Loughlin's work will include visiting regional and remote areas around the country to help promote awareness of vital government services available to Indigenous people.

Mr Hockey said Mr O'Loughlin's new role would reinforce the tremendous work of the department's other Indigenous ambassadors – Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp, women's touch football champion Bo de la Cruz and rugby league legend Arthur Beetson.

"I'm excited to be joining Kyle, Bo and Arthur," Mr O'Loughlin said.

"Their visits to remote Indigenous communities have provided a valuable insight for the Minister into the daily challenges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face."

The DHS Indigenous ambassadors represent six government agencies – Centrelink, Medicare Australia, the Child Support Agency, Australian Hearing, CRS Australia and Health Services Australia.

Indigenous men loath to get help

By REKO RENNIE-GWAYBILLA in Melbourne



Indigenous men are in the highest risk group when it comes to mental health, depression and suicide.

Asking for help is not always an easy thing to do and if you're a man or a teenager, the odds are that you'll be reluctant to ask for help.

But, whether you're having a few issues at home or you've recently split up from your family or you feel depressed, there are professional counsellors who can help.

Mensline Australia is a callback support service for men who are seeking help with family or relationship issues.

The service is funded by the Department of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and averages about 3500 calls a month.

However, Mensline Australia National Manager Terry Melvin told the *Koori Mail* that only a small number of Indigenous men were taking advantage of the telephone service.

"Mensline Australia is a national telephone service for Indigenous and non-Indigenous men dealing with family and relationships issues," Mr Melvin said.

"We also run Suicide Helpline Victoria, which is a '24-by-seven' service in Victoria, two services for the Child Support Agency, which is about supporting separated parents, the Beyond Blue advice line and we've just recently started providing the Veterans Line.

"One of the biggest issues is men going through separation and family breakdown. About thirty-eight per cent of our calls would be dealing with that."

45-year-old service

Mensline sits within a larger organisation called Crises Support Services, which has been around for 45 years providing professional telephone counselling support.

Men calling Mensline can be assured that their details and the nature of their call will remain private.

"With the phone service being anonymous and confidential and easy to access, it was thought that that would make a difference and I think it has," Mr Melvin said.

"I also think that men are more inclined to use dedicated services for men."

Help is available to men in communities anywhere in Australia with a phone.

"Eighty-five per cent of our calls are from men. The remaining 15 per cent are from women worried about their men or their boyfriends, or their sons, or their fathers. Less than two per cent of callers are Indigenous men," Mr Melvin said.

He said Mensline was moving away from just crisis intervention work.

"We've now instituted what we call our call-back support service where, after the initial call, we'll ring a bloke back and check in and see how he's travelling after the first call," he said.

"We might do that two, three, four, five or half a dozen times and it takes the burden off the bloke if he has unfinished business."

Biggest hurdle

According to Mr Melvin, one of the biggest hurdles for men is overcoming the myth that it is a weak thing to talk about problems.

"Some of those attitudes are still around, without a doubt. I think this goes back to the way men and boys socialise and those kind of messages around what it means to be a bloke in terms of being stoic and being self-reliant and standing on their own two feet," he said.

"But the feedback we get from people being online is that just talking about the issues makes the world of difference.

Over the next 12 months Mensline will be expanding the support line for Indigenous men.

"It has been set up on the basis that a lot of blokes won't get help when they are in crisis and that's largely because a lot of men do feel alienated or won't use traditional services," Mr Melvin said.

"But we're also aware relationships and families are really important for blokes, even though there's a bit of myth out there that they're not."

All it takes is a phone call. For help or a chat, call 1300 789 978.

Qld Govt offer 'not enough'

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



Charleville Elder Nellie Fraser and her cousin, Toowoomba Elder Joyce McCarthy,

have done some travelling together during their lives.

On a recent journey to see relatives in Brisbane, they dropped into a Stolen Wages Working Group meeting to hear the latest on how the campaign for

November 2006).

Mrs Fraser was born in Dalby and Mrs McCarthy in Roma.

During World War II, they were living in 'each other's pockets' in Brisbane while their mothers worked hard to earn a living for their families.

"But they took us, they took Nellie and all of her brothers and sisters first and then they took my sister and I," Mrs McCarthy said.

"It was in 1943 that they took us to Purga Mission, just outside of Ipswich."

Wondered

"It wasn't too bad there but we knew our families and we knew where we came from and we wondered why we were there."

"They said they had reasons. We weren't being looked after properly and weren't being fed properly and all this crap, you know?"

"But when we went there to Purga, we were getting weevilly porridge and rainbow damper and tomato custard."

'But they took us, they took Nellie and all of her brothers and sisters first and then they took my sister and I.'

Aboriginal Queenslanders' missing, unpaid and underpaid wages was travelling (as reported in the *Koori Mail*, 22



JOYCE MCCARTHY

Mrs Fraser, the older of the two cousins, was sent out to work from Purga Mission - work for which she felt she had to accept the Queensland Government's Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations offer of \$4000 'because I didn't think I'd last too long'.

"I was at two places, I worked in Ipswich and down on the other side of Goondiwindi," she said. "It was hard."

"When I was working out at Goondiwindi, the people there said they were going to Sydney and I said I'd like to go with them."

"They said I could go with them and I ended up getting a job down there. That's how I got out of the system up here."

Links lost

Mrs Fraser said she didn't see any of the other members of her family again until they were all grown up.

"My brother was only two years old when he was sent to Purga and I didn't see my sisters or brothers again until the 1950s," she said.

Mrs McCarthy said she felt that the Government's offer was not enough for what her cousin and all their families went through.

"I was at Purga for five years and when Purga

broke up, they sent us younger ones up to Cherbourg," she said.

"It was very hard, I don't think anyone deserves to be in a place like that, they were like prisons."

'I was determined when I got out that no-one was going to step on my toes.'

"As an Elder now, I go into the detention centre in Brisbane and you see what the kids have got there, they've got a better lifestyle than what we had when we were kids."

"I was determined when I got out that no-one was going to step on my toes. We had to do all the hard yakka like scrubbing the floors and we had the same sort of food up there."

"I didn't like it one bit. Purga wasn't so bad when you got used to it because they taught us the basic things like cooking and sewing."

"It wasn't home though, you got the feeling that you were just there but it wasn't home."



NELLIE FRASER



Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme

The Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship (RAHUS) Scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support rural origin individuals to undertake allied health and oral health degrees so they may pursue a clinical career in rural and remote Australia.

The RAHUS Scheme is open to individuals with a rural background studying an allied health degree [audiology, chiropractic, dietetics, exercise physiology, indigenous health (tertiary degree only), occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, medical radiation science (medical imaging, radiation therapy & nuclear medicine technology) physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology (postgraduate), social work and speech pathology] or oral health degree [dentistry and oral health].

The scholarship provides \$10,000 a year to assist students with accommodation, living and travel expenses during their studies. Eligible students will have lived in a rural or remote region of Australia for at least five consecutive or eight cumulative years and must be Australian citizens or permanent Australian residents. Applicants must be entering or currently enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited or approved undergraduate or graduate entry level Australian allied health or oral health degree.

Applications close on **Monday, 29 January 2007**. For more information on the RAHUS Scheme, contact the administrator, Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH), by phone on 1800 460 440 or by email on rahus@ruralhealth.org.au, or view SARRAH website at www.sarrah.org.au

The Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

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Australian Government

Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Indigenous Coordination Centres

PROGRAMME FUNDING SUBMISSIONS 2007/08 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Australian Government is calling for submissions from eligible organisations for funding for services to Indigenous Australians in the 2007/08 financial year under the following programmes:

- National Arts and Craft Industry Support
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation
- Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records
- Indigenous Culture Support
- Indigenous Women's Program
- Indigenous Broadcasting
- Law and Justice Advocacy Development
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice
- Indigenous Heritage
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Services and Early Intervention and Prevention

A common funding application form has been developed. This will form part of an on-line Submission Kit (eSub) and will be used for the programs listed above. The Submission Kit and Program Guidelines can be accessed at:

www.indigenous.gov.au

An application pack and further program information can also be obtained from your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC). ICCs are located throughout each state and the Northern Territory. To contact your nearest ICC visit:

www.icc.gov.au

Or phone 1800 079 098, with the exception of Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submissions must be lodged at your nearest ICC by 5pm, Wednesday 21 February 2007.

The Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations recently proposed a new model for Indigenous employment servicing in urban and major regional centres. This may impact on locations where CDEP is funded. Further information on this is at www.workplace.gov.au/cdepesub.

Organisations funded through the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP) will be contacted by their local FacSIA state office or ICC regarding the process for 2007-08 funding.

Note: Not all of the programs listed above are available in all states or territories.

In addition to the programmes listed above the Australian Government provides funding for other Indigenous specific programmes. Details of these can also be obtained from ICCs.

One of these additional programmes is the Public Information Program (PIP), a small program which provides limited funding for projects that raise awareness in the wider Australian community about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, society and issues. This includes funding for NAIDOC Week activities. Applications for PIP funding can be submitted throughout the year through ICCs.

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More funding for Lakeview



More South Australian Aboriginal people are set to have access to secure accommodation and support groups

under a \$730,000 funding boost to Port Augusta's Lakeview Transitional Centre.

Housing and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill said the centre would have the capacity to accommodate and support up to 120 transient Aboriginal people in a culturally appropriate, safe setting.

"Currently, Lakeview consists of an administration and facilities complex, with 20 wiltjas providing accommodation for up to 70 people," he said.

"This extra funding will allow for ten more accommodation units – housing an extra 40 people, three independent living accommodation units and two ablution blocks, with disability access and child-changing facilities.

"In addition, a storage shed, barbecue and outdoor shelter areas, and facilities shed – providing educational programs and a safe place for parents and children to gather – will also be built."

Stage one of the Lakeview Centre, established to provide a secure environment for Indigenous people visiting Port Augusta from the APY Lands during summer, was built on land leased from the Davenport Community Council last year.

The facility is staffed by Aboriginal people.



Some of the units taking shape at Lakeview Transitional Centre, Port Augusta.

A recent review, undertaken by the Department for Families and Communities, showed that Lakeview provided accommodation for 146 adults and 61 children during six months of operation from December 2005. The review indicated Lakeview has had a significant, positive impact on the problems which it was established to address.

"Lakeview has – and continues to – provide accommodation to many Aboriginal people who experience a mobile lifestyle, temporary displacement or

chronic homelessness," Mr Weatherill said.

"Twenty-four-hour support links people to health, welfare and support services which, in turn, limits the problems caused by poor health, domestic violence and alcohol abuse. Within a short space of time, Lakeview has established a positive profile.

"We will continue to work with the local councils, agencies and local Indigenous communities to provide accommodation and support services that meet the needs of transient Aboriginal people in regional South Australia."

Uniting Church calls for policy re-think



A visit to the Lakeview Transitional Centre has prompted the Uniting Church to

call for an urgent re-think of Aboriginal policy in Australia, especially the trend towards mainstreaming services.

A five-person delegation from the Uniting Church recently spent three days in Port Augusta meeting with the local Davenport Aboriginal community, local church representatives, the mayor and senior council staff, and State and Federal government bureaucrats.

Uniting Church President the Rev Gregor Henderson said the visit was a stark reminder that, on the whole, the policies of various governments continued to fail Aboriginal people.

"Although our site visit to Lakeview allayed some of my concerns, it is still troubling that in this day and age, any government would respond to the accommodation needs of Australian citizens of any circumstance by erecting tents inside a wire fenced enclosure,"

Rev Henderson said.

"While there are mixed opinions about the Lakeview facility in the local community, it's difficult to avoid the sense that Lakeview, which is located well out of town, was built as a quick fix which gets the issue of Aboriginal transients out of sight and out of mind.

"What was even more disturbing was the unavoidable sense that this issue is the result of a far larger set of issues that are simply not being adequately addressed.

"While we saw the excellent work and commitment of many agencies, there is still a lack of funding, resources and suitable policies that address the issues of health care, homelessness, employment and alcohol and drug addiction."

Rev Henderson said the delegation was also deeply concerned at recent moves by the State and Federal governments to bring specialised Aboriginal services within mainstream services and policies.

Indigenous Housing Department in South Australia and the imminent withdrawal by the Federal Government of the Community Development Employment Program and the cessation of funding of municipal services in Aboriginal communities like Davenport," he said.

"By mainstreaming services and support for Aboriginal people in this way, we run the risk of further marginalising their voices and making it harder for governments to provide appropriate and effective support on the ground.

"I urge all governments to slow down and consult with Aboriginal people to see if these policies are really going to improve services and ensure their voices are heard when decisions are made which affect them. Otherwise, I fear the result will be a further setback to the possibility of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians."

A report on the trip, including recommendations for both governments and the Uniting Church, will now be prepared.

Our tourism best



Bundjalung performer Clarence Slockee plays the didjuriidu at the NSW Tourism Awards.



Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council Chief Executive Officer Clare McHugh during an acknowledgement of country at the NSW Tourism Awards presentation.



Accepting the Victorian Tourism Award for best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander product are Koorie Heritage Trust Chair Angela Clarke, CEO Jason Eades and Marketing and Development Manager Sara Jones with award presenter Mark Stone, Chief Executive Officer of Parks Victoria.



Quenten Agius of Aboriginal Cultural Tours - Adjahdura Land with his award.

State and Territory winners eye national award honours



Two cultural tour companies, a heritage museum and art gallery, and cultural centres from the Torres Strait and Sydney's Darling Harbour will vie for the honour of top Indigenous tourism initiative at the 2006 Australian Tourism Awards in February.

When the Koori Mail went to print, five of the six State and Territory tourism awards with Indigenous-specific tourism categories had been announced - for Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

The Northern Territory awards, dubbed the Brolgas, were due to be announced on Saturday. Neither the Tasmanian nor the Australian Capital Territory competitions have Indigenous categories.

In the WA awards, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism category winner was Kepa Kurl Eco Cultural Discovery Tours, which has operated eco-4WD tours in the Esperance region since 2003.

"Winning the major award in this category is recognition of the professional manner in which we deliver our product to the visitors in the region," Kepa Kurl Tours owner Doc Reynolds said.

"Winning a major State tourism award now puts Esperance Indigenous tourism on the map and a must-do experience for any tourist visiting the area."

"We're really looking forward to going over to Sydney to represent Western Australia in our category. If we can win an Australian national award, it will be the first time that an Indigenous eco-cultural product from the south of the WA has been recognised nationally."

In South Australia, Quenten Agius' Aboriginal Cultural Tours - Adjahdura Land took out the Indigenous tourism category after just three years of operation.

It has been a busy month for the Yorke Peninsula-based tourism operator, who also bought his first tour bus, received Department of Transport accreditation for

the vehicle, and completed a Certificate III in Tourism Operations.

"Walking on stage in front of all of those people and receiving the award from someone I admire, the Minister for Tourism, Jan Lomax-Smith, it felt deadly. I couldn't help but keep on grinning," Mr Agius said after the awards ceremony.

"I really couldn't wait to call my mothers who have taught me everything I know about my country. All the hard work we put in has paid off. We know we have a good product. We've got sustainable plans for the future and we want to build on them now."

For the second consecutive year, the Torres Strait's Gab Titui Cultural Centre won the Queensland Tourism Award for excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait

arts and craft, and it is imperative that we maintain these unique traits of our people and islands, and not allow them to be eroded by outside influences.

"To assist the preservation of our culture, Gab Titui offers opportunities for individuals and groups to revitalise, practise and refine their artistic and cultural skills, as well as showcasing interpretive displays and marketing locally produced arts and crafts to the national and international market."

"Gab Titui is also providing employment and community capacity building opportunities, currently employing four Torres Strait Islanders in the gallery as guides and retail staff, and boosting their skills through training and development in tourism, exhibition and museum operations."

In the NSW 2006 Tourism Awards, the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural and Education Centre in Cranebrook, Sydney, took out the top Indigenous award, with the Gavala Aboriginal Art Centre in Darling Harbour in Sydney named runner-up.

The Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism category of the 2006 Victorian Tourism Awards, held at the Crown Casino on 20 November.

Victorian Tourism Minister John Pandazopoulos paid tribute to the State's tourism industry, and congratulated the award winners and finalists on their achievement.

"The awards recognise tourism businesses striving for excellence in an increasingly competitive environment," he said.

The Koorie Heritage Trust Cultural Centre features an interactive sound and visual permanent exhibition that traces Aboriginal history.

The 2006 Australian Tourism Awards will be judged later this month and announced at a gala presentation ceremony at Star City Hotel and Casino in Sydney on 23 February.



Tourists sample fresh water on a tour run by WA Indigenous category winner Kepa Kurl Eco Cultural Discovery Tours.

Islander Tourism, announced in Brisbane on 17 November.

Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman Toshie Kris said he was pleased that the efforts of the centre and the Authority toward Torres Strait's cultural maintenance was not going unnoticed.

"The Gab Titui Cultural Centre was opened in April 2004 to fulfil the region's aspirations of maintaining, revitalising and promoting our unique Ailan Kastom," said Mr Kris.

"Our Ailan Kastom includes our rich culture, traditions, history, heritage and



From left, Gerry Moore from Koori Habitat, Mr Andrews, and Don Jessop and Lee Mills from Koori Habitat, winner, Outstanding Achievement in Winning Employment for CDEP/IEC Participants.



Mr Andrews with David Mayo, of Qantas, Townsville, winner, Outstanding Corporate Leader (Individual).



● ABOVE: Mr Andrews and Julie Medway, from the Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation CDEP/IEC – Goulburn, NSW, winner, Outstanding Individual Achievement in Gaining Employment or Establishing a Commercially Viable Business (Female).

● RIGHT: Maria Rodgers, from Wagga Wagga CDEP, trading as Gannambara Enterprises, winner, Outstanding Achievement in Developing Business Opportunities.

● BELOW: Jason Field from CQID, Mr Andrews, and Colin Johnson from CQID, winner, Outstanding Achievement in Community Benefit.



Employment services showcased

Twelve individuals and organisations were formally recognised at the inaugural 2006 Jobs Career Future Awards held at Parliament House, Canberra, last month.

The awards showcase excellence in the delivery of employment services to Indigenous Australians by the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program, Indigenous Employment Centres (IECs), employees and organisations participating in the Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project and providers of Australian Government services.

At the presentation dinner attended by parliamentarians, representatives of the Indigenous community and leaders of corporate Australia, Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Kevin Andrews said the awards represented a new chapter in recognition of achievement in Indigenous employment development.

"Tonight's awards are not just a celebration of the achievements of the 12 winners, they also celebrate the achievements and hard work of all those people and organisations throughout

Australia who are working to give Indigenous Australians the same opportunities as all other Australians," Mr Andrews said.

"They're also about a partnership between government, business and the Indigenous community in which the Australian Government is bringing together the various parts of our collective work to improve employment under the umbrella of Jobs Careers Future."

Nominations were judged by Indigenous Business Australia Chairman Joseph Elu and Indigenous Land Corporation Chair Shirley McPherson.

Mr Andrews said the awards were extremely timely, and came after performance figures showed twice as many Indigenous Australians had moved into mainstream employment compared with the same period last year.

"The Australian Government's Indigenous Economic Development Strategy with its focus on improving employment outcomes for Indigenous job seekers is bringing real benefits," he said.

"Together, we've made remarkable progress in helping Indigenous Australians find work."



● LEFT: Mr Andrews and Lester Daley from Fletcher International Exports, finalist, Outstanding Corporate Leader (Individual).



From left, Mr Andrews, Roger Fletcher from Fletcher International Exports, and former champion athlete Cathy Freeman. Fletcher International Exports won the Neville Bonner Award.



Ben Taylor, from Katherine Town Council, winner, Outstanding Individual Achievement in Gaining Employment or Establishing a Commercially Viable Business (Male).



Daniel Archer, from Roche Mining, winner, Outstanding Corporate Leader Manager.



Don Jessop, from Shoalhaven Community Development Aboriginal Corporation, trading as Koori Habitat, Nowra, winner, Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for CDEP/IEC Participants.



● LEFT: Mr Andrews with Ros Rohde, Workskill Inc, joint winner, Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for Indigenous Australians.

● BELOW: Judge Joseph Elu



● LEFT: Judge Shirley McPherson.

● RIGHT: Mr Andrews and Pamela Elliott from Workways Association Inc, joint winner, Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for Indigenous Australians.



Winners

Outstanding Corporate Citizen Fletcher International Exports

Australia's largest sheep meat processor and exporter, with an abattoir at Dubbo, NSW, and one near Albany, WA. About 250 (or 20 per cent) of the company's workforce are Indigenous.

Neville Bonner Award 2006 Mr Roger Fletcher, CEO of Fletcher International Exports

Outstanding Achievement in Developing Business Opportunities Wagga Wagga CDEP, trading as Gannambarra Enterprises

Operates as a CDEP and an IEC. Develops sustainable businesses and provides opportunities for local Indigenous people to find employment in their preferred fields. Two of its current enterprises in Wagga Wagga are Deadly Detailers, a car detailing service, and Gannambarra Pottery, an arts and crafts centre. The business has two full-time and six part-time staff.

Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for CDEP/IEC Participants Shoalhaven Community Development Aboriginal Corporation (SCDAC), trading as Koori Habitat, Nowra, NSW

Since 2004, SCDAC has operated as a CDEP and an IEC and has placed more than 100 Indigenous people into traineeships, employment or education.

Outstanding Individual Achievement in Gaining Employment or Establishing a Commercially Viable Business (Female) Julie Medway - Ngannawal Aboriginal Corporation

A former CDEP participant, Ms Medway now works full-time as an Aboriginal health education/liaison officer.

Outstanding Individual Achievement in Gaining Employment or Establishing a Commercially Viable Business (Male) Ben Taylor

A former CDEP participant at Kalano Farm, near Katherine, NT, Mr Taylor now works as an environmental ranger with the Katherine Town Council, and a full-time supervisor of a work crew of 32.

Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for Indigenous Australians Workways Association Inc

In 2005-06 Workways placed 114 Indigenous job-seekers into employment in the Gippsland region in Victoria. Since commencing as a CDEP this year, it has placed 24 Indigenous participants with mainstream employers. Over the past four years, Workways has itself also employed 16 Indigenous staff.

Outstanding Corporate Leaders (Manager) Daniel Archer, National Manager Community and Indigenous Affairs at Roche Mining

Mr Archer developed culturally appropriate methodology to increase Indigenous employment within Roche Mining. This methodology has been widely acknowledged across the resource industry.

Special Award for Partnerships Award Kalano Community Association Inc

In an IEC, located near Katherine, in the NT, an area identified as a poor labour market with highly disadvantaged clients, since 2003 Kalano has helped to place Indigenous people into jobs, training and apprenticeships in diverse fields of interest, from boilermaking to childcare.

Outstanding Organisation in Providing Job Opportunities Award Hotel and tourism group Accor Asia Pacific (National)

Since implementing its Indigenous employment program in 2001, Accor has employed more than 370 Indigenous people in 52 locations from Kununurra to Coffs Harbour. Since 2005, more than 100 Indigenous people have completed Accor's Job Ready training program and 57 per cent of them have gained employment with Accor.

Outstanding Corporate Leaders (Individual) David Mayo, Qantas

The first Indigenous employee to become a Qantas airport manager. Originally employed as a customer service trainee in Darwin through the company's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Scheme, Mr Mayo now holds the position of manager of Townsville Airport, supervising 60 staff.

Outstanding Achievement in Community Benefit Award Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID)

CQID manages CDEP activities in central Queensland, including the Mimosa CDEP in Woorabinda. Mimosa CDEP's woodworking shed, arts and crafts studio, fencing team, hydroponics farm and artefacts production are all progressing towards ongoing viability.

Outstanding Achievement in Gaining Employment for Indigenous Australians Workskill Inc

Workskill has devised the 'Kicking Goals' program, a 16-day Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP) funded program, which prepares job-seekers in Murray Bridge, South Australia, for employment. So far the program has helped 11 out of 18 participants into jobs, with local employer Big W employing six.



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

RFT 146 / 0607

Youth Wellbeing Program: Evaluator

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to complete an evaluation of the Youth Wellbeing Program based in Alice Springs, providing services in the Central Desert Region of Northern Territory.

The purpose of the review is to provide an evaluation of the effectiveness, appropriateness and efficiency of the Youth Wellbeing Program in achieving its stated objectives and outcomes and to provide recommendations as to the continuation of the project.

The evaluator (this RFT) will be required to conduct consultations in the Northern Territory and liaise with stakeholders including remote Indigenous communities. Using the information collected in these consultations, the evaluator will be required to produce a comprehensive report providing an assessment including recommendation for the future.

Additional to the minimum requirements for entry (as outlined in the Request For Tender) the agency or consortium must have a good knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous communities and their cultures in rural or remote regions of Australia.

The project is expected to require 3 months (negotiable) of work and will involve travel to Alice Springs and remote Indigenous communities in the Central Desert Region, of the Northern Territory.

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request For Tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

Any difficulties accessing this site should be addressed to the Project Officer, Michelle Ricketts, on: Phone: 02 6289 7139, Fax 02 6289 7837 or Email: Michelle.Ricketts@health.gov.au

Tenders will close at 2pm on 17 January 2007 in Canberra.

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Welfare plan to help kids



Quarantining a proportion of welfare payments to ensure children at risk are fed, housed, clothed and schooled will be discussed with each State and Territory Government at the instigation of the Australian Government.

Federal Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough made the announcement in an address to the 50th annual conference of the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS).

"While most of the welfare money provided by the Federal Government to families is used wisely, in some cases we know the benefit does not get to the children," Mr Brough said.

"The reality is that in homes where drugs, alcohol or gambling are a problem, children are often missing out on basic nutrition, secure housing, clothing and education that we all consider a child's basic right."

"The Australian Government is proposing to allow a proportion of welfare payments, potentially around 40 per cent,

to be quarantined to pay for children's needs in cases where children have been identified at risk of neglect. This proposal will provide another tool to child protection authorities."

Mr Brough said that his proposal did not take one cent of welfare from families, but simply limited the discretion over a portion of welfare where there was an identified risk to a child, to ensure that the child actually received the benefit of the payments.

"Technology already exists that allows for payments to be directed to basic needs and the

concern about the danger of putting cash in the hands of those with dysfunctions like substance abuse and problem gambling."

Mr Brough said that over the five years between 1999-00 and 2004-05, child protection notifications across Australia more than doubled from about 107,000 to 253,000. The number of substantiated cases had also nearly doubled from around 25,000 to 46,000, with a number of State agencies having admitted that they had increasing outstanding investigations.

"Without doubt, the protection of children in Australia is a difficult area of public policy and one with which both sides of politics at some time or another have struggled," Mr Brough said.

"The Australian Government is offering just one more tool to those at the coal face facing a growing challenge."

"Decent clothing, housing, nutrition and full school attendance is something all children should consider their right."

"This is not a silver bullet, it is not a fix-all – rather another weapon in the armoury to protect our children."



'This is not a silver bullet, it is not a fix-all – rather another weapon in the armoury to protect our children'
– Minister Mal Brough

first step is simply allowing for better use of this tool in a mandatory fashion," he said.

"We also know that a number of community sector bodies already use debit cards in lieu of cash for their own emergency relief payments so there is not really any deep-seated principle that suggests debit systems are inappropriate and those at the coal face often share my

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Deadline extended to Feb 15

The Federal Government has extended – until February 15 – the consultation period about proposed changes to the operation of the permit system that governs entry into Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.

In October, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough circulated a discussion paper on the permit system covering a range of options including relaxing restrictions on entry to townships and opening up communal or open spaces while maintaining permits for private areas. The extension came after the Minister met with the Northern Land Council and others about the changes.

"I reiterate this is about removing the permit system from public places such as townships and not private property such as sacred sites or homelands," he said.

Qld Custodial officer loves her job



LARISSA POPE



For Larissa Pope, becoming a custodial officer wasn't something she had planned when she began her working career.

A confident young person, Ms Pope was brought up in a small country town where people either worked for the council or the local sawmill.

However, after finishing school and completing a 12-month apprenticeship in horticulture, Ms Pope decided that law enforcement would be her ideal job.

To get there, she completed a two-year Diploma of Justice at TAFE and then began a career in Justice by joining the Borallon Correctional Centre as a trainee custodial officer.

The 492-bed Borallon multi-custody correctional institution is at Ipswich, south-west of Brisbane.

It is nearly five years since Ms Pope

graduated as a custodial officer and she is now a member of the Borallon support services team.

"I can honestly say that I love the crew I work with and the job that I do - most people can't say that about their work," Ms Pope said.

"But working in corrections has continued to be a learning path for me. I have learned so many things that I know will be important throughout my working career, here at Borallon and in the future when I investigate other opportunities in the justice field."

"My communication skills have certainly been developed and fine-tuned and I can now talk confidently to a diverse range of people, including other officers, the teams, my supervisors, management, offenders and members of the community."

● According to Wikipedia, while the

prison buildings, equipment and property it is on are owned by the Queensland Department of Corrective Services, the Borallon Correctional Centre is operated on behalf of the department by Management and Training Corporation, an American company which also runs many state-owned correctional facilities in the US. Management and Training Corporation are responsible for the day-to-day running of the centre, financial management and the hiring of staff and must adhere to the Corrective Services Act 2000. While they are not public servants, staff at Borallon are offered the same access to departmental training as their Government colleagues except custodial officer training, which is conducted in-house at Borallon. Borallon employees are not able to transfer to another prison or Corrective Services facility.

Staff meet to discuss kids



Families South Australia Aboriginal staff from all corners of the State met in Adelaide in November to

discuss strategies to improve services for Aboriginal children.

More than 80 staff took part in a two-day conference that included discussions with SA Families and Communities Minister Jay Weatherill about his vision for Aboriginal children in South Australia.

"The Government recognises the value of actively recruiting Aboriginal employees to provide services to South Australians," Mr Weatherill said.

"A large proportion of the people who Families SA assist are Aboriginal young people and families and it's important that staff are reflective of the customers they serve."

"Currently, almost 10 per cent of Families SA staff are of Aboriginal descent. Aboriginal staff at Families SA have a significant role in advising non-Aboriginal staff on kinship relations to assist getting the best care for Aboriginal children and young people."

Critical issue

Mr Weatherill, who is also Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister, said retention of Aboriginal employees was a critical issue for government agencies.

"We need to ensure that Aboriginal staff are well supported in their workplaces, with professional development and mentoring," he said.

"Part of this is about ensuring staff can get together and share experiences as Aboriginal people and as staff members."



At the meeting were, from left, Principal Southern Cultural Consultant for Families SA Annette Groat, SA Families, Communities and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill and Principal Country Cultural Consultant for Families SA Tracy Ritchie.

"The Department for Families and Communities has established a new unit to better support the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, including at Families SA."

"The Department is hoping to have a similar conference early in the New Year with

Aboriginal employees from all its agencies, including Housing SA and Disability Services SA."

Families SA also established a scholarship program with Anangu students from Wiltja Secondary School at Woodville to encourage students to finish Year 12.

"Fifteen students are receiving a scholarship, with the aim of preparing them for possible employment with Families SA," Mr Weatherill said.

"This is just one way Families SA is working to attract and retain Aboriginal staff."

Dog health program benefits community



The small far north-western New South Wales town of Walgett and nearby satellite Aboriginal townships of Namoi and Gingie are benefiting from major dog health programs

involving high-profile animal welfare and human health groups, supported by crime-prevention groups and local councils.

The programs aim to improve the health and lives of animals and people in remote Indigenous communities of NSW and the Northern Territory.

Veterinary, health, education and crime-prevention teams last month converged on the Walgett region for an intensive four-day program involving dog desexing and microchipping, human health and crime-prevention workshops and humane education in local schools.

The teams operated for two days in Walgett township, Namoi and Gingie.

The program, sponsored by Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) and the Walgett Shire Council, involved RSPCA NSW, the Greater Western Area Health Service (GWAS), Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) and Walgett Veterinary Clinic.

RSPCA NSW and Walgett Veterinary Clinic teams performed pet desexing and microchipping procedures over the four days, while RSPCA humane education teams presented human health workshops and PCYC teams ran crime-prevention sessions.

RSPCA senior veterinarian Dr Simone Maher said staff were pleased to be involved.

For the past five years, RSPCA NSW and Greater Western Area Health Service have held similar programs in NSW regions, including Wilcannia and White Cliffs. Benefits include a reduction in unwanted animals, improved dog health, reduced incidence of transfer of disease from animals to people, and fewer stock losses from attacks by straying dogs.

In the Northern Territory, RSPCA NSW and RSPCA Darwin are partnering with AMRRIC and the Humane Society International in plans for dog health programs in some NT communities.

These projects, modelled on successful endeavours established in several communities, are expected to improve the lives of people and animals in the communities and act as a national and even world benchmark.

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involved'**

Family day a part of Townsville's media celebration



A family day held at Riverside Park on 18 November to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Service (TAIMA) was so successful that organisers are looking to hold one big community event annually.

Radio 4K1G is an arm of TAIMA and station manager Nathan Goodwin said the event started about 2pm and continued until 10.30pm.

"Coloured Stone was live on 4K1G," he said. "About 3000

people attended throughout the day. It was a major success and we're looking to do at least one community concert each year, subject to funding."

The Koori Mail was there and talked to singer and radio program presenter Tonky Logan. "This is a great day with lots of entertainment," he said.

