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## The fabric of culture



Malachi Williams wanted to celebrate his Githabul, Bundjalung and Wakka Wakka ancestry. So when faced last year with options for an end-of-year school textiles project, the quietly-spoken Woodenbong (far northern NSW) Year 12 student opted to tell the story of his heritage in a colourful fabric quilt.

His flair, technique, attention to detail and obvious cultural pride has won him the admiration of his classmates, teachers and fellow townsfolk.

Since it was unveiled at a school variety night at the end of last year, plenty of people have asked 17-year-old Malachi if they can buy the quilt, but he has given it to his parents Gloria and Robert.

"It was like a thank you to Mum and Dad because they told me the stories," he said. "Mum helped me to buy the fabric and I thought that I would give something back in return."

Gloria told the Koori Mail: "We're going to keep it to give back to him one day when he gets married and has a family."

The unveiling of the king-size creation has proved especially timely given the recent announcement of a 6000 sq km native title agreement between the Githabul people and the NSW Government. Mt Lindesay (Jullunghundboonja) near Woodenbong is central to both the claim and Githabul Dreaming, and is also depicted on Malachi's quilt, along with an emu representing the Wakka Wakka people and a turtle representing the Bundjalung.

The quilt also features concentric circles depicting a gathering of clans, a bora ring, and a celebration of Aboriginal people.

Dad Robert said the quilt was inspired by the native title claim. "It is important to tell our stories, especially at this time," he said proudly.

And, for the record, Malachi scored top marks for his creation.

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Githabul teenager Malachi Williams and his culture quilt.



## Leaders warn after Cape riot



Indigenous leaders say distrust of police after the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in the Palm Island watch house in 2004 fuelled a violent riot in the Cape York community of Aurukun last week. And they've warned that there could be similar incidents elsewhere unless governments act to improve the situation.

The riot last Tuesday night was triggered after 22-year-old Warren Bell was arrested for assault and became sick in the Aurukun police watch house. He was flown to Cairns Hospital for treatment.

Suspicious, between 250 and 300 people used weapons including rocks, metal bars and an axe to smash the front of the police station and damage the courthouse, tavern, shop and police vehicle. The tavern and shop were ransacked.

Six police officers, a family member of one officer, two community Elders and a community police officer had to barricade themselves in the police station for about three hours. There were no reports of injuries.

Aurukun chief executive Gary Kleidon told the ABC the violence was 'shocking' and 'very unsettling'. Acting Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said the incident was a setback for a community that had been working hard to improve the lives of its residents.

In the aftermath, the town's police contingent was boosted to 30 and the tavern temporarily closed.

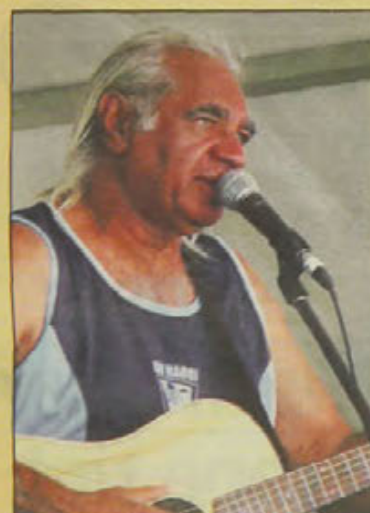
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From left: Djaanan Phillips-Hoy, 13, Mura-mai Phillips-Hoy, 12, Sandra Phillips, 38, Milissa Phillips, 37, Milissa's son Tait Humphris, 12, and in front is Birran Phillips-Hoy, 6.

I AM a Gurang Gurang and Wakka Wakka woman of the Upper South Burnett region in south-east Queensland. This photo was taken at the march for justice for Mulrunji Doomadgee in Brisbane in December.

My sons Djaanan, Mura-mai and Birran and I live in Caboolture, Queensland, and Milissa and Tait live in Brisbane. Missing from the photo is Tait's sister Ally, 11.

I went to the march because I believed that the Director of Public Prosecutions' decision not to lay charges against the police officer in the Doomadgee case was beyond

the pale.

I read the coronial report and all of the evidence that was cited and it really fuelled my dismay.

I took my children to the march as a conscious decision so they could be exposed to the issues and politics that affect us as Aboriginal people.

The Phillips family is really our mum Ruth Ross, Milissa and I, our older sisters Toni Phillips and Jean Phillips, and our children.

Mum has seven grandkids in all and I think she's pretty happy with that. We grew up in our home town of Gayndah in south-east Queensland.

We're a close family and we get together around important events and milestones like birthdays and Christmas.

Recently me, Milissa, mum and the kids went to the Woodford Folk Festival because I was on the Murri program. The kids all know each other well, four of the seven were born within a two-year period.

We keep our family strong by spending time together and by sharing our thoughts and our lives, by supporting each other in what we do, and by having fun together.

There's usually a fair amount of laughter and just

being silly together; you can't take yourself too seriously.

Mum's a teetotaler and, as kids, my sisters and I grew up in a family home with no alcohol or drugs in it.

Now when we have family gatherings, we have very little alcohol so our kids are growing up without it as a social norm.

In terms of the future, I'd like my kids to be comfortable being Aboriginal and a part of Australia. I'd like them to be able to pursue whatever professional goals they want without any barriers. I want them to have as many opportunities as possible.

## OUR CHILDREN



Enjoying the Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland were, back from left, Nardia Doomadgee, Demi Doomadgee, Reginald Cummins, Emily Roberts and Kalkani Choolburra and, front from left, Jurra Dingo, Zach Doomadgee and Shamus Cummins.

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# Anger over DPP's death in custody decision

## Call to widen review



The review of the decision not to lay charges over Mulrunji Doomadgee's 2004 Palm Island death in custody must be broadened beyond material provided by the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Indigenous leaders say.

Former NSW Chief Justice Sir Laurence Street was appointed on 4 January to review the decision of DPP Leanne Clare, who found there was not enough evidence to charge Mulrunji's arresting officer, Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, despite Acting State Coroner Christine Clements' earlier finding that he had caused Mulrunji's death.

Mulrunji, 36, suffered four broken ribs, and his liver split in half after being arrested by Snr Sgt Hurley for abuse.

Ms Clare's decision met with criticism from political leaders outside of Queensland, and community outrage and street protests throughout the country.

Premier Peter Beattie flew to Palm Island on 20 December, asking people to 'abide by the umpire's decision'. Two days later, Ms Clare handed her file on the matter to Attorney-General Kerry Shine, enabling the Government to announce an unprecedented independent review of the decision.

Former District Court Chief Judge Pat Shanahan was appointed along with Brisbane criminal lawyer Peter Davis SC, but Mr Shanahan later quit because of a perceived conflict of interest and Sir Laurence was then appointed.

Sir Laurence's appointment was cautiously welcomed by Indigenous leaders including Townsville activist Gracelyn Smallwood, Brisbane-based rights advocate Sam Watson and Labor Party President Warren Mundine, but there are now concerns that the review will not go far enough.

Sir Laurence has already started the review and the exercise is expected to be concluded by the end of February. It will include a brief visit this week to the site of the Palm Island police watch house where Mulrunji died and which was burned down in a subsequent riot.

Sir Laurence says he has been appointed only to review the same material considered by the DPP and he will not be investigating any new evidence.

But Mr Watson argues there's no reason why the State Government cannot broaden Sir Laurence's brief.

"It's not a cut-and-dried legalistic context," he said. "It must go beyond that and take in everything that happened in the lead-up to the arrest of Mulrunji, and the way he was transported to the watch house and what happened in the watch house. Sir Laurence does not have to look at it from just a jurist's point-of-view."

"He must take into account the Aboriginal point of view and the power relationship between police on

the island and the Aboriginal people.

"The amount of money we're paying (rumoured to be about \$5000 a day) and the fact that it has dragged on for so long, he should be urged to consider all the matters that come into play."

And while Mr Watson warned it would be 'unsafe' to try to pre-empt the outcome of the review, he said Indigenous people would only be satisfied with the charging of Snr Sgt Hurley.

"There are four basic components to a murder charge: The body, the weapon, the opportunity and the motive, and against all of these Hurley should be charged," he said.

National Labor Party President Warren Mundine agreed with Mr Watson, saying the initial police investigation was 'a sick joke at best'.

"Having a beer and a meal with the officer you're investigating harks back to the good old days of the southern States of America with the sheriff sitting down with the KKK," he told the Koori Mail.

Mr Mundine said it was possible that, on the evidence before her, the DPP's decision was quite fair. "The problem is the DPP went further and said (Mulrunji's death) was an accident," he said. "I have never heard of a DPP saying that."

"In cases of deaths in custody involving Aboriginal people, the DPP should not only say 'this is my decision', but show the evidence that that decision was based on."

Palm Island resident Brad Foster told the Koori Mail that the Doomadgee family's lawyers had written to the State Government seeking a copy of the

review's terms of reference, but had yet to hear back.

"For us to have more faith, we need more information about what Sir Laurence is doing in this review," he said.

National Greens leader Senator Bob Brown says his party will move to establish a Federal royal commission into the Mulrunji affair when the Senate sits in the second week of February.

"Sir Laurence is looking at the reports of the DPP and the Acting State Coroner but I think there should be an inquiry into the circumstances of Mulrunji's death and also the consequent process of legal evaluation in Queensland," Senator Brown told the Koori Mail.

"We think there should be a debate in the Senate and the House of Representatives too because it has been such an affront to the nation as a whole, the events that have unfolded on Palm Island."

● See pages 30 and 31 for more on community reaction on the Mulrunji developments.

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Sam Watson at the Brisbane rally and march protesting the decision not to lay charges against Snr Sgt Chris Hurley over the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

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# New group forms for tenth Sorry Day



"We still have high respect and regard for the Sorry Day Committee, but I think that for the healing of this country, if we're going to be held up by one person refusing to give an apology, then it's holding us all back."

— Debra Hocking, former Chair of the NSDC and convenor of the new group due to be launched next month.

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE

A new national organisation has been set up as an alternative to the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) in the lead-up to the 26 May tenth anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report to Federal Parliament. The new group has not yet been

named officially, but those involved say it will focus on 'truth, justice and healing' as a way of moving on from insisting on a national apology from the Prime Minister. Current PM John Howard has refused to budge on the issue.

The decision to form the new group was taken during a national telephone hook-up last Tuesday involving 20 delegates, about half of whom are still members of NSDC, which many say will now probably

collapse as a national organisation.

The new group's convenor is the NSDC's current Indigenous Chair and Tasmanian delegate, Debra Hocking, who said she would resign from the NSDC before the new group was formally launched next month.

"I need to talk to my executive about that but I think it would make sense for me to resign from the NSDC," said Ms Hocking, who has been associated with Sorry Day in Tasmania for the past six years.

"I don't think it's healthy for me to remain in both organisations."

## Other priorities

Ms Hocking said the new organisation was formed because the NSDC's main objective was an apology from the Prime Minister, and all delegates to the new group agreed there were other priorities for Stolen Generation members still traumatised from their experiences.

"While we acknowledge that we still do not have a formal apology by the Prime Minister, there are other aspects from the Bringing Them Home report that need addressing," she said.

"One is justice and one is the healing and one is the truth. They're the things that we would like to address as an alternative body."

"We still have high respect

and regard for the Sorry Day Committee, but I think that for the healing of this country, if we're going to be held up by one person refusing to give an apology, then it's holding us all back."

"Talking to the states and territories around the country, a lot of the statements were 'people have said sorry, all of our parliaments have said sorry, our communities have said sorry'."

"People have said to me 'what more do you want us to do?' which is a justified comment. And I'm sure that the wider community would certainly join us in the movement but I think that they've said sorry, they're looking for other things and we need to provide it."

Ms Hocking said truth and justice would be the focus of the new group to help provide healing for members of the Stolen Generations.

"One of the main inhibitors that's happened in our country is telling the truth, and without the Bringing Them Home Report, we still wouldn't know a lot of the truth. But I still think there are parts of our history that do need to be addressed."

"It's being honest, it's about being healthy about what your country has been based on."

"And the justice, well we know there's still a lot of justice to be done when we look at

issues like Palm Island."

The formation of the new group could mean a dual approach to the 10th anniversary of Sorry Day, but Ms Hocking said that there was room for both organisations and she would be trying hard to work with the NSDC.

"It's not about working against, you know I have had enough of that. You beat your heads against one another and it doesn't work," she said.

"It's time to start working together and the new group of people that we've got, and some of them are from the old committee, but hey, they've hung in there."

"They're well committed and already we're having some great meetings. We're productive, we're getting things happening and that's what it's all about."

## Racism

Some delegates to the new group, who did not wish to be named, said problems with the NSDC included blatant racism against non-Aboriginal delegates and questions around the status of the Queensland Committee which had been under administration since March last year.

The Northern Territory and Kimberley committees withdrew from the NSDC last September.

The Koori Mail will examine the repercussions for the NSDC in coming editions.

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## Murri Court receives funding boost



Queensland's Murri Court system is to receive a \$5.2 million funding boost. Premier Peter Beattie announced the three-year cash injection in the New Year.

The Murri Court, established in 2002, is held in Brisbane, Caboolture (north of Brisbane), Rockhampton (central Queensland), Mount Isa, in the State's north-west, and Townsville in the north.

It is a Queensland Magistrates Court which sentences Indigenous offenders who plead guilty 'with culturally appropriate justice' and allows input from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and respected members of the offender's community.

A trial Murri Court started recently in Cherbourg, in south-eastern Queensland.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people account for only 3.5 per cent of the Queensland

population, but nearly 27 per cent of adult prisoners and 60 per cent of juveniles in detention.

"Our commitment to Murri courts is about getting personal and culturally appropriate justice, and out of that we hope to stop recidivism," Mr Beattie said.

Attorney-General Kerry Shine said a review of the Murri Court system over the past 12 months showed it was working well.

"One of the report's recommendations is to undertake a further independent evaluation of the court in 2007 and 2008 and the State Government has agreed to do this," he said.

Other review recommendations included implementing a database to monitor the Murri Court's performance, appointing a Statewide manager and six court case co-ordinators, and improving transport and training for Elders and respected community leaders. —AAP



# Another Qld riot leads to warning

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A senior official from the Qld Communities Department met with locals including the Aurukun Council, police, community Elders, and the local justice group to discuss a way forward.

Claims by Warren Bell that he was assaulted in the watch house by police are now subject to a joint Qld Police and Crime and Misconduct Commission investigation with Yarrabah Mayor Vincent Mundrabu named as an Indigenous Cultural Advisor.