Mr Goodwin is soon to start six months' leave-without-pay to set up a pet food business.

Radio announcer Velma Gara, who started doing the Torres Strait-themed Ailan Voices in 1996 and is a popular host of Murri Voices, will act in the station manager's position.



Members of the Smallwood family enjoy the outing in Townsville, north Queensland.

AUTHORISATION MEETING - INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT For land in and around Byron Bay, NSW

Tuesday 12th December 2006 - 1:00pm to 5:00pm • Wednesday 13th December 2006 - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday 14th December 2006 - 9:00am to 5:00pm • Richmond Room Regatta Avenue, Ballina NSW 2478



Purpose: NSW Native Title Services Ltd is convening a meeting to authorise:

1. a second Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA 2") in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) to settle the Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Claim No. 1 (NSD 6010 of 1998 in the Federal Court; NNTT No: NC95/1).
2. a third Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA 3") in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to Taylors Lake (Ti Tree Lake) Byron Bay as part settlement of the Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Claim No. 3 (NSD 6020 of 2001 in the Federal Court; NNTT No: NC01/08).
3. the amendment of the Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Claim No. 3 to reduce the claim area.
4. the withdrawal of the Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Claim No. 1.

ILUA 2 and ILUA 3 Agreement Area: The proposed ILUA 2 and ILUA 3 Agreement Areas cover the land and waters in and around Byron Bay in NSW as shown on the maps: "Bundjalung People of Byron Bay Agreement Area - ILUA 2 Draft" and "Bundjalung People of Byron Bay Agreement Area - ILUA 3 Draft".

Who should attend: The following people are invited to attend the meeting:

5. All people who hold or may hold native title for the land and waters in and around Byron Bay in NSW as shown in the map: "Bundjalung People of Byron Bay Agreement Area - ILUA 2 Draft" and "Bundjalung People of Byron Bay Agreement Area - ILUA 3 Draft".
6. All Bundjalung People, including all subgroups of Bundjalung such as: Bundjalung, Minjungbal, Ngarakwal, Ngarakbal, Ngayabul, Widiabul, Weyabul, Western Bundjalung, Baryulgil Bundjalung, and any other groups who consider themselves to be Bundjalung.
7. All descendants (including adopted descendants) of:
Bobby 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

Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Moran (nee Bray) 1894 - 17 January 1953

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).

8. Any of the Applicants or Indigenous parties to the two Byron Bay Bundjalung Peoples Claims No. 1 and No. 3.

Times: 1:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesday 12th December 2006
9:00am to 5:00pm Wednesday and Thursday 13th and 14th December 2006

Venue: Richmond Room, Regatta Avenue, Ballina NSW 2478.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please complete the enclosed meeting registration form and return it to NSW Native Title Services' Coffs Harbour Regional Office by no later than **Friday 8th December 2006**, so that arrangements can be made for catering.

Our details are: Post: PO Box 156, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450. Fax: 0266 517 954.

Alternatively, you can ring the office to confirm your details on 1800 111 844.

Mileage assistance and accommodation may also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NSW Native Title Services' policies. Please note that accommodation is limited and will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or details confirmed by telephone.

Should you have any queries or simply require further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Natalie Rotumah - Community Facilitator on 1800 111 844 or 0428 155 822.

NOTE: This is a very important meeting and we hope to see you there.

Yours faithfully,

Natalie Rotumah, Community Facilitator

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Family, Karen & Girls, Kio, Nikki & Family, Ian & Sally.*

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Aboriginal cultural significance assessment for the Western Rail Coal Unloader at Pipers Flat

With regard to the role that Aboriginal people have in managing and protecting their cultural heritage, Delta Electricity invites Aboriginal persons or Aboriginal organisations to register their interest in being consulted regarding the proposed Western Rail Coal Unloader at Pipers Flat.

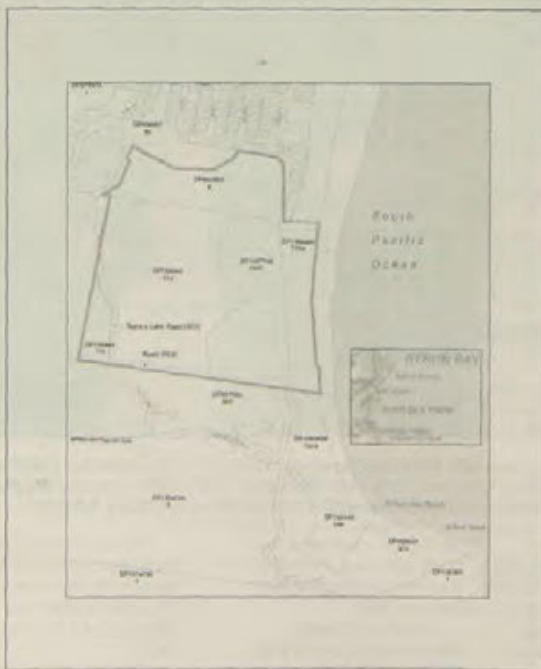
Interested applicants will be included in the formal consultation process regarding the Aboriginal cultural significance of areas in which the proposed work will be carried out.

The proposed work includes the construction and operation of a rail line loop and coal unloader on land between Wallerawang and Portland, and coal conveyor from the site to provide for the transfer of coal to the Mt Piper Power Station.

To register your interest in being consulted about this project, please send your contact details to either the postal or email address below: Jo North, Sinclair Knight Merz, 100 Christie Street, St Leonards NSW 2065
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Registrations should be received by 31 January 2007.



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TAIMA marks 25th anniversary



Recognised for their contributions to the radio station over the past 25 years were, back from left, Wayne Wharton, Ralph Rigby, Rose Thaiday, Irene Thaiday, Toni Pryor, Nik Bijou, Veneica Doolan, Graham Steele and Shireen Malamoo and, front from left, Ronald 'Tonky' Logan, Bill Thaiday, Mick Thaiday and Florence Onus.



TAIMA office secretary Anita Wano.



Angie Akee does a welcome to country.



Florence Onus speaks to the audience.



Angel Williams and Josh Taylor, from Nambucca Heads, NSW, drove to Townsville for the ball.

Media people in celebration

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



Surely when you turn 25, it's a good enough reason to celebrate. That is exactly what Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA) did for their 25th anniversary last month, celebrating with a gala dinner at Townsville Jupiters Casino.

The formal affair was not only a reason to party, it was also a chance for a catch-up with many of the people who had helped TAIMA reach its impressive milestone.

TAIMA chairwoman Florence Onus said it was a great event.

"It was a wonderful time for community to come together and celebrate with us 25 years of a lot of hard work, passion and development," she told the Koori Mail.

"It was just a total success, that's all I can say."

The dinner was attended by about 500 people and reunited new and old friends including original founders, brothers Bill and Mick Thaiday, and former chief executive officer Wayne Wharton.

They were also honoured in an awards ceremony along with others who have contributed to the success of the radio station over the 25 years.

Mrs Onus said that, reflecting on the survival of the organisation and the coverage of historical Indigenous issues, she had a sense of achievement and pride, and that she was looking forward to the future.

"Our old people had a vision and we carried that vision to the future, and us training up the new lot of media mob ... it is passing on the baton. We are the electronic message stick of the new millennium," she said.

"Because we come from a culture of oral history and oral teachings and learning, it has just been a natural progression through radio that the culture of oral learning and teaching continues on.



Seraphim Slade, Patrick Malone, Slim Apuita, Jonny Deadly and Aven Noah joined in the celebrations.



Danielle Wedrat, Deborah Saylor, Sarah Baker and Daniele Brown were there.

"Aboriginal people have come a long way in 25 years. We've really embraced the technology ... it is wonderful that we have been able to pass on that tradition on behalf of all of our Elders.

"And now we have a vision for the next 25 years."

There were two official welcomes on the night, the first a Wulkurukuba welcome

from Cilla Pryor, then a Bindal welcome from Angie Akee.

Entertainment included traditional dancers and dances and comedy from MCs Sean Choolburra and Stephen Oliver.

There was also a slideshow presentation which illustrated in detail TAIMA's 25-year history.

First Contact's 13th annual



Players and officials at the First Contact Carnival in Brisbane together with guests including Queensland Government Ministers Judy Spence, Andrew Fraser and Warren Pitt and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough (sitting third from right).



Players and supporters from the Southside Drifters get into the spirit at the First Contact carnival.



Country Mathieson, Reubeni, John and Bragubba at the Indij-N-Arts stall.

Culture strong at fest

Pictures by NAOMI MORAN



Better than ever! That's how organisers described this year's 13th annual Sports and Cultural Festival, held late last month in Brisbane. Thousands of people turned out for a weekend which featured a strong cultural

program as well as plenty of touch action. While teams travelled from across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory to compete in touch, organiser Robbie Williams, from the Mt Gravatt-based First Contact organisation, said

cultural aspects were stronger than ever.

"This festival highlighted the fact that the cultural aspect to the festival is just as strong as the sport," he said.

"Our spectators were treated to a wide range of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, with singing, dances and a whole lot more."

"And on top of that other cultures also were on display, including South Sea Islander and Greek. The simple fact is that culture is just as important to our festival as sport - one does not overshadow the other."

"The festival has grown so big that we will be looking at a three-day format next year."

Turn to Pages 86 and 87 for sports coverage from the First Contact festival

Sports and Cultural Festival



New Zealand group Tautoko performs.



The Tahitian Cook Island Dancers drew a large crowd.



The Nunukle Yuggera Aboriginal dancers.



Rugby league star Preston Campbell (centre at back), who will play next year for the Gold Coast Titans, with some of the local Murries.



Vic Simms and Adam James sing the Australian national anthem.



R'n'B/hip-hop duo Rik'n'Rock perform for the crowd in Brisbane.



Muli Kiai Torres Strait Islander dancers.



New York hip-hop act The Apostles with Nuthakine Manager Leaf Bennet and Wilson and Jangala Bennet.



● LEFT: Natalie, Evelyn, Charles and Janelle, of Bundaberg.

● RIGHT: Women from the Didjere Dudz and Textile Arts Stall.



Seini Tonga, 3, left, with Uriah Gibson, 2.

Indigenous education becomes a ... National priority



Aboriginal education around Australia has been boosted with the launch in Perth last month of a national report aimed at improving Indigenous education.

West Australian Education and Training Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich, who launched the report on behalf of the Ministerial Council for Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), said it recommended significant national reform in Aboriginal education.

"The Australian Directions in Indigenous Education 2005 to 2008 paper was developed by a national working party and is supported by Government, Catholic and independent school sectors," Ms Ravlich said.

"The recommendations cover early childhood education, school and community partnerships, school leadership, quality teaching, and pathways to training, employment and higher education."

The Minister said the following should occur:

- Indigenous children should be provided with high-quality early childhood education to ensure they had every opportunity for success in their later education.
- There needed to be higher expectations of Indigenous students if they were to be engaged in learning and achieve their full potential.
- Indigenous students were entitled to quality teaching from highly-skilled teachers who respected and understood their students' cultures.
- Strong pro-active and informed leadership at the school level was critical in improving outcomes for Indigenous students.
- "There is no doubt that we need to dramatically improve the educational experiences and outcomes of Aboriginal students so that they can contribute their skills and talents to their own communities and the Australian community as a whole," Ms Ravlich said.
- "We know there have been only incremental improvements over recent years in important areas such as attendance, retention, literacy and numeracy.
- "We know many Indigenous students 'drop out' at or before Year 10 and far too few remain

at school to complete Year 11 and Year 12, or its vocational equivalent.

"The report's recommendations are designed to turn this around and lead to an improvement in Aboriginal education outcomes.

"These recommendations were developed in consultation with Indigenous education consultative bodies in all States and Territories, the National Indigenous Council and the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council."

Ms Ravlich said that as a result of the report:

- Schools, parents and the community would be encouraged to develop partnerships so Aboriginal students could achieve their full potential.
- Pathways to further education employment and training would be expanded so more Aboriginal students had a reason to stay engaged in education and training opportunities.
- Principals would be encouraged to provide their schools with the strong informed and pro-active leadership necessary to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Working party

The report was initiated in 2005 after Ms Ravlich proposed to MCEETYA that a working party be formed to develop recommendations to improve outcomes for Indigenous students.

"For example, more Aboriginal children will be given the opportunity to attend kindergarten and pre-primary to give them a good start in education," the Minister said.

The report was launched at Lockridge Senior High School, one of 10 metropolitan schools to run the highly successful Follow the Dream program, which last month won a Premier's Award for excellence in public sector management.

Follow the Dream targets successful Aboriginal secondary students and supports them to complete school and go on to TAFEWA or university.

The program is a joint initiative between the Department of Education and Training, the Polly Farmer Foundation, BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and other organisations.

More than 600 Aboriginal students in 75 schools across metropolitan and regional Western Australia take part in Follow the Dream.



From left, West Australian Education and Training Minister Ljiljanna Ravlich, Lockridge Follow the Dream student Tara Inman, Lockridge Follow the Dream co-ordinator Chrissie Parry and Lockridge Follow the Dream student Shayne Walding.

Back to school to give words of encouragement

By PHIL YOUNG



Ada Simpson was part of the teaching staff at Cherbourg School for 18 years, so she was pleased to return to the school recently to

attend a parade and to congratulate winners of Student of the Week awards for each class.

Ms Simpson encouraged the children to be determined to do their best and to achieve goals

that would make all of Cherbourg proud.

Lyndon Hopkins, seen here with Ms Simpson, was commended for his fantastic attendance at school, his determination to learn and succeed and the initiative that he has shown at school.

Ms Simpson also thanked the children for visiting the Ration Shed Museum that is helping many people learn about life in Cherbourg under past government laws and policies.



Ada Simpson and Lyndon Hopkins.

Camping for culture



Learning traditional Indigenous games, searching for bush tucker and exploring Adder Rock were popular activities for more than 120

students from Dunwich State School and eight other Brisbane Bayside primary schools when they celebrated traditional culture at Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island.

Their three-day Quandamooka Camp promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, unity, education, health, fitness, well-being and self-determination.

The Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders-In-Council and the Quandamooka community were involved in the camp and led cultural learning activities for primary school students in Years 6, 7 and 8, as well as professional development for their teachers and school administrators.

Adder Rock, at Point Lookout, is a place of Indigenous cultural significance.

Queensland Health was a major sponsor of the Quandamooka Camp, in its efforts to promote healthy lifestyles, physical activity and Indigenous culture.

Camp organisers and participants used the department's Event Support Program funding to show their support for quitting smoking and developing healthy lifestyles by wearing promotional T-shirts, distributing promotional materials and displaying promotional banners throughout the event.

Southern Area Population Health Services project officer Lynne Martin said the camp provided a holistic approach to the students' academic, social, cultural,



Students from Dunwich State School and other Brisbane Bayside primary schools celebrated traditional culture at the Quandamooka Camp on Stradbroke Island.

physical and emotional development and enabled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from nine bayside schools to get to know each other.

"Some of the key health messages at the camp were that 'smoking can cost us our culture'

and 'smoking can cost us the game'," Ms Martin said.

"Tobacco smoking is the single most important risk factor responsible for the greatest burden of disease in Australia and the leading cause of drug-related preventable deaths. This is of

particular concern in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities where more than half of Indigenous adults smoke compared with less than one-quarter of the wider adult population.

"A feature of the camp was traditional Indigenous games which

were almost lost after colonisation, but are now being creatively adapted for Bayside schools through Queensland Health physical activity projects.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children played games to help prepare them for the tasks of daily life. They were also heaps of fun."

Ms Martin said modern sport versions used balls instead of spears and soft pool noodles instead of waddies, and provided all with the opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Indigenous Australian history, culture, values and language.

"These games promote reconciliation, bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, help re-connect urban Indigenous youth and play an important role in education retention rates," she said.

"The traditional Indigenous games are viewed by many Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders as a strong indication of their culture's ability to survive, adapt and thrive. In this way, they are more than simply a way to engage Indigenous people in physical activity."

Other camp activities included a ropes course, boomerang and spear-making, sand sculpting, group walks to North Gorge and Brown Lake, cultural talks and dancing.

University of Queensland researchers from the Dunwich Marine Research Station talked with the children about marine life and local surf lifesavers demonstrated their skills in a mock rescue and taught about surf safety.

Gippsland education aid program in place



An educational assistance program born from a successful

native title agreement relating to Aboriginal land in Victoria's Gippsland area has been officially launched.

The Gunai/Kurnai Foundation Education Assistance Program aims to support Gunai/Kurnai descendants and Indigenous people who have been living on Gunai/Kurnai lands for 20 years or more to complete primary and secondary schooling, and continue with tertiary education.

Gunai/Kurnai Instructing Committee member Uncle Albert Mullett says the foundation was proud to offer the younger generation a helping hand.

"The Education Assistance Program is an opportunity for the Elders to support members of our community to reach their full potential," he said.

"The first round of successful

applicants has been able to focus on their studies, which range from education to professional children's writing, with great results."

Applications are received on an annual basis and applicants can reapply each year for continuing assistance.

'The Education Assistance Program is an opportunity for the Elders to support members of our community to reach their full potential'

Individuals are supported during their studies, with the funds contributing towards school fees, books or even accommodation if they are required to relocate.

The Gunai/Kurnai Foundation was established in March as a result of a native title agreement relating to

traditional lands in the Gippsland area. State trustees administer the funds on behalf of the Foundation, and in accordance with the trust deed.

An instructing committee comprised of 12 Indigenous Gunai/Kurnai representatives was established to provide recommendations in the distribution of the funds to provide financial assistance to the Gunai/Kurnai people for education, the promotion of art and culture, relieving or preventing disadvantage, and the enhancement and protection of Gunai/Kurnai lands.

Applications for funding from the Gunai/Kurnai Educational Assistance program close on 15 January 2007. Eligible individuals can apply for funding in the categories of Primary/Secondary, Further Education, and Special Needs - Disability Assistance.

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SA students just too deadly



The fourth annual Just Too Deadly Awards were held late last month at the Salisbury Swimming

Centre in Adelaide to celebrate the achievements of young Indigenous students completing their education.

The awards, an initiative of the City of Salisbury, recognised Aboriginal and Islander students from the northern metropolitan area who had completed the milestones of Year 7 and 12/13 studies this year.

Event working party chairwoman Annette Buckskin said the awards were an important factor in the retention of Indigenous students in education.

"The expression 'Just Too Deadly' is commonly used by Aboriginal and Islander people to describe something that is very good," she said.

"The aim of these awards is to encourage young Indigenous people to remain engaged in learning, to promote education as positive, desirable and a cause for celebration, and to support belief in the Indigenous community about the value of learning."

"We want young Indigenous



Members of the 'Just Too Deadly' Working Party.

people to remain at school, as it is such an important stepping stone to stable employment and further education."

This year, 104 students from public and private schools in the Salisbury and Playford Council areas received awards. The celebration was held at the Salisbury Swimming Centre as a

family-oriented event, with more than 250 people present.

"The awards celebration has always been family-oriented, to support and encourage entire families to become involved, and to be proud of their child's learning," Ms Buckskin said.

"One of the great things that happened at this year's

celebration was that younger brothers and sisters of award recipients were telling staff when they were going to graduate, so we wouldn't forget."

Students received their awards in a formal presentation by the mayors of Salisbury and Playford, Tony Zappia and Martin Lindsell. They received commemorative T-shirts printed with the names of all award recipients, which were worn with pride for the rest of the evening.

Other highlights of the ceremony included a hip-hop performance by students of the Kurna Plains School, a visit by Nunga Santa Claus, and a free barbecue. The pool was also a big hit, with everyone eager to jump in and escape the 32-degree heat.

The awards were supported by the City of Salisbury, the City of Playford, the SA Police and the Department of Education and Children's Services. A working party with representatives from these and other local Aboriginal and Indigenous organisations was involved in the planning of the celebrations. For more information, contact Annette Buckskin on 0403 714 688.



Kurna Plains School student Denise Groves.



Elizabeth Grove student Raymond Smith.



Elizabeth Vale Primary student Zania Hearn.

A fresh approach



The West Australian Government is trying some new approaches to improving literacy, numeracy, school

participation and engagement for Aboriginal students.

Department of Education and Training, Aboriginal Education and Training Director Robert Somerville says that previously, when literacy, numeracy and attendance figures were poor, the Government had focused on what was wrong with the children that caused them to fail in the system.

"As good teachers do, we teach to the point of error, but unfortunately this was a deficit model," Mr Somerville said. "What we should have been doing is looking at what the system was doing wrong that was failing the students."

"The pro-active approach focuses on the limitations and gaps in the school system, thereby focusing the change model on a failing system and not failing students."

"This has led to a needed shift from a deficit model of thinking to a pro-active model where the system realises it is responsible for the poor outcomes, not the students."

Mr Somerville says there has

Katanning students get insight

Aboriginal students from Katanning Senior High School have been given an important insight into the world of tertiary study after a recent trip to Perth.

The trip was part of the 'Follow The Dream' program, a Department of Education and Training initiative designed to increase the number of Aboriginal students gaining entry into university.

Students received information about university, the courses on offer and support services that are available for Aboriginal students.

Katanning Senior High School 'Follow The Dream' co-ordinator Robin Dark said the program provided support for the students' academic and personal development, both of which were focus areas of the trip.

"The trip was really about familiarising the students with tertiary institutions so they feel more comfortable with the possibility of attending one of the universities we visited," Mr Dark said.

been a shift in the style of programs that WA is adopting through its Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate to include a range of programs including 'Follow The Dream' and the Indigenous Aerospace Initiative.

The two programs are

designed to accelerate the achievement of Aboriginal students, as well as their impact as role models for other students.

'Follow The Dream' aims to steadily increase the number of Aboriginal student university enrolments on the basis that a university education opens the

doors to job opportunities and employment at a highly skilled level.

It supports the Gordon Inquiry call for agency responses aimed at enhancing the retention of Aboriginal students to Year 12.

It has a goal of achieving a tenfold increase by 2008 of

Aboriginal students staying in secondary school and gaining entry into university.

The Indigenous Aerospace Initiative started last year to provide opportunities for Aboriginal students to train to enter into the Australian aviation industry.

The first intake of students will graduate later this year with a Diploma in Aeronautics as well as a range of professional and industry certificates including a commercial pilot's licence and completion of the theory examinations towards the CASA Air Transport Licence qualification.

The initiative aims to meet aviation industry demand for more pilots and address the under-representation of Aboriginal people in the highly-skilled professions.

Mr Somerville says the initiative is opening up career opportunities that would otherwise not be available to most young Aboriginal people in WA.

Factors such as cost and a lack of support have often prevented Aboriginal people from pursuing aviation as a career path.

"There is an unmet demand for people with these qualifications, which hopefully translates into real jobs at the end of the course," Mr Somerville said.

Certificate is a first



The Toowoomba-based University of Southern Queensland (USQ) is offering Australia's first Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Mental Health and Well-Being from 2007.

The qualification will provide skills for the challenging and socially important work in Indigenous mental health.

Ron Hampton works at the Kumbali/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre at USQ and says the program aims to provide clinical practitioners with the skills and knowledge required to interact with, and treat, Indigenous Australians who may be suffering from mental health problems and disorders. "Health outcomes should be looked at in a holistic manner. You can't treat people in isolation from their culture, so you need to understand their culture and their background and the way they respond to various treatments," he said.

"This may mean that the treatments used in Queensland won't work in Western Australia."

Based on this premise, USQ has developed four courses in the program that will be delivered externally through the university's Distance and e-Learning Centre.

"Here at Kumbali, we started to look at Indigenous Australian mental health programs in 2002/03 and it has taken until now to develop something that

gives Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners scope to expand their cultural understanding," Mr Hampton said. "We have four courses on offer, including one in Indigenous Australian Cultures and Communities that looks at traditional issues and the variety of Indigenous communities across Australia."

As part of this course, students will look at topics including kinship, languages and land affiliation.

"A major focus in this course will be to emphasise that there is difference and variety in Australian Indigenous cultures," Mr Hampton said.



Program co-ordinator Bill McCann and Ron Hampton, from the Kumbali/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre at USQ.

"To assume that all Indigenous Australians are alike is similar to saying that if you are Belgian, you should know everything about Europe – there is no single Indigenous culture."

The other courses on offer are Concepts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Indigenous Australian Mental Health Today and Culturally Appropriate Intervention Strategies in Indigenous Mental Health.

● For more information on the program contact USQ on 1800 005 137.

Kids use art to stay safe



A competition to raise awareness about family violence in Indigenous communities in New South Wales has uncovered a host of promising young artists.

More than 130 Indigenous primary school students across the State entered the competition, submitting artworks or creative writing that demonstrated their understanding of what it meant to stay safe and strong within their families and communities.

"The judges were very impressed by the standard and variety of entries, which included drawings, photographs and descriptive pieces of writing. Most importantly, the competition educated children about their right to equality and protection from family violence," said NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Council (AJAC) Executive Officer Terry Chenery.

Twelve of the best entries have been selected for inclusion in a 2007 children's calendar titled *Our Kids: Stay Safe, Stay Strong*. The winners will be awarded ipods, while the overall winning school, Walgett Community College, will receive a series of books. All teachers and students involved in the competition will be given merit certificates.

Walgett Community College students Ted Murphy, 12, Mervyn Hagan, 9, and Arthur Murphy, 11, were the overall winners, with their artwork to be featured on the front cover of the calendar. The trio will be invited to attend an official launch of the calendar in mid-January 2007.

The competition was developed by AJAC and funded by the Australian Council for the Arts (OzCo) with the support of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. AJAC and OzCo will develop a children's activity and information



Walgett Community College winners, from left, Mervyn Hagan, 9, Arthur Murphy, 11 and Ted Murphy, 12, with school staff.

booklet early next year as part of a campaign to denounce family violence in Indigenous communities.

"Primary school children are at an impressionable age and witnessing or being the victim of violence can have serious long-term consequences upon them. This campaign is vital because – until now – there has been a lack of culturally appropriate information to educate young Indigenous people about the importance of a safe home and community environment," said AJAC policy officer Jacqueline Gerber.

"The AJAC's initiative to involve young Aboriginal children in art and community activities is consistent with the NSW Aboriginal Justice Plan."

The 12 schools involved in the competition were Gorokan Primary School, Crawford Primary School, Green Hill Primary School, Forster Primary School, Nowra East Primary School, Eden Primary School, Wilcannia Central Primary School, Walgett Community College Primary School, Condobolin Primary School,

Dareton Primary School, Minimbah Primary School, and Toomelah Primary School.

Overall Winners: Ted Murphy 12 years, Mervyn Hagan, 9, and Arthur Murphy, 11 (Year 6, Walgett Community College).

Other winners: Todd Cavanagh, 10, Year 5/6, Walgett Community College; Ryan McGrady, 12, Year 6, Toomelah Primary School; Miranda Bugmy, 11, Year 5, Wilcannia Central Primary School; Tarryn Lee Brown-Williams, 11, Year 5, Nowra East Primary School; Paula Dianne Cutmore, 9, Year 4, Minimbah Primary School; Andrew White, 8, Year 3, Crawford Primary School; Kalahni Russell, 7, Year 1/2, Forster Primary School; Whitney Grogan, 7, Year 1, Condobolin Primary School; Arron Bell, 5, Kindergarten, Gorokan Primary School; Britney Philp, 6, Year 1, Condobolin Primary School; Ronan Wilson, 5, Kindergarten, Dareton Primary School.

● Bria Simon, 12, Year 6, Forster Primary School, received an additional merit award and an ipod.



May Dargan with daughters Carmel (left) and Frances on their joint graduation day.

Dargan sisters' graduation an affair for all the family



The Dargans are proof that geographic distance need not inhibit family closeness, even with 14 siblings spread throughout the country. When sisters Frances and Carmel graduated from Sydney's Macquarie University on the same day earlier this year, their mum May travelled from Cloncurry in Queensland, sister Shirley travelled from Brisbane, brother James travelled from Canberra, and Frances' daughter Estelle travelled from Perth to support them. And that's not accounting for many other family members living in Sydney who attended.

Frances and Carmel studied with the Warawara Indigenous Program at Macquarie University, in North Ryde, with Frances graduating with a Bachelor of Teaching and Carmel graduating with an Advanced Diploma in Community Management.

In her final year, Carmel won the Warawara Academic Award for best overall performance in year three of the Advanced Diploma program, and completed a Warawara student exchange program to Aotearoa, New Zealand. She is now studying for a Bachelor in Community Management.

Passion for education might just run in the family. In 2003, the youngest of the Dargan siblings, Adele Dargan, became the first person get an Associate Degree in Education from the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba.

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Asthma under attack



Many thousands of people across the country, especially children, will benefit immediately from the

introduction of low-cost asthma 'spacers' that greatly improve the delivery of inhaled medications, the peak body for Aboriginal health has announced.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) said the introduction of affordable asthma 'spacers' was also likely to save the health system millions of dollars in coming years through improved primary health care delivery and better patient self-management of asthma.

A 'spacer' is a plastic device which acts as a holding chamber for asthma medications and ensures that they go directly into the lower airways, rather than into patients' throats. Prior to the introduction of the low-cost 'spacers', many asthma patients were forced to use soft drink bottles to inhale their medicine.

Bulk ordering

NACCHO Chairman Henry Councillor said a co-operative agreement between NACCHO, the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and the Asthma Foundations had enabled Aboriginal community controlled health services to save up to 65 per cent on the cost of the 'spacers' as a result of bulk ordering.

Mr Councillor said the self-management of asthma would be vastly improved now that the 'spacers' were more affordable and accessible, and the pain and distress experienced by thousands of asthma patients would be greatly reduced.

"We're delighted at the partnership we have forged with OATSIH and the Asthma Foundations and believe that this indicates a new climate of understanding and co-operation with regard to Aboriginal health," he said.

"Asthma is an increasing problem across the world and this initiative will go a long way to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people right across the country."



HENRY COUNCILLOR

Where we're failing



The largest survey undertaken of Aboriginal children and families has thrown new light on why most existing intervention programs are failing to produce results needed for overcoming the present levels of Indigenous disadvantage.

The finding was contained in the fourth volume of results from the West Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey, launched in Perth last month.

The survey, undertaken by researchers at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, analysed data from more than 5000 children in 2000 families across Western Australia.

Chief investigator Professor Steve Zubrick said the report – Strengthening the Capacity of Aboriginal Children, Families and Communities – unpacked the reasons why there had been little or no improvement in the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children despite a large number of intervention programs.

"What these results clearly show is the successive failure of programs that are simply delivered too little, too late," Professor Zubrick said.

"The programs generally start too late in the child's development, are delivered for only a short time and are often too broadly targeted to have sustainable impact."

"What's desperately needed is high-quality, high-frequency early intervention programs that directly increase the capacity of Aboriginal parents and others caring for children – teaching them how to prepare their very young children so that when they start at school, they are ready and able to match it with other children."

Early years

Professor Zubrick said that only an intense focus in the early years could begin to break the inter-generational cycle of disadvantage.

"There are just 1800 Aboriginal babies born in Western Australia each year – that makes targeted 'head-start' programs to help them onto a strong path for life, a very practical and viable investment."

Associate Professor Colleen Hayward, who heads the institute's Indigenous study group, the Kulunga Research Network, said the survey showed that 60 per cent of Aboriginal children were already significantly behind non-Aboriginal children by the time they started Year One.

"What this shows is that our children are very disadvantaged even before they start school – so action must be taken before they enter the formal education system," she said.

"Aboriginal parents, like all parents, want the best for their children. However many Aboriginal parents have not had a positive experience of early education themselves, so they need support in building the skills to help their

Survey sheds light on effectiveness of intervention programs



Fremantle Football Club star Troy Cook, who is patron of the Kulunga Research Network, with Isaiha Morrison, 10, Shelia Radovanovic, 12, and Telethon Institute for Child Health Research Director Professor Fiona Stanley.

children learn effectively.

"We know that early experiences, particularly stress, can affect brain development, so it's critical that we get it right for children from the very start of their lives."

The survey also found that:

- 24 per cent of Aboriginal children had significant emotional and behaviour problems.

- 16 per cent lived in poor quality housing.

- 60 per cent were below average academically by Year 1.

Aboriginal children lived in families where:

- 28 per cent had teenage mums.

- 31 per cent were in sole parent families.

- 20 per cent of teens were not living with either parent.

- There were four-times the levels of extreme stress.

Professor Zubrick said it was unacceptable that on the United Nations Index of Human Development, which reflected aspects such as life expectancy, literacy and standard of living, Aboriginal Australians were ranked at 103,

compared with Australia's overall population which was ranked number four.

"Indigenous people in Canada, the US and New Zealand are all faring better than our Aboriginal people – that tells us we can and must take urgent action," he said.

Associate Professor Hayward said the effects of disadvantage were being passed down the generations.

"What's happening is that the Aboriginal adults who are caring for the children are burdened with an enormous number of factors that affect their ability to raise the children," she said.

"There are three adults to every child in the non-Aboriginal population, but in Aboriginal communities, there is only one adult per child – and many of those are very young, or constrained by ill-health, high stress and low education levels."

"There is much talk about community development – but that can't happen until there is support and development for the individuals within those communities."

The report makes 23 recommendations to address a broad range of issues, including housing, financial strain, stress and how to boost capability within the Aboriginal community.