The police maintain Bell received his injuries in an earlier fight with his brother.

The use by a police officer of an unlicensed private rifle to fire a bullet into the floor to try to disperse the rioters is also being investigated.

The appointment of an Indigenous adviser to the joint police and CMC investigation was requested by Brisbane-based community leader Sam Watson and others at a meeting with Acting Premier Bligh on Wednesday.

Mr Watson, fellow activist Murandoo Yanner, National Labor Party President Warren Mundine, and the head of the local justice group have all linked the Aurukun incident with what happened on Palm Island two years ago.

"It's a fallout from the Palm Island affair basically," Mr Yanner told the ABC, referring to the Director of Public Prosecutions Leanne Clare's decision not to charge police officer Snr-Sgt Chris Hurley found by the Acting Coroner to have killed Mulrunji.

"It is the failure of the justice system that has led to this sort of mistrust in general by Aboriginal people across Queensland of the police and it leads to these sorts of incidents."

Aurukun Community Justice Group Chairman and Uniting Church Minister Ralph Peinkinna told the Koori Mail that he and other members of the justice group had seen fresh blood and vomit on the floor of the cell where Warren Bell was locked up. He confirmed community fear of a repeat of the Palm Island tragedy.

"Yes, when we don't see our man, we wonder if they done this on Palm Island, they could do this in Aurukun," he said.

Mr Peinkinna said some people involved in the riot were drunk.

"Alcohol was a factor too," he said.

"People in Aurukun are just like people on Palm Island. We are good people; we don't want to hurt each other. Fear mixed up with alcohol is not a good combination."

Sam Watson told the Koori Mail that he had urged the Government not to address the situation simply by flying in massive squads of riot police.

"You can't address the problems in Aboriginal communities by swamping them with blue uniforms, flak jackets and laser-sight weapons," he said.

Mr Watson said reports of fresh blood in



Police vehicles pass locals on a street in Aurukun following this month's riots.

Warren Bell appeared in the Cairns Magistrates Court on Friday on two charges of assault occasioning bodily harm. Outside the court, Mr Bell said: "The other copper kept hitting me. They were saying 'don't tell anyone. If you tell anyone we'll bash you again'."

A video taken by police during the riot led to the identification of nine alleged

## Bell in court appearance

ringleaders of the riot who also appeared in Cairns Magistrates Court to face a total of 19 charges of rioting, serious assault of a police officer and breaking and entering.

Some of the nine were to reappear in court on Monday, others tomorrow.

In addition, four men and two women, aged between 16 and 34, have been issued with Notices to Appear in Aurukun Magistrates Court on 20 February to face a total of ten charges relating to breaking and entering, and receiving stolen property.

the watch house cell indicated that a serious assault had occurred, but police had preempted and compromised the integrity of the investigation into the matter.

"They are planning to release the video evidence of the riot but not of the arrested man's time in the watch house," he said.

Warren Mundine told the Koori Mail that no-one should underestimate the depth of feeling across Australia and all levels of Aboriginal society. "I have not yet met an Aboriginal person who isn't angry," he said, adding that the mistrust of police was so high that "even the most innocent incident has the potential to explode and that's what has happened in Aurukun".

"It is escalating and it is not going to be

isolated to the Cape. It will come down the coast and I don't think that other States and Territories can sit back and think it is just a Queensland issue."

Ms Bligh also conceded that concern about the official response to Mulrunji's death in custody might have played a part in the unrest.

"I think that really does put a real responsibility on the Queensland Police Service and the Government to ensure this is investigated thoroughly, so people can have confidence in the processes of justice," she said.

"Having said that, this sort of response — no matter what the circumstances — is not okay."

However, Qld Police Union spokesman Sergeant Denis Fitzpatrick dismissed claims of similarity between Aurukun and Palm Island.

"The only similarity is that there is an angry mob of Aboriginals that have caused damage to a police station," he is reported as saying.

"It appears that this riot has little or nothing to do with events on Palm Island, given the participants attacked and looted the general store, nurses quarters, medical centre, hotel as well as the police station and police vehicles."

"It's not the fault of the Government or the justice system, it's the fault of a mob mentality that exists within some of these dysfunctional Aboriginal communities."

Sgt Fitzpatrick said there were not enough police in remote and volatile Aboriginal communities.

The police officers that were in Aurukun at the time of the riot have been temporarily transferred to Weipa, about 185kms to the north.

Qld Communities Minister Warren Pitt, Acting Police Minister Andrew Fraser and local MP Jason O'Brien were expected to fly to Aurukun to inspect the community.

An 'Invasion Day' rally and march in Brisbane on 26 January is expected to focus on the recent developments.

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# Griffith killing exposes racial tensions

# Leaders fear community could erupt



AUNTY JUNE MURRAY

**'What are the parents doing?'**

**P**ARENTS must take greater responsibility for their children. That's the message from Griffith Aboriginal leaders to a community rocked by the death of a 17-year-old and murder charges against two 15-year-old Aboriginal boys.

Wiradjuri Elder Aunty June Murray is among them.

"What are the parents of those kids on the streets doing – that's the first question I'd ask," she told Koori Mail.

"Parents must take greater responsibility, look after and give their children values.

"I'm a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. My heart goes out to the family of the dead boy."

Aunty June's sentiments were echoed by Aunty Gloria Goolagong and Mrs Beverley Penrith.

"There are kids on the streets in Griffith and it has led to this," Mrs Penrith said.

"What are their parents doing? Aboriginal kids on the streets should be picked up by the authorities and brought home. If no-one's there they should be taken to another Aboriginal relative's home.

"And if it goes on, then the children should be removed from their families and placed with other Aboriginal relatives, even if that means moving them away – even interstate.

"I know this is unpopular with many, but what else can we do.

"And what I'm saying applies to all parents, not just ours. There's a lack of self-respect out there and that has to change."

Aunty June called for an immediate city-wide meeting to address youth issues.



Aunty Gloria Goolagong, left, and Mrs Beverley Penrith at 'Three Way' in Griffith.



Griffith Mayor Dino Zappacosta ... "There will have to be some serious soul searching."

come together and work out the root causes."

Mr Penrith said there should be a much greater police presence on Griffith streets, and gave conditional support to a youth curfew.

"A curfew should be considered, as long as it's applied to all young people equally," he said. "Our committee will meet again later this month and come up with some recommendations for the council. We will be looking for our elected

representatives to hear us and act accordingly." Griffith Mayor Dino Zappacosta agreed there were deep underlying tensions and said immediate action was required to address youth problems in the city. "There will have to be some serious soul-searching," he said.

"We will be looking to our Aboriginal advisory committee to offer their advice on the best way forward."

Griffith Aboriginal community leader Robert Carroll agreed that a first vital step was a community meeting and a whole-of-government approach to solving the problems.

"What has happened is a tragic, unfortunate incident. My sympathies are with the family of the boy who died but it could have happened in any town in the State," he said.

"Griffith has had anti-social problems involving youth for years, and something has to be done. The community must take ownership of the problems, but these problems are not confined to the Aboriginal community alone.

"I fear the death has given the racists in our town the opportunity to cause further division and unrest. What's needed is a proper strategy and long-term programs."

Police have warned that they will take action against anyone inciting racial hatred in the wake of the killing.

The 15-year-olds have been remanded in custody to face Griffith Local Court on March 14.

**NSW** Griffith Aboriginal leaders fear underlying racial tensions could erupt after the slaying of a 17-year-old youth in the western NSW city on New Year's Eve.

Two 15-year-old Aboriginal boys have been charged with the murder of local high school student Andrew Ferrugia, who was non-Aboriginal. A third 18-year-old, now in Sydney, had at the time of printing been released pending further inquiries.

The killing has rocked Griffith, and brought racial tensions to light in the Riverina city that has more than 30 different cultural groups.

When the Koori Mail visited Griffith just before Andrew Ferrugia's funeral there was still plenty of anger aimed at the Aboriginal community. We heard of talk in the streets and hotels of the need for 'action', including revenge attacks on Aboriginal people.

It is this talk that has worried – and angered – Aboriginal leaders in the heart of the Wiradjuri nation.

The Koori Mail spoke with senior Wiradjuri women Aunty June Murray, Aunty Gloria Goolagong and Mrs Beverley Penrith, all well respected in Griffith, as well as community leader Robert Carroll and Griffith City Council Indigenous Advisory Committee chairman Darryl Penrith. All agreed that there were problems with youth in Griffith, and said there was still a lot of tension aimed at the Aboriginal community.

## Call for calm

All appealed for calm and immediate action, including a special meeting to target the causes of the youth problems.

And all said that, as appalling as the killing was, it was an isolated incident that should not reflect on the whole Riverina Aboriginal community.

"It's an absolute tragedy and our heart goes out to the family of the boy who died," Mrs Penrith told the Koori Mail at her home in Three Ways Aboriginal reserve.

"But this was a one-off incident. It should not reflect on the Aboriginal community as a whole."

Mrs Penrith said there was underlying racism in Griffith.

"People – even my church pastor – don't believe there's racism in this town, but we've always known there's racism," she said. "Many of us have spent our lives trying to fit in, but it's hard to get community acceptance here."

The 60-year-old Mrs Penrith did not deny there was a problem with Aboriginal youth on the streets. "But it's not just our youth – there's plenty of others," she said.

Mrs Penrith's son, Darryl, agreed. His council advisory committee held an emergency meeting last week as talk of payback continued.

"It's terribly sad, but it's an isolated incident," he told Koori Mail.

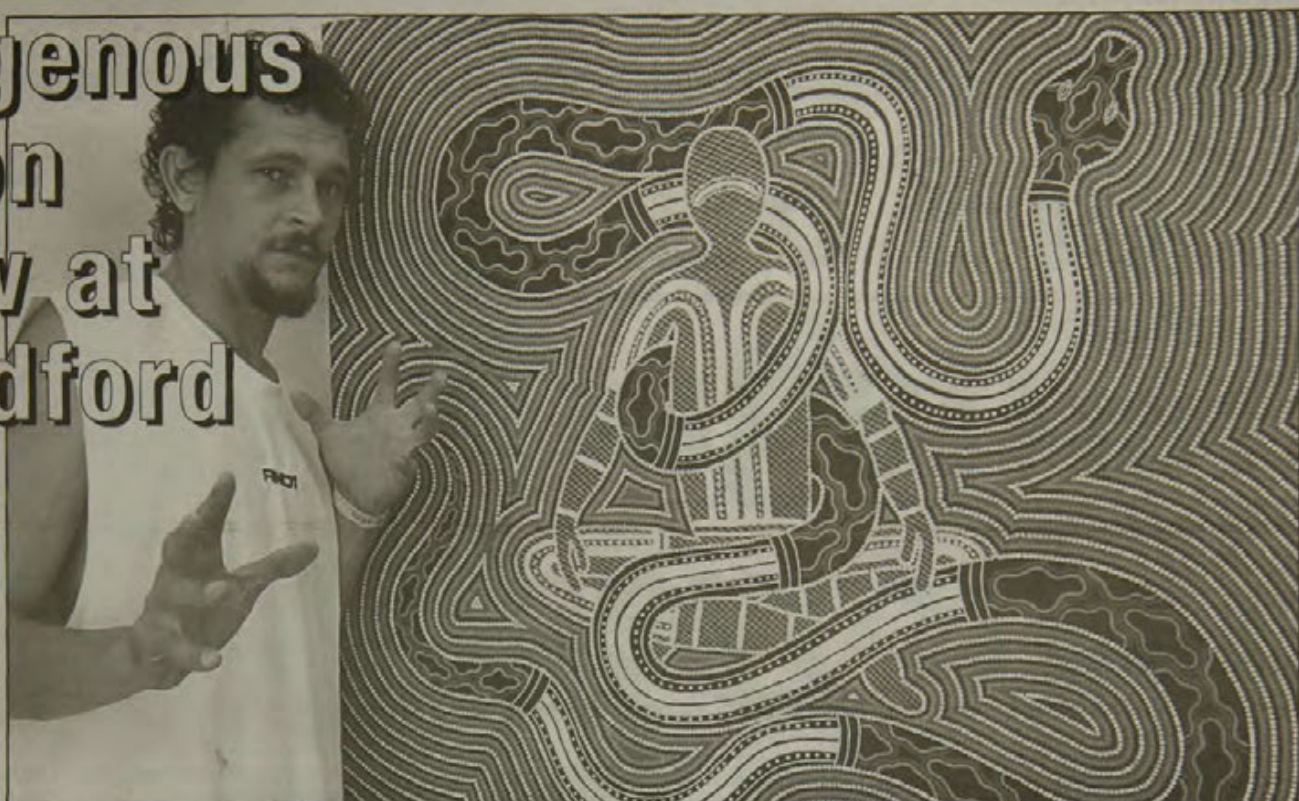
"One of the big problems is there's nothing for the youth in Griffith. The community needs to



# Indigenous art on show at Woodford

Stradbroke Island artist Morgan Shipway was amongst Indigenous artists to exhibit their artwork at the Saltwater Murri exhibition at the Woodford Folk Festival, north of Brisbane, during the Christmas and New Year break.

● See pages 40 and 41 for a report and more photos.



# Gulpilil verdict 'could have repercussions'



The acquittal of actor David Gulpilil on a weapons charge could be misread by people in Aboriginal communities and result in more armed violence, an NT politician has warned.

Last Wednesday, Gulpilil, 54, was found not guilty of carrying an offensive weapon because the machete he produced during a heated stand-off with friends was used for cultural activities.

The movie veteran, who starred in *Storm Boy* and *Crocodile Dundee*, was arrested in July last year when an argument started over his drinking at a house on Wood Street, in the city's centre.

But Acting Magistrate Tanya Fong Lim dismissed the charge in the Darwin Magistrate's Court after accepting defence claims that Gulpilil used the knife as a tool for hunting and his art – and not as a weapon.

She also dismissed the argument that he was in possession of an offensive weapon because knives are classified as controlled weapons under NT law.

Walking from Darwin Magistrate's Court, Gulpilil tearfully declared himself a 'free man' who was bemused by all the fuss his machete had caused.

"I was surprised (when they charged me) because all my life I've been doing carving, for my painting and making didjeridu. That is my tools, not a weapon," he said.

Opposition spokesman for Central Australia Richard Lim warned the decision to acquit the 2005 NT Australian of the Year could be read the wrong way.

"Sadly, there are many stabbings in our communities, including our city centres, particularly amongst Aboriginal people," he said.