● Copies of the report are available at www.ichr.uwa.edu.au/waachs

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Students see world of future opportunities



Matthew Chapman, Maurice Mickelo, SBT co-ordinator Linda Biunaiwai and Tammy

SEVENTEEN students from rural and remote Queensland have showcased their progress in a new trial Indigenous School Based Trainee (SBT) program offered by Sea World Resort, on the Queensland Gold Coast.

The program is the first of its kind to offer hospitality traineeships to Indigenous students, giving them further accredited training qualifications as paid employees while still at school.

After a specific selection process incorporating short-answer questions and interviews, students were invited into the program by Linda Biunaiwai, the resort's Indigenous school-based trainee co-ordinator. The students left their communities (many for the first time) to live and work at the resort and will return 12 times over 18 months for one to two weeks each time.

The Indigenous SBTs receive classroom-style instruction from various Sea World Resort department trainers, as well as on-the-job experience by working alongside the Sea World Resort team members in all areas of the resort.

At the completion of the program, they will graduate with a Certificate III in Hospitality, together with practical skills and confidence to help them achieve success in work and in life.

Parents, teachers, community leaders and government

representatives attended the trial showcase, which was described as 'proud' and 'uplifting'.

Ms Biunaiwai said the program owed its success to the full support given to the students by their parents, community leaders and schools.

Murri Radio 4AAA General Manager and Murri School in Brisbane Board of Management Chairman Tige Bayles offered a keynote address.

He commended the students on their achievements and offered some advice and affirmation.

'Hold your head high'

"See yourself as an achiever, a survivor. Do not see yourself as a victim. Hold your head high, smile and allow people to embrace who you are," Mr Bayles said.

"Make the most of every opportunity, especially while you are in the education system.

"Try to do more than what is expected of you, both in the workplace or even at home or school. This will ensure your reputation precedes you.

"Be strong in your cultural identity, know who you are, where your mob comes from. This helps establish your sense of belonging and also a sense of responsibility."

The presentation also featured a cultural performance by Indigenous entertainer Sean Choolburra.

From left, Sea World Resort General Manager Ernst Pfister, SBT co-ordinator Linda Biunaiwai and (top right) Tige Bayles stand proud with the Indigenous School Based Trainees (SBTs).



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A key priority for the Department of Health and Ageing is to work toward improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As part of this role the Department has established Solution Broker positions to work with Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs) to contribute Health and Ageing expertise in developing whole of Government solutions to better address indigenous disadvantage.

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As a Solution Broker you will represent and promote awareness of the Department's policy and programs to the ICC, take a lead role in brokering innovative Whole of Government solutions to better meet the health and ageing needs of Aboriginal people, explore opportunities to improve program coordination, flexibility and access and cultivate productive relationships with other Government and non Government agencies and Aboriginal communities.

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Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Karen Evans on 02 9263 3913 nswhr@health.gov.au

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In addition, the position(s) will be required to manage the liaison between the Department and the Organ and Tissue sector's stakeholders on a day to day basis, including Australians Donate, Transplant Australia, Medicare Australia and State based Organ and Tissue Donation agencies.

There is a large amount of interest in organ and tissue donation within the community and, as such, the position requires good communication and briefing skills.

Contact officer: Robin Boyce on 02 6289 1555 or robin.boyce@health.gov.au

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The Project Officer will work closely with stakeholders and the national peak body in the day to day activity of the section, as well as coordinating projects and contracts for a variety of activities relating to the organ and tissue donation sector.

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Reference Number: 06-0715
CANBERRA

Several Positions

The successful candidates will have skills in one or more of the following areas: providing secretariat support, providing administrative support to a team, and assisting in project management duties. The successful candidates will have the ability to or to quickly acquire the ability to work with the SAP Committee Database and manage section finances; support and assist project staff in the ongoing management of contracts and other project management responsibilities; and maintain records for the section.

Contact officer: Kathleen Mahoney on 02 6289 7553 or kathleen.mahoney@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Ange Hart on 02 6289 5893 ange.hart@health.gov.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE OFFICE **OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND** **TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH** **WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT SECTION**

APS LEVEL 6
SOLUTION BROKER
\$59,912 - \$67,590
Reference Number: 06-0739
ADELAIDE

The role of the Solution Broker is varied, to network and act as problem solvers, and in a reporting role overall to provide assistance in the Department's responsibility towards the Whole of Government approach to Indigenous Affairs. Duties may include:

- Act as a conduit between the South Australian Indigenous Coordination Centres and the Department;
- Facilitate communication between the Department and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations, families and individuals, including the development, maintenance and enhancing of relevant networks and linkages;
- Negotiate and contribute to the development of Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRAs) and Regional Partnership Agreements (RPAs), including the design of innovative and flexible solutions to meet particular needs and circumstances where applicable;
- Provide advice and direction to the Department on policy, program development and implementation, and service delivery;
- Work cooperatively as part of a team with staff from other government agencies located in the Indigenous Coordination Centres, with an understanding of a full range of programs and services, both mainstream and ATSI specific, that may offer a response to Indigenous Australian community needs;
- Identify and develop opportunities for collaboration and coordination on cross program and cross agency initiatives;
- Represent and promote the Department in various inter-agency and external forums, including workshops, seminars and conferences;
- Prepare briefings, reports, submissions, minutes, contractual documentation, work plans and general correspondence as required; and
- Work under limited supervision in a multi-agency team environment and broker arrangements for the Department's contribution to whole-of-government arrangements for the co-ordinated delivery of services to Indigenous communities.

Contact officer: Lisa Beaumont on 08 8237 8330 or lisa.beaumont@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Reception on 08 8237 8329 sarecruit@health.gov.au

Positions close 21 December 2006, 7pm EDT, unless otherwise noted.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the Applicant Kit from the Department's TTY number (02) 6289 5945. Conditions of services are in accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

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Manager, Finance and Accounts

Clerk Grade 11/12 Corporate Services Branch,
Parramatta, Temporary Full-Time,
Job Reference No AHO06/263.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$112,390 p.a. (\$88,066-\$101,849) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Oversees AHO outcomes finances, formulate & coordinate annual/long-term budgets, manage finance/accounting activities & statutory financial controls.

Selection Criteria: Degree level accounting qualifications and/or eligible membership to recognised professional accounting body. Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs/attitudes, socio-economic position of Aboriginal people. Experience in providing senior-level, financial/accounting services and managing budget/reporting strategies. Sound knowledge of accounting policy, practice/statutory requirements including Public Sector Finance and Audit Act 1983, regulations and Treasurer's Directions. Superior analytical/conceptual skills. Strategic/general advice capacity on accounting management to wide audience. Detailed knowledge/understanding of Government operations, specifically policies, practices/procedures including fraud/corruption prevention. Demonstrated ability to negotiate agency funding agreements/service agreements & experience in negotiating successfully with NSW Treasury. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary Position up to 30 April 2008.

Inquiries: Joseph Stanek 8836 9455 mobile 0427 943 636
Email: joseph.stanek@aho.nsw.gov.au Information Packages:
Annie Abogdo 8836 9425 or email aho.recruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office, PO Box W5, Parramatta, 2150.

Closing Date: Friday 22 December 2006

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



LIAISON OFFICER, INDIGENOUS CONSUMERS UNIT

(Identified Position)
Consumer Affairs Victoria

Grade 3, \$47,295 - \$57,425

Position No: DJ4349

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) provides advice and assistance on a range of issues including consumer and tenancy matters. The Indigenous Consumers Unit has been established to provide advice and assistance to Indigenous people, community groups and organisations.

You have demonstrated knowledge, experience and understanding of Indigenous culture and societies and will assist in the implementation of the Indigenous Consumer Protection Strategy, and other projects.

For specific enquiries please contact Rachel Smith on 8684 6455.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 15 December 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



PROJECT MANAGER, KOORI COURT

Courts and Programs Development Unit

VPS Grade 5, \$67,557 - \$74,647, Fixed Term 1 year

Position Ref DJ5877

The Koori Court Unit was established as a result of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and primarily oversees initiatives including the Victorian Koori Court Program. The Victorian Koori Court Program currently comprises of Adult Koori Courts at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura and LaTrobe Valley as well as the Melbourne Children's Koori Court.

We are looking for a person to project manage the development and implementation of indigenous initiatives in the Victorian court system. Members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are encouraged to apply. The Department of Justice provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must satisfy police and other security checks.

For initial enquiries regarding this position, please contact Annette Vickery on 9603 9072.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 19 December 2006.

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Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

Arts NT - Darwin

Administrative Officer 6 (\$61 241 - \$68 461)
Temporary vacancy to 30/06/2009

The Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development (Darwin) will work in a small but highly motivated team that is implementing the Northern Territory's Indigenous Arts Strategy - Building Strong Arts Business. The person will have strong project management skills and be able to work collaboratively in a team and with other Arts Development programs within Arts NT to provide for effective outcomes across the Northern Territory.

The Project Officer will work with Indigenous artists, organisations and communities in Darwin, Arnhem, Tiwi and Katherine regions to develop policies and implementation plans to deliver outcomes in line with Building Strong Arts Business. The person will develop and maintain effective working relationships and partnerships with key regional Indigenous organisations, artists, external stakeholders and Northern Territory Government Agencies to identify and broker opportunities to grow the sector and to provide support and advice in relation to funding and development programs and processes.

The person will assist with research, project evaluation, data collection and policy review in relation to Indigenous arts development in the Northern Territory in order to provide high level support and assistance to the Manager Indigenous Arts Development.

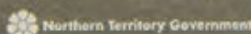
For further information please contact Christine Silvester, Assistant Director Arts Development, Arts NT, on (08) 8999 6053.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 23021
Closing date: 15 December 2006

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This accredited training gives students the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to enable them to commence in pivotal roles in Indigenous Leadership.

Course fees cover tuition, course materials, accommodation and all meals. Course cost is \$10,000. Up to 24 positions are available.

Applicants should be active in Indigenous affairs in community organisations, Indigenous centres at tertiary institutions, government departments or the private sector. This course is open to applicants throughout Australia.

The closing date for applications is 16 January 2007.

For further information, including application forms, please check the AILC website at www.indigenousleadership.org.au contact the AILC on 02-6273 0022 email ailec@indigenousleadership.org.au or write to AILC, GPO Box 4110 Kingston ACT 2604.

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BUILDING SOLID FAMILIES PROGRAM - LINK-UP

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR
Albany, Western Australia - Full-Time

The Building Solid Families program aims to deliver comprehensive information and support services for Aboriginal individuals, families and communities, particularly those affected by family separation, and past removal practices. Services provided include family tracing, reunification and counselling support.

The successful applicant must:

- Demonstrate an extensive understanding of issues impacting on contemporary Noongar culture and be able to communicate effectively with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.
- Have previous experience in tracing family history or other research.
- Have a good understanding of Aboriginal history and how this affects Aboriginal people in society today.

The Great Southern GP Network are the employer and fundholder for this program. Proof of Aboriginality is essential for this position. On the job training and supervision will be provided.

Excellent working conditions and generous salary package based on skills and experience will be offered. Application packs that include the selection criteria are available by phoning Gay Willis at the Great Southern GP Network on (08) 9842 2797. For further enquiries please ring Michelle Dunne on (08) 9892 7222.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be received by close of business on 15th December 2006.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 20th December 2006.

Please send applications addressed to: Mrs Suzanne Leavesley, CEO, Great Southern GP Network, by email to gwillis@gsgpn.com.au or mail to PO Box 5294, Albany WA 6330.

Careers @ Justice



DIVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (DASCSO) - SHEPPARTON

(Identified position)

Infringement Management & Enforcement Services

Grade 2, \$36,040 - \$46,282 ongoing Position No: EM0707

An opportunity exists for a self-motivated and professional person to join the Sheriff's Office in Shepparton in the role of Divisional Administrative Support and Customer Service Officer (DASCSO) to provide strong front-line customer service to various clients, including administrative support for Sheriff's office staff. This is an identified position and the role requires the development of effective relationships with local Indigenous organisations and communities to promote awareness of the functions of the Sheriff's Office.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Closing date for applications is 8 December 2006.
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HOME CARE SERVICE

Home Care Service encourages applications from women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.

SERVICE COORDINATOR ACCESS OFFICER

Grade 6/7, Alexandria, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 06HCS5550. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,605 p.a. (\$49,792-\$54,920) includes leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Responsible for identifying Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers/families who require services. Supporting clients to insure access to agencies who provide these services. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated experience in case management, assessment, contract management and brokerage preferably in a similar community service organisation. Knowledge of the complex needs of Aboriginal communities and proven experience in providing culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated ability to network with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, groups and networks at a community level. Demonstrated experience in facilitation and co-ordination in order to develop and train staff to meet the client needs. Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability and cultural groups. Demonstrated written, oral, administrative and record keeping skills. Computer literacy. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: 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: Mary Munns or Saviour Buhagiar (02) 9245 1822 or (02) 9334 3700. Information Packages: Tina Lucifetti on (02) 9334 3700.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Branch Manager, Home Care Service, 12A Dudley Street, Alexandria, 2015 or apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 15 December 2006.



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.

ASSISTANT MANAGER (Aboriginal)

Western Region, Dubbo Juvenile Justice Community Services, Clerk Grade 7/8, Position No: DJJ06/220. Total remuneration package valued up to \$81,591 pa including salary (\$66,796 to \$73,938 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An on-call allowance of \$3,629 pa is also provided.

The Assistant Manager (Aboriginal) is responsible for providing quality service through the effective management of the delivery of community based services at the local level in accordance with relevant legislation, departmental policies, guidelines and procedures to minimise the re-offending of juvenile offenders and enhance their functioning in and/or reintegration into the community.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated management experience in a human services environment including casework supervision. Effective written and oral communication skills. Experience in developing and maintaining community resources and networks. Demonstrated ability to work within a criminal justice framework. Demonstrated understanding of contemporary juvenile justice issues and legislation. Demonstrated case management skills. Demonstrated ability to develop, implement and evaluate programs. Demonstrated computer and keyboard skills. 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: An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised 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.

Inquiries: Leonie Bender (02) 6881 0702.

Information Packages: Karen Cosier (02) 6881 0700.

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240.

Closing Date: Friday 15 December 2006.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Coordinator, Koorie Early Childhood Education Program (KECEP)

Office for Children, Early Years Services Branch
\$67,557 - \$81,738 + Superannuation

The Coordinator, Koorie Early Childhood Education Program provides Policy direction and program linkages to the Early Years Service Branch about Koorie Early Childhood Education. The position links with DHS regional offices to provide policy advice and information about the KECEP to support the participation of Koorie children, and their families in Kindergarten programs. The position also provides a key role in linking policy for KECEP across the Early Years Services Branch, the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association and the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Ms Lesley Hubble on 9096-0228. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no OFC70400019

Closing date for applications is 31 December 2006



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

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Koorie Intensive Support Practitioner (Bail) and Koorie Intensive Support Practitioner (Post Release)

2 Positions Available

North and West Metropolitan Region, Juvenile Justice Program
\$54,892 - \$61,745 + Superannuation

Are you...

Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koorie people and their families?

Juvenile Justice Koorie Intensive Support Practitioner positions are being established in the North and West Region as an initiative of Phase Two of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2). These positions are specialist roles, acknowledging the over-representation of Aboriginal young people in the criminal justice system and the need to provide a culturally based approach with a commitment to diversion, rehabilitation and re-integration into the community. These positions are to provide intensive and innovative culturally based assessment and casework support for young Koorie people subject to bail conditions, deferral of sentence or on release from juvenile justice custody.

Aboriginal and Torres Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Amelia van Lint on 9479 0379. To apply online and view the job descriptions, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/NWR/111333 (Bail) and DHS/NWR/111334 (Post Release)
Closing date for applications is Monday 18 December 2006



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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Early Years Plan Implementation Manager (HSM Level 2)

Ref: 06-283. Temp F/T up to 3yrs with possibility of extension. Salary: \$67,446-\$79,995 pa. Enq: Garth Alperstein, (02) 9515 9562.

Aboriginal Case Manager

Ref: 06-324. RPA and Liverpool Hospitals, Drug Health Services. F/T. Salary: Dependent on qualifications. Enq: Keren Kiel, (02) 9378 1300.

Aboriginal Case Manager - Drug Health

Ref: A06/29. RPA and Liverpool, Perm F/T. Salary: According to qualifications. Enq: Keren Kiel, (02) 9378 1300.

Aboriginal Female Clinician (HSM 1)

Ref: 06-302. MERIT program, Summer Hill. Temp F/T 6 months, with possibility of extension. Salary: \$51,307-\$69,016 pa. Enq: Stephen Ward, (02) 9797 9930.

• Being female is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Project Officer (Aboriginal Health) Drug Health Services

Ref: A06/30. Croydon and Liverpool. Temp for 12 months. Salary: \$51,307-\$69,016pa. Enq: Keren Kiel, (02) 9378 1300.

• Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.

Closing Date for all positions (unless specified):
22 December 2006

For the above positions, please send applications to: Manager, Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871 or email: jobs@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Manager Koori Programs & Initiatives

Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Grade 6, \$82,864 - \$96,876
Position No: MC 2047 - Ongoing

The Manager, Koori Programs and Initiatives will be responsible for managing the effective development, implementation and monitoring of Koori Court Initiatives in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

They will be responsible for the effective rollout of new services and the extension of existing services stemming from ERC proposals, Justice Statement themes or the Courts Strategic Direction.

Reporting to the Manager, Specialist Courts & Court Support Services the Manager, Koori Programs and Initiatives will assist in formulating and driving the strategic direction of the Magistrates' Court.

This is an Identified Indigenous position which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people.

The successful applicant will be employed pursuant to the Victorian Public Service Certified Agreement 2006. The successful applicant will be required to undergo and satisfy a Criminal Record Check.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au Closing date for applications is 15 December 2006

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Administration Support Officer, Aboriginal Community Justice Pane (ACJP)

Unit Objective: The Administration Support Officer will be required to provide effective administrative support to the AAU team as well as the state-wide ACJP. The position will be a strategic link between the ACJPs, Victoria Police and the Victorian Aboriginal communities. This position will also contribute to the accomplishment of the ACJP Policy and Procedures Manual (November 2005), including the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan (2003-2008) and the Aboriginal Policy Statement (2003-2008).

1 Fixed Term Position

Position is located in Melbourne CBD

VPSG-2, Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Operations Co-ordination,
Salary Range \$36,040 - \$41,161

Position Number: OFFSUPP 3178 - full time position.

Duties: Under the direction of the AAU Manager, coordinate and provide administrative and office support services to AAU staff and the state-wide ACJPs members and Executives. Co-ordinate and provide support services relating to the ACJP program. Prepare a wide range of routine administrative tasks within the work area including drafting clear, timely reports, correspondence and organising of meetings, minute-taking and agenda setting. Receive, screen and monitor all telephone inquiries and correspondence including the provision of follow-up action and re-direction where necessary. Maintain standard office supplies, equipment and software. Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Police members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies.

Other relevant information: Equal Opportunity exemption applies - Only people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are eligible to apply for the position. The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes in departmental goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job. The preferred candidate will be required to undergo security checks which will include fingerprinting. The successful candidate will be employed pursuant to the Victorian Public Sector (Non-Executive Staff) Victorian Certified Agreement etc. Recipients of VPS departure packages should note that re-employment restrictions apply. External applicants will be subject to a probation period of 3 months. Applicants should address the full key selection criteria.

To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or alternatively Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services, Personnel Department, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne 3005. Contact for position description: Lauren Banks 9247-6034. Contact for further information regarding the position: Inspector Ian Geddes 9247-5246. Note: All positions require security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. Closing date for all applications is 12th December 2006.

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

GROUPWORK COORDINATOR - TFT

Working as part of a Community Access Team, the Groupwork Coordinator coordinates and conducts educational and therapeutic group work programs for 'at risk' and homeless young people, community training, and consults with, and promotes, access by the community. Enquiries: Fiona Rolands (02) 9687 2544.

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Bourke Aboriginal Health Service
PO Box 362
Bourke NSW 2840

All positions are Aboriginal Identified - (An applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW).

Inquiries welcomed to:
Judy Johnson or Ms Michel McGee. Ph: (02) 68 723 088

Applications close:
at 5pm on Friday 8th December 2006.



Program Coordinator (Full-time 1 year contract)

This position will work closely with the Manager, MMIGP to ensure efficient and effective operation of MMIGP programs and services, including the provision of staff management.

EMR Indigenous Volunteer Coordinator (Full-time 2 year contract)

This position involves developing and managing the MMIGP volunteer register. In partnership with the Indigenous community to foster greater Indigenous community volunteering and working with non-Indigenous community members who wish to volunteer services and time to the Indigenous community.

Aboriginal Health Promotions Officer (Part-time 2 days per week)

This position will be an employee of Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) and work closely with MMIGP in the area of health promotion, with particular emphasis on diabetes prevention.

Aboriginal Burral Playtime Coordinator (Part-time 4 days a week)

This position will be an employee of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency and will be based at the MMIGP to coordinate the Aboriginal Burral Playgroup. The position will also be responsible for implementing the Commonwealth Governments Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program (IESIP).

Indigenous Planned Activity Group Coordinator (Part-time three day per week)

This position will be responsible for the delivery of a Planned Activity Group (PAG) to Indigenous Home and Community Care (HACC) clients, residing in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. In partnership with Indigenous HACC Clients plan a range of activities that cater for group and individual needs.

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply

Closing date for all positions: Friday 15th December 2006

Position Enquiries: For further information please contact:

Trevor Pearce, Manager, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
03 9725 2166 tpearce@each.com.au

Position descriptions and selection criteria are available: www.each.com.au

Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development

Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts

Arts NT - Alice Springs

Administrative Officer 6 (\$61 241 - \$68 461)

Temporary vacancy to 30/06/2009

The Project Officer, Indigenous Arts Development (Alice Springs) will work in a small but highly motivated team that is implementing the Northern Territory's Indigenous Arts Strategy - Building Strong Arts Business. The person will have strong project management skills and be able to work collaboratively in a team and with other Arts Development programs within Arts NT to provide for effective outcomes across the Northern Territory.

The Project Officer will work with Indigenous artists, organisations and communities in the Alice Springs, Central Desert and Barkly regions to develop policies and implementation plans to deliver outcomes in line with Building Strong Arts Business. The person will develop and maintain effective working relationships and partnerships with key regional Indigenous organisations, artists, external stakeholders and Northern Territory Government Agencies to identify and broker opportunities to grow the sector and to provide support and advice in relation to funding and development programs and processes.

The person will assist with research, project evaluation, data collection and policy review in relation to Indigenous arts development in the Northern Territory in order to provide high level support and assistance to the Manager Indigenous Arts Development.

For further information please contact Christine Silvester, Assistant Director Arts Development, Arts NT, on (08) 8999 6053.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 23022

Closing date: 15 December 2006

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Indigenous Education Management Position



Student Services Directorate

Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice

Assistant Manager

Senior Officer Grade B

Salary : \$85,893-\$96,693

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The Student Services Directorate has three sections:

- Early Childhood Education
- Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice
- Student Support Services

The Indigenous Policy and Organisational Practice Section provides strategic advice on Indigenous policy, planning and practice to inform Department directions. The section has responsibility for provision of the Department of Education and Training's additional support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students within the ACT public education system.

This position requires successful management of projects and programs that demonstrate improved outcomes for Indigenous students. The successful applicant must have a proven ability to lead and manage Indigenous staff and work collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders.

Note: This position is an Indigenous identified position. A current working knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples' cultures and issues and an ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is required.

Contact Officer: Kathy Melsom on (02) 6205 7029

Selection Documentation: Kathy Melsom on (02) 6205 7029

Applications close: 21 December 2006

Applicants should note that Selection Documents and Application Packages including referee report proformas are available on the Department's website at: <http://www.det.act.gov.au/departments/vacancies.htm>

Applications for DET vacancies can be mailed to: Workforce Management, ACT Department of Education and Training, PO Box 1584, Tuggeranong, ACT, 2901 or lodged via email: detemployment@act.gov.au

The ACT Public Service is an equal opportunity employer. Legislation prohibits unlawful discrimination and promotes equality of access to employment.

The ACT Public Service strongly supports, recognises and values the diversity of cultures within the Australian community. Indigenous Australians, people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be either Australian citizens or have permanent resident status.



Regional Indigenous Family Violence Support Officer

Community Care & Housing, Gippsland
Initial Location: Traralgon
\$58,550 - \$66,431 p.a. pro-rata + Superannuation
Fixed Term (6 Months) / Part Time (0.5)

You will work directly with the indigenous communities with the Central Gippsland Region to develop solutions and community based responses to indigenous family violence appropriate to local conditions and needs. You will support in the ongoing operation of the Regional Action Groups (RAGS) include community members and membership from the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Group. RAGS are established to support, empower and enable communities to examine issues of family violence and develop local solutions and responses appropriate to local needs. An exception has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A255/2004). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Carmel Hennessy on 5177 2510. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies or contact Rhonda Parker on 5177 2551 for a job description. Please quote reference no VG/DHS/GIP/111455. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 13 December 2006.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Indigenous Traineeship in Spatial Information Services (Ref: 65)
Salary up to \$26,602 pa (depending on age) plus leave and superannuation.
Based in Brisbane.

Spatial (or map-based) information is an important part of native title and cultural heritage processes. We are pleased to provide an opportunity for an Indigenous Australian (up to 25 years old) to gain skills and knowledge in the exciting area of spatial information.

As part of our dynamic and award winning Geospatial Services team, this traineeship will give you the chance to develop skills in the spatial field while making a valuable contribution towards the recognition of native title rights and interests.

Please consider applying for this position if you:

- Are an Indigenous Australian
- Have completed year 10 at high school
- Will be less than 25 years old at the 29th January 2007

To apply please obtain an application kit from the Tribunal's website www.nntt.gov.au or phone freecall 1800 814 592, quoting reference number 65. This kit provides further information about the Tribunal and the type of work and training being offered and explains how to write your application in order to be considered for the traineeship.

To find out about the Tribunal's initiatives to create an Indigenous friendly workplace, you can contact Michelle Schoonbeek on 1800 640 501. For further information regarding the traineeship after receiving an application kit - please contact Jeff Harris on (07) 3226 8270.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 14 December 2006

The National Native Title Tribunal is an Australian Government body that works with people to resolve native title issues over land and waters.



The NSW Department of Corrective Services is Recruiting NOW for the positions of:

- Correctional Officer
- Trade Supervisor/Instructor (Overseer)

For information packages and applications visit:

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NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Aboriginal Health Worker, Graduate/Non Graduate

Birra-Li Birthing Services,
Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw

Position No: HH06/1072

Provide services to women, children and their families that facilitate the use of mainstream antenatal and postnatal services by Aboriginal women with the aim to improve outcomes for mother and baby.

Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper (02) 4921 3082.

Closing Date: 22 December 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

Employment Consultant

Job Network - Eastern Suburbs

Break Thru Employment Solutions has an established history of being a 5 star provider of Job Network services over the Sydney Metropolitan area. Having recently won additional business within the Eastern Suburbs we are currently seeking an experienced Part Time Employment Consultant (25 hours) for our Maroubra office.

Duties will include: Skills assessments, job search training, careers counselling & working with individuals to develop innovative solutions to employment barriers. We are looking for someone who understands the needs of people with employment barriers, is a great communicator, outcomes driven & service oriented.

For your chance to be part of a provider that offers professional and personal development, realistic targets and rewards performance then contact Peta Maskell, pmaskell@bt.com.au or phone 02 9344 1000 for a confidential discussion.



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PROTECTIVE SERVICE OFFICER

GRADE 1

\$43,415 - Alice Springs

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Protective Service Officers are employees of the Australian Federal Police and play a vital role in protecting the lives of all Australians. These challenging roles are also highly suitable for women and they are encouraged to apply.

PSOs perform a range of functions including Counter Terrorist First Response duties at airports and Commonwealth establishments around Australia. PSOs conduct mobile patrols, respond to alarms, visitor control, and alarm monitoring. In Alice Springs PSOs are deployed to Alice Springs Airport and the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap.

On completion of probation, further opportunities exist for deployment to a range of specialist functions within the AFP such as Bomb Appraisal Officers, Firearms and Explosive Detection Canine handlers and overseas deployment with the International Deployment Group.

To become a Protective Service Officer you must be at least 18 years old, be an Australian Citizen and hold a current manual driver's licence.

The selection process will include a physical fitness test, an assessment centre process, a stringent medical examination and psychological profile. You will also be required to undergo a police check and full security check. The ability to hold an Australian Security Clearance is essential.

Applicants will be placed in a talent pool and may be offered a place on a scheduled recruit course during 2007. Successful applicants will be engaged as a Trainee Protective Service Officer (\$30,439) while undertaking training.

Applications may be lodged online at www.afp.gov.au

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Protective Service Officer Certified Agreement 2005 (available on www.afp.gov.au).

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The Gold Coast Health Service District is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander friendly employer.

There are approximately 3800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who live within the District, with another 3500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in surrounding areas of the Gold Coast including, Tweed Heads, Beenleigh and Beaudesert.

The District has an **Indigenous Health Service** with nine positions working across Administrative, Health Worker and Professional positions.

The service was established in 1993 and is the District's focal point for Indigenous health issues. The District offers casual

and permanent career opportunities in a wide range of areas and sites including:

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| • Administration | • Nursing |
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| • Catering | • Portage (support staff) |
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Queensland Health

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NSW HEALTH NORTH COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

All application packages can be downloaded at
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RecruitmentServices@mncnhs.health.nsw.gov.au

BUGALWENA COMMUNITY HEALTH NORTHERN,
TWEED HEADS

Registered Nurse

Diabetes & Cardiovascular for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Services

Perm Full Time Position No: 0563/06

Salary: \$44,033-\$61,842 pa
Enquiries: Sue Follent, (07) 5506 7598
Closing Date: 15 December 2006

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Families and Carers Support Worker

An opportunity exists for a position within a multidisciplinary team to provide assistance and advocacy for families and carers supporting a person with a mental illness in Western Sydney. This newly created position will be involved in the development and implementation of the program. This position works with a recovery focus, including optimism and hope for the future. The successful applicant will possess excellent interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with a diverse range of people. We are seeking an innovative individual who has the capacity to negotiate, build and sustain positive relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders.

The position is based in Parramatta, NSW. Please contact Sarah Joy on 0408420645 Email: sarah@parramattamission.org.au

Closing date: Friday, December 22, 2006.

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

VET Lecturer Category II - Faculty of Law, Business and Arts

Vacancy number: 3147 / 353

Up to 1 year fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin

VET Category II- \$48 279 to \$68 860 per annum Applications Close: 15 December 2006

As a member of a small team of full time and part time lecturing staff, you will prepare and deliver training and educational programs in the field of Conservation and Land Management to students enrolled in courses offered by the School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Knowledges and Culture

Vacancy number: 2273 / 354

Up to 3 year fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin

Academic Level B/C - \$64 913 to \$91 692 per annum Applications Close: 15 December 2006

The School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems is seeking a well-qualified and experienced person to teach and co-ordinate programs in Indigenous Knowledges, Cultures and Resource Management. The appointee will be required to provide academic leadership and contribute to the development of the School's programs and undertake research in a relevant field.

The School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems is a focal point for the recognition and promotion of Indigenous Knowledges within Charles Darwin University with a key role in forging and maintaining relationships with Indigenous Knowledge holders within communities and organisations across Northern Australia.

This position is identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person under Section 57 of the Northern Territory Anti-discrimination Act.

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For further information, please visit

www.cdu.edu.au/jobs or phone (08) 8946 6284.

Applicants should address the Selection Criteria.

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The Secretariat for the Review of Government Service Provision, located in Melbourne, has several positions for research analysts to work on measuring the performance of government service delivery.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Review's publications — the *Report on Government Services* (state by state comparisons of performance across a wide range of government services) and *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators* (a framework of indicators measuring outcomes for Indigenous people). The Secretariat is a branch of the Productivity Commission, the Australian Government's independent review and advisory body on microeconomic policy and regulation. More information on the Review and its reports is on the Productivity Commission's website: www.pc.gov.au/rp/.

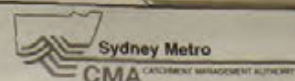
Successful applicants will have proven project, people and data management skills, and highly developed conceptual, analytical, and communication skills. Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline are highly desirable. Knowledge of performance measurement, policy development processes and intergovernmental relations would be an advantage.

The remuneration package includes salary, performance and superannuation benefits. Salaries for Research Analysts (APS Level 5 and APS Level 6) are in the range of \$47,868 - \$68,348 per annum. Salaries for Assistant Research Managers (Executive Level 1) are in the range of \$67,387 - \$84,895 per annum. Other employment benefits are contained in the Commission's certified agreement available on request.

To be eligible for engagement, applicants must hold Australian citizenship. People with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background or with knowledge of Indigenous issues are encouraged to apply.

Information and selection documentation are available for prospective applicants from our website at www.pc.gov.au/employment or by emailing pcr@pc.gov.au or by calling Recruitment on (03) 9653 2362.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be sent by cob Friday, 5 January 2007. The Productivity Commission prefers applications online via our website at www.pc.gov.au/employment. Alternatively, applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to pcr@pc.gov.au, or mailed to The Recruitment Officer, Productivity Commission, LB2, Collins Street East PO, Melbourne Vic 3003.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SYDNEY METRO CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT OFFICER (INDIGENOUS)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2006/156. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,591 p.a. (\$66,796-\$73,938).