"It would be easy for many people to misinterpret (the) decision as somehow legitimising the possession of edged weapons and quoting cultural reasons for doing so."



Actor David Gulpilil in a scene from *Rabbit-proof Fence*, released in 2002, and based on the novel, *Follow the Rabbit-proof Fence*.

Dr Lim called on the NT Government to take immediate steps to send a clear signal that carrying machetes was not acceptable.

"Notwithstanding the decision in the Gulpilil matter, there is no right to carry weapons by Territorians," he said.

"The findings by the Territory magistrate hearing the matter made it clear that she was satisfied with the reasons that Mr Gulpilil gave to the court that he was in possession of a machete for legitimate reasons.

"However, it concerns me that this may send an inappropriate message to other people, believing that it is lawful to be armed in the Territory."

Being armed in a public place was against the law and there was legislation for the control of offensive weapons, he said.

After his court hearing last week, Gulpilil said he was shaken by incident and could not understand why he had been charged in the first place.

He said he would now consider using a spear or woomera in future. —AAP



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The Queensland Government is committed to the development of the Wyaralong Dam, which is required to meet expected additional water demands of the South East Queensland region.

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There will be modifications to infrastructure within and surrounding the project area, including relocation of part of the existing Boonah-Beaudesert Road, and the construction of a dam access road.

A locality map of the project area is shown below.

QWI wishes to reach an agreement with those indigenous persons who assert a native title interest for the project area. The agreement will take the form of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), and will deal with the voluntary acquisition of native title and management of indigenous cultural heritage for the project area.

A search of the Register of Native Title Claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that there currently is a registered native title claim, Jagera People #2 (QC03/15), that takes in part of the project area north of Teviot Brook, as depicted in the map below.

Those persons who claim to hold native title for the area of the proposed Wyaralong Dam, as illustrated in the below maps, are invited to attend an information meeting regarding native title agreement-making to be held by QWI in early February. The meeting details are:

**Date:** Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February, 2007  
**Time:** 10:00am to 4:00pm (lunch and refreshments to be provided)  
**Address:** Sports Auditorium, Beaudesert State High School  
 Mt Lindsay Highway  
 Beaudesert

People who are planning to attend the meeting are asked to contact QWI by close of business Wednesday 31 January 2007. Please call QWI on 1800 225 384 Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm to register your interest.



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# More Burrup heritage destroyed



Burrup Peninsula traditional owner Wilfred Hicks, whose objections to the Woodside development were ignored.

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE

The National Trust of Australia has warned that Australia will lose all credibility overseas if it does not list the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia's Pilbara region on the National Heritage Register.

The Trust has also pointed to an international campaign targeting the shareholders of Woodside, which has begun site clearance work for the Pluto A on-shore natural gas processing plant for the giant Pluto gas field north-west of Karratha.

The Trust, the National Heritage Council and other groups have recommended the listing but, in December, Federal

Environment Minister and WA Liberal Senator Ian Campbell refused an application for an emergency heritage listing, allowing Woodside to carry out the site clearance work which the company admits will result in the destruction of some ancient Aboriginal rock art and engravings.

The company issued a short statement to the Koori Mail

confirming that site clearance work had begun on 8 January.

"Site preparation work has commenced on Burrup Industrial Estate 'Site A', the location for the Pluto LNG storage tanks, which take longer than the rest of the plant to construct. This work is consistent with our environmental and heritage approvals," the statement said.

"Site preparation work will include fencing, road access, relocating cultural heritage material, installation of temporary facilities, and bulk earthworks and will be ongoing over the first half of 2007.

"Relocation of rock art, in consultation with the traditional custodians, archaeologists and relevant government agencies, will be included in our site preparation activities over the coming months. Ninety-five per cent of the rock art on our leases will not be disturbed."

Traditional owner and Ngalmura Elder Wilfred Hicks said that he tried to persuade the company to build the processing plant on alternative sites, either at the Maitland industrial estate near Karratha, or another site to the south-west where mining company Apache had agreed to base its operations.

## Other sites

"We've always been asking Woodside to move, but they keep telling us it's too expensive to build out on the Maitland, but there are other places that they can build along the coastline, like Apache, out at the 40-mile there," Mr Hicks said.

"They're building a plant out there and there's less heritage matters involved, but Woodside is just there to damage all our sites."

Mr Hicks said pleas to Woodside not to destroy any more rock art on the Burrup had fallen on deaf ears.

"I've had meetings with Woodside and they just look at you and more or less tell you, 'well you can sit there and complain as much as you like but we're just going to go ahead'. That's the very thing I get from them."

"On the other hand, they say they're trying to save the artefacts and all our heritage, but that's not really what they've got in their mind."

Mr Hicks said it was obvious that Senator Campbell had deliberately delayed any decision on heritage

listing so that Woodside could develop its preferred sites for the gas processing plant.

National Trust of Australia (WA) Chief Executive Officer Tom Perrigo said Senator Campbell and the Federal Government, as well as the WA Government, had one last chance to salvage their reputation overseas on heritage matters.

"After Woodside the line will be drawn in the sand; We've always stated that, Senator Campbell has stated that, and he is basically on notice publicly, professionally and quite frankly, his credibility is right on the line," Mr Perrigo said.



National Trust WA CEO Tom Perrigo.

"If he does not list the entire precinct as recommended by his experts, by the National Trust, by many others and puts it on the National Heritage List, then there will be chaos."

Support groups are already planning a sustained protest outside Woodside's Australian headquarters in Perth later this month, and other action is being planned by the newly-formed Perth-based group 'Friends of Australian Rock Art.'

Mr Perrigo said he had spent some time in the United Kingdom over the Christmas break, and heritage groups and even some corporate entities had expressed disgust over the way the issue had been handled, particularly by the WA Government.

He said another campaign would directly target Woodside's shareholders.



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● **ABOVE:** Senior Githabul woman Cazna Williams on the NSW side of the 'rabbit fence' near Woodenbong. "We didn't look for money so much, just a future for our people. Our ancestors, our old people, would want that. They'd want our people to work for what they have, to work their country," she said.

● **RIGHT:** Trevor Close with children Issiah, Marni and Sera. Mr Close has successfully campaigned for native title rights in the Githabul nation near Kyogle and Woodenbong.



# 'This land is ours'

## ... But Queensland yet to agree on cross-border native title claim



A friend of senior Githabul woman Cazna Williams told her that, until a few weeks ago, many of the folk around her home town of Woodenbong, in northern

New South Wales, had never even heard of the Githabul people.

"Well, they've sure heard of you now!" she declared.

Cazna's friend was right.

Following the news of the Githabul people's success in possibly the biggest native title deal struck on Australia's eastern seaboard, it would have been virtually impossible for locals to miss the buzz.

On 2 January, the NSW Government confirmed that it would give the Githabul people joint control of 19 national parks and State forests, including several World Heritage sites.

The claim covers part of the Githabul nation and stretches for more than 6000sq km. It will cover ten families comprising about 250 people.

According to Trevor Close, who was listed as the claimant for the area, the agreement has generated so much interest around the world that there are plans for the signing ceremony at the end of February to be broadcast on national and global television networks.

The day after talking to the Koori Mail, Mr Close was heading to New Zealand to talk to Maoris about the claim and then on to Ontario, Canada, to talk to the Mohawk and Cree tribes.

Mr Close said features of the agreement were that it:

- Dealt with the interests of farmers.
- Did not seek compensation for past acts.
- Would deliver four guaranteed jobs in national parks (two cultural heritage positions and two rangers) and around 50 jobs through State forests.
- Included the grant of freehold title to several areas, including an unused nursery and an old forest rangers' station.
- Recognised sacred areas, including a water spring and a mountain.

### Freehold excluded

The deal does not affect freehold land or prevent access by non-Indigenous Australians to any areas.

NSW Director-General of Lands Warwick Watkins said the agreement included a consent determination to be sought from the Federal Court to recognise that the Githabul people held non-exclusive native title rights and interests over specific areas of land.

"An important principle of the agreement is to uphold the access rights of the wider community to public lands, such as visitors to national parks," he said.

"The area covered by the consent determination will continue to be controlled by the State.

"The Government is satisfied that the evidence has been assessed carefully under the Native Title Act and shows the Githabul people have a continuing connection with the area.

"The agreement also provides for the transfer of about 20 parcels of public land, totalling some 120 hectares, to the Githabul Corporation on behalf of the Githabul people.

"The recognition will allow the Githabul


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# Githabul win land claim

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people to exercise traditional laws and customs, including the right to hunt, fish and gather for personal use and to protect cultural sites.

"This will be the first consent determination in NSW where native title will continue to exist and provides certainty for government management of the lands and public access to the national parks and State forests.

"It is a positive example of negotiation and practical reconciliation which will lead to an agreement to benefit all parties."

However, in a frustrating twist for the Githabul, the Queensland Government has yet to recognise the 15 per cent of the claim that falls within its State borders.

This means that only the base of a sacred mountain central to Githabul Dreaming - Mount Lindesay - will be recognised under native title. For the time being at least, the peak and back of the mountain, which fall within Queensland, will not.

This is despite the fact that the NSW and Qld governments considered the very same anthropological and other

evidence.

There have been hints that the Qld Government is delaying a decision because bordering language groups that either have or plan to lodge rival native title claims are not happy.

Qld Acting Premier Anna Bligh denies that her State is refusing to negotiate.

"I look forward to this one being resolved and certainly would indicate to the claimants that they can expect from the Queensland Government that we will negotiate in good faith," she told ABC Radio.

## Still has faith

While Mr Close initially expressed exasperation over the delay, he was taking a more conciliatory approach when he spoke to the Koori Mail.

"I still have faith that the Labor Government there will come around, that Premier Beattie will see sense and recognise our native title," he said.

Mr Close said the agreement was reconciliation in a practical sense. "We have formed a business with the State Government," he said.

"One reason why we did it was

to send a beacon to all the other tribes across the country that with love and unity, you can achieve anything.

"I did not want my children fighting my battles. There had to be closure. It was the men's fight. Now my children have employment opportunities and their native title is protected."

## Jobs important

Cazna Williams said her people got more than they asked for under the claim. The mother of four and grandmother of two said jobs were especially important since the decline of wood mills in the area in the past decade.

"We didn't look for money so much, just a future for our people through jobs and other things," she said.

"Our ancestors, our old people, would want that. They'd want our people to work for what they have, to work their country. We're looking for the future for our young ones."

"It was through my mum's side that I learned about my country. I remember when I was young, sitting around watching my uncles



● LEFT: From left, Dahlya Williams, 20, her uncle Oral Williams, 42, and Jennifer Bonner.

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A sign of the times? No native title here, at least for now.

doing corroboree and the old people telling us the stories for this country."

Like Ms Williams, her cousin Oral Williams believes that Trevor Close can claim much of the credit for the native title win.

The 42-year-old Muli Muli resident said the agreement would give residents of the former mission confidence and a greater sense of identity.

"It will just recover what was ours in the past, what was ours before," Mr Williams said. "Before native title came, there were certain parts of our country where we could not go."

"With the pastoralists, we came to an agreement. What's done is done but from now on, we get to have a say about how our country is used."

Oral's partner, Jennifer Bonner, a Githabul woman from the Qld side, was concerned to see that part of the claim come through.

"I believe the Queensland part

of the claim is important. Without it, you might have the body (of Mt Lindesay) but you don't have the head," she said.

Oral's niece, Dahlya Williams, 20, said news of the agreement had made her feel really good.

"We've been waiting for a very long time for this," she said. "My grandparents would have been really happy that it has come through for us."

## Legendary bands

The signing of the Githabul native title agreement will take place at the Toonumbar Water Retreat on 28 February, and is expected to include a concert featuring legendary music groups Midnight Oil and the Warumpi Band.

The decision was welcomed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

## 2007 Premier's Seniors Week Gala Concert Celebrating 25 years

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### Kelly Barclay - Doomagee Community

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Our people are dying so quickly that it is extremely scary to think that we are running out of time to groom new leaders. Now in my community, our leaders are encouraging youth to make a stand and be the makers of our own destinies.

Our people need us, not just our people, but mainstream society, our children and our future need us. Nobody understands young people the way we understand each other.

Where will we be in a decade or 20 years time? I know a lot more of my people will no longer be alive. What then? Are we, as the next generation, going to be ready to take the reins? I want to believe that my Aboriginal pride, culture and education are in good hands, because they're our hands



### Sarah Patrick - Brisbane

I am developing an Elders digital stories project for at-risk and homeless Indigenous youth. I have talked with the Elders in Brisbane and through this project they have been given the chance to help young Indigenous people on the street re-connect with their traditional culture and community. The aim of the project is to encourage Indigenous youth to fulfil their rightful place as cultural custodians by teaching them multimedia so they can create digital stories that record the lives and cultural knowledge of the Brisbane Elders. Developing this project is my personal interpretation of leadership.

From all my experiences I have learnt that every individual can be a leader.

There are moments when being put forward as a leader usually means that you are visible in some way. At times this will be hard even within your own community. I don't think you necessarily have to be a perfect person to be a leader. I think the most important thing is to just keep trying to become a better person so that hopefully one day you can eventually help others to help themselves. In many ways I consider myself to be lucky. I have had the opportunity to initiate and support change in my own community as well as indulge my passion for music - hip-hop most of all!



### Josh Creamer

Twenty-two year old Josh Creamer from Queensland believes taking part in OIYP was an experience which fuelled his determination to affect positive change for his community. Indigenous Australians are sometimes oppressed by government and I hated how that made me feel. I came to a point in my life where I thought I'm a person who can make a difference. I can empower myself and by doing that I can empower others and make a real difference. Experiences such as OIYP have only instilled in me greater confidence to achieve my objective.

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Applications close 31st January 2007.



# Calma warns over housing

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



Housing shortages in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions of Western Australia are discouraging Indigenous employment, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner says. At the 2006 Sustainable Development Conference, Commissioner Tom Calma stressed that the barriers for moving from welfare to work were being compounded by the high costs of private rentals and the income limits on eligibility for rental subsidies in public housing.

Mr Calma said the mining sector offered good opportunities for Indigenous Australians, but suitable housing, education and health care was needed to tackle long-term underlying issues relating to unemployment.

"We're fortunate that organisations like the Minerals Council of Australia have very clear and well articulated policies about how they want to undertake human rights work," he said.

Mr Calma encouraged the minerals industry "not to see Indigenous people just as potential employees, but see the community as a source of employment and support for the mining industry".

He said the Government must take a more central role in creating better outcomes for Indigenous Australians, by countering housing problems.