Provide advice & assistance to indigenous groups & CMA staff to maximise Aboriginal involvement in NRM activities.

Initiate and maintain local networks & partnerships. Liaise & negotiate with staff, other agencies & stakeholders. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and a well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues. Ability to deal with cross-cultural issues. Well developed written and oral communication, conflict resolution and negotiation skills. Demonstrated ability to work with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops. Demonstrated ability to manage projects and organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines. Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework. Good analysis, research and problem solving skills.

Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team. Current driver's licence. Common selection criteria also apply. **Inquiries:** Dr Stephen Lees (02) 9895 6272. **Information Packages:** cma.infolpack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 156 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services PO Box 3720 Parramatta NSW 2124. **Closing Date:** Friday 08 December 2006.



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Centrelink operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services. We employ people in a wide variety of challenging and interesting jobs around Australia. Merit based selections ensure we have a talented and diverse workforce with a broad range of skills and abilities. Applicants must be Australian Citizens.

Agent Cluster Coordinator

APS 5 - 6

Centrelink Band 3

\$51,008 - \$54,088

Customer Service Delivery

Darwin - Area North Australia

Centrelink contracts some 90 Agents in remote Indigenous communities throughout Area North Australia to deliver basic Centrelink services. Area North Australia covers the Northern Territory, Kimberley and Ngaanyatjarra Lands in WA and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia. The Agent Support team (AST) has been established to provide ongoing development and support of these Agents to ensure an appropriate service offer is available to all Centrelink customers.

Selection kits are available by contacting Human Resources on (08) 8936 3727 or emailing recruitment.lana@centrelink.gov.au

For further information regarding the position contact Jamie Treloar (08) 9192 7500.

Closing date: 14 December, 2006.

Indigenous Debt Management Officer

APS5

Centrelink Band 3 Lower

\$51,008 - \$54,088

Area Hunter

Taree

This position will assist Centrelink to facilitate debt reduction in relation to Indigenous customers. The position will provide advice and support to network staff in regard to preventing and minimising debt impact on Indigenous customers and communities. The position will also work closely with Indigenous communities to deliver appropriate debt reduction and participation outcomes. Debt Management Officers (DMOs) work closely with Centrelink Network staff to identify and implement best practice in order to prevent and minimise debt. DMOs monitor debt performance and promote continuous improvement of debt raising quality, correctness and timeliness of determinations.

Applicants must be Australian citizens. Aboriginal background or experience with dealing with members of the Aboriginal community is highly desirable.

Current driver's licence is essential.

Applicants for this position must first obtain the selection documentation and ensure that their written application addresses each selection criterion. Selection documentation can be obtained by email from: recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au.

Applications stating work experience and addressing the selection criteria should be forwarded to: Human Resources - DMO Vacancy, Centrelink, PO Box 542, Charlestown NSW 2290.

Applications can also be lodged by email to recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au. For further information regarding the position contact Joanne Marrant (02) 4974 3598.

Closing date: 15 December 2006.

For more information about working at Centrelink,
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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.

CANBERRA

Human Resources Division

Personnel Officer

APS Level 4

\$44,612 - \$47,703 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated person to supervise our salaries processing function and conditions of employment activities, to ensure the timely and accurate delivery of personnel service to AHL employees.

Further inquiries: Alan Coxhill, telephone: (02) 6212 2015

Selection documentation: Jacinta Morton, telephone: (02) 6212 2038 or from our website

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 December 2006 and should be sent to: **The Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606**

CAIRNS

McLeod Street IYMP

House Manager

APS Level 3

\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Relief House Manager

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, 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.

Desirable: Drivers Licence

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomas, telephone: (07) 4051 4588

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen, telephone: (07) 40514588 or from our website.

TOWNSVILLE

Welsh Street IYMP

House Manager

APS Level 3

\$42,880 - \$45,503 pa, plus superannuation

Relief House Manager

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, 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.

Desirable: Drivers Licence

Further inquiries: Michael Jackomas, telephone: (07) 4051 4588

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen, telephone: (07) 4051 4588 or from our website.

Primrose Street IYMP

Relief House Manager

APS Level 3 (Part-time 15.20 hours per week)

\$303.74 - \$322.34 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.

Desirable: Drivers Licence

Further inquiries: Rosaria Wyles, telephone: (07) 4721 5019

Selection documentation: Charlene Allen, telephone: (07) 4051 4588 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 December 2006 and should be sent to: **The Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, Cairns QLD 4870**

PERTH

Derbal Bidjar Hostel

Assistant Hostel Manager

APS Level 2

\$35,880 - \$38,074 pa, 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 reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Brett Hill, telephone: (08) 9325 6770

Selection documentation: Sharna Collard, telephone: (08) 9325 6770 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 December 2006 and should be sent to: **The Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, 12th Floor Septimus Roe Building, 256 Adelaide Terrace, Perth WA 6000**

MELBOURNE

William T Onus Hostel

Night Attendant

APS Level 1

\$31,235 - \$33,810 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Night Attendant. The successful applicant will be responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants and checking in late arrivals.

Further inquiries: Michael Honeysett, telephone: (03) 9489 6701

Selection documentation: Dale Wandin, telephone: (03) 9642 2775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 22 December 2006 and should be sent to: **The Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, Melbourne VIC 3001**

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is committed to Australian Public Service values, merit principles and Workplace Diversity.

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of New South Wales**

Family Well-being Worker

The Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Aboriginal Legal Service based at Kempsey are seeking an experienced, motivated and responsible person to fill the vacancy of its family well-being officer position. This position will address sexual assault and other family violence related issues within indigenous communities in Kempsey and the Macleay Valley. High-level communication skills, ability to advocate on behalf of people who have been affected by sexual assault and demonstrated knowledge of the issues of family violence, sexual assault and abuse is essential. Qualifications or current studies in a bachelor of psychology or welfare is desirable.

Applications closed 29 December 2006.

For a copy of the selection criteria and further information on the position please contact Kim O'Hell on 02 6562 5856.

Please note applications must address all points of the selection criteria.

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and Training**

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for positions
vacant on
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WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal History Project Officer

Contract Position - 20 Weeks

Willoughby City Council is seeking to appoint an Aboriginal History Project Officer to research and write an indigenous history of the Willoughby area in the pre-European settlement period. This will include consulting with the local Aboriginal community and other stakeholders as well as working closely with the project's Consultative Committee. This is a contract position for a period of 20 weeks and will be supervised by the Northern Sydney Aboriginal Heritage Manager. The role requires knowledge of indigenous and Australian history, demonstrated ability to undertake historical research; understanding of historical sources of information; demonstrated high level communication skills including strong interviewing and writing abilities and sound word processing skills. Knowledge of the indigenous history of the Sydney area and qualifications in applied or public history will also be highly regarded. Enquiries to the Library Services Manager, Frances Sims, on (02) 9777 7901.

The rate of pay for the position is \$802.00 gross per week for 20 weeks. Applications close 18 December 2006.

Applications should be in writing and should address all of the selection criteria contained in the Position Description which may be obtained from the enquiry officer or online at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Positions-Vacant.html. Applications may be emailed to humanresources@willoughby.nsw.gov.au or forwarded to the Human Resources Branch, Box 57, Chatswood NSW 2057.

www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au



Take 'One STEP Forward'™ - On the 'Train While You Work'

Office Admin. Traineeship (Cert. III Business)

Are you an Indigenous person who wants a career in office admin. but just can't get a foot in the door? Take One STEP Forward™ into ANI & we'll open the door wide for you! Alliance Network International Pty Ltd (ANI) is a leading Facilities Maintenance Provider in NSW.

One STEP Forward™ is the name of our Indigenous Employment Program, a joint initiative with the Dept. of Employment & Workplace Relations, to provide Structured Training & Employment opportunities for up to 50 Indigenous Australians in 2006/07.

We are now seeking an enthusiastic, go-getter with initiative & leadership potential to commence a Traineeship, initially supporting ANI's Fire Safety Upgrade project at Silverwater on 2.1.07. As your skills develop we anticipate advancement to include supporting additional current and future projects.

Accredited training will be provided on the job so it can be applied to your daily duties of customer liaison, data entry and claims processing. Some previous experience with basic MS Word & Excel with average typing ability would be valued.

Our Indigenous Employment Coordinator will support you & our staff are trained in Cross Cultural Awareness, so you'll be in a supportive environment as you learn.

ANI are committed to Ethical Practices & principles of Cultural Diversity. ANI promote a smoke-free work environment. Appropriate Criminal Record & Child Protection checks conducted for all positions.

Send resumes to sharon.williams@ani.net.au or mail to PO Box 6480, SILVERWATER BC NSW 2128.



**Queensland Government
Queensland Health**

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Program Coordinator - Indigenous Risk Impact Screen, Centre for Drug and Alcohol Studies, Brisbane North Community Health Service, 'Biala' Alcohol and Drug Service, Roma Street, Brisbane, The Prince Charles Hospital Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$74 012 p.a., comprising salary between \$59 298 - \$64 868 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (PO3) (Temporary position until 30 June 2008) VRN: H06PCH460. Duties/Abilities: Be involved in the development and dissemination of the Indigenous Risk Impact Screen Instrument and brief intervention training package. Provide appropriate mentoring to service providers in use of the package. Demonstrating cultural sensitivity and protocols is an essential component and knowledge of alcohol and drug related issues is desirable. Applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Jane Fischer (07) 3817 5715.

Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or

email: tpchhd_vacancies@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 2006.

Corporate Support Services

Training Consultant - Indigenous Risk Impact Screen, Centre for Drug and Alcohol Studies, Brisbane North Community Health Service, 'Biala' Alcohol and Drug Service, Roma Street, Brisbane, The Prince Charles Hospital Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$75 164 p.a., comprising salary between \$60 527 - \$65 878 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (AO5) (Temporary position until 30 June 2008) VRN: H06PCH461. Duties/Abilities: Manage the dissemination and implementation of Indigenous Risk Impact Screen and provide appropriate training to health workers within Indigenous populations. Demonstrating cultural sensitivity and protocols is important; knowledge of alcohol and drug related issues is desirable. Applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Jane Fischer (07) 3817 5715.

Application Kit: (07) 3139 4972 (Voice Mail) or

email: tpchhd_vacancies@health.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 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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- Project manage identified land management projects, monitor expenditure, and provide regular reports to ensure effective accountability.
- Undertake or arrange property inspections and assessments in relation to property infrastructure, housing and related services.

The successful candidate will have very well developed interpersonal skills (including written and verbal) when dealing with people in a range of complex environments. You will need to have excellent project management and negotiation skills, have the ability to prepare and interpret financial reports and the ability to coordinate across industry, state and federal agencies to achieve high quality outcomes. A knowledge of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities will be an advantage.

Completion or near completion of an appropriate tertiary qualification (project management, property management, building or construction, etc) will be viewed favourably. An attractive salary package will be negotiated commensurate with your skills and experience and you will be engaged under an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

For further information, please contact Allan Padgett, Divisional Manager on (08) 9420 6300 or Freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to:

Adam Jenkins
Indigenous Land Corporation
GPO Box 652,
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 15 December 2006.



NEWMONT

The Gold Company

Pajingo

It takes more than just a good salary to provide a satisfying career. At Newmont, we make a real effort to provide benefits that enrich both your career and your personal life. Not only are we at the cutting edge of the booming gold industry, we have a work environment where initiative is rewarded and opportunities for career growth are common. What's more, because we understand the importance of family, we provide full private health care insurance to meet your health care needs and outstanding wages so you can meet your family's financial goals.

And we think that's as good as gold.

Birri and Kudjala Traditional Owner Indigenous Apprenticeships

Newmont Pajingo Operations are seeking applications for the following full-time Birri and Kudjala Indigenous apprenticeship opportunities:

- Apprentice Fixed Plant or Diesel Fitter
- Apprentice Electrician

You will be provided with "hands on" training in the delivery of preventative and breakdown maintenance services in support of our site's underground and surface electrical, and fixed and mobile plants.

As part of the Pajingo Native Title Agreement, these positions are open to applicants from both Birri and Kudjala Traditional Owner Groups. Only one candidate from each of the Traditional Owner Groups will be offered either one of the above Indigenous apprenticeships.

Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Year 12 with at least a Sound Achievement in Maths A and English, and have demonstrated a mechanical and/or electrical aptitude with sound results in a manual arts subject.

Further information on the Indigenous Apprenticeships can be obtained by contacting Andrew Rose, Community Relations Coordinator on (07) 4793 1261.

Applications in writing should be addressed to the HR Recruitment Specialist below.

Alternatively, you may apply on-line at www.newmont.com

click on Careers at Newmont and select Australia/New Zealand Region.

Heather Bald, HR Recruitment Specialist
Newmont Australia Limited
100 Hutt Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Applications close Friday, 15 December 2006.

Newmont - Creating Value with Every Ounce



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A REMOTE COMMUNITY?

Remote Areas Attraction and Retention Pilot

- Opportunities for healthcare and community services professionals in Western NSW
- Bourke - Brewarrina - Walgett - Wilcannia

This is your chance to exchange the pressures of city living for the opportunity to make a real difference in a remote community. On offer are very special challenges, new learning curves, and ongoing scope for career and skills development, plus an opportunity to live and work in the timelessly beautiful environment of the Darling River.

As part of our commitment to delivering health/community services in rural areas, the NSW Government is recruiting Nurses, Midwives, Mental Health Workers, DoCS Aboriginal Caseworkers, Drug/Alcohol Workers, Community Health Workers and Juvenile Justice specialists in the above locations.

In addition to usual public sector working conditions, your benefits will also include:

- \$5000 retention payment for each completed 12 months
- Assistance with relocation expenses
- Housing subsidies

Find out more at our INFORMATION SESSION (Partners and Families welcome) 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th December 2006.

The main presentation is at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with video links to other sites across regional and metropolitan NSW including: Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, Royal North Shore Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Liverpool Hospital, Wollongong Hospital, John Hunter Hospital, Gosford Hospital, 34 Lowe St, Queanbeyan.

RSVP: peo@premiers.nsw.gov.au

For more information about the Information Sessions, visit www.nsw.gov.au or contact the voicemail service 02 9228 3489.

An initiative of the New South Wales Government

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The University of Sydney

Trainee Administrative Assistant

Campus Property and Services

University of Sydney

Reference No. E48/91249

The University of Sydney's Campus Property and Services (CP&S) is responsible for the planning, development and operation of the University's campuses and facilities.

CP&S currently has a unique opportunity available for a motivated Administrative Assistant. This is a traineeship for one year, and is open exclusively to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

This is a rewarding role where you will oversee administrative duties and customer service for CP&S four days per week and attend the relevant TAFE course one day per week. With guidance from CP&S staff, you will prepare documents and spreadsheets, organise meetings, conduct electronic research, greet visitors and answer telephone queries.

To succeed, you will have strong interpersonal skills and be willing to take on the challenges of a role that involves learning both on the job and in the classroom. An interest in office and business administration is essential, as is the ability to take direction and work well in a team.

This is a fantastic paid training opportunity that will provide you with valuable administration skills and a TAFE qualification. CP&S is a supportive and multi-faceted division where you will have the chance to explore your potential in various service areas, and potentially progress into an area of interest after 12 months.

Remuneration package: as prescribed by the National Training Award 2000. Remuneration will be determined by year of schooling completed and years out of school.

This position is 35 hours per week, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period for new appointees. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment.

An applicants Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977.

Online electronic applications are preferred. To apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 91249. For more information about the role or to receive assistance with your application, please contact Shona Kennedy on (02) 9036 9268 or email: s.kennedy@eeo.usyd.edu.au

Closing: 12 January 2007

Leadership... Innovation... Transformation...



REGENERATION MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Southern & Western HS Division, Western Dubbo
Temporary Full-Time. Position No: 06DOH5780

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066pa - \$101,849pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Dubbo is undergoing major social change. The Department is assisting that change by supporting a stronger social housing, and broader, Dubbo community. The role offers a unique opportunity to be involved in ground breaking community development work.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication, negotiation and facilitation skills, including a demonstrated ability to work with and secure the support of a wide range of stakeholders.
- Relevant experience in achieving outcomes as part of long term change processes.
- Experience in managing cross agency/cross-sectoral programs or projects.
- Sound knowledge of the principles underpinning community regeneration policy and practice.
- Sound knowledge of government policy and programs addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities.
- Demonstrated management experience, including leadership of multi-disciplinary teams.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This position is re-advertised. This is a targeted position and we are seeking an Aboriginal person for this role. It is a temporary position for up to four years. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Julie Johnston (02) 8753 8839.

Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8260.

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800 or email to HRWestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 22 December 2006.

04/01/06



Queensland Government

Child Safety

Manager (Specified) - Child Safety Services Division (One position in each location)

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$79 922 - \$84 527 p.a.

Location: Townsville and Mt Isa

VRN: CHS1229/06

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated leadership and management skills to achieve strategic and operational goals in a large and diverse organisation including the effective management of resources to deliver best practice in a human services organisation. Demonstrated ability in operational planning and managing a significant reform program in an inclusive way, including the establishment of an open, supportive and accountable child focussed organisational culture.

Team Leader (Workplace Planning and Program Evaluation) - Corporate and Executive Services Division

Category: Human Resources

Salary: \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

VRN: CHS1227/06

Skills/Abilities: The role of Team Leader is to ensure the provision of quality services and advice to clients, support effective workforce management, and achieve the strategic priorities of the department. You will develop, implement and evaluate strategic HR initiatives relevant to: workforce planning, workforce data management, staff attraction and retention, organisation development, equity and diversity, change management.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 2006

Position Description: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Housing

Coordinator, Housing Improvement Program

Implementation - Community Program Delivery, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$72 133 - \$77 346 p.a.

VRN: HO243/06

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Co-ordinate the improvement of asset and tenancy management practices of Indigenous Councils in their roles as registered housing providers through the implementation and on-going management of Housing Improvement Plans.

Skills/Abilities: Consult with and support designed Government Champions through regular meetings,

background briefings, progress and feedback reports on housing and related issues.

Senior Policy Officer - Strategic Policy & Planning, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Housing (Three positions available)

Category: Policy, Planning and Research

Salary: \$64 466 - \$68 971 p.a.

VRN: HO257/06

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Undertake research, policy development and review, provide advice relating to issues impacting, or that are anticipated to impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing's capacity to effectively deliver a responsive set of programs to improve housing outcomes for Indigenous people in Queensland.

Skills/Abilities: Undertake innovative development of policy and products that support the viability and build the capacity of Indigenous communities.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 2006

Position Description: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer

Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

Housing continued...

Senior Program Officer - Community Program Delivery,

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$64 466 - \$68 971 p.a.

VRN: HO242/06

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Monitor/report the performance of Indigenous Councils in their role as registered housing providers against the requirements of the Assistance Agreements (funding contract under the *Housing Act 2003*).

Skills/Abilities: Work effectively with culturally diverse clients in a politically sensitive environment, including knowledge/understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander protocols/issues to effectively and sensitively consult, negotiate, communicate with partners, stakeholders and clients.

Program Support Officer, Housing Improvement Program Implementation - Community Program Delivery, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.

VRN: HO249/06

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Support the department's representation in the Negotiation Table process with Indigenous Communities in the Gulf and Torres Strait regions.

Skills/Abilities: Develop and maintain an information database for planning and tracking housing trends and developments in Indigenous communities.

Communities Program Support Officer - Community Program Delivery, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.

VRN: HO247/06

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Ensure that the Department's Capital Grants program is achieved within budgetary and time constraints and complies with Financial Management Standards and audit requirements.

Skills/Abilities: Demonstrated ability to facilitate the transfer of skills to Indigenous communities to enhance their capacity to deliver sustainable housing outcomes.

Client Service Officer - Housing Loans, Housing Finance (Three positions available)

Category: Administration and Customer Service

Salary: \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

VRN: HO244/06

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: The position operates as a key member of the Arrears Management team in the collection of debts on departmental loans.

Skills/Abilities: Experience in collection activities in accordance with relevant procedures, standards and practices and also experience in providing referrals regarding appropriate financial assistance for clients.

Housing Officer - Wide Bay-Burnett Area Office, Client Services

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

VRN: HO254/06

Location: Maryborough

Key Duties: Deliver a broad range of tenancy and property management services and advice to clients.

Skills/Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Housing Officer - Central Queensland Area Office, Client Services (Temporary for a period of 12 months)

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

VRN: HO253/06

Location: Emerald

Key Duties: Deliver a broad range of tenancy and property management services and advice to clients of the area office.

Skills/Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

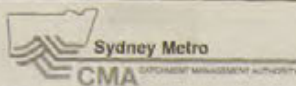
Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 2006

Position Description: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: vacancy Processing Officer

Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au

A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LACHLAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

CATCHMENT OFFICER COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 4/5, Forbes / Various, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No CMA2006/160. Total remuneration package valued to: \$66,906 p.a. (\$52,894-\$60,631).

Coordination of activities & services to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage program units including project management, community capacity building, liaison with Government & non government bodies, customer service, general accounting & admin services. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues. Demonstrated ability in working with Aboriginal community groups. Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network. Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals. Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources. Current drivers licence. Good facilitation skills. Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Temporary position under Sections 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE&M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2008 with a possibility of an extension subject to funding availability.

Inquiries: Russell Hill (02) 6851 9514 or 0428 423 991. **Information Packages:** cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 160 in subject.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Services, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: Friday 08 December 2006.

2006/160

NEW SOUTH WALES
DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION
AND TRAINING



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: Gary Brown, Manager Regional Consultancy, Level 1, 188 Macquarie Street, Dubbo NSW 2830.

Closing Date: Friday 22 December 2006.

1706/11

Indigenous Cadet

Cadet (APS1)

\$19,867 - \$36,595 per annum plus superannuation (Age rates apply)

The National Museum of Australia is a contemporary museum celebrating the stories of the land, nation and people of Australia. Housed in a stunning building overlooking the lake, the Museum utilises state-of-the-art technology and hands-on interactive exhibitions that bring great stories about Australia and Australians to life. In addition to its permanent exhibitions, the Museum hosts a calendar of world class exhibitions and features a magnificent waterfront restaurant, two cafes and a quality museum shop.

An extensive part of the Museum's collection and exhibition is devoted to telling the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Role

If you will be studying for a diploma, advanced diploma or your first undergraduate degree in 2007 and want to be paid to finish your studies, then the Museum is interested in your innovation, creativity and experience.

As a National Museum of Australia Indigenous Cadet you can undertake full-time study while receiving a partial salary. You will also work at the Museum for 12 weeks at full pay per year. The work placement/practical training will provide you with a variety of interesting and exciting work experience in different parts of the Museum.

This employment opportunity has been identified as open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders only. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 5(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

To Apply

To obtain a copy of the selection criteria and application form, please visit our web site <http://www.nma.gov.au/recruit/index.html> or contact the Recruitment Officer at recruitment@nma.gov.au or on (02) 6208 5037. Written applications must address the selection criteria and you need to be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency.

The Museum is an equal opportunity workplace.

Applications for the Indigenous Cadetship close 5pm 15 December 2006.



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TOMORROW

1000/2009/13

Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc. Aboriginal Early Childhood Worker

(Part-time)

This is a 6 month, part time, January - June 2007, 15 hour per week position. Social & Community Services Award, Grade 4 \$20.22 - \$25.93 per hour depending on experience.

Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc. is a community based organisation that provides services to the residents of Bankstown. This position will run culturally relevant Play and Learn activities for Aboriginal children & their parents.

Essential: 1. Aboriginality. 2. Relevant Child Care Worker Qualifications. 3. Experience in working in a child care setting with Aboriginal children and their families. 4. Experience in developing and implementing programming ideas. 5. A thorough understanding of Aboriginal culture and sensitivity to issues faced by Aboriginal families.

Desirable: 1. Experience in facilitating play group type activities. 2. Experience interacting with parents/families and role modeling play.

Aboriginal Early Childhood Support Worker

(Part-time)

This is a 6 month, part time, January - June 2007, 10 hour per week position. Social & Community Services Award, Grade 2, \$17.13-\$19.39 per hour depending on experience.

Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc. is a community based organisation that provides services to the residents of Bankstown. This position will run in collaboration with a child care worker, culturally relevant Play and Learn activities for Aboriginal children & their parents.

Essential: 1. Aboriginality. 2. Ability to work with children and their families. 3. A thorough understanding of Aboriginal culture and sensitivity to issues faced by Aboriginal families.

Desirable: 1. Relevant Child Care Worker Qualifications. Experience in facilitating or participating in play group type activities.

Please ensure applications addresses all selection criteria and includes details of 2 referees. Applications must be marked "confidential" and posted to BCRG Management Committee, Bankstown Community Resource Group Inc. PO Box 260 Bankstown 1885. For information package and further enquiries contact Rebecca Galea on 9796 2931 or r.galea@bigpond.com.

Closing date: Monday December 17th by 4pm.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement for both the positions and is authorized by Section 14 (d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants will be subject to a Working with Children Check.



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Are you in childcare or early childhood education?
Would you like a change or a new challenge?

Are you someone who has a passion for making a difference to Indigenous children's services?

We are looking for people with energy, people who can work in a dynamic cooperative team, who feel passionately about quality early childhood and children's services.

Lecturer - RRACSSU Early Childhood Educator

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment for two (2) years commencing January 07 - Northern Region, NT

Total Remuneration Academic Level A
\$46 070 - \$61 800

Would you enjoy travelling throughout the Northern Territory? Are you interested in working in a variety of remote communities? The applicant must be sensitive and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and demonstrate appropriate intercultural awareness. A degree in early childhood care and education or relevant experience and qualifications in early childhood required.

Lecturer - Early Childhood (Part-time)

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment for two (2) years commencing January 07 - Batchelor/Alice Springs

Total Remuneration Academic Level B
\$32 527 - \$38 626 (representing .5 part time)

The duties entail delivery of student training and assessment, administrative tasks, communication, reporting and liaising with education team and communities. Travel is an essential requirement of this position.

As a strong employer of Indigenous Australians, the School of Education, Arts and Social Sciences has a preference for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; however, non Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 15 December 2006.

Further information and the Selection Criteria are included in the application package which is available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 9939 7276 or (08) 9939 7272. Fax (08) 9939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au.

Please email your application including Response to the Selection Criteria, a current CV including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees, to: recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

or post it to: The Recruitment Officer
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
C/- Post Office
Batchelor NT 0845

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff travelling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. Please phone the principal for more information or to request an information package. Vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT

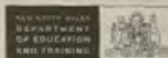
- Bourke High School - 6872 2560
- Buronga Public School - 03 5023 2260
- Griffith High School - 6962 1711
- John Warby Public School - 4625 8140
- La Perouse Public School - 9311 2210
- Narrandera Public School - 6959 2144
- Nowra East Public School - 4421 3539
- Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus - 9660 5688
- Warren Central School - 6847 4438
- Wentworth Public School - 03 5027 3146

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSISTANT Preschool

- Doonside Public School - 9622 3575

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au. Closing date for applications is Thursday 21 December 2006. Only Australian citizens, permanent residents or people with appropriate permits to work in Australia are eligible to apply.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Senior Project Officer, Housing Access Strategies (Older Persons)

Clerk Grade 9/10 - Service Improvement Unit
Central Sydney Division, Sydney
Temporary Full-Time - Position No: 06DOH5752

Total remuneration package valued up to \$92,591pa (\$76,142pa - \$83,907pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The Senior Project Officer has day to day responsibility for managing the project which will research, develop, pilot and evaluate integrated supply and service improvement strategies in specific locations for older tenants in line with the New Directions in Social Housing for Older Persons and recommend best practice models for future implementation.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in the provision of services/resources for ageing communities/older persons and developing partnership arrangements for human services delivery
- Excellent negotiation, influencing skills, and communication skills oral and written, preparing reports, service agreements and easy to use information kit.
- Ability to lead new initiatives and demonstrated capacity to engage and involve staff in new strategies.
- Capacity to build relationships and work collaboratively with non-government and government agencies and multi-disciplinary teams.
- Research and analytical skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and deliver results in tight timeframes.
- Ability to develop new strategies with limited local precedents and to integrate asset and service improvement strategies such as Human Services Accord.
- Commitment to service improvement for older people and working with government and non-government organisations as partners in community development. Current driver's license.
- Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: This is a temporary position in terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of 12 months. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Information packages: Available online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email: elise.snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or 1800 502 766.

Inquiries: Margaret Maljkovic 02 9268 3522.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 22 December 2006.

2006/160



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Silverwater

Alliance Network International Pty Ltd (ANI) is a leading facilities maintenance provider in NSW and has offices in Sydney, Orange, Dubbo, Wollongong and Newcastle.

ANI's Sydney office is seeking an Accounts payable clerk who has 1-2 years experience in accounts payable role or similar, who will be responsible for full function of accounts payable, follow up of suppliers, contractors and employees for purchase orders, invoices etc. and other office duties as required. Handle phone enquiries from suppliers, contractors etc.

Essential: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Skills: Intermediate/advanced excel, basic microsoft office skills, superb communication, attention to detail, analytical skills, can work effectively within a team environment and can perform multi tasking office duties.

ANI is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promotes a smoke free work environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions.

Closing date: 14th December 2006.

Sharon Williams, Aboriginal Employment coordinator,
Ph: 02 8799 2000

Send resumes to:

sharon.williams@ani.net.au or fax 02 97480322



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISOR

Salary package up to \$81,091 pa
Temporary Full-Time for up to
2 Years - Wagga Wagga

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor for the Hume Highway Office will be responsible for the project management of Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters on road projects in the Region in order to ensure that RTA Aboriginal heritage guidelines, policies and legislation are implemented.

Position Number: 50084120

Applicants must obtain an information package from George Shearer on (02) 8814 2426 or download from www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Applicants can apply online or mail to Recruitment Services, PO Box 3035, Parramatta NSW 2124. Further information is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close: 22 December 2006

Frankston Community Health Service

KOORI ACCESS WORKER

Full time

Exemption from provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995

Application No: A31/2006

The Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) program at Frankston Community Health Service seeks to improve the health care for Aboriginal Victorians who have been newly diagnosed with a chronic disease, e.g. diabetes - or may have complex health problems that they have difficulty in managing.

This new position, the Koori Access Worker - AHPACC, will be responsible for outreach to local Koori people to encourage those in need of support and information to access community health services. The person will promote greater knowledge and understanding of health issues experienced by Koori people by developing cultural awareness programs for health workers.

Previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply.

Contact: Carolyn Marshall 9784 8168 or Pat Griffin 9784 8146

Reference No: 2125

Closing Date: 15/12/06

For full details, including the application process, please visit:
www.phcn.vic.gov.au, then click on "Employment".



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

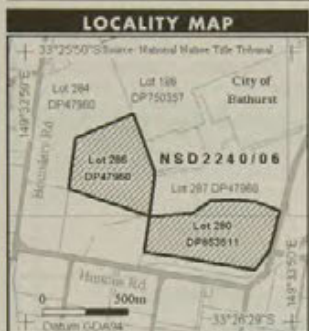
Notification day: 20 December 2006

This application is a 'Non-Claimant Application', ie an application made by a person who is not claiming native title themselves. The applicant has an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the application 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 19 March 2007. After 19 March 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 19 March 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





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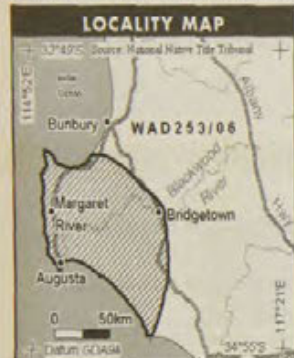
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 20 December 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, Federal Court, GPO Box A30 PERTH WA 6837, on or before 19 March 2007. After 19 March 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: South West Boorah #2

Federal Court File No: WAD253 of 2006

Date filed: 5 September 2006

The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application is located on the low water mark on the Western Australian coast, about 30 km south of Bunbury. The application covers an area of approximately 10,080km².

The application falls within the Augusta-Margaret River, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Busseton, Capel, Donnybrook-Balingup, Manjimup and Nannup Shire Council local government areas.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of the Dept of Land Information, WA. (2006)

FOR ASSISTANCE OR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, CALL
THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL ON FREECALL 1800 640 501.

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPC796	Approx. 22 km NNW of Chinchilla Centred at Lat. 26°32'S Long. 150°35'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Chinchilla and Murilla	Area: 337 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 110 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2094 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2095 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, s, t, u, v, w, y, z 2096 q, v, w, x, y 2166 d, e, k 2167 a, b, c, f, g, h, m, n, o, p, r, s, t 2168 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2169 a, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2240 e, d, e 2241 a, b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	Aquila Coal Pty Ltd 097 801 940 (50%) Bowen Central Coal Pty Ltd 107 198 676 (50%)

* 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 approximately 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 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.