In December, State Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts announced that under the East Kimberley regional partnership agreement, Department of Housing and Works (DHW) tenants could stay in public housing for up to two years after they start working.

The policy was designed to increase opportunities for working tenants to build financial security before having to move out of public housing.

Though the lack of housing in the

**'We're fortunate that organisations like the Minerals Council of Australia have very clear and well articulated policies about how they want to undertake human rights work'**

● **ATSI Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma**



**'Housing in WA's Pilbara region is becoming unaffordable and much of the work up here is by contract, which could last anywhere from a couple weeks to a couple years'**

● **Former ATSI Commissioner Terry Whitby**

region creates a number of problems for workers, under the new scheme Keystart will offer support for tenants to buy a home or find a suitable rental property over the two years.

Mines worker Jerry Maher, a Nyongar single father, balances the pressures of full-time work with family responsibilities, but admits the struggle at times has been made worse by the prospect of losing his family home.

After a traumatic childhood at Tardun mission, Mr Maher, 45, battles daily with depression and faces a replacement triple bypass operation in the near future, adding to the stresses he faces as a working sole parent.

He said the new policy helped to alleviate some of his worries about his family's long-term stability and

well-being.

"Things are going really well at my new job and having some support to get into my own house is just so good," he said.

"I've dreamed of that - having our own true home that we can say is ours and you sort of don't have to worry about anything else. That's everybody's dream I think."

While no special considerations have been made within the policy for people with poor health, disabilities or dependents, a DHW spokeswoman said the department would examine each situation on a case-by-case basis and would not discriminate against those wanting to take advantage of employment trends in the North-West.

She said DHW policy permitted

tenants who met the eligibility requirements to apply to buy their homes or another department property, and they might qualify for a shared-equity home loan.

Working tenants' rent would be assessed at the lesser of either 25 per cent of a tenant's income, or the market rental as agreed on tenants' original lease agreements.

Former ATSI Commissioner Terry Whitby, who lives in the Pilbara, said the new scheme sounded good but couldn't deliver long-term security.

"Housing in the Pilbara is becoming unaffordable and much of the work up here is by contract, which could last anywhere from a couple weeks to a couple years," he said.

Mr Whitby also said that with established houses becoming less and less common, people on a limited income could be forced to pay high prices for poor quality or dilapidated housing.

While Department of Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Alannah MacTiernan, has announced numerous land releases in the Kimberly and Pilbara region, aspects of their sale may still prove to be an obstacle for first home buyers.

The cost of recent land releases in Broome's Janburu area range between \$175-295,000, and ballots for those blocks will only add to problems posed by the prohibitive prices, with little relief offered from first home buyer rebates of only \$5000.

The prices of other recent land releases in Port Hedland (\$162,000 - \$270,000) and in Karratha (\$151,000 - \$230,500) indicate no provision has been made by the government to allocate land to fulfil promises made in the new DHW policy.

Rental properties, although scarce, begin at about \$250 p/w for a flat or run-down fibro house, with weekly rents for housing that is more likely to be suitable for the longer term starting at \$700 p/w.



RAY ROBINSON

## 'Sugar' back in court



Former ATSI deputy chairman 'Sugar' Ray

Robinson will face a committal hearing in March accused of selling \$100,000 worth of taxpayer-funded vehicles.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) allege Mr Robinson, who has appeared in a Queensland court, sold cars, a bus, an earthmover and a tractor belonging to two Aboriginal corporations in late 2005.

Mr Robinson allegedly used the proceeds from the sale to fund his successful legal defence in a fraud trial in 2005.

He appeared briefly on 3 January in Charleville Magistrates Court, in the State's south-west. He faces two charges under the Criminal Code of abusing public office and two under the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act for using powers for improper purposes.

Mr Robinson says he will vigorously defend the charges. His committal hearing has been set down for 11-14 March in the Charleville court. —AAP

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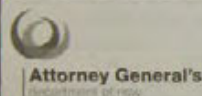
### Registration of Stakeholder Interest for Aboriginal Archaeological Investigation: Quakers Hill Recycled Water Scheme, NSW.

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholder groups and/or people wishing to be consulted for an Aboriginal heritage assessment of the proposed Quakers Hill Recycled Water Scheme for Sydney Water located within Blacktown City Council, NSW. Based on the findings of the assessment further archaeological work may be warranted in the future depending on the results of the assessment. The consultation process will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications (National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974: Part 6 Approvals) that became effective on 1 January 2005.

Parties are invited to register their interest with Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd in writing to:

Evan Raper  
Principal Archaeologist  
Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd  
Shop 1/92 Perovial Road Stanmore NSW 2048  
Tel: 02 9568 6701 Fax: 02 9568 6702

Applications must include contact details. Phone enquiries are welcome and should be directed to Evan Raper.



### Aboriginal Gay, Lesbian, Sistergirl Community Awareness & Education Project

The NSW Attorney General's Department's Crime Prevention Division is currently seeking expressions of interest in conducting a project targeting Aboriginal Gay, Lesbian, Sistergirl (GLS) people.

Interest is sought from incorporated community organisations, academics or communication consultants with established working relationships and/or program links to Aboriginal and gay and lesbian communities in NSW. Partnerships and collaborative arrangements are encouraged.

Applicants must have: a demonstrated understanding of the project brief and its requirements; capacity to develop and sustain partnerships with all key stakeholders; experience working with Aboriginal communities; experience in carrying out similar projects; and capacity to develop and implement a community awareness and education package.

Interest must be expressed by a written proposal (no longer than 15 pages) that responds to the project brief - copies are available on [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpd](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/cpd) under the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Initiatives or by contacting the Crime Prevention Division on (02) 9228 8307.

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# Our dancers in Algeria



Warlpiri and Warumungu Dancers represented Australia at the

International Festival of Desert People in Algiers, Algeria. The festival ran from 13-20 December.

The General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed the year 2006 the International Year of Deserts and Desertification.

Algiers, the capital of Algeria and a city of nearly four million people, is nestled on the Mediterranean between Morocco and Tunisia.

The festival showcased desert cultures from around the world and was dedicated to the protection of the environment and the struggle against desertification and aimed to promote desert cultures and their heritage.

### Around the globe

It brought together Indigenous and desert cultures from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, Chad, Senegal, China, India, Canada, Mongolia, North America, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Australia.

It included daily performances from all the countries in a vibrant expose of Indigenous music, dance and culture.

Artback NT Touring presented the Warlpiri and Warumungu Dancers, which was made possible through support from the Northern Territory Government, the Office of the Chief Minister, the Minister for Central



Warlpiri and Warumungu Dancers with their Algerian hosts.



Jimmy Frank and Johnny Possum live on Algerian television.

Australia, Julalikari Council, the Australia Council for the Arts, the MLA for the Barkly, Arts NT, Desert, Anyinginyi Health and Karl Hampton.

The central Australian delegation was made up of Warlpiri dancers of the Jangampa Dance Group, managed by Centralian Peter Yates and Warumungu dancers representing the Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre in Tennant Creek.

The Jangampa Dancers are a group of Warlpiri and Anmatjere traditional dancers and singers originally from Yuendumu who now reside in Alice Springs. Jangampa is the Warlpiri word for 'possum' and the group has been performing nationally and internationally for more than ten years.

The award-winning Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre was opened in 2003 and has been home to a range of cultural activities, including art exhibitions, movie nights, markets, youth performing arts and traditional Indigenous dances for community events, forums, seminars and tourism groups.

Both groups present ancient songs and dances from central

Australia. They have been presenting paintings and artefacts from their regions and have been involved in forums and discussions in relation to their Indigenous Australian desert culture in an environment of cultural exchange with other delegations from around the world.

The Australian delegation included John Brown, Charlie Brown, Albert Morris, Jimmy Collins, Banjo Johnny, Mark

Johnny and Jimmy Frank Jr.

The Australian delegation was the first Indigenous traditional dance group to visit Algeria. They were greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm. Many Algerians have never met Indigenous Australians and were very welcoming.

The Australians were popular throughout the festival and featured regularly throughout on Algerian television. They also met the Algerian President.

Next year's festival will be held in southern Italy and members of the dance groups say they are looking forward to re-connecting with the friends they made in Algeria.



Johnny Possum with the Australia banner at the opening ceremony.



Mark Johnny and Jimmy Frank in traditional Warumungu costume at the opening ceremony.



Jimmy Frank plays the didj for Algerian ministers in the desert city of Ghardaia, in southern Algeria.



Johnny Possum leads the singing at the opening ceremony.



Dancers at the Roman Ruins of Tipasa, west of Algiers.



# Thanks for the memories

William Malone checks out the latest edition of the Institute News, the AIATSIS newsletter.



Queensland's Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) have their hands full after an

enthusiastic response to their third community access visit to Queensland's Cherbourg community.

Over three days in December, more than 400 people dropped in to the Cherbourg Community Town Hall to collect photos ordered during previous Institute visits and to search through new archival material.

The AIATSIS team also took up oral history recordings of interviews with members of the Wakka Wakka nation and Cherbourg residents over the years.

As a result of the visit, more than 250 requests were received for more than 3000 copies of photographs, as well as copies of the recordings.

AIATSIS community access manager Craig Greene said the recordings proved a big hit, especially with the Elders.

"The recordings brought many memories flooding back and many community people said that they had not heard that language in years," he said.

"Many of the clients found that the recordings were of their relatives, and they have requested copies."

"The recordings highlighted the great need for Aboriginal people to start to capture our stories while we can, as these stories can only be told in our voices."

The visit included a 'Keeping Your History Alive' archiving workshop for members of the Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group and Aboriginal students of the nearby Murgon School.

In 2005, AIATSIS received funding from the Department of Education Science and Training to digitise much of its audiovisual collections.

Education, Science and Training Minister Senator Julie Bishop's adviser on Indigenous education, Anna McEachern, joined Institute staff on the Cherbourg visit.

"We were very pleased to be able to demonstrate what can be achieved with this type of funding and just how well received the end product is in Indigenous communities," Mr Greene said.

Cherbourg was established in 1904 on the banks of the Barambah Creek, about three hours drive north of Brisbane. It became home to people from 38 tribes from all over Queensland who were moved there under the Aboriginal Protection Act.

● **LEFT:** Participants in the Keeping Your History Alive workshop, from left, co-ordinator Craig Greene, Debbie Tanner, Robert Bond, Aunty Sandra Morgan, Aunty Ada Simpson, DEST adviser Anna McEachern, Robert (Rocko) Langdon, Aunty Jeanette Brown and AIATSIS community access officer Terri-lee Amatto.



Aunty Annie Moffett and her sister show their grandkids pictures of Cherbourg in the old days, telling a few stories of how life was back then.

## Heritage Act, 1977

### Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register Wreck of the paddle steamer *Rodney*

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend listing the above place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 12 February 2007.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

Enquiries to David Nutley on (02) 9673 85574.

**Direct submissions to:** Heritage Council of NSW, Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta NSW 2124. (3 January, 2007)

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DRAFT AQUACULTURE (ZONES - ANXIOUS BAY) POLICY 2007

Pursuant to Section 12 of the Aquaculture Act 2001 notice is hereby given that the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries has released the above-mentioned draft aquaculture policy for public consultation. This policy has been developed in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the Aquaculture Act 2001.

With the introduction of the Aquaculture Act 2001, there is an opportunity to develop planning practices that better reflect the needs of the aquaculture industry, government and the community in South Australia.

The Draft Aquaculture (Zones - Anxious Bay) Policy 2007 has been developed to ensure the ecologically sustainable development of aquaculture and associated activities in the Elliston region. The policy aims to provide certainty for industry stakeholders, improve community confidence and facilitate the consolidation of existing industry and opportunities for moderate aquaculture development.

Section 29 of the Development Act 1993 enables the Minister for Urban Development and Planning to amend a development plan in accordance with an approved aquaculture policy under the Aquaculture Act 2001.

It is proposed to amend the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan subject to the approval of the Draft Aquaculture (Zones - Anxious Bay) Policy 2007 by establishing one new aquaculture zone with associated Objectives and Principles of Development Control.

The draft policy and policy report will be available as at Thursday 21st December 2006 from PIRSA Aquaculture, 14th Floor, 25 Grenfell Street (GPO Box 1625), Adelaide 5001, on the internet at [www.pirsa.gov.au/aquaculture](http://www.pirsa.gov.au/aquaculture), by telephoning (08) 8226 0314 or by faxing (08) 8226 0330.

Written submissions in relation to the draft policy and/or proposed amendments to the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan are invited from the public and should be made to PIRSA Aquaculture, GPO Box 1625, Adelaide SA 5001.

Submissions should be made on the policy submission template also available through the above contacts. Submissions must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 28th February 2007.

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# Fight for justice

## Retired Aboriginal reserve manager stands up for 'what is right'



After growing up on Purfleet Reserve, near Taree, on the NSW mid-north coast with virtually no schooling, NSW Elder Les Ridgeway

worked for more than 30 years as a public servant in a system that managed his people.

He says that as soon as he was out of that system, he 'didn't really retire' because now he has taken up the fight for what he knows is right.

"I'll keep fighting because they did an injustice to my mother in taking her away at the age of 13," he said.

"And I've got documentation here to show that she was placed out to work with a couple of people, and was never ever paid her wages for that, she got a shilling a week pocket money, I think."

"And then when she realised that I was a manager on the reserves, she started telling me

**Continuing our series highlighting people affected by the stolen wages policies of governments in Australia**

that she never got her child endowment nor the bonus they were supposed to get for each child that was born.

"That's what made me chase up the affairs of my mum, because of the way she was treated as a child and the fact that I knew of two young girls who were taken from my grandparents and put into Cootamundra Girls Home."

### Found document

Not long after his official retirement in the 1990s, Mr Ridgeway found a four-page list of other mothers, and some fathers who were also denied their endowment.

"I extracted it out of one of the reserves I went to because quite

a lot of the records of the Aboriginal Welfare Board here in the State of NSW were destroyed deliberately," he said.

In one case when I was a senior welfare officer at Moree in the 1970s. An instruction came down from the head office of the child welfare department instructing all the district offices around NSW to go out on the mission stations or reserves, collect those old files out of the former managers' offices, take them to the town dump and burn them.

"It was wilful destruction of valuable files that were kept on each Aboriginal reserve, files of details that would be very important to Aboriginal people



Flashback to 14 January 2004: Participants in the first NSW stolen wages meeting following the announcement of the Queensland Government's stolen wages offer. Les Ridgeway is seated second from the right in the front row holding a postcard.

today."