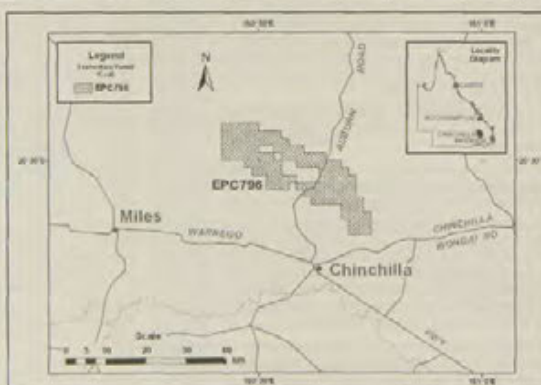
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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 8700 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

Parramatta is Sydney's second CBD with a vibrant economy, diverse workforce, and a rich mix of cultural and recreational facilities. Council is strongly focussed on setting the city's strategic direction as a major regional hub for services, manufacturing, shopping and entertainment, while delivering the best possible services to our local community. We are seeking people with a team-oriented client service approach who will contribute to the continuous improvement of Council's facilities and services.

Natural Resource Officer (Aboriginal Heritage)

Ref No. 147/06

Working with the Aboriginal Community and other stakeholders, this position will assist with the coordination of activities relating to natural resource management, conservation and environmental performance and the development and protection of Aboriginal Heritage in sites of Aboriginal significance in bushland throughout the Parramatta Local Government Area.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality (Authorised under Section 14d, NSW Discrimination Act 1977).
- Experience in natural resource, bush care or environmental management.
- Experience in designing and delivering Aboriginal Heritage programs and/or indigenous land management programs.
- Demonstrated experience and competence in working and consulting with Aboriginal Communities.
- Well developed skills in delivery of community based recreation, leisure, education and cultural programs.
- Demonstrated skills in conflict resolution.
- An ability to establish and maintain productive working relationships with all internal and external stakeholders.
- Well developed project management skills.
- Driver's Licence.

Salary: A salary range of \$49,073 to \$56,433 pa (plus Superannuation) is applicable depending on skills, knowledge and experience.

Closing Date: 4pm, Friday 8 December 2006

HOW TO APPLY: Please obtain a Recruitment Kit, which outlines the full selection criteria to be addressed by visiting Council's website at www.parramatta.nsw.gov.au OR by contacting Council's Customer Contact Centre on 9806 5050. Applications should be sent to the attention of 'Human Resources - Recruitment' or via email to jobapps@parramatta.nsw.gov.au quoting Ref. No. 147/06.

Prohibited persons as defined under the NSW Child Protection Act are not eligible to apply.

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PO Box 32, Parramatta NSW 2124
Phone: 02 9806 5000 Fax: 02 9806 5915
Website: www.parramatta.nsw.gov.au
Email: jobapps@parramatta.nsw.gov.au



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING DISABILITY & HOME CARE REGIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8
Southern NSW - Southern Highlands
Regional Business Support
Queanbeyan
Permanent Full-Time
Position No. 06DADHC5773

Total remuneration package valued up to \$81,591 per annum (salary \$66,796 pa - \$73,938 pa) includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position involves the co-ordination, development, delivery, assessment and evaluation of DADHC staff within the Region.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in the development, delivery and evaluation of cost effective Learning Development program and materials and ability to implement corporate Learning and Development initiatives in a Regional setting.
- Demonstrated ability in setting work priorities, meeting deadlines and ensuring quality assurance processes.
- Sound knowledge of competency based training and assessment framework and processes and ability to develop and deliver training plans in consultation with key stakeholders within a defined budget.
- Certificate IV in workplace training and assessment and a preparedness to undertake Certificate III in Community Services (Aged and Disability Work).
- Sound knowledge of the principles of adult learning and training needs analysis.
- Well developed analytical, written and oral communication skills.
- Well developed organisational, problem solving, consultancy, facilitation and change management skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences, adult education or a related field and/or equivalent experience and current drivers licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: 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 forms contained in the Information Package.

Inquiries: Peter De Natris on (02) 6200 7300.

Information Packages: Available on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6200 5820 or hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to: Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 22 December 2006.



VICTORIA POLICE

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Unit Objective: The ACLO will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Indigenous communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Indigenous communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan and the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

3x Fixed Term Positions

Positions are located at Shepparton, Bairnsdale and City of Yarra. Please ensure the area which you are applying for is specified on your application.

VPSG-3, Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Operations Co-ordination, Salary Range \$47,295 - \$57,425

Position Numbers: LIAISON 50, 51 & 52 (Full Time positions)

Duties: In partnership with Indigenous groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Indigenous issues within the local area and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures. Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Police members, local Indigenous community members and other government and non-government agencies. Establish and maintain a positive partnership environment in which Indigenous communities are encouraged to communicate and interact with Police members to resolve issues and actively promote awareness of the role of Victoria Police within Indigenous communities. Assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Indigenous issues. Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to Indigenous issues. Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Attend to welfare needs and provide support to Indigenous persons in custody, working alongside Aboriginal Community Justice Program (ACJP) members. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

Other relevant information: Industrial relations exemption applies. Only people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are eligible to apply for the position. The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to departmental goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job. The successful candidate will be employed pursuant to the Victorian Public Sector (Non-Executive Staff Victoria) Certified Agreement etc. Recipients of VPS departure packages should note that re-employment restrictions apply. External applicants will be subject to a probation period of 3 months. Applicants should address the full key selection criteria.

To obtain position description (including Key Selection Criteria) and to apply for the position online please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or alternatively Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to HR Combined Services, Personnel Department, 5th Floor Building C, 637 Flinders Street Melbourne 3005. Contact for position description: Lauren Banks 9247-6034. Contact for further information regarding the position: Inspector Ian Goddes 9247-5246.

Note: All positions require security clearance, which will include fingerprinting.

Closing date for all applications is 12th December 2006.

Youth Officer Generalist and Aboriginal (Casual and Permanent)

Youth Officer Transport (Casual)

The Department of Juvenile Justice is seeking mature, motivated team players to join our skilled and experienced workforce as Youth Officers. Position No: DJJ07/001.

Youth Officers working in a Juvenile Justice Centre are responsible for safely supervising young people, providing a positive leadership role and assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody.

Youth Officers working in a Transport Unit provide care and supervision to young people who are in secure court facilities and/or are travelling to and from courts.

The pay rates start from \$42,214 per annum or \$21.30 per hour with shift and penalty rates paid in addition. Successful applicants will commence a 29 day paid practical induction program to develop required knowledge and skills. By completing this program, successful applicants will obtain units of competency towards the Certificate IV in Youth Work (Juvenile Justice).

Applicants need to have:

- Minimum School Certificate or equivalent;
 - An awareness of the issues faced by Aboriginal young people in custody;
 - An ability to supervise and support young people with challenging behaviours;
 - Communication skills to effectively negotiate and problem solve with young people;
 - The capacity to work effectively as part of a team;
 - Demonstrated computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft applications; and
 - Minimum Class 'C' driver's licence (no Learner's nor Provisional licences).
- Note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are exempt from the minimum School Certificate or equivalent education qualifications.

Criminal history, apprehended Violence Order, prior employment, referee and disciplinary proceedings checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. 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. It is a requirement of this position to obtain a Senior First Aid Certificate prior to commencement of duty with the department.

To apply for one of these Youth Officer positions you need to obtain an application kit that you need to complete.

Contact the Juvenile Justice Centres: Reiby (Campbelltown) 02 4629 3800, Juniperina (Lidcombe) 02 9797 3000, Orana (Dubbo) 02 6881 0600, Riverina (Wagga Wagga) 02 6931 2811, Cobham (St Marys) 02 9623 8088, Frank Baxter (Central Coast) 02 4340 3800, Reiby (Campbelltown) 024629 3800, Keelong (Wollongong) 02 4271 5044, Acmena (Grafton) 02 6543 0000.

Contact the Transport Unit on 02 9219 9446: Southern Wagga Wagga, Southern Wollongong, Northern Grafton, Central Coast Gosford, Sydney Metro.

Applications close on Friday 19 January 2007.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE PROTECTIVE COMMISSIONER LIAISON OFFICER (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Sydney, Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG05/981. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,163 p.a. (\$40,792-\$54,520) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This position interacts with clients and other interested parties to obtain information, respond to queries, approve minor expenditure and facilitate understanding of decisions. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Understanding of the impact of disabilities upon relationships and ability to manage client interactions; Good interpersonal and oral/written communication skills, including conflict resolution and negotiation skills; Ability to assess and manage the risks associated with behaviours exhibited by clients; Capacity to undertake the general responsibilities of an OPC staff member; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. This position will be relocating to the Parramatta Justice Precinct in late 2007 or early 2008. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Michael Bleasdale (02) 9265 3678

Information Packages: Jan Hynes (02) 9265 3176.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 22 December 2006.

GA17/06/06

Notice Of Proposed Renewal Of Exploration Permits Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPM13344	Approx. 10 km NNW of McKinlay Centred at Lat.21°11'S Long.141°16'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 35 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 976 a, b, f, l, q, v, w 1048 b, g, m, r	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13345	Approx. 28 km N of McKinlay Centred at 21°01'S Long.141°17'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 41 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 832 n, s, x 904 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s, v, w	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13368	44 km WNW of McKinlay Centred at 21°04'S Long.140°55'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area: 38 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 899 p, u, z 900 l, m, q, r, v, w 971 e 972 a, b	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13369	Part 1: Approx. 47 km NNW of McKinlay Centred at Lat.20°51'S Long.141°11'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay Part 2: Approx. 37 km NNW of McKinlay Centred at Lat.20°57'S Long.141°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: McKinlay	Area of Part 1: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 687 l, q, y 759 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, v 831 a Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 830 p 831 l	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

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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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 1, 1st October 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

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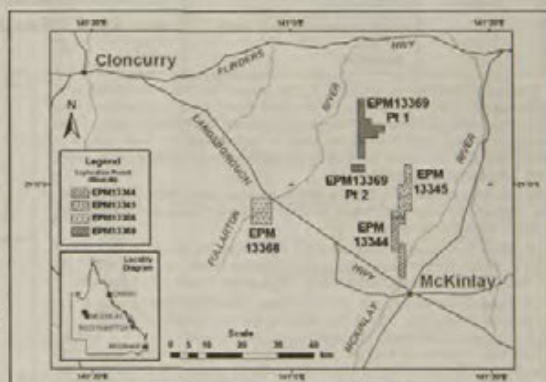
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

THE KOORI MAIL

associate lecturers oodgeroo unit

The appointees will contribute to teaching and research in Indigenous Studies offered by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, provide academic, social and cultural support for Indigenous students and actively promote the Unit to

key Indigenous community organisations on Brisbane's north side.

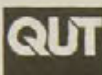
For this position it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted as an arguable under sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991).

Ongoing appointments
References: 26/491
Closes: 17 January
Salary: \$44 307 to \$60 118 pa

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ALLIED HEALTH

Bourke Health Service

Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

TFT up to 30/06/08, Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Grad/Grad: \$716.40-\$1222.00 pw, Recruitment No: GW52510, Enquiries & Application Kit: Pat Canby, (02) 6870 8899 or pat.canby@nsw.health.nsw.gov.au
Close: 15/12/06.

Brewarrina Health Service

Primary Health Care Worker - Graduate or Trainee

TFT up to 30/10/08, Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Grad/Grad: \$716.40-\$1222.00 pw, Recruitment No: GW53381, Enquiries & Application Kit: Tara Walker, (02) 6830 5000 or tara.walker@nsw.health.nsw.gov.au
Close: 15/12/06.

For both positions:

- Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Officers practice the principles of Cultural Diversity and provide a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation

PRINT MANAGER

Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation (BAAC)

Ramingining, central Arnhem Land
12 month contract

Position: To re-establish the screen printing operations at Bula'bula Arts. E-mail bulaabularts@bigpond.com for a duty statement and selection criteria.

GANDANGARA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Council seeks the services of the following key personnel form the core of its management team. Selection will be made strictly on the basis of merit and capacity to service the needs of Council and its members. Aboriginality is considered a genuine factor in the selection process and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Chief Executive Officer

Salary Negotiable
(a package of \$110,000 may be taken as a guide)

A performance based incentive structure may also apply. The occupant must demonstrate commercial acumen, experience with not-for-profit entities (preferably incorporated Indigenous organizations), capacity to interpret Legislation, oral and written communication skills of the highest order, proven community development and project management experience and policy development /understanding within a compliance and governance environment. Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) of NSW and current issues facing the NSW Land Council network is also desirable.

Finance Manager

Up to \$72,000 package

Performance based incentives may also be negotiated. Requires completion of tertiary studies in Accounting, Business or a closely related discipline. The occupant must be able to use accounting software (particularly MYOB) for preparation of monthly financial and operational reports to Council. Occupant will be expected to prepare all statutory reports including Annual Financial Reports. CPA or equivalent status would be well regarded.

Residential Properties Manager

Up to \$65,000 package

At least 5 years experience in the management of all aspects of residential property. Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act relative to the social housing sector and understand issues relating to Aboriginal housing. Occupant must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Must have a current Driver's licence.

A selection package for each of these positions is available by contacting Council on 02 96025280 or by email to alan.hudson1@bigpond.com. Applications will be used to gauge the applicant's communication, reporting skills and capacity to meet deadlines. Enquiries should be addressed to Alan Hudson on (02) 96025280.

Applications may be lodged electronically or posted to: The Manager, Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council PO Box 1038 Liverpool Business Centre 1871.

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
EPM14691	Approx. 18 km SSW from Herberton Centred at Lat.17°31'S Long.145°18'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1312 j	Dennis Merton Devine
EPM15453	Approx. 32 km NNE from Herberton Centred at Lat.17°07'S Long.145°30'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Mareeba and Atherton	Area: 46 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1'lat.x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 882 z 954 d, e, j, k 955 a, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, v	Teck Cominco Australia Pty. Ltd. 091 271 911
EPM15570 This application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 38 km WSW from Herberton Centred at Lat.17°25'S Long.145°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 30 km WSW from Herberton Centred at Lat.17°26'S Long.145°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1237 b Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1238 g	Auzex Resources Limited. 106 444 606

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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 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.

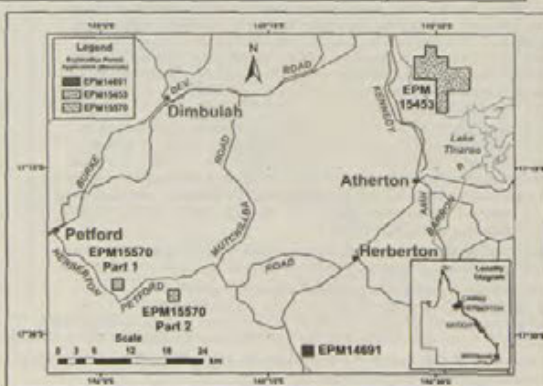
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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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: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Darebin Community Health

Darebin Community Health (DCH) provides a comprehensive range of responsive primary health and community support services for people in the City of Darebin including a significant Aboriginal population. We currently have two vacancies for specialised support positions for the Aboriginal community. Exemptions have been obtained from VCAT allowing preference to be given to applicants from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background.

FEMALE ABORIGINAL LIAISON WORKER VCAT Exemption No. A191/2005

A part time (0.9 FTE) position is available to facilitate access to and the delivery of culturally appropriate health services at DCH for clients from the local ATSI community. The area of child and family will be a focus for this position.

ABORIGINAL CHRONIC DISEASE WORKER VCAT Exemption No. A31/2006

This full time position will participate in the planning, delivery and evaluation of community health education and health promotion programs which promote healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing, and will be actively involved in supporting the assessment and care of members of the local ATSI community with chronic diseases. The position will also support the Kookaburra Club - an Aboriginal social support program for families, as well as working within the mainstream Planned Activity Group Program (PAG).

Generous salary packaging arrangements are available for both positions.

Enquiries for both positions: Chris Price on 8470 1171 or 0407 270 061.

To obtain further details and to apply for these positions (applications must address the selection criteria), please visit our website www.dch.org.au. Applications may also be posted to the HR Manager, 125 Blake Street, East Reservoir, 3073 by 5.00pm on 15th December 2006.



EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Early Intervention Caseworkers - Dubbo

• 2 Positions - 1 Indigenous Specific

UnitingCare Burnside is a leading child and family welfare agency working to break cycles of disadvantage for vulnerable children, young people and their families.

The Early Intervention Program is a voluntary, targeted program designed for families encountering challenges that impact on their ability to care for children. In partnership with the Department of Community Services and other Agencies, we seek to promote healthy child development and improve family resilience through the provision of support and services.

We provide a supportive and diverse work environment and attractive salaries including salary packaging and (where eligible under our policy guidelines) a fully maintained vehicle for private and work use.

To view complete details and Job Descriptions for these positions please visit www.burnside.org.au and follow the links through "Our Services".

For an information package ph: Amy South on: 68843254 or email her on asouth@burnside.org.au and for more information about the position phone Servana McIntyre on 0427 404 001

Applications close on Friday December 15th 2006.

UnitingCare Burnside considers that being Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) for one of these positions.

Where applicants meet all criteria other than having tertiary qualifications, we may discuss an appropriate training package as part of the offer of employment. Applicants should indicate their interest when applying for relevant positions.

This position is of child-related employment and will require a "Working with Children" check under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply.

Burnside is an EEO Employer and is committed to principles of cultural diversity.

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Townsville Aboriginal & Islanders Health Services Limited (TAHS)

Child Protection & Alternative Care (CPAC) Unit

Want to make a real difference to the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youths and families in Townsville and Thuringowa? Want to be a part of one of Australia's leading community-controlled holistic Indigenous health services?

Townsville Aboriginal & Islanders Health Services Limited (TAHS) is one of Australia's longest-serving and largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander holistic community-controlled health services. TAHS is calling for applications for the following full-time positions located in its Child Protection & Alternative Care (CPAC) Unit. All positions will be filled for a three (3) year fixed-term.

Assistant Manager

The Assistant Manager is responsible to the CPAC Manager for coordinating the work associated with the licensing and review of CPAC's Recognised Entity and Placement Services, including the risk management and policy framework; overseeing the outreach function of the Recognised Entity, including managing the community and organisational capacity building in the outreach locations; and providing advice and professional support and supervision of staff, including Team Leaders. You will also deputise for the Manager as required.

Senior Administration Officer

You will be responsible for overseeing the various administrative functions of CPAC. You must have experience overseeing a small administration team.

SCAN/Court Officer

You will be responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) team activities and court services for CPAC. You will ensure that all Child Protection case workers are conducting case work in accordance with the recommendations of the SCAN team and any court outcomes.

Family Resource Worker

You will be responsible for providing culturally appropriate assistance, advice and support to families with children in the statutory child protection system.

Cleaner (Part-Time 22.8 hours/week)

You will be responsible for ensuring that a high level of hygiene and cleanliness is maintained throughout CPAC in accordance with health and safety legislation for the benefit of both clients and staff.

It is a genuine requirement that the Family Resource Worker position 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply for all of the advertised positions.

To be eligible for all of the above positions you must either possess or be able to obtain a Suitability Card for Working with Children (Blue Card). Skills and/or experience in working with children and families and knowledge of welfare issues is essential for all positions apart from the Cleaner. Formal qualifications in Community Welfare, Social Work or another Social Science area are highly desirable for all positions apart from the Cleaner.

All applicants must address in writing the selection criteria obtainable from Damon Baxter on (07) 4759 4008 or dbaxter@tahs.net.au.

Applications close at 5pm Monday 18 December 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
EPM15611	Part 1: Approx. 65 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°30'S Long.144°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba Part 2: Approx. 66 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°33'S Long.144°04'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area of Part 1: 56 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 17 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 1296 i, u, y, z Townsville 1225 R, O, P, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y 1297 a, b, g Area of Part 2: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u	Delminco Pty Ltd 010 489 924
EPM15617	Approx. 31 km S from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°25'S Long.144°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 326 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1084 j, k, o, t, y, z 1085 f, g, h, j, n, o, s, t, v, w, x, y 1157 d, j, k, p 1158 i, m, n, o, p, r, w 1159 f, i, m, n, o, s, t, x, y, z 1229 o, p, r, u, y, z 1230 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, n, o, v 1231 d, j 1300 o, p, t, u 1301 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, l, m, n, o 1302 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 1374 h, c, d	Dianne Mining Corporation Pty Ltd 095 326 079
EPM15631	Approx. 29 km ENE from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°08'S Long.144°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 323 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 875 i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 945 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 946 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 947 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 1017 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p 1018 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1019 a, b, c, f, g, i	Andromeda Ventures Ltd 101 667 672
EPM15641	Approx. 45 km WSW from Chillagoe Centred at Lat.17°12'S Long.144°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1009 e, k, p 1010 a, f, g, m, n	Ozmin Resources Pty Ltd 109 323 042

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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 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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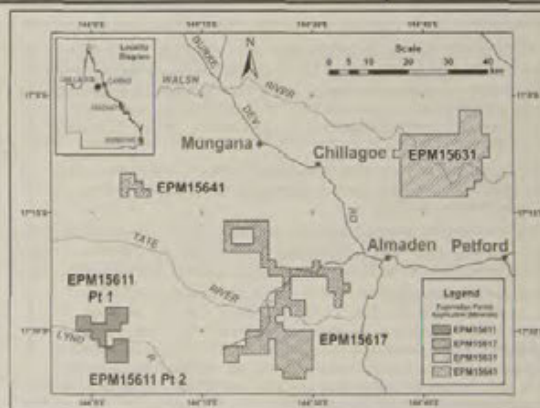
Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

THE KOORI MAIL

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPM13315 This permit consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 137 km NE of Kajibbi Centred at Lat.19°22'S Long.141°08'E Local Authority (Shire) within the Area: McKinlay Part 2: Approx. 139 km NE of Kajibbi Centred at Lat.19°23'S Long.141°10'E Local Authority (Shire) within the Area: McKinlay	Area of Part 1: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2918 k, o, p, s, t Area of Part 2: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2919 q	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13316	Approx. 53 km N of Kajibbi Centred at Lat.19°33'S Long.140°0'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the Area: Burke and Cloncurry	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3048 k 3049 f, l, m, q, r, v, w	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13331	Approx. 55 km NW of Mt Isa Centred at Lat.20°23'S Long.139°07'E Local Authority (Shire) within the Area: Mount Isa	Area: 106 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 229 z 301 e, k, p 302 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 374 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Reefway Pty Ltd 076 289 097
EPM13376	Approx. 82 km N of Kajibbi Centred at Lat.19°17'S Long.140°06'E Local Authority (Shire) within the Area: Cloncurry	Area: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2834 g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13380	Approx. 49 km N of Kajibbi Centred at Lat.19°36'S Long.140°09'E Local Authority (Shire) within the Area: Cloncurry	Area: 103 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3050 c, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 3122 d, e, h, j, k, m, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3123 a, v 3194 c, d, e, h, j, k 3195 a, f	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

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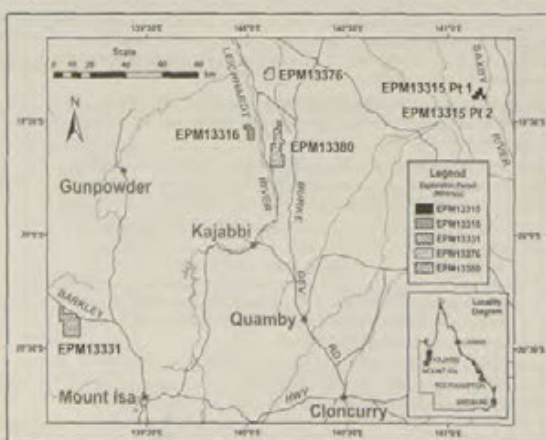
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Notification Day: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Queensland Health

Corporate Support Services

Senior Policy Officer - Indigenous Health, Assessment and Research, Environmental Health Unit, Population Health, Brisbane, The Chief Health Officer Division. Salary between \$68 377 - \$73 160 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) [AO6] (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) VKN: HL707-06.
Duties/Abilities: Provide advice and policy direction on Indigenous environmental health matters within the local, regional and statewide context in a culturally sensitive manner.
Enquiries: Shannon Rutherford (07) 3234 0812.
Application Kit: (07) 3404 9775 (Info-line).
Closing Date: Monday, 18 December 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.

Understanding of, and commitment to, equal employment opportunity (EEO), ethical practice, the Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) program and occupational health and safety (OHS).



THE CABINET OFFICE PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL'S OFFICE

Legislative Publications Officer

Clerk Grade 1-4, Sydney, Temporary Full-Time, Job Reference No PC006/264.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,163 p.a. (\$44,538-\$54,520). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Wide ranging editorial functions including checking draft legislation, compiling legislative publications and updating the NSW Legislation Database. This involves editorial checking and the intensive use of publishing software.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated proofreading skills and an eye for detail. Advanced keyboard and computer skills and a proven ability to learn new software applications. Proven ability to meet strict deadlines and maintain very high standards of accuracy under pressure. Demonstrated organisational skills and ability to manage competing priorities. Well-developed interpersonal skills. Ability to use initiative and work with minimal supervision. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Appointment within the Grade 1-4 range is subject to meeting certain competencies. Overtime will be necessary during times of peak workloads. Applicants will be required to undertake an aptitude test in editorial skills. Temporary position for the period of 12 months with possible extension. This position has an early closing date.

Enquiries: Ms Chloe Ashbolt (02)9228 7139.

Information Packages: Mr Tom Thornton (02) 9228 7139.

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 08 December 2006

SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Substance Use Youth Worker (Full Time Permanent Position)

Applications are being sought for the position of Substance Use Youth Worker within South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC). The Substance Use Youth Worker (Youth Worker) will be required to work as part of a responsive and dedicated substance use team and to provide a culturally appropriate assessment, intervention, referral and education substance use casework service to Aboriginal young people and their families residing in Shoalhaven Aboriginal Communities.

The Youth Worker will also be required to support Indigenous youth education, groups, activities and community initiatives in relation to substance use. In collaboration with the regional substance use team Youth Worker will assist with regional community development, education, training and resource development projects for the whole of the South/Far South Coast region.

Application process: Applicants are expected to meet selection criteria relevant to the position including relevant experience and qualifications.

You should obtain a copy of the job description and an application form. These can be obtained by contacting Kerry Mooney on (02) 4447 8037 or via email kerry@southcoastams.org.au.

Having received and read the job description, if you have further queries please contact Ms Lesley Roxbee by phone (02) 4447 8037 or email lesley@southcoastams.org.au

Salary: will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependant on qualifications and/or experience.

Closing Date: by COB 20th December 2006.

Lodging Applications: Applications should include the application form, a CV and responses to the selection criteria. Two referees who can be contacted to comment on your recent work should be identified.

Send the application by mail or fax to:

Chief Executive Officer
South Coast Medical Service
Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 548
NOWRA NSW 2541
Fax (02) 4428 6602



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Natural Resources and Water



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000**MURRAY VALLEY**

ICM FARM PRODUCTS AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED has submitted an application to amend an existing Water Supply Works and Water Use Approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore (additional back-up bore)
Works Location: Lot 47/753732, Parish Colledina, County Hume
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

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 03/01/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA505460 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484885)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Murray Murrumbidgee Region,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Wolfgang WAGNER & Kerrie Anne WAGNER have submitted an application for a Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore
Works Location: Lot 2225/520928, Parish Barrooga, County Denison
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

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 03/01/2007. Please quote the Application No. 410 (50WA505695) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484883)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Murray Murrumbidgee Region,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

INDARA HOLDINGS PTY LTD has submitted an application for a Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Source.

Works: 1 x Bore
Works Location: Lot 8/756301, Parish Mundiwa, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

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 03/01/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50WA505608 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484884)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Murray Murrumbidgee Region,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

WILLIAM ALAN HARRIS has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Wakool River).

Works: 1 x 65mm pump
Works Location: Lot 7009/96889, Parish Poon Boon, County Wakool
Purpose: Domestic Water Supply

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (03) 5898-3900.

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 03/01/2007. Please quote the Application No. 437 (50WA505714) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484886)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer, Murray Murrumbidgee Region,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

ANABRANCH WATER has submitted an application for a WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, IRRIGATION of 82.5 hectares

at Lot 1/756190 in the Parish of WILPATERA, County of TARA,
at Lot 11/756168 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 12/756168 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 13/756168 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 14/756168 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 3248/765453 in the Parish of WARRAWENNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 3292/765448 in the Parish of AVOCA, County of WENTWORTH,
at Lot 3428/765453 in the Parish of WARRAWENNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 4/756150 in the Parish of BULPUNGA, County of TARA,
at Lot 4/756157 in the Parish of FOSTER, County of TARA,
at Lot 463/761436 in the Parish of DINWOODIE, County of TARA,
at Lot 494/761437 in the Parish of DINWOODIE, County of TARA,
at Lot 500/761443 in the Parish of WILTON, County of TARA,
at Lot 502/761489 in the Parish of WILPATERA, County of TARA,
at Lot 5498/768407 in the Parish of FOSTER, County of TARA,
at Lot 5498/768407 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA,
at Lot 5828/768726 in the Parish of MOORNA, County of TARA

All the above parcels of land are within the boundary of the Great Darling Anabranch Private Irrigation and Water Supply District known as Anabranch Water and are currently authorised for irrigation by licenses issued under Part 2 of the Water Act 1912. This application is to authorise use of water from the works of supply of Anabranch Water for irrigation purposes under the Water Management Act 2000.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

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 22/12/2006. Please quote the application number 421 on all correspondence.

Peter Winton, Natural Resource Project Officer, Compliance & Licensing,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

Commencement Date: 24/11/2006 **Closing Date:** 22/12/2006

ALEXANDER KENNETH FERGUSON and MAUREEN WINIFRED FERGUSON have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (Wentworth weir pool of the lower Darling River), 150MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

adjacent to Lot 1/740361 in the Parish of AVOCA, County of WENTWORTH
Irrigation of 4 Hectares

at Lot 1/740361 in the Parish of AVOCA, County of WENTWORTH

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

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 03/01/2007. Please quote the application number 396 on all correspondence.

Peter Winton, Natural Resource Project Officer, Compliance & Licensing,
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739

A W PETTY & PARTNERS have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the MURRUMBIDGE REGulated RIVER WATER SOURCE, 1 x 80MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

adjacent to Lot 53/757213 in the Parish of BANGUS, County of WYNNARD
for DOMESTIC & IRRIGATION PURPOSES

adjacent to Lot 1/413571 in the Parish of BANGUS, County of WYNNARD

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530700. 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 26/12/2006. Please quote the application number 434 on all correspondence.

S F Webb, Resource Access Manager, MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, LEETON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 30/11/2006 **Closing Date:** 26/12/2006

FRANCIS CYRIL PUNTORIERO and ANTHONY JOSEPH PUNTORIERO and PUNTORIERO MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE, 300MM BORE - 1

at / adjacent to Lot 173 /751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER
for STOCK, DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION
adjacent to Lot 169/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER,
adjacent to Lot 122/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER,
adjacent to Lot 173/751732 in the Parish of TENNINGERIE, County of COOPER

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269530726. 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 03/01/2007. Please quote the application number 435 on all correspondence.