Mr Ridgeway said he sent the list he found to the NSW Treasurer of the day, who sent a letter back denying any knowledge of Treasury having held trust fund accounts on behalf of Aboriginal people.

"They were being made aware all along of this money and yet he wrote to me to say there was no recognition for these accounts in the Treasury," Mr Ridgeway said.

"I remember when I relieved one of the managers at Purfleet, the former reserve that I grew up on, I remember writing out orders for a dear old lady."

"She was true blue, I remember writing the order out and if we could track that down, if it wasn't destroyed, it would have my signature on it."

"That was served on a big store in Taree back in the late 1960s and

we had to write on these Aboriginal order forms, what she could purchase from that store."

"Instead of cash in hand, she took that order form into the store and they supplied her with food or clothing for her children."

He agreed that some money was held in trust for her by somebody.

"That's right, the actual cash was held by the Aboriginal Welfare Board at that time and they'd instruct managers to write the orders out for the amounts of such and such," he said.

Mr Ridgeway is determined to keep fighting.

"It did affect me to an extent, but it's not only from my point of view - it's for other Aboriginal people as well," he said.

"I have an axe to grind. I think it's ludicrous the way Aboriginal people have been treated."



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## Task force to probe CDEP shake-up



A task force has been set up in Western Australia to investigate the effects of the Howard Government's

CDEP shake-up in Indigenous communities.

WA Premier Alan Carpenter has established a State Government task force to be chaired by Mining and Pastoral Region Minister Shelley Archer.

Mr Carpenter said his Government understood the important role of CDEP in Indigenous communities and would investigate any negative impacts.

The task force will produce a report 30 June 2007, with recommendations to lessen the negative impacts.

Ms Archer said the task force would meet with as many communities and organisations as possible to ensure the effect of the changes were understood and documented.

"Aboriginal people are entitled to the same basic rights as every other citizen in Australia and we need to make sure that the

impact of CDEP changes do not weigh heavily on Aboriginal people and their communities," she said.

Kimberley MLA Carol Martin said the CDEP changes had serious consequences for the economy of the region.

"The closure of Aboriginal organisations will impact on employment and flow on to small business," she said.

Meanwhile, Federal Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Kevin Andrews says 64 organisations have been given the green light to operate as a Structured Training and Employment Project and Employment Related Services (STEPERS) to help Indigenous people into employment.

It was announced late last year that at least 40 of the 210 CDEP organisations would have to compete with mainstream to become a STEP broker, leaving some Indigenous organisations confused and panicked about the changes.

● Visit [www.workplace.gov.au/](http://www.workplace.gov.au/) step to see the list of successful STEPERS organisations.



# Kevin's proud day



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gavin Jennings opening the Kevin Coombs Hostel.



Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) has celebrated the opening of its newest accommodation for Indigenous families, this time in Melbourne.

In partnership with the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) and Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV), AHL officially opened the Kevin Coombs Hostel, which honours a respected community leader and champion wheelchair basketballer whose sporting career spanned the 1960s and 1970s.

## Extended family

RCH chairman Tony Beddison said the celebration marked more than the opening of a hostel.

"We are opening a home for Aboriginal people, where they become part of an extended family which is committed to supporting them today, tomorrow and beyond," he said.

The Kevin Coombs Hostel is situated directly opposite the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, offering families



A proud Kevin Coombs (seated) with, from left, his grand-daughter Kyeema, daughter Rose Coombs, Mrs Linda Coombs, grandson Jordan, and daughter Janine Coombs.

affordable, short-term accommodation when accessing the hospital's services.

AHL General Manager Keith Clarke said the hostel would provide a safe and comfortable homely environment for

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## Stan Grant back in the news

Aboriginal journalist Stan Grant will return to Australia to co-host SBS World News Australia with the network's veteran newsreader, Mary Kostakidis.

The Wiradjuri man has spent six years as an international correspondent for CNN travelling the globe but is returning to Australia so his oldest son can start high school here.

For his new role, Grant will be based in the same Artarmon studio as his former wife Karla Grant, mother of his oldest two boys, aged 13 and 10, and host of Aboriginal affairs program *Living Black*. Grant also has a five-year-old son with fellow journalist Tracey Holmes.



Boys perform during the celebrations at Tirkandi Inaburra.

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- The NSW Aboriginal Land Council
- City of Sydney; and
- Vibe Australia.

# Centre helps youths



The Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre at Coleambally, in central southern NSW, helped dozens of Aboriginal boys to get their lives back on track during its first year in operation, NSW Attorney-General Bob Debus said.

Tirkandi Inaburra offers troubled Aboriginal boys aged 12-15 a residential program aimed at improving their self-confidence and strengthening their cultural identity.

"I think Tirkandi Inaburra has already proven its power and there is a strong demand to replicate the centre in another part of regional NSW, possibly near Dubbo," said Mr Debus.

Tirkandi Inaburra celebrated its first birthday in December with a graduation ceremony attended by past and present students. The graduates showcased some of their talents at the ceremony with traditional dancing and performances on the didgeridoo.

## Tailored programs

Twenty-six Aboriginal boys have graduated from Tirkandi over the past 12 months after attending school and undertaking tailored vocational and cultural programs at the residential centre.

"The graduation ceremony will recognise the achievements of these boys, many of whom have become role models for their peers," Mr Debus said before the graduation. "A boy who was once in trouble with police is taking steps to become a police officer after undergoing a significant transformation at Tirkandi."

The centre, 780ha at Coleambally, houses up to 16 boys at a time, with each one staying for three to six months on a voluntary basis. Boys who apply to attend Tirkandi are accepted only if they have demonstrated a desire to improve their behaviour. Indigenous Elders are closely involved in the centre's programs and support the young people when they return to the community.

Tirkandi Inaburra is funded by the NSW Attorney-General's Department and controlled and operated by the local community in partnership with government agencies.



Return ticket: Delena Oul-Foster on the ferry to Palm Island. The former Palm Island Mayor has won back her old position.



# Former Palm Mayor is back in her old seat

By ALF WILSON



Lone female candidate Delena Oul-Foster was voted Mayor of Palm Island at a by-election in mid-December. Five candidates stood for

the hot-seat \$50,000-a-year position after former Mayor Erykah Kyle resigned in November.

Ms Oul-Foster gained 152 votes to beat Acting Mayor Zac Sam with 128 votes, Jacob Baira on 96, Alfred Lacey with 76 and Robert Blackley, who polled 67.

The sixth candidate when nominations closed on November 24 – Lex Wotton – had to withdraw before the by-election because he had previously been bankrupt.

Mr Wotton will stand trial in Brisbane next March for allegedly being the ringleader of the 2004 riot when the island police station was burned down.

Ms Oul-Foster is a former Palm Island Mayor and her council was sacked in 2003 when an administrator was appointed to try and restore financial accountability to the troubled north Queensland Aboriginal community.

Ms Oul-Foster told local media she wanted to get the Bwgcolman and Manbarra people working together and to sort out the island's

land issues.

She said the Federal Government wanted to enter into a 99-year lease and that islanders wanted to know through the council how that would affect them.

The new Mayor also wants to review the island's Alcohol Management Plan.

Many islanders want 10am to 10pm trading with family activities on the agenda to cut down on heavy drinking.

Ms Oul-Foster has been an advocate for women's rights and those of the elderly and for the Kootana Women's Centre.

One of her major efforts during her time out of local politics was in January 2005 when she was instrumental in getting controversial Federal Member for Herbert Peter Lindsay to visit the island.

Mr Lindsay angered the community when he publicly called for the island to be shut down.

Mr Lindsay said it was time to consider shutting down Palm Island and moving its residents to the mainland where there was a better chance of finding work and making something of their lives.

Ms Foster said the Elders wanted development and employment on the island. Now that she is Mayor, she has a platform to achieve those goals.

# "A lifetime's worth of reconciliation came down to one moment"

Annette Peardon – member of the Stolen Generations

On November 21 last year, Annette Peardon and Eddie Thomas created history in the Tasmanian Parliament. They joined elected representatives on the floor of the House to speak of their experiences and perspectives as members of Tasmania's Stolen Generations. Their stories of emotional and physical hardship as a result of being removed from their families and culture brought a personal perspective to a long ignored issue.

That same day, the Tasmanian Government's Stolen Generations Bill was passed unanimously in the Lower House – a triumph for the cause of Aboriginal reconciliation in Australia, and illustrative of the humanitarian leadership shown by our small State in addressing what is one of the most shameful aspects of our history.

As a result of the Bill passing the Upper House one week later, people like Annette now have the chance to access a financial package that recognises and seeks to redress the wrongs of the past. All Tasmanians can be proud that this demonstration of the spirit of reconciliation has taken place in their State. It will become a beacon for tolerance, inclusiveness and a more positive future for all.

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The Tasmanian Government will consider providing a payment to anyone who can demonstrate that they are an Aboriginal person and were removed without consent from their family between 1935 and 1975 (for a period of 12 months or more), as a result of active intervention by the State Government. Children of a deceased member of the Stolen Generations can also apply.

Applications for payment opened on Monday 15 January 2007 and remain open for six months. Full details, including all eligibility conditions, are available at [www.dpac.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au) or by calling 1300 654 583.





# Graduate's hard work rewarded

Story and photo by  
Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



When 23-year-old Leah Brown graduated from university with a law degree a few days before

Christmas, she didn't just realise a personal dream. She also became one of very few Tasmanian Aboriginal people to gain such a degree.

"You can count the number of Tasmanian Aboriginal lawyers on one hand, but currently none are practising," Ms Brown told the Koori Mail.

"I never thought I could do anything like this, no one else in my family has been to uni. I guess for a lot of people they do what their parents have done, they go with what they know."

"It was a bloody hard slog. I got up to eight hours of tutoring a week to help. I worked really hard to achieve my goal."

After six years of study, Ms Brown is about to embark on a further six-month course which will make her eligible to be admitted to the Bar and become a practising lawyer.

"Then I'll be looking for a job in my areas of interest," she said.

Ms Brown is particularly interested in the criminal justice system, native title and intellectual property, but she is also an avid activist for substantial equality (for health, housing, education, employment and so on), self-determination and pushing for repatriation of human remains in Australia and overseas.

Ms Brown has been supported throughout her



Leah Brown on her graduation day. Over graduation gown that is steeped in European tradition, she proudly wears a traditional shell necklace.

studies by the Robert Riley Scholarship through the Foundation for Young Australians. She is applying for the scholarship again this year and if successful it will be her fifth year running to receive one of the four scholarships.

The aim of the scholarship program, which honours West

Australian rights activist the late Rob Riley, is to promote the pursuit of justice and human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through supporting education of young Indigenous people in relevant fields.

Ms Brown cites Rob Riley as one of her role models, along

with her family, her late grandfather Cyril Brown, Dr Jocelyne Scutt and lawyer and activist Michael Mansell, "because they've all looked beyond their personal setbacks to the greater good of their communities".

"I knew I wanted to study law by the time I finished high school. I wanted to do something to address the injustices perpetrated against my people, both in the past and today," she said.

In between her studies last year, Ms Brown's passion and commitment led her to be selected along with another young Tasmanian Aboriginal person to travel to Britain to repatriate Tasmanian Aboriginal human remains from the British Museum and push for further returns.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre State Secretary Sara Maynard was all praise for Ms Brown.

"She's young, an active member of the community, participates in her culture and is active with her Aboriginal cultural dancing, she has shown great initiative. Leah is an inspiration; she's good for the Aboriginal youth to look up to," Ms Maynard said.

Throughout her university studies Ms Brown has been part of the National Indigenous Cadetship Program, allowing her to undertake part-time work and gain hands-on experience. She spent five years with the Tasmanian Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner investigating discrimination cases. She now works with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage Office helping develop new legislation to better protect the State's Aboriginal heritage.

## Man given jail term for Pilbara shooting



A man has been jailed for opening fire with a shotgun on a group of Aboriginal people, killing one and wounding another in what prosecutors said was a

racially motivated attack.

Bradley Stuart Burge, 33, was sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in jail for the January 2000 drive-by shooting in Port Hedland, in Western Australia's north.

He had pleaded guilty to murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

Burge, originally from country NSW, admitted using a 12 gauge shotgun to fire a single shot at people gathered in a park.

The shot hit a 39-year-old woman in the leg and she bled to death. The blast also hit a 32-year-old man in the leg, leaving him with a permanent disability.

Burge's brother Kerry James Burge, who was allegedly driving the car at the time of the shooting, has pleaded not guilty to the same charges and will face trial.

Burge's lawyer Josephine Pepe told the West Australian Supreme Court her client had not meant to kill or harm anyone, only to frighten them.

"They were out to do a prank that went horribly wrong," she said.

But prosecutor Carolyn Moss called the attack cowardly.

"This is a clear-cut case of a racially motivated offence," she told the court.

"It was pure chance and pure luck that no one else was hit ... and there were no further fatalities," she said.

Justice Ralph Simmonds said the offences were matters of grave community concern.

"The results were deeply and doubly tragic," he said.

But Justice Simmonds said he accepted Burge had not intended to kill anybody.

He said the attack had been out of character for Burge and was not part of a pattern of violence or racism.

Burge was made eligible for parole.