Steven Webb, Resource Access Manager, LEETON Department of
Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, MURRUMBIDGE REGION, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 06/12/2006 **Closing Date:** 03/01/2007

**NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES****NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29**

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
30/206	Inter nickel Australia Pty Ltd	892.08ha	96km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02' Long 120°01'	Menzies
30/207	Inter nickel Australia Pty Ltd	891.9ha	97km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03' Long 120°01'	Menzies
30/208	Inter nickel Australia Pty Ltd	891.77ha	96km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°04' Long 120°01'	Menzies
30/214-7 & 30/219	Inter nickel Australia Pty Ltd	4466.92ha	105km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°54' Long 119°58'	Menzies
30/227-9	Inter nickel Australia Pty Ltd	2081.98ha	96km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°01' Long 119°59'	Menzies
31/479	Heron Resources Ltd	2792.48ha	100km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 122°04'	Menzies
45/1115	Pibara Manganesse Pty Ltd	155.81ha	106km Wly of Telfer	Lat 21°34' Long 121°13'	East Pilbara

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: 6 December 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 **6 March 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. **6 April 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 Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development, 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
08/520	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	47.48ha	42km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°38' Long 115°55'	Ashburton
08/521	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd	99.28ha	41km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°42' Long 115°56'	Ashburton
08/538	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	173.24ha	55km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°44' Long 115°48'	Ashburton
15/4540	Avoca Resources Ltd	154.96ha	17km SWly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°20'	Coolgardie
15/4818	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	145.82ha	61km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°43' Long 120°08'	Coolgardie
15/4819	Mount Finnelly Pty Ltd	73.88ha	61km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°47' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie
16/2170	Toro Mining Pty Ltd	72.12ha	49km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie
16/2188	Royce William Allen	197.1ha	44km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°39' Long 120°50'	Coolgardie
16/2189-92	Royce William Allen	712.98ha	38km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°42' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie
19/2311	Mendham Mining Ltd	155.80ha	38km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°43' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie
19/2325	Robert Edward Gilbert	112.58ha	46km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
20/1963	Frederick Raymond Rose	14.58ha	49km NWly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°31'	Cue
25/1858-71	Wombola Gold Pty Ltd	633.17ha	37km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°54' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3404	Wombola Gold Pty Ltd	123.32ha	34km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°56' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3405	Xcoed Biotechnology Ltd	85.03ha	25km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°00' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3406	Xcoed Biotechnology Ltd	116.06ha	25km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3407-11	Wombola Gold Pty Ltd	827.55ha	27km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3415-6	Wombola Gold Pty Ltd	379.55ha	31km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 121°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1589	Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd	196.92ha	38km Nly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1885	Rodney Scott Lehman	67.01ha	82km NWly of Menzies	Lat 29°09' Long 120°27'	Menzies
33/4551-4	Trevor John Dixon	737.40ha	51km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°51'	Leonora
39/4555	Trevor John Dixon	200ha	47km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°46'	Leonora
45/2599	Bradley Keith Bruce	49.09ha	88km Sly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°01' Long 118°53'	East Pilbara
47/1273	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Iron Associates	176.46ha	62km NWly of Tom Price	Lat 22°09' Long 117°15'	Ashburton
47/1293	Hemansky Exploration Pty Ltd	23.09ha	56km SEly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°42' Long 118°36'	Ashburton
47/1294	Hemansky Exploration Pty Ltd	23.13ha	57km SEly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°39' Long 118°39'	Ashburton
47/1295	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Iron Associates	45.34ha	80km NWly of Tom Price	Lat 22°04' Long 117°24'	Ashburton
53/1285	Legend Mining Ltd	23.92ha	92km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°09' Long 119°26'	Wiluna
57/1047-8	Bernhard Gunter Franz Wasse Vormans Geological Services Pty Ltd Bruce Robert Legendre	272.01ha	20km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°07' Long 119°09'	Sandstone
58/1371	Tenham Pty Ltd	54.01ha	12km Sly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°10' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
70/1481	Independence Group NL	56.94ha	20km SEly of Dalwallinu	Lat 30°25' Long 116°46'	Dalwallinu
77/3357	Sons of Gwalia Ltd	2.9ha	72km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°26' Long 119°40'	Kondinin
77/3449	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	3.7ha	73km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°24' Long 119°41'	Kondinin
77/3450-1	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	218.51ha	80km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°19' Long 119°44'	Kondinin
77/3452	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	66.5ha	73km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°31' Long 119°40'	Kondinin
77/3453	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	63.73ha	78km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°28' Long 119°44'	Kondinin
77/3455	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	115.14ha	72km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°13' Long 119°37'	Kondinin/Yalgam
77/3456	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	177.20ha	70km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°22' Long 119°39'	Kondinin
77/3457	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	129.96ha	73km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°16' Long 119°37'	Kondinin
77/3476	Liberty Gold NL	72.14ha	90km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°59' Long 119°05'	Yalgam
77/3498	Image Resources NL	198.94ha	68km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°32' Long 119°37'	Kondinin
77/3530	Forrestonia Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	92.88ha	78km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°35' Long 119°42'	Kondinin

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: 6 December 2006

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **6 March 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 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **6 April 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 6048, telephone (08) 9268 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.

Land council in deal with power, water corporation



Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive Norman Fry says the council's Employment and Training Program has taken another leap forward with the signing of a five-year

Memorandum of Understanding with the Power and Water Corporation.

"This agreement is a win-win for all concerned," Mr Fry said on 30 November.

"It is not only about providing young Aboriginal people with career opportunities within Power and Water, but it is also about developing the local and regional labour markets."

Under the terms of the agreement, the NLC will:

- Promote awareness of the programs to Indigenous persons including within

secondary schools;

- Encourage Indigenous people to apply for the programs;
- Provide mentoring and pre-employment training prior to candidates applying for the programs;
- Where appropriate, provide numeracy and literacy assistance to candidates applying for the programs and;
- Identify any employment opportunities at Power and Water for Indigenous people, particularly within remote communities.

"Both parties recognise that there are many benefits for Aboriginal people in the NLC and Power and Water working together," Mr Fry said.

"The Northern Land Council has been actively involved in partnerships that ensure that Aboriginal people can access

opportunities that might otherwise not be made available to them. This signing is a continuation of that process."

Since its inception in 2001, the NLC Jobs and Careers Service (JACS) has expanded from a single written agreement, to having placed more than 300 Aboriginal people into employment opportunities.

"Today, the NLC's employment program is widely regarded as the 'best practice' Indigenous employment program in the country - we are proud of that achievement," Mr Fry said.

"We are building on the opportunities that are being presented to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, and will continue to negotiate agreements with potential partners in the construction, mining and hospitality industries that offer real outcomes for Aboriginal people."

Hundreds of domestic violence victims seek treatment in 'Alice'



Almost three domestic violence victims seek treatment at Alice Springs Hospital every day, according to new figures highlighting a growing crisis among Aboriginal communities.

A review of hospital records in the central Australian desert town between 2000 and 2006 found an average of 2.6 Indigenous women sought treatment every day for domestic violence related injuries.

During this period, one victim presented to Alice Springs Hospital 189 times.

This year alone, more than 660 Aboriginal women have sought treatment as a consequence of domestic violence.

The figures, released by the Country Liberal Party (CLP), compound growing fears in court circles, police ranks and politicians of an epidemic.

In October, NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh found the brutal death of a pregnant woman at the hands of her abusive husband was "entirely predictable".

Jodie Palipuuminni was one month pregnant when she was attacked at an Aboriginal outstation on the Cobourg Peninsula, north-east of Darwin, in May last year.

The 27-year-old had complained to health workers of being assaulted on 29 occasions over 11 years of sustained abuse.

An inquest into her death heard she was punched, kicked, choked, whipped with wire, dragged by the hair, beaten with a garden implement and kicked in the stomach while pregnant.

She was stabbed all over the body with scissors, threatened with death, assaulted with a fan, beaten with sticks and bashed with a steel star picket.

Handing down his findings into her death, Mr Cavanagh said Ms Palipuuminni's story was all too common.

"The criminal courts of the Northern Territory are replete with examples of shocking violence inflicted upon Aboriginal women in remote communities," he said.

"The present day gross violence perpetrated on some women in such communities by some men must be recognised and something done about it."

CLP leader Jodeen Carney said the figures from Alice Springs warranted immediate action.

"I can't fathom how a woman can return to hospital with assault related injuries an average of 30 times a year during a six-year period," she said.

"This woman clearly needed assistance and the current system let her down."

Ms Carney suggested mandatory reporting of domestic violence by health professionals and called on the NT Government to release the Alice Springs study for public scrutiny.

A similar review of records held at all NT hospitals should also be made available, starting with Royal Darwin, she said. - AAP

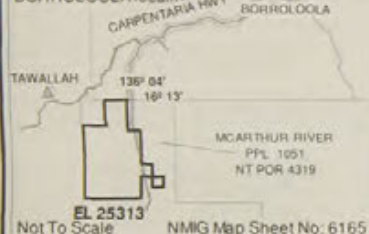
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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 an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 25313 sought by BRUMBY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 118 522 124 over an area of 40 Blocks (127 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



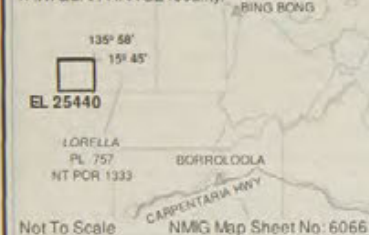
Exploration Licence 25258 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WINGATE MOUNTAINS locality.



Exploration Licence 25416 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 33 Blocks (100 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



Exploration Licence 25440 sought by METEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 057 552 137 over an area of 30 Blocks (100 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TAWALLAH RANGE locality.



Exploration Licence 25312 sought by NICHOLAS THEODORE JAMES PASPALEY over an area of 48 Blocks (158 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



Exploration Licence 25298 sought by DAVID ALAN ZOHAR over an area of 319 Blocks (1050 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RIVER locality.



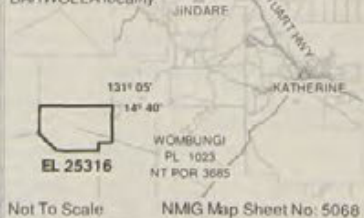
Exploration Licence 25299 sought by DAVID ALAN ZOHAR over an area of 265 Blocks (836 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JINDUCKIN locality.



Exploration Licence 25304 sought by DAVID ALAN ZOHAR over an area of 375 Blocks (1245 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MANBULLOO locality.



Exploration Licence 25316 sought by DAVID ALAN ZOHAR and SWANCOVE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 076 507 849 over an area of 396 Blocks (1271 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BARWOLLA locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought commences 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 Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

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.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 06 December 2006

Quinal puts his best foot forward



QLD Quinal Douglas is a Cherbourg community hero who was recently presented with the Principal's Award recognising a strong and smart student who always

tries his hardest. Quinal is the oldest in his family and his care for younger children is inspiring, helping make sure they arrive at school safely. In class he tries his hardest to learn and uses every opportunity to make his future as happy as possible. He trains hard at Corroboree practice and stays on track. On their way to visit the men's group, Quinal and his friends enjoyed seeing green grass after recent rain but the Barambah Creek needs much more water cleaning it out so children can start swimming again. - PHIL YOUNG

More jobs in Kimberley

WA Nearly half of all State Government environment employees in Western Australia's west Kimberley are Indigenous, according to WA Environment Minister Mark McGowan.

Mr McGowan said the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) had recently employed two new Indigenous trainees as part of its Mentored Aboriginal Training and Employment Scheme (MATES), bringing the total number of Indigenous staff at the agency to eight.

"This is a fantastic result - of the 17 employees at the agency, eight are of Indigenous heritage," he said.

"Through the MATES program, DEC aims to achieve a 10 to 15 per cent representation of Aboriginal people in its workforce across the State over the next 10 years."

The Minister said MATES emerged as an employment, equity and diversity initiative for the former Department of Conservation and Land Management (now DEC) but was now a shining example of innovative employment management and was helping to lead cultural change within the public sector.

"This initiative, together with other initiatives such as park councils and the establishment of cultural trails and cultural centres, recognises the State Government's commitment to Aboriginal involvement and decision-making on the management of our natural assets," he said.

Mr McGowan commended the trainees - Dylan McKenzie, Jonathon Corpus, Shannon Ryan, Mark Morgan and Anthony Aiken - for their commitment to further study and developing a career in conservation.

AMA chief details health priorities



Australian Medical Association President Dr Mukesh Haikerwal has called on the Federal Government to use next year's Budget to lead an assault on two of the biggest challenges confronting the health of the nation - the poor state of Indigenous health and the tightening grip of obesity on the community, particularly the young.

The association's recommendations on these and other health priorities are set out in the AMA's Federal Budget Submission 2007-08.

Dr Haikerwal said obesity is attacking

the lives and quality of life of millions of Australians and urgent action must be taken to get Australians active and eating properly.

"There has been a lot of talk around combating obesity but now it is time for action - serious action," he said.

"It will require significant funding and unprecedented co-operation between all levels of government and we will need education and catalysts to get the whole community working towards a fitter, not a fatter, Australia. Our kids deserve no less."

Dr Haikerwal said the appalling state of Indigenous health remained a sad indictment of national failure to address a

major crisis in human health.

"Our international reputation and our national conscience demand a concerted co-ordinated effort to bring the health of Indigenous Australians into the 21st century - and it must be done with commitment and compassion," he said.

"Next year's 40th anniversary of the referendum on self-determination provides the perfect backdrop for an Indigenous health solution."

"The AMA's third priority is aged care. A missing component of our aged-care system is easy access to comprehensive health care from a GP or under the direct supervision of a GP."

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPM13318	Approx. 87 km ESE of Boulia Centred at Lat.23°11'S Long.140°42'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Boulia and Diamantina	Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2769 b, c, d, h, j	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM13321 This permit consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 84 km ESE of Boulia Centred at Lat.23°11'S Long.140°40'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Boulia and Diamantina Part 2: Approx. 88 km SE of Boulia Centred at Lat.23°16'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Diamantina	Area of Part 1: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2768 c, k 2769 a, f, g, m Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2840 k, p 2841 a, f, l	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

* 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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 1, 1st October 2001 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2001.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3803.

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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

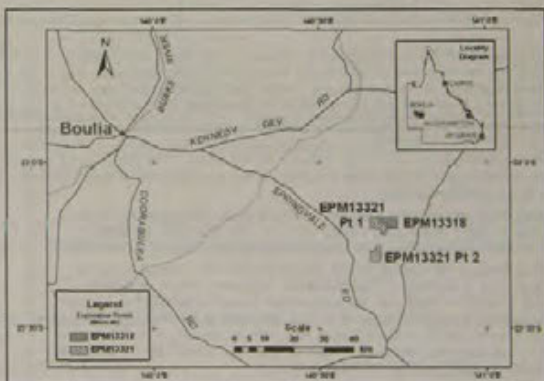
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Legal chief repeats call for interpreters



An interpreting service would go a long way towards addressing the alarming over-representation of Indigenous people within the criminal justice system, according to the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia.

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said service providers often forgot that English was not the first or most commonly used language for many Aboriginal people.

"In legal matters, this can result in our people being sentenced to jail without fully understanding the court process," he said.

Earlier this year the ALSWA urgently called on the Government to implement a Statewide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interpreter Service.

Health, liberty at risk – Eggington

In doing so, it said:

● There was no Statewide interpreting service available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language speakers in Western Australia.

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples made up 40 per cent of the West Australian prison population (an imprisonment rate 23 times greater than the national imprisonment rate).

● Mainstream criminal courts processed a large number of cases involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants without providing

an accredited interpreter.

● 17 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples spoke an Aboriginal language at home. This rose to 51 per cent in some remote areas.

Mr Eggington said the Government had provided a Statewide interpreting service for speakers of other languages.

Similarly, it was the Government's responsibility to provide an interpreting service for speakers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia are high users of the legal and health systems, but are denied both natural justice and substantive equality in their access to those services," Mr Eggington said.

"This impacts negatively on the health and liberty of Indigenous people."

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPM13272 This permit consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 6 km SW of Mount Garnet Centred at Lat.12°43'S Long.145°03'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area of Part 1: 17 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1453: n, o, p, t, u	Kagara Zinc Ltd 008 988 583
	Part 2: Approx. 10 km WSW of Mount Garnet Centred at Lat.12°41'S Long.145°01'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1453: f, g	
	Part 3: Approx. 8 km NW of Mount Garnet Centred at Lat.12°37'S Long.145°03'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Herberton	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1381: o	

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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, 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 1475, COORPAROOK, 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, Woollongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3896 3216.

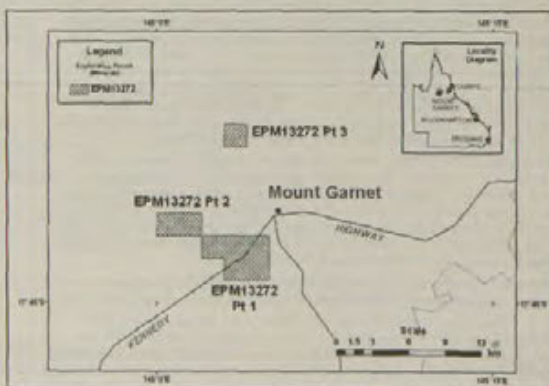
Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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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 relation to 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: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
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Film-maker secures Indigenous fellowship



Film-maker and actor Wayne Blair, pictured, has begun a fellowship at the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) after winning the 2006 Myer Indigenous

Scholarship.

Blair will be at AFTRS until November 2007, developing a number of projects including his feature film, *Godfrey*.

AFTRS Director Malcolm Long said it was the first time the Myer Indigenous Scholarship had taken the form of a fellowship at the school.

"Each year, AFTRS presents the Myer Indigenous Scholarship, which supports a talented Indigenous film-maker to come to the school," he said.

"This year, the decision was made to award the Myer Indigenous Scholarship in the form of a fellowship to an experienced, highly regarded professional film-maker."

"We are very proud to welcome Wayne Blair, who is a distinguished actor and film-maker with many roles on stage and screen to his name."

Blair has a broad background as a writer, director and actor. He has appeared a range of films and television programs and on stage, most notably in *Cloudstreet*, and in *Inheritance*, in which he was nominated for the 2004 Helpmann Award.

He has written and directed four short films: *The Djam Djams* (2004), *Kathy* (2003), *Black Talk* (2002) and *Jubuli* (2001). *Kathy* screened on SBS in January 2004. *Black Talk* won the Dendy Award for Best Short Film at the 2003 Sydney International Film Festival.

Recently, he won the Crystal Bear at the 2005 Berlin International Film Festival for *The Djam Djams*; was nominated for the 2005 Australian Writers Guild AWGIE for his script and for Best Short Film at the Australian Film Institute Awards. *The Djam Djams* toured Australia in 2005 under the Message Stick Film Festival banner by the Australian Film Commission and Indigenous Screen Australia.

Blair was awarded Outstanding Achievement in Film and TV at the 2005 11th Deadly Awards – honouring Indigenous Australia's best in the fields of music, sport, entertainment and community service.

Earlier this year he directed *The Seven Stages of Grieving* for the Sydney Theatre Company. He recently finished directing the Lockie Lennard children's TV series (based on the books by Tim Winton) in Western Australia and *Double Trouble* in the Northern Territory, both for Channel 9.

National Calendar of Events

If you have a calendar listing, email it to calendar@koorimail.com or fax to (02) 6622 2600. To list your Survival/Invasion day and Australia Day activities for the calendar, email calendar@koorimail.com or survival@koorimail.com. Deadline is 10 January, 2007.

Until 11 December: Applications are open for young people aged 12-15, who are interested in volunteering their time to make decisions on what is important to young people in their community. Details call 1800 252 316 or visit www.youngaustralians.org

Until 15 December: Capacity building grants – now open to women's organisations. The Office for Women is inviting non-government women's organisations to apply for a Capacity Building Grant, as part of the Women's Leadership and Development Programme (WLDP). Further information and copies of the application documentation are available by calling 1800 808 863, emailing women@facsia.gov.au or visiting www.ofw.facsia.gov.au.

Until 19 January: The IMB Community Foundation is calling for community projects seeking funding in 2007. For details call Stuart Waters or Alison Garvie on 1800 22 32 42 or

email.foundation@twyford.com.au

Until 20 December: The Smith Family's Christmas hamper order line is now operating from the Parramatta office. People are able to order a hamper if they hold a Centrelink Pension or Health Care Card and live in the Sydney Metro area. Phone (02) 9895 1294. Limited hampers available.

Until January: The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) is looking to identify about 30 Indigenous boxers from around Australia to be brought in for a camp where they would be put through some training and assessments with the view to offering six with AIS Scholarships and the next best to be linked to NSW and Queensland Boxing Centres of Excellence (locations to be determined). For details contact Jason Gulbin on (02) 6214 1619.

Until 23 January: The APT exhibition will be held at Raw Space Gallery, 99 Melbourne St, South Brisbane, featuring works from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Melanesian, Polynesian, Maori and Asian artists. For details contact (07) 3844 8852 or visit www.fineartforum.org/Gallery/cybertribe/other_apr

Until 1 March: Applications are open for

'Our Club, Our Future' grants program. Grants of up to \$1000 are available to assist in the purchase of sports uniforms. Second round of applications closes 3 September 2007. For details visit www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

Until 15 April: The MCA presents the first major survey of work by Giji artist Paddy Bedford. See www.mca.com.au

Until 30 June: 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 8 September. Details contact Susan on (02) 8247 8624.

6 December: Kids Christmas Party on 'The Block'. For details contact Mark Spinks on (02) 9243 3546.

6-7 December: The AFI Awards at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. Many Indigenous nominations. For details visit www.afi.org.au or call (03) 9696 1844.

8 December: Grief and Loss Workshop held at Shark Island by Tribal Warrior. Counsellors available for groups or individuals. If transport is required from Eastern Sydney area or for more details call

Barb Caine or Michael Ingrey (02) 9366 8711.

8 December: Rockin Corroboree at the Entertainment Centre in Nambucca Heads. This event is to mark the Aboriginal talent in the valley and to bring the community together with music and dance. Doors open 6pm. For details call Lochie Morris on (02) 6569 4433.

8 December: Museum of Contemporary Art invites Elders to a gathering to celebrate the exhibition of work by Paddy Bedford and meet artist and members of Jirrawun Arts. Morning tea and yarn. 10am-noon. For details call Keith Munro on (02) 9245 2440 or email keith.munro@mca.com.au

9 December: NORPA Dance Action presents, Homebase Hip Hop Hour, at the Star Court Theatre, Lismore, from 4.30pm. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 concession. For details contact Bernadette Gardiner at NORPA Dance Action on (02) 6622 3279 or (0410) 833 000.

9 December: Bringing Back the Youth – The NSW Aboriginal Land Council wants youth to increase their involvement with Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Aboriginal sporting and entertainment role models will be on hand as well as local Elders, land council officials

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Mining Lease Application 290 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease.

An area of 1487 hectares situated approximately 5 kilometres south south-east of Ulan in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act.

Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited is the applicant of Mining Lease 290 (Act 1992) for a mining lease which would authorise the mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done.

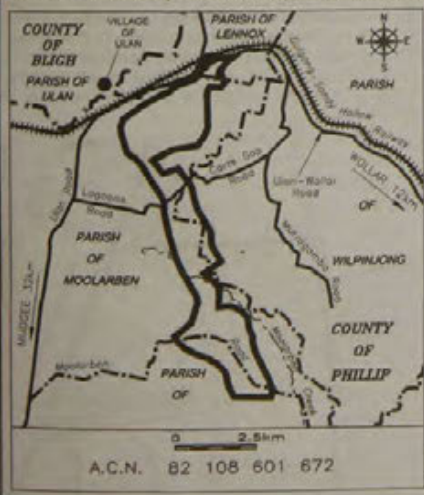
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Ian Elsholtz, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone 4931 6456, Fax 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is **21-Dec-2006**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Enertrade - PCCC CQGP Agreement QI2006/051

State of Queensland

Notification day: 20 December 2006

LOCALITY MAP



Description of the agreement area:

The agreement area of approximately 120km² commences approximately 3.5km east of Gladstone and extends generally north-westerly to a point located near the Bruce Hwy about 52km south-east of Rockhampton as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Gladstone City Council and Calliope Shire Council local government areas.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Queensland Power Trading Corporation trading as Enertrade, GPO Box 10, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Colin Johnson, Lois Blackman, Kerry Blackman, Michelle Smith, Maureen Eggmolesse, Thelma Lingwood, Violet Smith and Charlie Broome on their own behalf and on behalf of the Port Curtis Coral Coast People, c/- Peter Krebs, Barrister-at-Law, c/- Henry Parkes Chambers, Level 10, 299 Elizabeth Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

The agreement contains the following statements:

Consent to future acts:

13.1 Project and associated rights

The parties consent to the grant of:

(a) the Project Rights;

(b) any other act necessary or expedient to give effect to the Project and any act necessary to enable the Project to proceed in accordance with all Applicable Laws, Applicable Authorisations and any works necessary or desirable to develop, construct, operate, or maintain the structures and works comprising the Project, in the ILUA area and agree not to challenge their validity at any time in the future.

13.3 Requisite consent

The Parties acknowledge that the consents in this clause 13 constitute the requisite consent of the Parties for the purposes of sections 24EB(1)(b) of the Native Title Act, and Regulation 7(5) of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999 (Cth) to the doing of any of the acts referred to in clause 13.1.

Statement for the purpose of the Native Title Act

For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the Native Title Act, the Parties state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to the grant of the Project Rights.

Definitions:

Project Rights means all approvals, consents, licences, titles, renewals and other entitlements that may be required for the Project in the ILUA Area, including but not limited to:

(a) pipeline licences and associated easements (if necessary), and the registration of such easements under the Land Title Act 1994 (Qld) to deliver the gas to market; and

(b) any permit, licence to occupy, lease or other similar right or consent or renewal for the purposes of the Project and any act done by Enertrade for the purposes of the Project including, without limitation, any works necessary or desirable to construct, operate, maintain or develop the structures and works which are part of the Project.

Objections:

This application has been certified by Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation) the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters in the area covered by the agreement may object to the Registrar, in writing, by 20 March 2007 against the registration of the agreement on the ground that the requirements of s. 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) were not satisfied in relation to the certification.

Such objections should be sent to the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT based on spatial reference data sourced from Dept of Natural Resources and Water, Queensland.

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.
FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, CALL
THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL ON FREECALL 1800 640 501.

Search and photocopy fees may apply.

National Calendar of Events

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and other dignitaries. Free barbecue lunch. For details call (02) 6659 1200.

9-11 December: An 'Around the Bush Campfire' camp will be held in the Wattagan State Forests for women to discuss Aboriginal issues. Details contact Helen on (02) 6249 1277.

9-11 December: Bundjalung Goories and Friends Walk for Life, Kyogle to Casino, to bring awareness of cancer, kidney disease, heart disease and diabetes. For details email mtorrens@versa.com.au or patz4@bigpond.com

9-10 December: Cultural weekend workshops delivered by qualified professional Aboriginal artists. Painting, weaving, throwing boomerang and spears, didgeridoo, bush knowledge and chalk mural for the kids. For details call Kelli Ryan on (0414) 322 142.

10 December: Blakatak 2006 explores key issues in Aboriginal art and culture. The program focuses on the topic 'Ego is

not a dirty word' in a for-and-against style 'boxing match' face-off, complete with a panel of judges. 1-5pm at Circular Quay Terrace level 6. Free. RSVP on (02) 9245 2484 or education@mca.com.au

11 December: Heritage Interpretation and Exhibition Community Workshop for people who want to share their stories, photos, film footage, objects and archives that relate to the Fitzroy Town Hall. For details contact Sharyn Yuen, (02) 9205 5106 or email yuens@yarracity.vic.gov.au

12 December: Seven Deadly Gins. A story of women. For details call (07) 3840 7768.

12 December: The Sydney Metropolitan CMA invites all to attend the first gathering of an Aboriginal 'Caring for Country' Network. Free entry. Time: 9.30am-3pm. For details call Tabatha on (02) 9895 7907. Email Tabatha.Timberly@cma.nsw.gov.au

13-23 December: Birrung Gallery's official opening ceremony of its large new gallery. Smoking ceremony and musical entertainment will be part of the event.

For details call (02) 9550 9964.

16 December: Redfern Community Centre is holding a Christmas Market Day from 10am-4pm at the Redfern Community Centre. Cost of stall is \$5, due 9 December. For details call (02) 9288 5714 or email redfernc@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

16 December: A Very Deadly Blackfella Christmas Cruising Sydney Harbour on 'The Tribal Warrior'. Leaves from the Sydney Fish Markets Bank Street, Pyrmont. Time 6-10pm sharp. Cost: \$51 and BYO alcohol. For details contact Lola Forester on (02) 9430 2868 or (0412) 365 017.

16 December-29 April: The 75th anniversary in 2007 of the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge inspiring painters, poets and photographers at the Historic Houses Trust.

16 December: Christmas markets featuring stalls selling Aboriginal artworks, bush tucker food, native plants, jewellery, clothing, homewares and more. Entertainment from Ritchie Jarrett, kids

activities, air brush tattooing and a chocolate wheel with Christmas hamper prizes. To register for a stall contact Tracy Duncan on (02) 9288 5713.

17 December: Christmas Family Day runs at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary from 10am-4pm. Santa will be there, face painting, jumping castle, barbecue lunch, races and many more. BYO chairs or picnic blanket. For details call Thomas Harrison on (02) 9725 2166.

17 December: Cry Freedom - The Charcoal Club is celebrating its fifth anniversary and the return of Andy Baylor at the Northcote Social Club. Doors open 8.30pm. \$15. For details call (03) 9486 1677 or visit the website www.northcotesocialclub.com

18 December: Free Forum at Fairfield Partnerships for Physical Activity. Learn about current trends and issues, to find partners to develop project ideas that will benefit communities or support to lodge submissions for funding on physical activity projects. 10am-1pm. RSVP before 13 December to Angela Van Dyke (02) 9486 1677 or visit the website www.northcotesocialclub.com

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Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPC830	Approx. 29 km ESE of Moranbah Centred at Lat.22°07'S Long.148°17'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Nebo, Broadsound and Belyando	Area: 95 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1780 t, u, y 1851 k, p 1852 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1924 d, e, k 1925 f	Aquila Coal Pty Ltd 097 801 940 (50%) Bowen Central Coal Pty Ltd 107 198 676 (50%)

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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 eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts:

Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 1, 1st October 2003 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing acts:

The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3801.

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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 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.

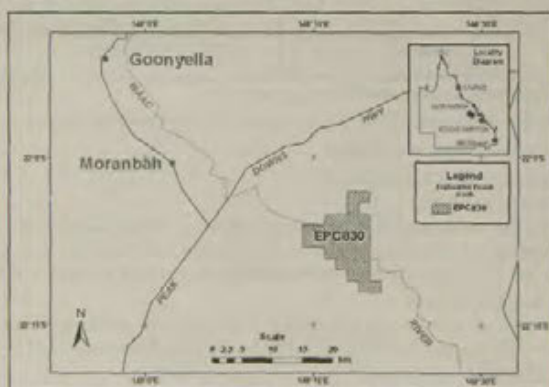
Expedited Procedure:

The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 11 January 2007



MINING LEASE APPLICATION 288 (ACT 1992)

This notice is published by the NSW Minister for Mineral Resources in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of the mining lease

The area applied for comprises 5298 hectares in the Parishes of Turrawan, Milner and Gorman, County of White, about 21.5 km SSE of Narrabri, as shown on the plan below.

Description of the nature of the Act

The grant of a mining lease in satisfaction of Mining Lease Application No 288 to Narrabri Coal Pty Ltd ACN 107 813 963. The mining lease would authorise the mining of coal by underground methods and be granted for a term, or terms, of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the Act would be done

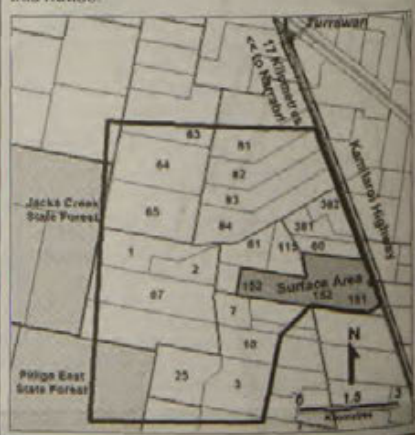
Ian Macdonald, MLC, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the Act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Ian Elsholz of Titles Branch, Department of Primary Industries, Mineral Resources on telephone (02) 4931 6456 - Fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 21 December 2006. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

National Calendar of Events

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9725 0871 or email avandyke@fairfieldcity.gov.nsw.au

19 December: Kids Christmas Party being held in Marrickville at IWACC. For details contact Mark Spinks on (02) 9243 3546.

19 December: Dave Sands Tribute Radio Show. A public ceremony to upgrade the existing plaque memorial to Aboriginal boxing hero Dave Sands (Ritchie) will take place at the corner of Broadway and Glebe Point Road in Glebe. Time: 11-11.45am. Free. For complete details call Patrick Skene on (02) 9564 5090 (0405) 406 088 or email patrick.skene@aseanfocus.com

December 31: Join the Tribal Warrior Association and friends for a party on board the Tribal Warrior and MV Deerubun. Tickets @ \$250 a head. Price includes, Participation in pre-New Year's Eve events, traditional smoking ceremony of Sydney Harbour, and leading vessels in the Harbour light parade. Prime positioning for the fireworks displays at 9pm and midnight. Entertainment, catering and alcohol. For all inquiries and bookings call (02) 9699 3491.

8-25 January: Parramatta City Council

Koori Mail welcomes items for our National Calendar of Events. They should be to the point and include a daytime telephone number for contact and checking purposes. Submissions are published at the Editor's discretion and are subject to space availability. Items can be sent to calendar@koorimail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 600.

School Holiday Program. Children can get involved in day trips and family outings as well as a number of free movie screenings and sporting clinics. Other activities include arts, crafts, dance, music and science.

For more details contact Lana on (02) 9806 5133.

15-19 January: Ngaawa-Garay is a language summer school which will offer one-week courses in Gumbaynggirr and Gamilaray languages.

For details visit www.muurrbay.org.au or phone Pauline on (02) 6569 4294 or email muurrbay@westnet.com.au

19-22 January: 13 to 25-year-olds with interests in film, aerosol art, dance, production or singing/song writing can spend three days learning from some of the best known and respected people from the music industry. To be held in Kurrajong, Sydney.

For details call (0404) 858 783 or email dominic@351.org.au

21 January: A Junior Cricket Development Day for Aboriginal boys and

girls aged 8-18. There will be specialist coaches on hand to help kids throughout the day. Sausage sizzle and freebies.

Details contact Andrew Gordon between 1-7.30 pm on (02) 6686 8782 or (0429) 868 782.

26 January: Yabun concert from 10am-6pm at Victoria Park, Broadway. For details contact Gadigal Information Service on (02) 9564 5090.

1-3 February: Yalukit Wilam Ngargee - People Place Gathering. Music, performance, market stalls, visual art display and kids' activities. Boonerwung Country, St Kilda.

For details call (03) 9209 6502 or visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/Indigenous.html

3-11 February: St Kilda Festival. For details contact Anthoula on (03) 9209 6490 or email agoumas@portphillip.vic.gov.au or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au

10 February: Aboriginal Sevens Tournament held in Francis Park Richmond Road Blacktown. There will be 16 teams playing.

nomination fee \$400. Starts 8am. Drugs and alcohol-free event.

For details contact Daryl Hamilton on 04 23 015 751 or Vilma Ryan (02) 9627 1643 or email rivoafss@bigpond.net.au

20-22 February: Government Marketing 2007 - a three-day learning and development forum to give people insights and inspiration to help them produce campaigns that get results. For details contact Sam Morrow on (02) 9229 1067 or email sam.morrow@iqpc.com.au

23 February: National Tourism Awards at Star City Casino, Sydney. For more information call (02) 8281 9600 or email: tourismnt@nt.gov.au

1-21 July: About F.A.C.E 8 faith and cultural exchange - which provides an opportunity for young adults to spend time in Indigenous communities in Australia and overseas. For details contact (08) 8236 4240.

8-15 July: The National NAIDOC Committee will mark the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC with the deadly theme: 50 years: Looking Forward, Looking Back. The National NAIDOC poster competition and nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards open 29 January, 2007. For complete details visit website www.naidoc.org.au

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to 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*	Grantee Party
EPM13176	Part 1: Approx. 56 km N of Gunpowder Centred at Lat.19°12'S Long.139°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa Part 2: Approx. 66 km N of Gunpowder Centred at Lat.19°07'S Long.139°26'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Burke	Area of Part 1: 74 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2754 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 32 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2682 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r	Savannah Resources Pty Ltd 096 358 735

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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 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.

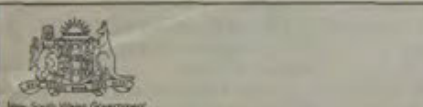
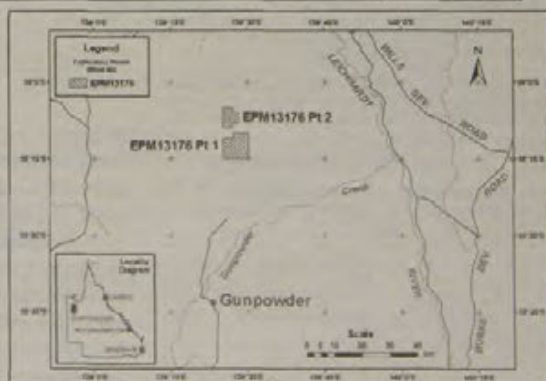
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3244 1100 or Email: qlrdreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 11 January 2007



Mining Lease Application 265 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease.

An area of 106.5 hectares situated approximately 27 kilometres east north-east of Gulgong in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act.

Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Limited is the applicant of Mining Lease 265 (Act 1992) for a mining lease which would authorise underground mining for coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done.

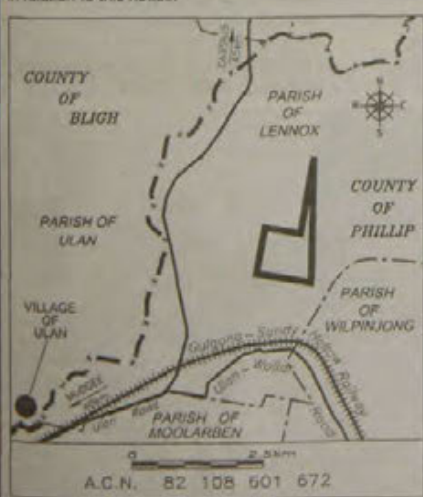
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Ian Elsholz; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone 4931 6456, Fax 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 21-Dec-2006. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Rapper Konect-A-Dot takes out music award



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award in the recent 2006 Musicoz Awards went to rapper Konect-A-Dot also known as Paul Penrith, from Griffith in western New

South Wales.

Konect-A-Dot was also a finalist in last year's Musicoz Awards.

The 19-year-old is in the process of writing a full-length album.

His prize means that he will be signed with leading Indigenous music label CAAMA.

Konect-A-Dot beat other Indigenous finalists Street Warriors, Troy 'n' Trevelyn, Brenda Hall and the MERRg.

The Musicoz Awards are held annually and recognise the talents of unsigned and independent artists.

● Pictured: Konect-A-Dot, aka Paul Penrith, with his award.

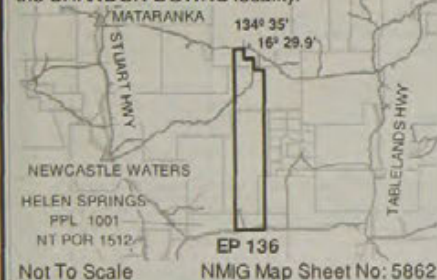
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS (PETROLEUM)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

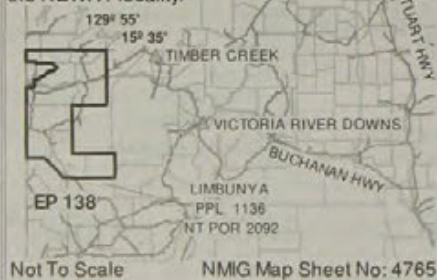
Mr Chris Natt MLA the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN, NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) that applications have been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, Exploration Permits (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Applications to which this notice applies:

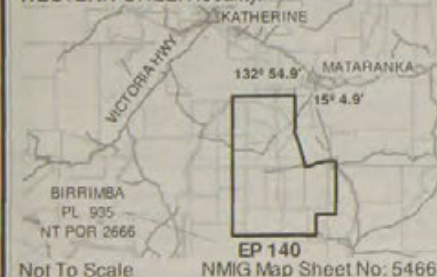
Exploration Permit 136 sought by SWEETPEA PETROLEUM PTY LTD, ACN 074 750 879 over an area of 51 blocks (4181 sq km) depicted below for a period of 5 years, within the SHANDON DOWNS locality.



Exploration Permit 138 sought by TERRITORY OIL AND GAS PTY LIMITED, ACN 107 740 965 over an area of 159 blocks (11,740 sq km) depicted below for a period of 5 years, within the NEWRY locality.



Exploration Permit 140 sought by DUNMARRA ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 121 564 261 over an area of 105 blocks (8,468 sq km) depicted below for a period of 5 years, within the WESTERN CREEK 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 06 December 2006.

Film festival treat for Adelaide fans



The Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival is coming to the Mercury Cinema in Adelaide, opening on Friday 8

December with two highly acclaimed humorous documentaries.

Special guest speakers will be on hand to answer audience questions following screenings of *My Brother Vinnie*, directed by Steven McGregor, and *Footy the La Perouse Way*, directed by Michael Longbottom.

The Message Sticks Film Festival features the best new Indigenous films from Australia and around the world.

It sold out when screened in Sydney in May.

My Brother Vinnie, Best Documentary Short Film winner at this year's Melbourne International Film Festival, is about the extraordinary relationship between brothers Aaron and Vinnie Pedersen. Their childhood in Alice Springs was particularly harsh and they moved in and out of foster homes.

Vinnie has cerebral palsy and mild intellectual disabilities, and Aaron ensured that they stayed



AARON and VINNIE PEDERSEN, stars of *My Brother Vinnie*.

together and survived.

Footy the La Perouse Way is the story of a small Aboriginal community and their local rugby league team in bustling multicultural Sydney, but audiences learn a lot more than the ins and outs of footy.

Other festival highlights include *Island Fatties*, directed by Kelrick Martin, *Auntie Connie* and *Shifting Shelter 3*, by Ivan Sen, and a range of film shorts from Canada, New Zealand, the United States and Russia.

Entry to the screenings on 8 and 9 December is free but seating is limited.

On the first night, there will be refreshments from 6.15pm, screenings from 7pm.

Paddy gets the 'good oil' on good dietary habits



Cherbourg's Paddy Alberts, pictured below with student nurse Kerry Reibelt, took part in a health check-up in the park organised by

Cherbourg Community Health Service.

Nursing students from the Gold Coast TAFE were part of the program, checking blood pressure, blood sugar levels and hearing on the recent World Diabetes Day.

In 2004, diabetes was the underlying cause of death for 3599 people in Australia, and the rate is increasing every year.

Populations most vulnerable to diabetes are the economically disadvantaged, elderly, ethnic minorities and Indigenous

communities.

Diabetes among Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people aged 25 to 50 years is ten-times higher than the general population.

Cultural, economic and social barriers – as well as remoteness – are believed to prevent people from accessing or receiving adequate care, treatment and education about diabetes.

People with poor nutrition, low levels of physical activity or limited mobility tend to be at a higher risk of chronic diseases such as type two diabetes. Many type two diabetes cases could be delayed or prevented by providing more opportunities for people to have a healthy diet and increased physical activity. – PHIL YOUNG



Landmark management deal for Lake Argyle area



The West Australian Government has entered into an agreement with the Miriung Gajerrong (MG) people for the joint management of a 127,000ha reserve of land at the southern end of Lake Argyle, in the Kimberley region.

Announcing the initiative near Kununurra, Deputy Premier Eric Ripper noted the significance of agreement to local Indigenous people and to the wider community.

"This agreement recognises the important role that traditional custodians have to play in the protection and management of the State's waters and wetlands," Mr Ripper said.

"The Kimberley is a unique landscape and home to an amazing diversity of people and wildlife. It supports an impressive range of activities, including recreation, tourism, industry, pastoral and grazing, agriculture, aquaculture and horticulture."

"It is important that we all work together to change our water management practices to ensure that only appropriate activities are undertaken in water catchment and wetland areas."

Water Resources Minister John Kobelke said that partnerships and co-operation were the key to successful long-term projects.

"The Department of Water has been working closely with the MG people to guide and assist in the management of this area," Mr

Kobelke said.

"The effectiveness and success of this arrangement will provide a template for many more community and Government collaborations across the State."

The new arrangements were negotiated under the framework of the Ord Final Agreement.

The Office of Native Title,



West Australian Deputy Premier Eric Ripper with children at the signing of the agreement for the joint management of the southern end of Lake Argyle.

Department of Water, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, and local community and Indigenous groups were involved in the development of the Kimberley agreement.

The reserve allows for the protection of the Lake Argyle water resource, managed jointly by the Department of Water. It will maintain and enhance the water protection elements of the lake and the surrounding wetlands.

The agreement also allows for the existing grazing activities to continue.

Dare to Lead project praised by patrons

By MICHAEL WALKER



The importance of Indigenous educators and community leaders in bringing about improved Indigenous student

outcomes was celebrated in Adelaide last month at the Dare to Lead Celebration and Appreciation Dinner.

Dare to Lead is a national Indigenous education project that emphasises the key role of school leaders in engineering the change that will result in improved student outcomes.

However, the project's direction is firmly based on the leadership provided by key Indigenous

educators and community leaders.

After Kaurna Elder Josie Agius welcomed everyone to her country, Dare to Lead Steering Committee Chairwoman Jackie Huggins introduced the project's patrons, May O'Brien and Peter Buckskin.

"I recently went back to a school reunion at a school I taught at many, many years ago," Ms O'Brien said.

"It reminded me of the way teachers can make a change in the lives of young people.

Principals, it is so important that you dare to lead and keep making that difference."

"I'm amazed at the amount of work Dare to Lead has undertaken in regard to changing attitudes – not just with principals

and school staff but with Aboriginal community members also. I see Dare to Lead going from strength to strength."

Mr Buckskin said working the principals group and Dare to Lead had been a privilege. "I never thought I'd be lucky enough to engage with a largely non-Indigenous group that has the passion I have for Indigenous education and improving outcomes," he said.

"The original shared vision that we had has stood the test of time and of Federal ministers. This has truly been a partnership between black and white. We are truly on a reconciliation journey. There is no lone champion in this. We are all champions together, and everyone is a hero."



Department for Planning and Infrastructure
Government of Western Australia

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTernan, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA. **SCHEDULE: PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION:** 1. Part Lot 77 on Deposited Plan 220192 and shown as Lot 351 on Deposited Plan 474/34, and being part of Rocklea Pastoral Lease 3114/1166 and Crown Lease 16/1983, Volume 3110 Folio 515 Area: 510.9549 hectares; 2. Part Lot 77 on Deposited Plan 220192 and part Lot 134 on Deposited Plan 41102 shown as Pt Easement A and bordered green on Deposited Plan 50225 (sheets 1 - 9), and being part of Rocklea Pastoral Lease 3114/1166 and Crown Lease 3114/1166 and portion of unallocated Crown land, Volume 3110 Folio 515 Area: 48.9986 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 220192, 474/34, 41102 and 50225 (sheets 1 - 9). **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Ashburton. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than the interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** (1) Grant of a Lease in perpetuity (2) Easement. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Grant of a lease in perpetuity to the Guruma Mul Wanta Aboriginal Corporation for the purpose of Maintenance of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The land has been identified as being suitable for Aboriginal Culture and Heritage purposes. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 01 November 2006. **DPI FILE:** 01483-2002-0110. **DPI REF:** 02262. **PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Horace Graham, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5035. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 20 March 2007. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 20 December 2006. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 months period closes on 20 March 2007. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 6th October 2006.

TONY MCRAE, MLA
ACTING MINISTER FOR LANDS

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTernan, MLA, Minister for Lands, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act (LAA) 1997 that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA. **SCHEDULE: PARCEL OF LAND NO 1: LAND DESCRIPTION:** Part Lot 99 on Deposited Plan 238653 shown as Lot 300 on Deposited Plan 48522, being part of Hamersley Pastoral Station PL 3114/1277 (CL742/1993) Volume 3101 Folio 870 Area: 51.3395 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plans 238653 and 48522. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Ashburton. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than the interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Amalgamation. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Amalgamation of Lot 300 with the adjoining Social Lease 3116/11608 being Lot 96 on Deposited Plan 243145. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** To extend the Brookman Airstrip that is located on the Social Lease 3116/11608. Due to larger planes landing the full length of the airstrip was required to ensure safety. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 02 January 2007. **DPI FILE:** 02165-1965-0490. **DPI REF:** 062990. **PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Horace Graham, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5035. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6056 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 20 March 2007. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 20 December 2006. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 months period closes on 20 March 2007. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 6th October 2006.

TONY MCRAE, MLA
ACTING MINISTER FOR LANDS

Passing of Palm Island Elder



Indigenous people of Queensland, especially Palm Island, are mourning the loss last week of Mrs Eva Grace Geia, OAM. Mrs Geia passed away

peacefully at her daughter Peena's house on Beach Road, beside the tranquil water of Great Palm Island.

Eva Geia, or as many knew her as 'Yamie', was receiving palliative care at home for a chronic illness. She was surrounded by many close family members, relatives and friends over the past few weeks.

Eva Geia was respected in the political and community arena and was awarded the Order of Australia this year for service to the Indigenous community, especially on Palm

Island, through leadership, advocacy and mediation roles.

She held many prominent positions on the boards of Indigenous organisations such as 4KIG Radio, Yumba Meta Housing and Iris Clay Hostel. She was one of the founders of the ABIS housing Co-operative, a member of the former Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC), a QED member of the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC), the first to become Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission. She was also a staunch champion of the legendary Palm Island Barracudas Rugby League Football Club for many years.

Mrs Geia's funeral service will be conducted at the PCYC on Palm Island on Saturday 9 December.

Book targets child safety

NSW The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service, NSW, has launched a new child safety resource, a book titled *Safe Homes - Safe Kids: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Home Safety Checklist*.

The book has taken a different approach to trying to get information about child safety in the home across to families.

While the book contains plenty of written information, it also contains clever cartoons depicting safety messages.

It also contains a colouring-in section for kids, with the idea that kids should be involved in learning about safety around the home, and should be encouraged to be responsible for ensuring their home is a safe environment for the whole family.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service received funding for the production of the book from Families First (a NSW Government initiative) and the

Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy. The illustrations were provided by Illawarra artist Paul Dorin.

The resource came about in response to the incidence of child accidents and injuries occurring in the home, and the belief that with more information, many of these could easily be prevented.

Sample copies of the book are being distributed to each AMS across Australia, and the medical service is investigating funding opportunities to enable the distribution of larger quantities.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service is using the resource in conjunction with a series of home visits conducted by family support workers, whereby families with young children are provided with the resource, and a kit of simple home safety equipment. The home visit provides an opportunity for identifying other potential home hazards, and developing possible solutions.



Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service staff Terri Farrelly, Greg Potts and Shirley Lehosin.

Focus on sustaining natural resources

QLD The Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc (BMRG) is working with local traditional owners to sustain

natural resources for future generations.

The BMRG said it was crucial to engage the Indigenous community in the Burnett-Mary region of south-east Queensland to preserve land resources.

BMRG says it aims to achieve this through supporting the Indigenous community to participate in natural resource management planning and action.

To involve the Indigenous community, BMRG has instituted an interim arrangement with the Traditional Owner Working Group (TOWG). This partnership aims to formalise the regional process for engaging traditional owners in the

Burnett-Mary region.

BMRG Independent Chairman Russell Stewart said the partnership was an exciting step forward in the development of engagement protocols and the identification of special values that Indigenous people had for their land, sea and river country.

He said involving the Indigenous community was of critical importance to every step in making the region better for future generations.

The TOWG identify in their 'charter' as being the united voice of the respective traditional owner peoples in the region. The main aim of the TOWG is to seek, develop and implement improvements in the management of traditional lands for their people in their own right and/or in conjunction with other sectors.

● The BMRG is the peak co-ordinating body for natural resource management in the Burnett-Mary region.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development, 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
37/6911-2	Russell Geoffrey McKnight Ross Frederick Crew	338.02ha	36km NWly of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°06'	Leonora

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: 6 December 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **6 March 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 if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **6 April 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

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1611	Piedmont Investments Pty Ltd	45.48km ²	101km Wly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°22' Long 124°39'	Darby West Kimberley
06/1414 & 08/1451	Mineralogy Pty Ltd	360.64km ²	52km NWly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°15' Long 116°02'	Roebourne
08/1706	Contact Resources Ltd	6.33km ²	88km SEly of Onslow	Lat 22°19' Long 115°33'	Ashburton
08/1707	Contact Resources Ltd	6.33km ²	84km SEly of Onslow	Lat 22°17' Long 115°32'	Ashburton
08/1708	Contact Resources Ltd	34.83km ²	99km SEly of Onslow	Lat 22°24' Long 115°36'	Ashburton
08/1709	Contact Resources Ltd	63.33km ²	96km SEly of Onslow	Lat 22°24' Long 115°33'	Ashburton
09/1049	Volante Ltd	21.91km ²	164km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°53' Long 116°15'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1319	James Ian Stewart	345.20km ²	100km Sly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°55' Long 115°28'	Murchison/Shark Bay/Upper Gascoyne
15/644	Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd	79.54km ²	40km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 120°45'	Coolgardie
15/759	Lodur Pty Ltd	17.63km ²	45km SWly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°06' Long 120°44'	Coolgardie
16/325	Mendian Mining Ltd	5.9km ²	38km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°44' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
21/126	Paul Winston Askins	45.91km ²	23km Wly of Cue	Lat 27°29' Long 117°39'	Cue
24/150	Dayhurst Gold Pty Ltd	8.89km ²	58km Sly of Merces	Lat 30°11' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie
25/333	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	8.82km ²	40km NEly of Kalbarra	Lat 30°58' Long 121°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/338	Canrock Gold Ltd	5.91km ²	49km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/339	Canrock Gold Ltd	5.91km ²	52km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/321	Robert Gordon Butchart	50.58km ²	104km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°58' Long 119°58'	Merces
31/348	Heron Resources Ltd	11.94km ²	77km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°23' Long 121°52'	Merces
36/590	Brilliantgold Pty Ltd	69.63km ²	23km SEly of Leonora	Lat 28°03' Long 120°52'	Leonora
37/912	Regent Resources Ltd	123.59km ²	60km NEly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°41'	Laverton/Leonora
38/1638	Catalpa Resources Ltd	64.73km ²	7km NEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°57' Long 122°57'	Laverton
38/1909	PR Partners Pty Ltd	189.14km ²	74km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 123°07'	Laverton
38/1911	Heron Resources Ltd	30.21km ²	54km Nly of Laverton	Lat 28°08' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/1914	Regis Resources NL	9.09km ²	52km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°59' Long 122°20'	Laverton/Leonora
38/1920	Heron Resources Ltd	212.54km ²	104km Wly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°58' Long 121°53'	Merces
38/1926	Baymont Pty Ltd	17.84km ²	103km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°32' Long 122°33'	Merces
38/1929	Shackleton Capital Pty Ltd	417.21km ²	145km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°35' Long 122°24'	Merces
38/1933	Ariflex Ltd	2.99km ²	45km Ely of Leonora	Lat 29°07' Long 121°46'	Leonora
38/1944	Heron Resources Ltd	17.96km ²	58km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°37'	Laverton
45/2906	Super Mines Ltd	224.96km ²	6km Wly of Shay Gap	Lat 29°31' Long 120°04'	East Pilbara
45/2906	Bluekettle Pty Ltd	51.34km ²	39km SEly of Shay Gap	Lat 29°47' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
45/2907	Tanda Resources Australia Pty Ltd	72.79km ²	58km Sly of Shay Gap	Lat 29°41' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
47/1611	Rugged Range Mining Pty Ltd	19.05km ²	62km NWly of Willemoort	Lat 21°57' Long 117°19'	Ashburton
47/1613	Rugged Range Mining Pty Ltd	3.18km ²	65km SEly of Willemoort	Lat 22°41' Long 118°44'	Ashburton
47/1614	Rugged Range Mining Pty Ltd	3.19km ²	65km SEly of Willemoort	Lat 22°42' Long 118°43'	Ashburton
52/1998	Grange Resources Ltd	216.12km ²	150km Sly of Newman	Lat 24°42' Long 119°34'	Meekatharra
53/1239	Godwin Resources WA Pty Ltd	70.73km ²	75km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°15' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
57/621	Paul Winston Askins	54.15km ²	88km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°43' Long 118°56'	Sandstone
57/635	Oreya Mining Ltd	211.21km ²	71km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°22' Long 118°42'	Sandstone
57/636	Legend Mining Ltd	213.37km ²	70km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°20' Long 119°33'	Sandstone/Wiluna
57/644	Aura Energy Ltd	114.23km ²	110km SEly of Sandstone	Lat 26°53' Long 119°47'	Merces/Sandstone
57/646	Aura Energy Ltd	120.01km ²	116km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 26°01' Long 119°19'	Sandstone
58/327	Danvers Gold Ltd	27.36km ²	12km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 117°56'	Mount Magnet
59/1146	Plata Ltd	123.28km ²	40km SWly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°39' Long 116°29'	Yalgoo
59/1246	Rid Metal Ltd	176.51km ²	72km SEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°45' Long 118°10'	Mount Marshall
59/1256	Paul Winston Askins	27.22km ²	58km NWly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°01' Long 116°12'	Murchison/Yalgoo
59/1266	Royal Resources Ltd	90.54km ²	53km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°03' Long 117°11'	Yalgoo
59/1269	Royal Resources Ltd	11.98km ²	43km NWly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°01' Long 117°20'	Yalgoo
69/1742	Balladonia Energy Ltd	185.18km ²	33km Wly of Balladonia	Lat 32°28' Long 123°21'	Dundas
69/2081	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	71.47km ²	151km Nly of Wiluna	Lat 28°16' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
69/2082	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	77.49km ²	160km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°20' Long 121°04'	Wiluna
69/2083	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	204.37km ²	121km Nly of Wiluna	Lat 28°30' Long 120°20'	Wiluna
69/2084	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	130.22km ²	174km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°27' Long 121°24'	Wiluna
69/2085	Louise Minerals Pty Ltd	132.07km ²	196km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°30' Long 121°49'	Wiluna
69/2231	Gold France and Exploration Pty Ltd	264.49km ²	107km Ely of Balladonia	Lat 32°19' Long 124°59'	Dundas
69/2232	Gold France and Exploration Pty Ltd	141.06km ²	40km SEly of Balladonia	Lat 31°24' Long 125°29'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2233	Gold France and Exploration Pty Ltd	238.35km ²	76km NWly of Coolbady	Lat 31°46' Long 125°21'	Dundas
69/2233	Aura Energy Ltd	63.45km ²	234km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°15' Long 125°19'	Laverton
70/2532	Wildbeach Corporation Pty Ltd	80.16km ²	82km Sly of Paynes Find	Lat 30°00' Long 117°37'	Mount Marshall
70/2651	Olympia Resources Ltd	55.34km ²	10km Sly of Wilcannia	Lat 32°56' Long 115°54'	Hillier/Wilcannia
70/2717	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	12.19km ²	71km NEly of Kalbarra	Lat 27°15' Long 114°44'	Goolamaly/Northern
70/2719	Washington Resources Ltd	134.43km ²	116km Nly of Norham	Lat 31°33' Long 116°40'	Norham/Town
77/1221	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	41.5km ²	71km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 119°10'	Yigam
80/3463	Genia Resources NL	227.59km ²	77km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°29' Long 126°16'	Halls Creek
80/3672	Platowest Resources Pty Ltd	35.98km ²	20km SEly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°20' Long 127°49'	Halls Creek
80/3703	Fox Resources Ltd	77.89km ²	56km SEly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°21' Long 126°11'	Halls Creek
80/3719 & 80/3723	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	351.38km ²	25km NWly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°00' Long 127°23'	Halls Creek
80/3720	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	6.5km ²	39km Wly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°19' Long 127°20'	Halls Creek
80/3721	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	3.25km ²	33km Wly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°17' Long 127°21'	Halls Creek
80/3722	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	6.5km ²	31km Wly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°16' Long 127°22'	Halls Creek
80/3724 & 80/3726	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	441.69km ²	67km SWly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°35' Long 127°09'	Halls Creek
80/3725	Thunderridge Exploration Ltd	3.24km ²	34km SWly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°23' Long 127°23'	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: 6 December 2006.

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **6 March 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 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **6 April 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 Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Hopevale to get in for its chop



For most of us, having access to a butcher is not a big issue. But for the people of the tiny Aboriginal community of Hopevale, north of Cooktown, in far north Queensland, having a butcher is a big deal.

Hopevale Aboriginal Shire Council chief Lee Robertson said that for the people of Hopevale, not having a local butcher meant having to get meat transported from Cairns.

"And the problem with that is that it entails an extra expense which is passed on to the consumer, and during the wet season it can be difficult to get supplies through," he said.

"This often means that people turn to the convenience of processed food for their diet, with all the health risks that entails."

Lobbied

So the Hopevale Aboriginal Shire Council lobbied the Queensland and Federal governments to help them establish a butcher's shop in the town.

Queensland State Development Minister John Mickel said his Government had come on board with a \$75,140 Indigenous Business Development Grant to help the community develop a new business.

"This will be used to fit out a shop in the town - buy the necessary capital equipment and the tools of the trade," Mr Mickel said.

He said the butchers would perform a number of valuable services to the local community, not only providing fresh local meat at a reasonable cost, but it would also take on the role of training locals as fully qualified butchers over a three-year period.

"The council will run the business, but it hopes to divest itself of the business in three years and have it set up so that locals or other interested parties will run it and employ local people," Mr Mickel said.

Mr Robertson said the council was part of its business plan for the securing of government funding and had developed a number of goals for the business, including the employment of two full-time locals after the three years.

"And for young people, it will mean that when they move on to other parts of the country, they'll have the skills to get jobs," he said.

Complement

He said the butcher's shop would complement the next door bakery, which had also been established with the assistance of the Queensland Government.

"The intention is that both businesses work together to provide local produce, including meat pies, sausage rolls and other complimentary foods," Mr Robertson said.

He said another benefit was that all money spent at the shop would remain in the community.

Mr Robertson said the Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations was contributing more than \$580,000 to the butchery and bakery over two years to pay for wages and training.

'For young people, it will mean that when they move on to other parts of the country, they'll have the skills to get jobs.'

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
EPM15592 This application consists of sixteen separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 51 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°15'S Long.140°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 74 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 176 c, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 247 j, k, p 248 a, b, f, l, m, n, q	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
	Part 2: Approx. 37 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°15'S Long.140°37'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 2: 42 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 320 l, m, n, q, r, s, u, x, y, z 392 c, d, e	
	Part 3: Approx. 59 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°10'S Long.140°33'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 3: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 103 w, x, y 175 b, c, d, j, k	
	Part 4: Approx. 38 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°22'S Long.140°32'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 4: 26 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 319 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o	
	Part 5: Approx. 52 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°14'S Long.140°31'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 5: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 175 q, r, v, w, x	
	Part 6: Approx. 64 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°08'S Long.140°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 6: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 102 j, o, t, u	
	Part 7: Approx. 29 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°30'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 7: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 392 z 393 v 464 e	
	Part 8: Approx. 71 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°03'S Long.140°29'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 8: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 30 t, u	
	Part 9: Approx. 71 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°04'S Long.140°39'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 9: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 32 y, z	
	Part 10: Approx. 65 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°07'S Long.140°30'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 10: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 103 f, l	
	Part 11: Approx. 64 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°09'S Long.140°41'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 11: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 105 r, w	
	Part 12: Approx. 70 km NNW from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°04'S Long.140°27'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 12: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 30 x	
	Part 13: Approx. 64 km N from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°08'S Long.140°36'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 13: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 104 r	
	Part 14: Approx. 67 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°09'S Long.140°46'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 14: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long) Block Number Sub-blocks 106 w	

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Govt targets sentencing



The Federal Government is pushing ahead with plans to stop cultural practices being taken into account when courts sentence Aborigines, despite opposition from Labor, human rights watchdogs and a Senate committee.

Debate on legislation to amend the Crimes Act began in the House of Representatives last Tuesday after the Government used its Senate majority to pass it in November. The legislation will allow courts

to take the effect on the victim into account when considering bail, but remove the need to consider customary law and cultural practice in sentencing.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough proposed the sentencing changes as part of efforts to tackle violence and abuse in Aboriginal communities.

The bill was drafted after a Northern Territory prosecutor went public with her concerns earlier this year.

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock told Parliament that criminal behaviour could not be excused, justified or made less

serious because of customary law or cultural practice.

"The Australian Government rejects the idea that an offender's cultural background should automatically be considered when a court is sentencing that offender, so as to mitigate the sentence imposed," he said.

"All Australians, regardless of their background, will thus be equal before the law."

But Labor's legal spokeswoman, Nicola Roxon, told Parliament the bill was fundamentally flawed.

She said that after ten years and two national summits, the bill

was the best the Government could come up with.

It was a distraction to draw attention away from the Government's failure to take real action to curb violence in Indigenous communities, she said.

A Senate committee in October urged the Government to scrap the sentencing changes, saying it was unlikely to work because offences relating to Indigenous violence were dealt with under State and Territory, not Commonwealth, law.

Submissions to the committee raised concerns the bill could be

discriminatory, restrict judicial discretion and undermine important Aboriginal initiatives such as circle sentencing — where a sentencing court is taken to the local community.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has urged the Government to scrap the bill, saying the move would contradict Australia's commitment to cultural diversity and the right to cultural expression.

The bill was eventually passed and will now go back to the Senate so it can consider government amendments. — AAP

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EPM15592	Part 15: Approx. 61 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°10'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 15: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 177 a	Teck Cominco Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
	Part 16: Approx. 63 km NNE from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°10'S Long.140°40'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 16: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 177 d	
EPM15627	Part 1: Approx. 30 km E from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°42'S Long.140°47'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 1: 144 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 45 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 538 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 539 f, l, q, v 609 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 610 b, c, d, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 682 a, b, c, d, g, j, l, m, o	Teck Cominco Australia Pty. Ltd. 091 271 911
	Part 2: Approx. 35 km E from Cloncurry Centred at Lat.20°42'S Long.140°50'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 611 l, q, v	

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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 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) 3096 3216.

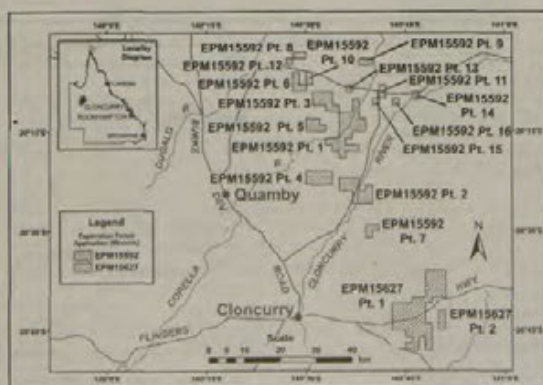
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification 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, 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: 11 January 2007



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Health report welcomed by Ministers



Indigenous Australians are finding the health-care system easier to access, according to a report issued by the Federal Government.

Health and Ageing Minister Tony Abbott and Human Services Minister Joe Hockey released the report.

"Improvements have been made to mainstream health programs, especially to Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in recent years and the independent study conducted by Urbis Keys Young confirms this," Mr Abbott said.

"The health system has become easier for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to use. This has meant better access to health services which plays an essential part in improving the health of Indigenous Australians."

The report highlights the value in continuing improvements such as the provision of Indigenous health content in the formal education and training of doctors, nurses and other health professionals.

Mr Hockey said he was pleased with the study's findings.

"The improvements to Medicare service delivery are helping to provide better health care to Indigenous people," he said.

Impressed

"I am impressed by what has been achieved since the last study conducted by Urbis Keys Young in 1997. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments have substantially increased, especially in the Northern Territory where more than 95 per cent of Indigenous people are enrolled."

Mr Hockey said these results had been achieved by a group of Medicare liaison officers working to take services directly to the people living in more remote areas.