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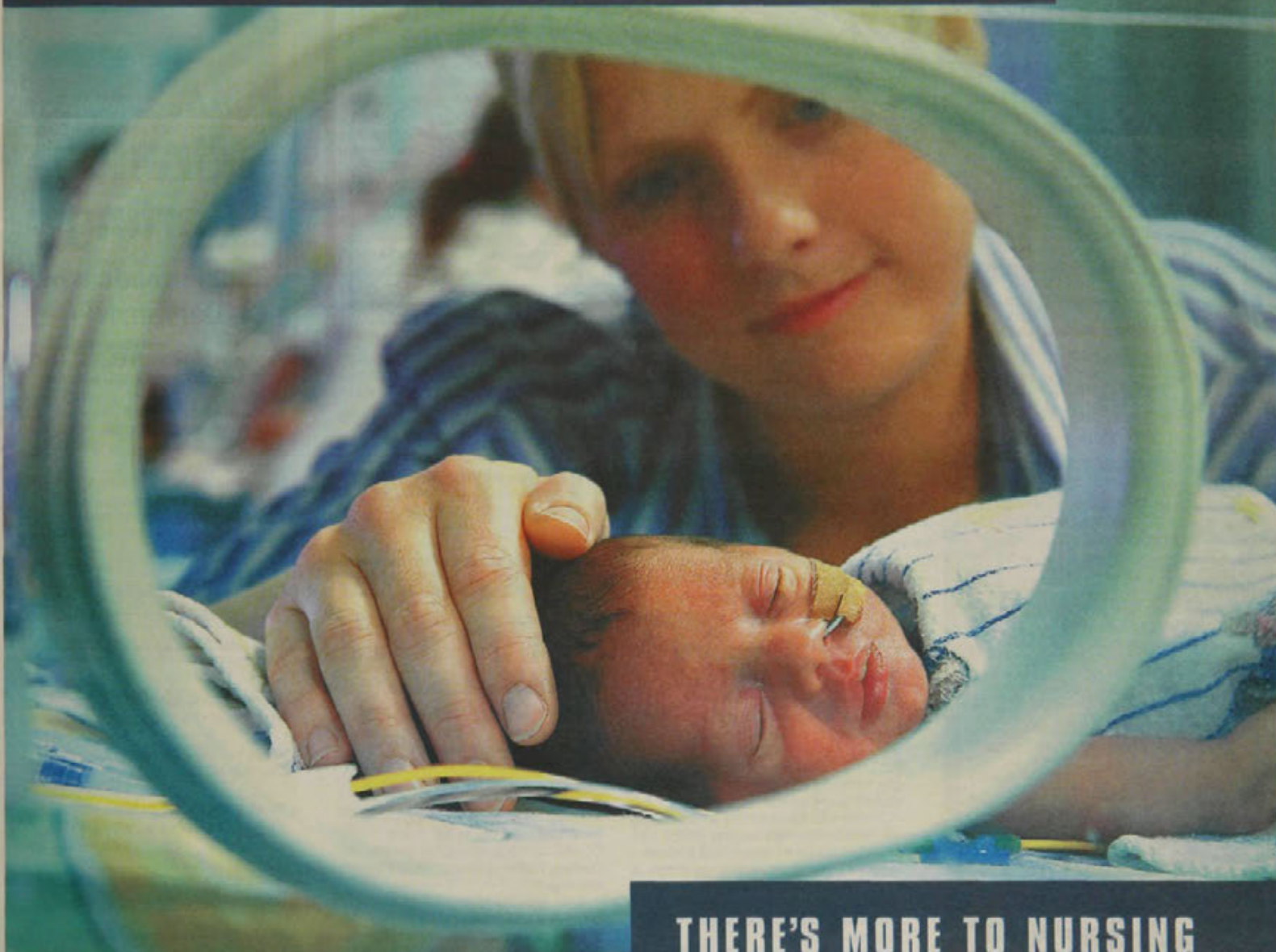
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# DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## Quote



**'With the pastoralists, we came to an agreement. What's done is done but from now on, we get to have a say about how our country is used'.**

*— Githabul man Oral Williams, on his people's landmark native title agreement.*

## Unquote

# Bad one day, worse the next

THE state of relations between Indigenous people and the Queensland police force has gone from bad to worse, hitting what any reasonable person would hope is rock bottom (that way, it can't get any worse).

Last week's Aurukun riot should leave the Qld government in no doubt that its handling of the messy Mulrunji Doomadgee/Chris Hurley/DPP matter has seriously damaged its credibility. Does the Qld Government care? Probably. And it should, because this is one festering sore that ain't going away without some serious TLC.

There was undoubtedly an element of the Qld Government reaping what it had sown but it'd be mean-spirited and not especially constructive to leave things at that. The problems confronting Indigenous people in Queensland and elsewhere deserve more than a 'nyarh, nyarh, told you so.'

Of course factors such as alcohol and disregard for people and property don't help situations like that in Aurukun. But neither does grinding inter-generational poverty and relentless disregard for human rights.

There are a few promising signs; like Acting Premier Anna Bligh's request for a meeting last week with Brisbane Indigenous rights advocate Sam Watson so she could brief him on the Aurukun matter so he could, in turn, inform the Brisbane community.

Few in the Indigenous community would deny that more police are needed. But not more of the same because, on the face of it, there seems to be a few



too many bad apples. Volatile situations and depressing social conditions can take their toll on anyone. But we need a different breed of cop who is not jaded, has some energy for change, and will actually implement government directions like — and this supposedly 'new' idea is as old as the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody itself — arresting people as a last resort.

One gets the feeling it'll be a while before the Qld Police Union will be sharing any beverages with Aboriginal people (the way the so-called investigating officers did with their fellow officer Chris Hurley) any time soon.

National Labor President Warren Mundine was right to warn other States and Territory governments (which all bat for the same political team as him) against thinking this will remain a Qld problem. It won't, unless someone comes up with a far-reaching solution soon.

How about a crisis summit where everyone leaves their frustration and bias at the door to get things started?

And while his brief sounds depressingly limited, fingers tightly crossed for Sir Laurence Street's review.

# A Yarn With...



## Miranda Garling

Radio broadcaster  
Darwin, NT

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Turtle

**Favourite other food?**  
Scotch fillet steak and rice

**Favourite drink?**  
Water

**Favourite music?**  
Country/Rnb

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Soccer, basketball and boxing

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
New Zealand

**What are you reading?**  
Life magazines

**What are you watching?**  
Criminal Minds

**What do you like in life?**  
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**What don't you like?**  
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**Who would you most like to meet?**  
The Dixie Chicks

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Alan Jackson

**Who inspires you?**  
Dad and Mum

**What would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
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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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African American writer James Baldwin (1924-1987) once said: *If one really wants to see how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policeman, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected – those, precisely, who need the law's protection most – and listens to their testimony.*

Watching the recent Palm Island death-in-custody saga unfold in the comfort of lounge chairs around the nation, it has become patently obvious to all and sundry that Queensland Premier Peter Beattie has failed dismally in the listening stakes in his handling of the Mulrunji controversy that simply won't go away.

Disappointingly for Indigenous Australians, especially grieving relatives and friends of Mulrunji Doomadgee, Peter Beattie's political incompetence on this matter has been nothing short of breathtaking.

Now, there are more expressive words than breathtaking that a person could draw from within their reservoir of accumulated knowledge, but to me, sitting in solitude behind my computer, it is the one word that comes to mind for a myriad of reasons: Judicial thuggery, police brutality, bureaucratic cover-up and intimidation, media bias, political deceit, family anguish, personal despair and plain old historically-rooted bigotry.

Writing under her Perspectives piece in the Courier Mail, January 8, Emeritus Professor Helen Hughes, a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney, speaks bluntly on the specifics of the national controversy: *So after a spot of fishing on the morning of Friday, November 12, 2004, Mulrunji, together with most other Palm Island men, cashed his welfare cheque at the post office so that he could start drinking. A little later, already inebriated, he made a rude comment to a policeman arresting blokes mixed up in a 'domestic', was arrested and on arrival at the police station, according to the coronial inquiry,*

*took a swipe at a policeman and later died.*

The eminent Emeritus Professor goes on to paint a bleak picture of Palm Island by describing it as ... *a typical victim of the apartheid-like policies that have denied Aborigines mainstream Australian lives since the 1970s. Any group subjected to the same policies would become dysfunctional.*

Contributing an analysis from a different outlook to Hughes on the absorbing debate, Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership Director Noel Pearson in his Weekend Australian Inquirer piece, January 6-7, speaks in more positive terms by identifying young Palm Island leaders Brad Foster, Alfred Lacey, Lex Wotten, Robert Blackley and Mayor Delena Foster and then challenging them collectively to ... *find the means to rise above the fractiousness of a distressed community, and have the courage to lead their people out of victimhood with a preparedness to embrace new policies and to develop new thinking.*

### Saga continues

Due to the longevity and unpredictability of this death-in-custody case – an unprofessional and inept investigating police report; Acting Chief Coroner Christine Clements' finding that Snt Sgt Hurley killed Mulrunji; Director of Public Prosecution Leanne Clare stating there is insufficient evidence to bring about a successful prosecution; Queensland Premier Peter Beattie telling everyone to accept the umpire's decision; State Attorney-General Kerry Shine announcing a review into the decision of the DPP, but not of the DPP performance; The Australian's chief reporter Tony Koch writing an exclusive front-page story on the conflict of interest of the retired judge Pat Shanahan on his appointment to undertake the review because he was on the selection committee that gave the DPP her current job; Mr Shanahan standing down; Prime Minister John Howard recommending an interstate judicial appointment; Indigenous leaders calling for an interstate judicial appointment; Premier Beattie announcing he has confidence of an imminent appointment from within Queensland; and Acting State Premier Anna Bligh announcing retired NSW judge Sir Laurence Street to head up the \$5000-a-day review – it would appear that everyone has formed an opinion one way or the other on the community of Palm Island.

I have only fond memories of the paradise island, currently experiencing colossal social challenges, from doing my primary school teaching practice there in the early 1980s and of intermittent visits since.

Most Indigenous people throughout the State have a family connection to Palm Island, established as a penal settlement in 1918 for Queensland's 'troublesome blacks' or any black who



TV personality Ernie Dingo, second from left, at the Mulrunji rally on 20 December in Brisbane with 'Cunnamulla boys', from left, Wayne (Coco) Wharton, Dennis Wharton, Koori Mail columnist Stephen Hagan and Jack Gibbs. The Whartons, Hagan and Gibbs grew up at Cunnamulla, the home of Bobby Bismark. Mr Bismark, who had leprosy, was sent to Fantome Island, near Palm Island, in 1953 and never returned to Cunnamulla.

had 'leprosy' – the lepers were summarily rounded up and sent to nearby Fantome Island.

My interest in Palm Island became more personal when I researched all sides of my family for my biography (*The N word: One man's stand* – 2005), and discovered archived State documents on my father's half brother, Robert 'Bobby' Bismark. Bismark, who was diagnosed with Hansen's disease (leprosy), was sent several thousand kilometres from Cunnamulla to Fantome Island on 8 August 1953.

### Unannounced visit

It was nine months before I was born in late 1959 that Dad and Mum had a visit from health officials and the police to their fringe camp home in Cunnamulla. Unfortunately, the visit was unannounced and took the form of a house inspection.

In this instance, neither Dad nor Mum was at home or aware of the inspection. Dad only found out about this inspection well into his 70s when I uncovered the State documents.

A letter sent on 3 March 1959 from the Superintendent of Palm Island to the Protector of Aborigines Cunnamulla read: *The Director General of Health & Medical Services has authorised his (Bismark's) release from Fantome Island as he is now clear of Hansen's disease. Bob has requested that he return to live with his brother Jimmy Hagan whose address is given as Camp Reserve,*

*Cunnamulla. It is asked that you let me have a report on the suitability of accommodation offering ...*

A response on 24 March 1959 from the Office of Protector of Aborigines, Cunnamulla read:

*... I have made inquiries accordingly and have come to the conclusion that such request should not be granted. Jimmy Hagan is still resident at the Council Camping Reserve, Cunnamulla, with his wife and family, none of who are wards of the Department of Native Affairs.*

*The home occupied by Hagan is a three-roomed hut of wood and galvanised iron construction, is in extremely bad state of repair, and consists of two bedrooms and a kitchen.*

*... the home and surroundings are dirty and untidy and only the barest minimum of furniture and household utensils are provided.*

When I showed Dad a copy of these letters in 2004, he informed me that neither Mum nor he gave permission to or were present when the inspection took place.

Dad was distressed to read the description of his residence as 'dirty and untidy' as both Mum and his mother Jessie were meticulous with their cleanliness around the hut. He said they were always sweeping the earth floor with a brush, fashioned from branches of a gum tree, and added that

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# Survival Day Calendar



**Invasion Day, Survival Day, Australia Day, or even Australia Change Day.** Whatever you choose to call it, there will be something happening for Indigenous people in each State and Territory on 26 January. Sydney will kick-off with a

morning ceremony at Farm Cove for Australia Day and then Victoria Park will be rocking the rest of the day away with Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Radical Son, Sean Choolburra, Wire MC and Street Warriors.

The highlight in Melbourne will be the Share the Spirit Festival at the Treasury Gardens. There will also be a

protest highlighting Aboriginal deaths in custody.

People in Brisbane will start with a dawn service, then a march on to Parliament House which will be followed by a day at Jagera Hall at Musgrave Park until the afternoon.

Perth is also holding a concert, this year, naming it the Biruk Yeedee Mooditj Dreaming

Festival, with entertainers Mary G, Birdwave, Gina Williams, Bartlett, Noongar Yoka Danjoo Wangkiny and many more taking crowds into the night.

Many Tasmanians will commemorate with a gathering at Preminghana camp, with the north of the State to celebrate survival and culture.

Adelaide people are calling

January 26 'Australia Change' and will hold an evening event on the lawn next to the Tandanya cultural centre with music and speakers from the new Aboriginal Alliance Coalition Movement.

In Canberra, people will march from Civic in the city to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**26 January:** Invasion Day Action for Aboriginal Sovereignty at the Tent Embassy, Canberra. For details email [nimenvironcentre@bigpond.com.au](mailto:nimenvironcentre@bigpond.com.au)

## TASMANIA

**25-28 January:** The 9th Annual Preminghana camp, in north-west Tasmania. The camp will be a statewide get-together for blackfellas to celebrate survival and culture. For more information contact the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council on (03) 6231 0288.

## VICTORIA

**26 January:** Share the Spirit festival and concert featuring Daniel James Band - Bomba, Grant Hansen's Big City Combo, Christine Ward, Dan Sultan, Grenadines, Briscoe Sisters all at the Treasury Gardens 12-6pm. Drug and alcohol free event. For details call Janina Harding (03) 9658 8877 or (0413) 278 791.

**26 January:** The Socialist Alliance is looking for people in Melbourne to build an Invasion Day protest. Those interested should call Brianna on 0439 694 505 or Socialist Alliance on (03) 9639 8622, alternatively email [pika.brianna@gmail.com](mailto:pika.brianna@gmail.com).