He noted the liaison officers and a free-call Indigenous Medicare information line could also be credited with increasing Medicare income for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services.

Mr Hockey said the ongoing education and training programs for health service staff would improve the accuracy of claims and ensure that staff took full advantage of Medicare benefits particularly designed for Indigenous patients and people living in remote areas.

"Despite the vast improvements made to our health system since 1997, there is still room for more improvement," said Mr Hockey.

"Medicare Australia and the Department of Health and Ageing are already implementing many of the recommendations of this latest study."

● The report can be seen at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/health-oatsih-pubs-mbsaccess.htm>

Revenge sweet for Mui Kuzi

By ALF WILSON

Revenge was sweet for the Poruma Mui Kuzi team which took out the Battle of the Torres Strait Islands touch carnival grand final, defeating Horn Island Hawks 3-2, who they lost to in last year's

decider. The Hawks looked like defending their title after they scored early in the first-half and, although leading by only 1-0 at half-time, seemed to have the game under control.

However, Poruma levelled and then scored two tries in the second half to seal the match, despite a late reply by Hawks.

The final was played at a frantic pace and with excellent skills, especially so after such a hectic carnival.

In the semi-finals, Mui Kuzi eliminated Badu Island, while Hawks downed Gorban Brothers.

Seisia scored a long-range touchdown well into extra time to take out the women's division, defeating Thursday Island 5-4.

With the drop-off rule in play during extra time, where each side loses one player each

minute, both sides were reduced to three players when the winning try was scored.

TI also looked in control at half-time, but Seisia was able to peg back the lead to level at 6-all at full time.

Earlier Seisia defeated Badu in the semi-finals, while TI eliminated Uriba.

A record 17 teams took part in the carnival, with 13 teams in the men's competition and four in the women's division. Games were played at the TI High School and Ken Brown Oval.

Organiser Michael Zitha, the TRAWO Sports and Recreation Officer, said the

standard was excellent and the competition more competitive.

"Clearly, the teams have been training much harder and this is reflected in the standard at the carnival. All the games were played at good spirit and most of the games were really close," he said.

"I would like to thank all the people who helped out over the weekend, the sponsors who made this happen, the local refs and the people who did the level 1 referee course. By all reports we should now have eight new level 1 and a level 2 touch referees in the Torres Strait."

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
EPM15510	Approx. 27 km W from Quamby Centred at Lat.20°23'S Long.140°01'E Local Authorities (Shires) within the area: Cloncurry and Mount Isa	Area: 196 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 61 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 240 e, k, p, t, u, y, z 241 a, f, l, q, v 312 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 313 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, q, r, s, w 384 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 385 a, b, c, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	Volga Elderberry Pty Ltd 112 177 107
EPM15564	Approx. 50 km W from Quamby Centred at Lat.20°24'S Long.139°49'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mount Isa	Area: 151 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 47 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 238 s, t, u, x, y, z 239 q, v, w 310 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 311 a, m, q, r, w 382 c, d, h, n, p, r, s, t, u, x 383 b, f, g, i, m	Syndicated Metals Pty Ltd 115 768 986
EPM15640	Approx. 37 km WNW from Quamby Centred at Lat.20°11'S Long.139°59'E Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Cloncurry	Area: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 168 c, k	Volga Elderberry Pty Ltd 112 177 107

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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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Notification Day: 11 January 2007



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASE 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 an act namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease in accordance with the application made therefor.

The application to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 24368 sought by OSTOJIC GROUP PTY LTD, ACN 009 629 805 over an area of 26 Hectares depicted below, within the NOONAMAH locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5172

Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the Mining Act authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s), clay or stone for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewal(s). The term sought for is for a term the Minister thinks fit 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 Centrepont 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: 06 December 2006



Green a hero to Wilcannia locals



He may have been the 'enemy' earlier this year, but boxer Danny

Green won plenty of fans during a recent visit to Wilcannia, western NSW.

Green, who was beaten by Anthony 'The Man' Mundine in a long-awaited clash, made good on a three-year promise to WINGS Drop-In Centre co-ordinator Brendon Adams to visit to town.

Adams told the *Koori Mail* that Green was an inspiration for Wilcannia residents and youth.

"Danny is a great boxer and he proved he is also a great man when he visited us," he said.

"He drove all the way from Perth to see us. On arrival he paid respect to the Elders, and played pool with locals.

"The following day he joined in a special workshop for our youth, with about 120

youngsters from Wilcannia and Broken Hill taking part.

"Danny spoke to the youths about respect, discipline and boxing techniques. Never once did he criticise Choc Mundine, instead praising him as a great boxer and someone to look up to."

● Pictured left: Danny Green during a coaching session with local children and meeting some of the Wilcannia locals.

Lynx star is back where it all began

By CHRIS PIKE



Perth Lynx guard Narelle Henry is now well settled back in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) after a stint in the United States.

Henry's 14-year career has included plenty of travelling. She is currently in her ninth season with her home-town Lynx, but also played one season with Brisbane and in the United States for High Point University.

Her teams have always been able to rely on her for solid shooting and consistent contribution of points, assists, rebounds and steals.

At 29, she is a veteran in the struggling Perth Lynx line-up, but is still as valuable as ever coming up against teams with stars such as the world's best female basketball player, Lauren Jackson.

When Henry arrived to play with the Lynx in 1993 they were a strong club in the competition, coming off the 1992 championship. In her rookie season they made the grand final, but lost to the Sydney Flames (now the Sydney Uni Flames).

Perth made the finals each of the next three years as well, but 1997 - Henry's final year of her first stint in WA - wasn't as successful, missing the play-offs for the first time in her career.

She moved to Brisbane in 1998, before embarking on a successful career in the US college system.

Playing in the Eastern Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for the High Point University Panthers, Henry became the mainstay of the club's backcourt. At 170cm and playing mostly point guard, Henry held her own during her time with the Panthers, establishing some lethal combinations.

Another highlight of her time in the NCAA was when she was named to the 2002 Pre-season All-Conference team after High Point had a successful campaign.

Fine achievement

It was a fine achievement for a shy Indigenous girl from Perth, Western Australia.

On graduating from High Point, which is in the state of North Carolina, Henry returned to play with the Perth Lynx in the WNBL.

It was a different franchise, though, than when she was last there. Since her return, the Lynx haven't finished higher than seventh at season's end, well out of finals contention.

Henry's 2004-05 season saw her play 17 matches, averaging five points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal each game.

Before the 2005-06 season, Henry underwent foot surgery that curtailed much of her season. But

she worked as hard as possible to return, which was an inspiration to her teammates.

To date, the 2006-07 season has not been a happy one for the Lynx. They are languishing at the bottom of the WNBL ladder with just one win from nine games. Their only success was an 18-point win over the Australian Institute of Sport on October 21.

Henry came into the season with a nagging ankle injury and is averaging only 15 minutes a game, but her three-point shooting has been important, especially in the Lynx's one victory.

Henry is a keen supporter of helping young women find their feet.

And she also would like to learn more about her heritage.

"I wish I could meet my great grandparents to learn of my heritage. My goal is to just wake up every morning with a love and a passion for what I am doing," said Henry.

● Basketball Western Australia is also on the search for an Indigenous development officer. This is a casual position and will require a person with a sound knowledge of basketball who can be available to travel to country regions delivering coaching and refereeing courses and player development clinics. For more information, contact Peta Hayto on (08) 9284 0555 or email peta@basketballwa.asn.au



Perth Lynx guard Narelle Henry ... "I wish I could meet my great grandparents to learn of my heritage. My goal is to just wake up every morning with a love and a passion for what I am doing."

Centenary celebrations



Waitresses were, from left, Tinara Saunders, Tamika Saunders, Janome Saunders and Liarn Mikkan.



Charlie Coleman and wife Kathy.



Mary G on stage. She was a big hit.



A section of the audience enjoying the Koonibba Football Club celebration.



Members of the Koonibba Team of the Century, from left, Rodney Duckford, Dean Heyne, Charlie Coleman, Jonathon Warrior and Raymond Coleman.



There was plenty of entertainment on the night. Here, Coloured Stone performs.

for our oldest footy club



Jeanie Carbine and Joy Reed, who received life membership of the Koonibba Netball Club.



Peter Baker, Gavin Wanganeen, Dean Heyne and Peter Miller received life membership of the Koonibba Football Club.

Koonibba turns it on

SA A major black-tie evening late last month rounded off celebrations marking the centenary of Australia's oldest Aboriginal football club. More than 150 people turned out in Ceduna, South Australia, for the Koonibba Football Club ball. Organisers were delighted with the success of this and other events held during the Koonibba celebrations. The football club, established in 1906, has had a long and at-times glorious history, boasting 30 A-grade premierships over the past 100 years.

Centenary organising committee chairwoman Nirelle Coleman said all the events were well attended. "Our club lives on, and people came from far and wide to help us celebrate," she said.



Shane Wright, Kelly Warren, Roslyn Saunders, Janette Millera and Janelle Saunders were among those celebrating. All pictures by Andrew Brooks.

"A highlight of the ball was the naming of a Koonibba team of the century, and we were proud to have eight of those past and present players with us on the night. A special guest on the night was former AFL

champion Gavin Wanganeen, who has family connections to Koonibba.

"And a real crowd-pleaser was Mary G, the Queen of the Kimberley, who had the audience in stitches.

"The Master of

Ceremonies was Basil Coleman and he did an excellent job. I would also like to thank the other committee members - Mavis Miller, Sonya Coleman, Vicki Coleman, Leeann Scott and Leila Miller."



Former AFL star Gavin Wanganeen with *A Touch of Magic*, which was written as part of the centenary celebrations.



Macky Coleman and Raylene Peel were at the celebration.

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Bo showing fine touch

RECENTLY got to chat to Australia's best female Indigenous touch player, Bo De La Cruz, about her preparation to play for Australia in the 6th Federation of International Touch World Cup being held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, from 17-21 January.

The tournament will have about 40 teams from countries including Australia, the United States, Cook Islands, South Africa, New Zealand, England, Scotland and Singapore.

Bo told me she was looking forward to winning the World Cup and also seeing a bit of South Africa. She has never been there and says she is excited about the experience

ahead and meeting new people.

She told me the Australian team had been training intensely and was looking good.

"The team is great, we have had three training camps in the last two months and one more coming up in December and the girls are looking really sharp, fit and ready to beat NZ," Bo said.

Bo's main goal, of course, would be to win the series and maybe back up her player of the series again.

But as she says, the team always comes first.

When I asked, Bo didn't hesitate to say who her idols were. "My mum and dad of

course; my uncles and aunties and the main person would be my grandmother, the most inspirational person ever," she told me.

"As for sport, I would have to say Cathy Freeman and (cyclist) Lance Armstrong and probably any sportsperson who can overcome any hurdle that is put in front of them. And, oh yeah, (NZ rugby union star) Tana Umaga - one of the best leaders I have ever seen."

Hopefully we'll catch up with Bo again for another chat before she goes to South Africa. For now I'll wish her and the Australian team all the best with their preparation for the World Cup.

Emotions high as Tigers win

By ALF WILSON



Badu Island Sports and Recreation Officer Wayne Guivarra described the Torres Cup rugby league series played recently on Thursday Island as the best yet after his Kulpiyam Tigers team beat Southern Indigenous Brothers 56-20 in the grand final.

"The standard from the 10 teams was great and we are happy to win back-to-back finals," Guivarra told The Koori Mail.

The carnival was held from 24-26 November and it was also an emotional time for inspirational Kulpiyam Tigers' captain Maipelle Nona as he was chaired from the field by teammates after his side triumphed.

Nona announced his retirement following the win after playing rugby league for 19 seasons.

It was compensation for Kulpiyam, who were beaten 60-18 by Cannonballs in the grand final of the Archie Smallwood Memorial Allblacks carnival in Townsville during October.

After that loss, Kulpiyam spokesman Tala Nona told The Koori Mail that his side would train hard for the Torres Cup and win it to compensate for the Townsville defeat.

"We have something to prove and will take it out," Nona said. He was right.

Kulpiyam officials believe the Tigers have won six of the nine Torres Strait Cup competitions held so far.

Kulpiyam have beaten Southern Indigenous Brothers on each of the three occasions on which they have met in the Torres Strait Cup over the past two years.

They won the 2005 final 52-34, won this year's round clash 22-16



A Southern Indigenous Brothers player crosses for a try, but it wasn't enough to stop Kulpiyam Tigers taking out the Torres Cup rugby league series on Thursday Island.

and streamrolled Southern Indigenous Brothers to a comfortable win in the final.

Kulpiyam scored after only four minutes when Kengi Bowie ran about 50m after Brothers spilled the ball.

Brothers soon replied, but Kulpiyam ran in another three tries to lead 20-4 before Brothers scored just before half-time making the score 20-8.

Brothers needed to score first to revive their chances and they

did so five minutes into the second session and trailed 20-14. But that was their last hurrah as Kulpiyam raced in another five tries to lead 50-14 before Southern Indigenous scored again. By then it was far too late and the Tigers had secured yet another Torres Strait Cup.

Guivarra said the best players for Kulpiyam included forwards Ronald Nona, Joe Tamwoy and Ronald Saltner, and backs Ben Barba, Keija

Bowie and Lama Ahmat.

Many of the players and officials celebrated on Thursday Island the night after the final and returned to Badu the next day.

In the semi-finals, Kulpiyam defeated Roos United 50-14, and Southern Indigenous eliminated Boigu's Malu Kaiwai 42-26 in a game in which Maul Kaiwai led 26-24 close to the end.

In the women's game, Struddys defeated Young Guns 22-12 in an entertaining clash.

Preston named in Qld line-up



Rockhampton Indigenous cricket sensation Preston White has started the 2006-07 cricket

season where he left off in 2005-06 - plundering runs.

The 16-year-old already has scored two centuries this season and has been selected to play for his home state of Queensland in the national under-17 carnival in Brisbane in January.

At Charters Towers a few weeks ago, Preston scored 144 in one innings at the State schoolboys carnival and finished the carnival with the highest run aggregate of any player.

Selected

Subsequently, he was named in the Queensland schoolboys side which is set to play New South Wales in Brisbane this month.

Since the Charters Towers carnival, Preston has scored 150 for Rockhampton in an under-21 representative game against Central Highlands.

More recently, he scored 66 in his first appearance of the season for his club side, Frenchville, in the Rockhampton first-grade competition.

When Preston turns out for Queensland in the under-17 national championships, he will be rubbing shoulders with the son of one of Australian cricketing greats.

Allister McDermott, the 15-year-old son of former Test bowler Craig McDermott, also is in the Queensland team.



North Queensland Cowboys players give local youngsters at Aurukun, on Cape York, some rugby league tips during their recent visit.

Cape Crusaders

In my last article I wrote about some of my trips in the off-season and some highlights from the communities I was privileged to visit. In case the article suggested that it was only me and the other players who joined me visiting communities in the off-season, I thought I would give a few of the brothers north of the border a call to see what they were up to.

It came as no surprise that the Cowboys had been busy visiting Cooktown, Wujul, Hopevale, Bloomfield, Laura, Coen, Aurukun, Mapoon, Weipa and Thursday Island.

Wherever possible players – officially on their holidays – linked up to provide kids with the opportunity to hear from their football heroes and to pick up a few tricks along the way.

It was no shock that Rod Jensen was in the thick of things, particularly on the visit to Weipa.

Western Cape College hosted a two-day carnival and coaching session with kids from surrounding communities such as Lockhart, Napranum, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama and Old Mapoon all travelling to participate in the under-11s carnival.

The major goal of the event was to select for the first time a representative side to play in the Peninsula trials next year.

Twenty-five kids were selected from the 65 trialists, and according to Rod Jensen, there is more than enough talent in the side to compete with the best.

"I made sure I sat down the kids who didn't make the squad and had a chat to them," Jensen said.

"I spoke to them about the many times in my career – particularly as a youngster – that I didn't make it and how in the long term made me stronger and more determined." Jensen also had to test his refereeing

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skills during the carnival, and he had nothing but praise for the kids.

"They were very excited and enthusiastic," he said. "They certainly took a lot of my decisions better than the kids in town!"

Rod was also impressed by the dedication of the teachers and the support they provided the kids.

"The teachers were great," he said. "It was a pleasure to be able to reinforce some of the key messages they are delivering to kids week to week."

The kids certainly had to listen when it was revealed that Mr Jensen was also a

qualified teacher!

"The key message I give to kids is to enjoy life and to realise they can be role models in their own community," he said.

"They can do this by simply attending school and setting themselves some early goals to achieve."

"We (he and other players) not only encourage them to get an education and lead a healthy life but to also look beyond their community to be successful."

"It is hard for young kids to think of leaving but we also try to make them realise you can always come back and make a stronger contribution through your experiences," he concluded.

As always, this did not mean that communication or learning was only one-way in the community visits.

In Aurukun, it was Jensen who became the student.

"Apart from talking to the kids I always enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with and learn more about my own culture," Jensen said.

"In Aurukun I really appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in some activities with the Elders."

"During my stay I had the opportunity to experience weaving, dancing and painting in the traditional way – it is a memory I take with me."

Then, of course, there were the kids with all their questions – one in particular.

"No matter where I go, there is one common question," Jensen laughed. "Do you know Matty Bowen?"

The kids at Thursday Island did not have to ask this question, as the man himself was there as a special guest for the Torres Strait Island Cup and to participate in school clinics across TI.

When I spoke to Matt about the trip, he

was his normal reserved self, but you could tell he had enjoyed himself by the way he spoke about the kids.

"The kids really enjoyed it," he said "We ran the Kids to Kangaroos clinics and they all really got into it."

Apart from throwing a footy around, Matt also spent a lot of time talking to kids about his experiences since leaving Hopevale.

"I keep my messages simple," he said.

"I talk to them about what to eat to stay healthy, to stay at school and the importance of being on time whether it is going to school or at training."

Matt's message of self-discipline in terms of punctuality is an important one because I can remember talking to him about how his time at Abergowrie College helped him develop habits that he needed to survive in professional football.

Ty Williams delivered similar life messages when he visited Cooktown.

Given his time dealing with injuries both as an emerging player and, in particular, last season, Ty spends a lot of time speaking about life other than football.

He talks about the importance of school and, as a qualified butcher, about the value of learning a trade through an apprenticeship.

Coming from a tight network he also related to kids the impact cyclone Larry had on his community.

So there you are – three role-models giving up their time to visit communities to talk about the good choices that have helped them succeed in life.

Each one provides us all with a source of inspiration in our own life.

I just hope they are not too inspired when the Rabbitohs come up against them in 2007!

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Thurston comes of age in the Tri-Nations



Australia's Johnathan Thurston, right, and Greg Inglis celebrate what they think is a try during their rugby league Tri-Nations final against New Zealand in Sydney on November 25. AAP Image

THE runaway try by Kangaroos skipper Darren Lockyer in the second period of extra time that handed Australia a 16-12, golden-point victory over New Zealand in the thrilling Tri-Nations final at Aussie Stadium also announced the coming of a new champion in Jonathan Thurston.

In a stunning finish to the contest both sides missed a multitude of field-goal attempts before Thurston broke the Kiwi defensive line 90 seconds into the second stanza of golden point before sending Lockyer over for the try.

Both sides had chances to steal the game in the dying stages as Kiwi duo Brent Webb and Stacey Jones missed one-point attempts at the end of regulation while the Australians were denied a spectacular try on the bell after Willie Mason had put a kick through for Thurston.

It was a great game of football and, although much of the focus has rightly been on Lockyer and his stellar year, students of the game also acknowledge the rightful progression of Thurston in replacing Andrew Johns as Australia's first-choice halfback.

Think back to the crucial time in the game in the third State-of-Origin and you will remember it was Thurston who ignited the Maroons' miraculous comeback with his run and selective pass to send Brent Tate on his way to the line.

It was the same in the Tri-Nation's final when, after a performance where he continually threatened the line, it was Thurston who sliced through the defence to perfectly draw the cover and send Lockyer on his way to glory.

Thurston's only flaw in the game was after the break when the Kiwis went over via a sweet inside ball from Nigel Vagana to Iosia Soliola with the Sydney Roosters centre too big and powerful for Thurston to leave the scores locked at 10-10.

Yet it was only three weeks earlier that Thurston was dropped, meaning that he carried additional pressure into the decider.

But it was coach Ricky Stuart who was confident that the North Queensland halfback could again assume the role of



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on-field general.

"He took a lot of pressure off Darren against Great Britain, and it's something asked of him again, to take that role as a leader at first pivot," Stuart said.

"I think he was more hungry and it showed ... that was his best game of the series."

Stuart still believes we are yet to see the best of Thurston.

"He's still got a lot of football ahead of him. He's just growing into the position and it's important for him to take that role as a leader and dictator of the team."

For his part, Thurston refused to reveal details of a talk with Stuart that supposedly sparked his outstanding performance for the Kangaroos in the 33-10 Tri Nations win over Great Britain.

The Cowboys' Dally M Player of the Year was disappointed at losing his Test jumper to Ben Hornby for Australia's previous Test

loss to Great Britain and made some comments about it.

He and Stuart had words with the coach explaining his reasons and telling Thurston what he expected of him.

"I didn't play the previous Test and I obviously wanted to go out and put in a good performance," said Thurston.

"It's a Test jumper. I just wanted to go out and rectify what I did wrong. I think I did that."

"Me and Sticky (Stuart) spoke about why we didn't play that week and I was just looking forward to playing and things just fell into place."

Thurston was reluctant to elaborate on what Stuart had said to him.

"It's just between us two and that's the way I'd like to keep it," he said.

"He just told me he wasn't happy with my performance."

The words obviously had their desired effect and it is doubtful if Thurston will be dropped from another representative side in the near future.

ANOTHER player known to have had words with Ricky Stuart in the past – Justin Hodges – also showed that he has come of age in the representative arena.

Outside of Lockyer, Hodges would be the main contender for an award recognising a player achieving his dreams in the course of a season.

Leaving the Roosters – then coached by Stuart – to return to the Broncos, Hodges had to repay his dues last season before establishing himself (in my eyes at least) as the premier centre in the game.

His first State of Origin performance was outstanding and, as I have written in earlier columns, the Broncos would not have made the grand final without his efforts against the Bulldogs in the preliminary final.

Despite having the likes of Gasnier, Lyon and Inglis in the side, his position in the final was never under question, which speaks volumes for the distance he has travelled in the past 12 months.

Speaking of which, there is little doubt

that Greg Inglis is still pinching himself given the year he has had.

Even given his exceptional talent and his capacity to rise to the challenge, there would have been few that could have predicted his exceptional year.

For pure athleticism, skill and grace under pressure, there are few better examples than his exceptional try against the Kiwis in Melbourne.

Just remembering the moment thrills me as it was then that the whole Tri-nations series came alive.

There is little doubt that Inglis will be under exceptional pressure to repeat his performances next year, but nobody will be able to steal the memories of the year when a champion was born.

SPEAKING of new champions I have left my final comments for a personal favourite in Sam Thaiday.

There is little doubt that Thaiday still has a way to go in becoming an automatic selection at the representative level, but there is no doubt that this season marked his coming of age as an elite player.

Next year at club level he will seek not to replace Shane Webcke but to accept some of the leadership responsibility left behind by his great mentor.

Thaiday has already shown his leadership capacity with his work away from football and his manner of dealing with people from all backgrounds.

His gentle nature off the field is replaced by that of a ferocious competitor on the field and his battles with the likes of Mason and O'Meley at Origin level are to be anticipated with great relish.

That being said, one of my great memories of last season was seeing Thurston and Thaiday throwing their boots into the crowd as they shared their moment of joy after the dramatic final State of Origin game in Melbourne.

That's what makes our champions great – they still remember where they came from. Tri-Nations was great – now bring on Season 2007!

Champions – on and off the field

Magic's Moments

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Peter Burgoyne
... another mate
who I rate as one
of the greats.



much it does mean."

Wanganeen is also using his time to catch up with his family and reconnect with his culture.

"I'll go to Ceduna and spend some time there, doing things like fishing, camping and hunting kangaroo and other animals – things I've missed out on over the years," he said. (Wanganeen was special guest at the Koonibba Centenary celebrations featured in this edition).

"I've been playing footy pretty much for 17 or 18 years and I haven't had much time to get over there so that's something I am making a priority, to get over there with the family."

Wanganeen says he has missed out on fully exploring his culture because of his heavy football commitments.

"I'm proud of my background and as you get older, you realise it's a culture that you

have to keep learning as much as you can and as the years go on you don't want it to die in any way, shape or form," he said.

In his own quiet way, Wanganeen is proud of his achievements.

"It means a lot not only to me but to my mob on the (SA) west coast," he said.

I can only say to Gavin that he has not only represented his clan, but all of our peoples in what he has achieved.

PETER Burgoyne is another mate who I rate as one of the greats, and Power will be glad they have his services until at least the end of the 2009 season.

The 23-year-old who was named in the All-Australian team for the first time undoubtedly was one of the leading players in the AFL this season.

He played in all 22 games for Port, booting 20 goals and finishing sixth in

clearances and fifth in tackles.

As an opponent I would have to describe him not only as one of the most improved players, but truly one of the most damaging players in the game.

Such is his standing that he has had to learn to cope with the increasingly close attention he is receiving from opposing teams' taggers.

"It's not something you get used to," Burgoyne said. "Players pay you a lot more respect and there's a lot more holding on, and it is a lot tougher out there. But the team has really helped me and tried to rally round me during games."

"It is pretty frustrating at times when you're not getting the ball and you've got a player still playing so closely to you. But, then again, it gives chances to other players, like Danyle Pearce, who aren't getting tagged as closely."

"He's come up and is getting a fair bit of the ball, and Adam Thomson gets in there and gets a fair bit as well. If clubs are going to play me a lot tighter, hopefully the other guys can get a bit more of the ball."

On the topic of Pearce, Burgoyne is relishing the additional responsibility of being a member of Port's leadership group this year, describing it as 'an eye-opener', and he is also relishing his role as a mentor for younger players, especially Danyle.

"The older guys have taken it upon themselves to really mentor them," he said.

"We've got a mentoring program and every one of the leaders has a couple of younger players to speak to during the week, watch their tapes, go through the stats and just basically give them a few pointers."

"And a lot of the players get the younger players over for tea and really try to help them and bring them through."

"I've got Danyle Pearce. He's been pretty good to have this year. He's taken a lot in his stride. It makes it a lot easier when he's willing to learn and he comes and asks questions all the time."

It is little wonder that Pearce took home the NAB Rising Star Award, especially if he has developed the work ethic of his mentor.

Burgoyne appreciates the faith the club has shown by extending his contract. Power fans will be pleased to hear the confidence Burgoyne has in the club's future.

"In the next three years I can see a lot of improvement in the team. A lot of valuable game time has gone into the young guys this year and they've performed really well, with four nominees for the NAB Rising Star and Danyle (Pearce) winning it, and we had a couple of others who could have been nominated as well," he said.

"We'll get a few senior players off the injury list next year and with the young guys coming through I'm sure we'll really improve, which is what we're about every year."

More importantly, he is a leader who will set the right example for the next generation.

This is what truly distinguishes the likes of Wanganeen and Burgoyne.

They are not just talented athletes – they are players who display the same champion qualities off the field and are happy to share their learnings with others. Both have served as an inspiration to me in my career. Until next time – Keep Dreaming!



Members of the Queensland and New South Wales men's teams who fought out the Battle of the States. NSW took the honours this year.



ABOVE: Australian female player Bo De La Cruz, who competed in the men's division, in action for Kempsey Mixed.

RIGHT: Bundjalung Brother Mook Harrington marks two Cherbourg Hornets players.



Open division winners Galaxy celebrate their success.



Rugby league legend Arthur Beetson (back at right) joins the players from Kempsey NSW, who won the schools division.



The New Zealand Kiwis side.

Top touch at best event yet



Some of the best touch football in Australia was on show at the 13th annual Sports and Cultural Festival, held late last

month in Brisbane.

The carnival, run by Brisbane-based First Contact, was the best ever, according to organiser Robbie Williams.

A total of 113 teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory took part.

A feature was the inaugural Challenge of the Nations clash, with New Zealand proving too strong for a Papua New Guinea side.

But the highlight was the National Indigenous Mixed Open team taking on the Australian Selected Mixed side.

The Indigenous side played well and was just pipped by the strong national line-up.

The ever-popular Battle of the States, now in its fourth year, also drew plenty of interest.

This year NSW won the

men's open division, but Queensland took overall honours with wins in the mixed open and schools divisions.

Galaxy Touch 1 downed Hoop and Health 7-3 in the George Jackson memorial Trophy men's open division

'There is no doubt that this was our biggest festival yet. In fact it was so big we will now be looking at a three-day format. We have to do this to accommodate everyone'

final, with the Liam 'Buck' Langton Memorial Trophy going to Chris Lukins.

Koori Kama 1 downed Freezin Hot in the mixed open division final to take the Uncle Andy Coowell Memorial Trophy.

Players of the final were Katie and Luke Shaw.

Kempsey downed Woodenbong Central 5-2 to take the Warren Pickwick Memorial Trophy in the secondary school mixed division, with Kieran Vale and Megan Archibald taking out the Kieran Luland Memorial Trophies for players of the final.

Toomelah Tigers (Narwan) beat Kingridge Wanderers 5-4 in the men's plate final, while Team No's Rhys downed Cairns Cobras 4-3 in the mixed plate final.

Toomelah Tigers were the men's and overall sprint champions, Team No's Rhys took the mixed title while the schools sprint went to Moree High.

Williams said the overall standard of play had never been better, and spectator interest had been overwhelming.

"There is no doubt that this was our biggest festival yet," he said.

"In fact it was so big we will now be looking at a three-day format. We simply have to do this to accommodate everyone."



Action from the Mixed Opals v SaMoari clash at the carnival.



The sprint races were among the most popular events at the First Contact carnival.

Turn to pages 40 and 41 for more pictures from the festival



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Making Contact

Pictured above are members of the Indigenous Australian and Australian touch sides who competed at this year's 13th annual Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane, organised by First Contact. Shown at left is some of the action from the game during what organisers said was the biggest carnival yet.

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AFL Super Draft

By PETER ARGENT



The 2006 AFL Draft may prove to be the super draft everyone had talked about on many levels. Amazingly, 15 Aboriginal footballers — almost one in five of the total drafted players — have been added to AFL lists for the 2007 season so far.

From the west, Clayton Collard and Calib Mourish are staying in their home State, with the Fremantle Dockers, while the so-called 'excitement machine', Leroy Jetta, was the first Indigenous player picked as the Bombers' second (priority) selection at number 18. He is another Aboriginal talent who is going to be under the guidance of 25-year coaching legend Kevin Sheedy's tutelage.

Suggested by AFL talent manager Kevin Sheehan as the prototype of the footballer over the next ten years, another Sandgroper, Clinton Benjamin, will be part of the new group of Carlton Blues looking to rebuild the once-famous Melbourne-based club. A cousin to famous Krakouer brothers Phil and Jimmy who exciting football fans during the 1980s, Nathan is bound for South Australia's ten-year-old franchise Port Adelaide.

Classy defender Brad Dick is off to the Magpies in Melbourne and Carl Peterson is with the Richmond Tigers, while Brennan Stack has become a Western Bulldog, along with elusive

15 Aboriginal players given their chance

forward Malcolm Lynch from New South Wales.

Lynch, who was unable to compete in the national age titles in June and July, impressed with his leadership during the National under-17 Indigenous touring party which went to South Africa earlier this year.

Queenslander Albert Proud, from Mt Gravatt, is also staying in his home State, collected as Brisbane's second selection at number 22.

"Proud would've been a top-five pick last year and even this year except for a few injuries, but he's got the okay from our medical staff so we think he's going to be an outstanding player," said Lions football manager Graeme Allan.

A close friend of Brisbane Lion Aboriginal debutant this year Rhan Hooper, Proud has been compared with Byron Pickett for his aggression at the ball.

Solidly built mid-fielder Nathan Djerrkura

becomes the third Aboriginal player at Geelong, following Matty Stokes and Travis Varcoe last season. Fellow Northern Territorian Joseph Anderson will be alongside Benjamin at the Blues.

Lindsay Thomas, a South Australian from the famed nursery at Mallee Park, has found a home at the Kangaroos. Also a competent cricketer, Thomas said he was relieved the Draft process was over and he was looking forward to moving to Melbourne.

Alwyn Davey, the younger brother of Melbourne star Aaron, is going to be a part of the gang at Bomber-land.

Regarded as a 'smokie' after one year of junior football with the Port Adelaide Magpies, Isaac Weetra was collected by the Melbourne Demons a pick number 62. On his surprise selection, Weetra, 17, who played for West Whyalla in 2005, said: "It was totally out of the blue. I wasn't expecting it at all. I'm going to move from Adelaide to Melbourne so this is a massive change on my own."

Along with Lynch, Krakouer, Anderson and Dick, Weetra was also on the inaugural tour of South Africa earlier in the year.

While these young men are looking to fulfill their dreams, delisted players like forward Harry Miller from Hawthorn, former Melbourne Demon Shannon Motlop, the Power's Elijah Ware and Allan Murray from St Kilda will be looking for a lifeline in the December 12 pre-season and rookie drafts.



Alwyn Davey ... to line up with the Bombers.