**28 January:** Meet celebrity Indigenous chef Mark 'Black' Olive, 10am-4pm at the Koorie Heritage Trust Cultural Centre, 295 King Street (cnr Lt Lonsdale St), Melbourne. Free tastings of bush food

products. Booking is essential. \$5 a session. For details telephone Dee on (03) 8622 2600 or send an email to [dee@kooierheritagetrust.com](mailto:dee@kooierheritagetrust.com)

**28-29 January:** Dharmya Centre, Barmah Forest, Victoria. A weekend with Yorta Yorta and other Indigenous talent performing on a stage surrounded by Redgum forest, along with forums, stalls and recreational activities. For more information email Liam at [ndig.solidarity@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ndig.solidarity@yahoo.com.au)

## QUEENSLAND

**26 January:** Brisbane. At 6am, there will be a dawn service in Surrey Park. 10am reading of claims at Parliament House, then a march to the Premier's office to read more, then on to the Old Police Headquarters. At 11.30am a ceremony for those who have died in the custody of Qld police and a walk to William Jolly Bridge will be held and then on to Jagera Hall at Musgrave Park for a family day from noon-4pm. For more details call Sam Watson on 0401 227 443.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**26 January:** Biruk Yeedee Mooditj Dreaming Festival. Featuring Mary G, Birdwave, Jah's Jewe, Sahra Indio, St Agnes, Gina Williams, Bartlett, Blue Rust, Pop and Lee, Gya Noop Koborrie, Malidji Koolyir, Wadumbah, Noongar Yoka Danjoo Wangkiny, Yirra Yaakin's Stilt Walkers, Loza as well as stalls, kids activities, arts and crafts. 1pm-8.30pm at the Supreme

Court Gardens, Perth. Alcohol and drug free event. For details call (08) 9358 2461 or (0424) 738 322.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**26 January:** Yabun concert from 10am-6pm at Victoria Park, Broadway. For details contact Gadigal Information Service (02) 9564 5090 or email [yabun@gadigal.org.au](mailto:yabun@gadigal.org.au)

Woggan-ma-gule Morning Ceremony. 8-8.30am at the Royal Botanic Gardens, overlooking Farm Cove, Sydney. For details visit the what's on section of [www.australiaday.com.au](http://www.australiaday.com.au)

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

**26 January:** Alyangula. Cricket on Australia Day at Alyangula Town Oval, Bougainvillaea Drive, from 9am. For details contact Mark Bushell on (08) 8987 4451.

Belyuen Community. Australia Day Belyuen-style. Midday to midnight. Sports activities, children's activities, community barbecue and disco. For details contact Cathy Winsley on (08) 8978 5061.

Darwin. Foundation Cup Celebrating the 90th anniversary of organised football in NT. Gardens Hill Oval. Waratahs v Wanderers. 4pm. Call Brian Price on (0408) 809 133. Barbecue lunch. For details call Mark Hagger on phone (08) 89754576 or (0427) 754 576.

Maningrida Fun Day from 11am-5pm at the Maningrida Community, West Arnhem Land. Call John Horgan on (0427) 795 850

or visit [www.maningrida.nt.gov.au](http://www.maningrida.nt.gov.au)

Milingimbi. 9am-5pm celebrations at the Milingimbi Oval. Flag raising ceremony, races, novelty events, barbecue, awards and prizes. Call Tim Parslow on (08) 8987 9840.

Naiyuu Nambiyu. 4.30-11pm. Australia Day Party at the Daly River Oval and community hall. Games, food and music. Call Rosanne Rowlings (08) 8978 2295.

Tiwi Islands Australia Day Island of Origin Aussie Rules Football Match at the Stanley Tipiloura Oval, Kerinaula Highway, Bathurst Island. To be held from 9am-9pm. Auskick/Soccer, women's football, under-18 football, traditional dancing, Island of Origin match, 100m dash, barbecue/dance. Call Adam Kerinaula (08) 8970 9560 for details.

Yuendumu Council Australia Day Celebration from 10am-1pm. 323 Warpiri Avenue. Opening speeches, awards presentation and sausage sizzle. For details call Tania Barnes (08) 8956 4160.

Yulara Oval. 4-9pm, sports afternoon for kids. 5pm free barbecue and entertainment. Call Keith Moore (08) 8957 7395.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**26 January:** 'Australia Change' An evening on the lawn next to Tandanya from 5pm with music, speakers from the new Aboriginal Alliance Coalition Movement and community picnic. With a candle walk around Government House at 7.30pm. For details contact ANTaR SA on (08) 8227 0170 or [antarsa@internode.on.net](mailto:antarsa@internode.on.net) or visit [antarsa.auspics.org](http://antarsa.auspics.org)



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Mural Unveiling and Liz Cavanagh

**2.20pm-10pm Saturday 3 February**  
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Featuring Archie Roach, George Rurrumbu and Birdwave, The Grenadines, Dan Sultan, The Briscoe Sisters, ACES Aboriginal Elders Choir, Ilana Atkinson, the Snuff Puppets, market stalls and free children's activities.  
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## Injustice at hands of bigoted government

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they would cart water several hundred metres away to sprinkle on the ground to prevent dust spreading within the shelter.

Sadly, Bobby Bismark had no option but to live out his life on Palm Island and at 10.35am on 23 April 1969 the following message was sent from the Manager Palm Island to the Manager Woorabinda via Duaringa:

*Robert Bismark died Fantome Island today 23rd. Please inform relatives funeral today.*

Unless his relatives and friends had access to a Lear jet to fly from Woorabinda to Palm Island, Bobby Bismark would not have had a single relative attend his funeral (Bobby previously worked in the cattle industry in and around Woorabinda).

Did told me that he was not aware of anyone from

Cunnamulla travelling to Palm Island for the funeral or being notified of his death.

Bobby Bismark never did return to his people in Cunnamulla after leaving under duress during 1953 for treatment on Fantome Island.

The many friends and family members of Bobby Bismark living on the Cunnamulla Yumba weren't afforded the right to provide for a man who had fought and overcome the dreaded disease of leprosy, but could not defeat the evils of bigotry of the government of the day.

### Many stories

I'm sure there are many other Bobby Bismark stories out there, of that time, which would have followed a similar racist conclusion.

On my recent birthday, I travelled with my wife Rhonda from Toowoomba to the Mulrunji protest gathering in Brisbane's Queen's Park.

And during the successful march to Parliament House down George Street, I thought of the family of Mulrunji Doomadgee and the trauma the Government had put them through in their handling of his case and in a moment of reflection, mid-march, I also cried out words of protest for Bobby Bismark who suffered injustice at the hands of a bigoted government of another era.

In the celebrated words of the brilliant African American writer James Baldwin: *If one really wants to see how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policeman, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected - those, precisely, who need the law's protection most - and listens to their testimony.*

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# YOUR SAY



Chicka Dixon, pictured, expresses concern on Page 26 about Federal Labor's position on Aboriginal affairs. He also calls on members of the National Indigenous Council to resign en masse and for them to support a national replacement organisation for ATSIC.

There have been many developments recently in the matter of Mulrunji Doomadgee's 2004 death in custody. The situation is changing almost daily but we thought it was still important for us to chart the community mood and vocal protest by publishing a selection of the many letters and poems we've received since the deadline for our most recent edition on 20 December.

- EDITOR

## Where are our leaders?

Larry Street may be, and probably is, a great jurist for the system, but I just cannot see him ordering/recommending that Hurley go to a jury trial.

Has anyone seen the details of his brief? Has anyone seen his written instructions from Queensland Attorney-General Kerry Shine?

Will he do what Beattie stated last week, and that was to merely investigate the 'legal independence' of the DPP?

Will they investigate the 'new evidence' given to the DPP?

Will they make a legal assessment of how Leanne Clare came to her decision?

What is to be reviewed?

And do they have the power to overturn the DPP?

Whatever the instructions that Street and Davis have, I strongly urge the Doomadgee family to demand that an Aborigine with full legal training and at least five years of practice, either a qualified magistrate, barrister or a solicitor, be the third leg of the review team with all due authority of the other two.

I find it hard to swallow that Street has been so easily accepted. When we are going to wake up that real justice will never occur as long as we placidly accept that they keep control of the processes that keep us subjugated?

We must always argue that in such legal exercises, we are entitled to our own representation. And we must agitate, in whatever form, for acceptance of proper representation in such matters.

Back in the mid-90s, during the watch committee years, we called for two representative positions to be accepted. The first was that a qualified, legally trained Aborigine (as outlined above) be given the right to sit with a coroner during an inquest into an Aboriginal death-in-custody, and further, that our representative have the power of examination.

The second call was for a representative, as stated above, also to be part of all police investigation teams looking into an Aboriginal death-in-custody. Again, with the full powers of the police while performing the investigation.

We are, of course still waiting for a reply.

For over 15 years I have been involved with these issues in an attempt to stop police/juvenile justice deaths of our people. For over 15 years I have watched as the system just treats us with utter and



Hadassah Schembri at a Brisbane rally where many people voiced their opposition to Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions Leanne Clare's decision not to charge Snr Sgt Chris Hurley over the death in police custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.

insulting contempt. They hold all power while we have none.

And so the TJs, the Mulrunjis, the Woods, and too many more are dismissed as not being worthy of the justice that they boast of.

Our powerlessness has dragged us down too many dead-ends, too many families with no answers and no closure.

While the perpetrators and their government backers of these deaths merely shrug their mealy-mouthed platitudes and allow our people to continue to die.

But, I hasten to add, so do we.

We must demand our rights of representation to participate in their unjust and racist processes.

Why must we abjectly accept that only they have the power and control of the legal processes? How many more of our people must die in custody - currently in excess of 400 since 1980 - before we really fight to gain

some power and control over the life and death of our people?

They will not easily give us that power and control, so we must do all that is required, including civil disobedience, to force them to recognise us as sovereign peoples of our traditional lands.

Where are our leaders? Our voices were raised in the 1970s, 80s and up to the mid-90s. Why are they now silent? Silent to the point where it is being queried 'where has the black voice gone'?

Too many of our young people seem to be satisfied by doing nothing but working within the systems. Perhaps their death may be next. If you don't fight, you lose.

RAY JACKSON

President, Indigenous Social Justice Association Inc  
Sydney, NSW

## YOUR POETRY

### Mulrunji Blues

In memory of past warriors,  
Vincent Lingiari and Mulrunji  
Doomadgee  
(adapted from Gurindji Blues\*)

Poor bugger me, Mulrunji,  
Young man called Doomadgee,  
Arrested for public nuisance,  
His singing offended Chris Hurley  
Poor bugger me, Mulrunji.

Poor bugger blackfella, Mulrunji,  
Fatally injured in custody  
Subject of two autopsies  
Coroner switched for objectivity  
Hoped for justice, you and me,  
Justice for Aborigines.

Poor bugger me, Doomadgee's  
You's bin sit down this country  
Long time before that DPP,  
They hungry for votes for the  
ALP  
Oh poor bugger me,  
Doomadgee's

Poor bugger me, Mulrunji  
two more losses to his family  
Son and grandmother, now join  
he.  
More devastation to  
community  
Waiting for coronial inquiry  
Oh poor bugger me.

Poor bugger whitefella Chris  
Hurley  
Thirteen jailed for Palm melee  
Whilst he was flown to big city  
Long time leave with pay, for he.  
That poor bugger, he, Chris  
Hurley.

Poor bugger me, in this country  
No charges from the DPP  
Hurley not responsible, criminally.  
Not even charged for perjury  
Oh Poor bugger me.

Poor bugger blackfella, this  
country  
The white-man laws for equality  
Maintain the political hypocrisy  
We scream for justice, you and  
me  
Beattie says listen to the referee  
- The DPP.

Poor bugger me, Mulrunji  
Locked up by Sgt Chris Hurley  
Sworn to protect our community,  
Non-operational desk duties  
For his crime against humanity.  
Poor bugger blackfellas in this  
country.

M and M LENOX

*'In 1966, Aboriginal stockmen  
at the Wave Hill Station in NT  
went out on strike for decent  
wages and land rights. This  
was, in fact, the first stirring of  
the land rights movement.  
Three years later, Vincent  
Lingiari and his people were  
still squatting on their own land,  
prompting would-be whitefella  
country singer Ted Egan to  
write Gurindji Blues.  
Recruiting Yirrkala man  
Galamwuy Yunupingu to sing the  
song, it was recorded for RCA*

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# White Australia is

**YOUR  
POEMS**

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## alive and well

and released in 1971. It was the first land rights record and it certainly kicked off Ted Egan's career, and even though it wasn't a hit, it had a profound impact. Indeed, sales of the single helped fund the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the lawns in front of Parliament House in Canberra in early 1972. It is now an Australian classic."

Source: Buried Country – The Story of Aboriginal Country Music Soundtrack.

### For Mulrunji

Follow their trail  
And see where it leads  
In secret they practice  
Their evil deeds  
The hounds from hell  
Such hatred driven  
They stand condemned  
And unforgiven

QAWANJI

Palmer River, Qld

### Yalara Yarn

The land that laid down  
under  
Was one of the last  
that white man found.

Somewhere in the  
southern seas –  
A land of timeless  
ground,  
Inhabited by a native  
With the skin of ebony.

They ignored his will, his  
culture  
And said "This land's for  
me –  
I claim it for King and  
Country."  
Then they filled it with  
convicts.

The ones they called an  
Aborigine –  
They fooled them with  
their tricks.  
This all happened not so  
long ago  
You see...  
Although it's been so  
long now  
It's more than two  
centuries.

Then they took them  
from their mothers.  
And said you should act  
white.

"We'll teach you how  
We want you taught  
With ways both wrong  
and right."

But they one thing that  
they overlooked  
And wrongly failed to  
see  
Was the native of  
Australia  
Just wanted to be free

MICHAEL TREVOR

Coolbellup, WA



Bailey Doomadgee, 4, and Zach Doomadgee, 8, at the Brisbane rally where people vented their feelings over the decision not to charge Snr Sgt Chris Hurley over Mulrunji Doomadgee's death in custody.

## How long do we wait for true justice?

It is interesting that the Government in Queensland is more concerned about their integrity within the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and the integrity of Leanne Clare than the violent actions by a representative of the Crown, namely Snr Sgt Chris Hurley.

Although a 'colonial' inquest has been put forward, I doubt very much if any action will be taken. The system has a way of protecting itself rather than protecting marginals whom they view as mere subjugated non-entities.

For that is the basis of oppression, is it not?

How long do we have to wait for any true justice to prevail instead of these political 'shell games' where a death in custody is again whitewashed from their conscience and we're left out from the equation?

B GOLLAN  
3 January 2007



People at the Mulrunji rally in Brisbane on 20 December.

I've been following the events at Palm Island and it angers me that a policeman can kill an Aboriginal person, have a coroner's report find that the brother died as a result of injuries caused by the bashing, and still get away scot-free.

It hits home that the 'white Australia' policy is still in practice, just in another form.

Makes you wonder as an Aborigine, just who do you vote for? The Liberal/Nationals have traditionally betrayed Aboriginal people and Labor have shown their true colours through the Beattie Government support of the prosecutor's decision.

Warren Mundine has spoken about civil unrest as a possible solution and, to an extent, this may bring the plight of our mob back on

to the international agenda.

But on the other hand, it may only open more prison cell doors for more brothers and sisters being incarcerated. I can see the Queensland Police Force rubbing their hands together and saying 'bring it on, give us an excuse'.

If we can't protect our mob in the community from brutal police bashings, which, as an outcome of this case, has been legalised, how the hell how we going to protect them while incarcerated?

I shake my head with anger and bewilderment at this situation and wonder what future have we Aboriginal people got.

LES AHOY  
Toronto, NSW  
14 December 2006

## Unbelievable decision

The unbelievable decision not to charge Snr Sgt Chris Hurley with the death of Cameron Mulrunji Doomadgee totally astounds me.

This obviously biased decision will have a long-lasting impact, not only on Mulrunji's family, but on the whole judicial system right across Australia.

Why have the coronial findings been ignored?

The suspicious circumstances in which Mulrunji died cannot be overlooked. His death happened, someone is responsible and justice has been blatantly denied.

Where was the 'duty of care'? Mulrunji wasn't given any.

Until justice prevails, the Doomadgee case will be the turning point in Australian criminal history.

Mulrunji was taken in to protected custody and ended up dead. How can that be possible?

Something is wrong, very wrong. Until that wrong is righted, there will be absolutely no faith from



People on the march at the Brisbane rally.

Aborigines in the judicial system.

What was Mulrunji's real crime: Being intoxicated or being Aboriginal?

Our old saying 'white Australia has a black history' is now more appropriate than ever before.

Balance and accountability? There simply isn't any.

I guess that there will always be two sets of rules: One for them and one for us. Blind justice? You betchah!

CORALIE CASSADY  
Townsville, Qld  
14 December 2006

## How can it be allowed?

Like many other Indigenous people, I am outraged by the decision by the Director of Public Prosecution Leanne Clare to override the findings of the Acting State Coroner in the Mulrunji

Doomadgee case. How can this be allowed? Leanne Clare: Are you saying the Acting Coroner does not know what she saw?

There are too many Indigenous deaths in custody.

I hope this disgusting decision is overturned so Mulrunji's family can find some closure.

NAJELLA GREEN  
Palm Beach, Qld  
18 December 2006



# Jim Wharton, a champion of the people



JIM WHARTON

James (Jim) Valentine Wharton passed away on Christmas day, 25 December 2006.

He was born in Cunnamulla, Queensland, on 14 February 1940 and is survived by ten children, 33 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, having lost his wife Janette three years ago.

Jim served on numerous organisations at local, State and national levels. These included his appointment by the Queensland Governor as a member of the Queensland Aboriginal Land Tribunal, serving for more than 20 years as honorary officer of the Department of Children's Services, and various other roles, including two terms on the Goolburri ATSIC Regional Council.

Jim was committed to the 'cause'. He worked tirelessly, fighting for land rights, justice and the future of Indigenous peoples. He was outspoken, especially about things close to his heart such as Murr politics, social justice and racism.

He was staunch, he never passed anyone in the street without stopping to say hello.

He was always one for the 'underdog'.

Jim loved having a yarn and had no end of fascinating stories about his journeys through life.

Jim will be remembered for his straight-forward way of expressing and explaining issues. He also worked in the pastoral industry for many years and drove cattle across thousands of kilometres of country. He never forgot a property or a worker's name.

Jim taught his children to be strong and proud of who and what they are. He mixed with solicitors, barristers, judges, District Court registrars, magistrates, Murrhys on the riverbank - all at the same level and all with the same courtesy and respect.

He travelled overseas representing traditional owners from Australia and of course, 'done us proud' as always.

On 5 January, the township of Cunnamulla could well have seen the biggest funeral in its history. His service was held in the Cunnamulla Hall and he was laid to rest at the Cunnamulla Cemetery after taking the funeral procession past Cunnamulla's old Yumba.

Cunnamulla, Queensland, and Indigenous Australia will mourn the passing of a true leader and committed kind, genuine, unique character. Those who had the privilege of meeting Jim can understand the contribution he made to everyone he knew and everything he did.

Jim's death marks the passing of a true Australian character. He would not have wanted everyone to be sad but to take up where he left off - to continue the struggle.

Hopefully, some of us can. However, no matter how good we think we can be, or how hard we try, he will remain one of our best leaders and certainly a hard act to follow.

KERRY CRUMBLIN

Grand-daughter, on behalf of the Wharton Family  
Cunnamulla, Qld

## Can't get it right

The Australian Government has financed the building of 50,000 homes and 750 schools in two years in another country. Indonesian terrorists have killed many Australians, jails are holding our Australian youngsters, and a terrorist leader has been acquitted of terrorist masterminded killings.

Our Government wouldn't dream of doing the same for their Australian Indigenous communities who are left to live in third world conditions without basic human rights. Will our Government ever get it right?

B GRANT  
Kingscliff, NSW

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## THE HEART OF THE MATTER Our kids come first

*For our kids to grow up strong and proud, they need the love and support of the whole mob, especially their parents. Sure, sometimes relationships don't work out, but this shouldn't mean that kids suffer.*



### KEEPING OUR KIDS IN FOCUS

When parents break up it can be hard for them to stay focused on what's most important - their kids. It can also mean that kids lose touch with other important family members, like their aunts and uncles, cousins and grandparents.

So to help families put their kids first, the Government has changed the way the family law system works.

### A NEW FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

#### - IT'S ABOUT PUTTING KIDS FIRST

Kids should always come first, no matter what. And family is important. So even when mums and dads separate, it's still best for kids to have both parents play a big part in their lives, if this is possible. So the family law system has changed, because parenting is something that should be shared.

Sharing doesn't necessarily mean kids have to spend equal time with their mum and their dad. It means parents should share the responsibilities that come with raising kids - things like making decisions, spending quality time together, and teaching kids about where they come from.

This isn't about people telling you how to raise your kids. It's about making sure our young fellas get all the love and support they need.

### LET'S KEEP IT OUT OF THE COURTROOM

Fights and courtroom battles can hurt kids, so the new laws make it easier for separating parents to sort things out without going to court.

Rather than focusing on the legal fights, parents can sit down and work things out in a safe and neutral environment.

### NEW SERVICES FOR A NEW SYSTEM

Don't worry - you won't have to work out all these new laws by yourself. There are a whole lot of services that have been set up to help. Some of these services have been created especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in mind.

They're not just for mum and dad, either. Everyone can use them - cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, step-parents - anyone who cares about their family's kids, and wants them to grow up strong and happy.

Every family is different, and one size doesn't fit all. These services are there to help make things easier, so we can get on with the important job of raising our kids. Some of these services are:

- Family Relationship Centres - these centres will be opening up around Australia over the next three years. They are somewhere parents and families can go to get information and advice, and to find help for separation and relationship problems.
- Family Relationship Advice Line & Family Relationships Online - These services are for everyone to find information and advice, and to help families with separation or relationship problems.

### GET THE LOW-DOWN

For more information on the new laws and services, head to [www.australia.gov.au/familyrelationships](http://www.australia.gov.au/familyrelationships) or call the Family Relationship Advice Line on 1800 050 321.



### KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

It's a sad fact that some families are affected by domestic violence and child abuse. These things can scar kids for life, creating a cycle of violence and abuse that threatens our community's future.

The law recognises that kids living in violent or abusive environments are at risk of physical and emotional harm, and so the changes to the Family Law System include special safeguards to keep kids safe.

In cases involving violence or abuse, separating parents won't have to sit down together to try and work things out before going to court, and parenting responsibilities won't have to be shared. New Family Relationship Centres will also be able to offer information and referrals to victims.



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# Tamworth steps black in time

I am a Koori woman living in the United States of America.

In keeping up with news back home, I was deeply disturbed to hear of the recent decision of the Tamworth City Council to reject the Federal Government's request to host a resettlement project for refugee Sudanese families.

I am wondering if any of our Indigenous brothers, sisters and Elders in Tamworth feel alarmed by this decision as well?

It sends a shudder through my bones to think that the powers that be in this 'friendly town' would like to take us back to some ugly chapters of history.

Will somebody please remind the Tamworth City Council that racial segregation was made illegal in the USA when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act in 1964?

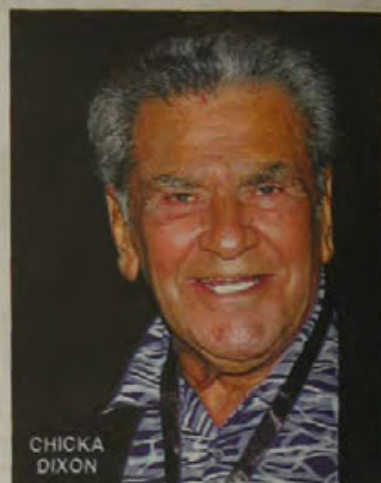
I'm having trouble explaining to the average Yankee here why such a racist, heartless decision by the council is

occurring in Australia 50 years on.

On 15 January, the USA will observe a national holiday of celebration for the life of black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

His message is still as relevant today as it was back then when he called for '...A heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love'.

JODIE PATTERSON  
Ohio, United States



CHICKA  
DIXON

## Let's unite

In 2006, I watched with concern as the new Leader of the Labor Party announced his proposed shadow cabinet and I was disappointed not to hear any mention of a Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

This worries me greatly as Labor could hold power in the Federal arena after the 2007 elections, although I may have missed some of his announcements.

I also noticed when Kevin Rudd visited Queensland on his 'fork in the road tour' that I did not hear any mention of the fork in the road leading to our people. This disappointed me, knowing Queensland is one of the most racist states in Australia.

Having stated my concerns, I would like to appeal to all our people on a national level to consider campaigning for the reintroduction of an organisation similar to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

It would be very interesting to know the Labor party's attitude to a true Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation nationally elected, similar to ATSIC should they gain power.

In conclusion, I appeal to the National Indigenous Council appointees to consider resigning en masse and for them to support a proposed national replacement organisation for ATSIC.

I am sure the NIC appointees could structure a replacement organisation similar to ATSIC with all their expertise.

CHICKA DIXON, aged 78  
La Perouse, NSW

## Thanks to Uncle Micky

MICKY MUNDINE



Over the past year, he has yelled at us, pushed us, motivated and inspired us. On behalf of the woman's fitness class that Uncle Micky trains at the Eloura Tony Mundine Gym in Redfern, I would just like to say thank you Uncle Micky Mundine for your dedication to us and God bless you and your family.

We would also like to thank Alex Tui and David Dowden for all of their support.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, an otherwise male-dominated gym is taken over by the women who attend his class. I'm thankful to say that we haven't stepped on too many of the boys' toes, who've supported us also in their friendship, motivations and assisting Uncle Micky in making us

push ourselves to our limits.

For a boxing gym, it is very female friendly and we've come to love going there.

LOUISE TOGO  
Sydney, NSW

### KOORIES DOING BUSINESS

## Victorian Indigenous Business Directory

### Call for Listings

In 2007 the Koori Business Network (KBN) will produce the Victorian Indigenous Business Directory – a comprehensive listing of Indigenous business operators and resource providers in Victoria.

KBN invites you to submit a free listing of your business in the Victorian Indigenous Business Directory.

The Business Directory will promote the wide range of Indigenous businesses and services available in Victoria and will be a valuable marketing and promotional tool for your business.

If you would like to submit your details or find out more, please contact KBN on 1300 799 526 or visit: [www.business.vic.gov.au/kooribusiness](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/kooribusiness) for full details.

The deadline for listing entries is:  
**FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2007**



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Department of Health and Ageing

RFT 212/0607

### INVITATION TO SUBMIT A TENDER TO DEVELOP AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE PACKAGE

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health is seeking tenders from qualified and experienced individuals or organisations to develop a mental health multi-media resource package that addresses issues surrounding mental health conditions. The package should guide health practitioners in the engagement and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients with mental health issues and assist with communication with the patient and their family.

Applicants are to address the criteria specified in the RFT document which can be downloaded from the Department's Internet site at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders)

Any enquires can be directed to Rhonda Lawson Street on (02) 6289 8807 or at [Rhonda.Lawson-Street@health.gov.au](mailto:Rhonda.Lawson-Street@health.gov.au)

Tenders will close at 2pm on Monday 19 February 2007.





# New chapter for Qld library

South Bank, Brisbane, is the first of its kind in any State library in Australia.

"No other Australian State library has anything that resembles this innovative concept," she said.

focuses on preserving language groups, cultural rites and spiritual stories of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations.

Indigenous knowledge for the benefit of current and future generations of Australians.

"An interactive knowledge portal makes it easy for groups and individual visitors to access information about their mob, language and heritage."

Strait Islanders from around Queensland, listen to recordings of Indigenous languages, see on-line exhibitions and watch documentaries from State Library resources.

Specialised Indigenous resource officers will be available to provide assistance to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders researching their family and community histories.

The centre will also have on-line resources, in conjunction with the network of community-based Indigenous

*kuril dhagun* draws its meaning from *kuril*, referring to the native rat that is found on the site of State Library, near Kurilpa Point on the Brisbane River, and *dhagun* meaning earth/place/country, with a literal translation of the name being 'kuril's place'.



### Registration of Stakeholder Interest - Wilton

To register your interest, please contact:

The closing date for registrations is 2nd February 2007.

Phone enquires are welcome during office hours on (02) 4677 3507

**NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING  
FOR A NEW WANGKUMARRA NATIVE  
TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION**

Venue is at the: The TAFE Building, 48 Oxley St, Bourke  
Date: Friday 19th January 2006 commencing 10.30am

**Contact for information details:**  
Eddy Neumann Lawyers: (02) 9264 9933

## ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

The investigation is required to assess the potential impact of the proposed development of these lands on Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

The NSW Department of Environment and Conservation's Interim Guidelines for Aboriginal Community Consultation are being implemented for this study. We are inviting registration from interested Aboriginal groups and individuals in relation to this assessment.

Please forward expressions of interest to:

The Secretary  
Navin Officer Heritage Consultants Pty Ltd  
4/71 Leichhardt Street  
Kingston ACT 2604

The closing date for this registration of interest is 31 January 2007.

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*The Black Opals – Robin Stoddard – Pat Clark  
Chapman Clark – Genevieve Karmann  
Betsy McLeod (UK) – South Atlantic  
Peter Rasmussen – Amy Samuels  
Edwin Jones Group (Country SA)  
Paul Wright & Steve Clark – Steve...*

SAT, 20th JANUARY 2007

MIDDAY - 3PM RAILWAY PLACE PORT FAIR



## 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 II 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@hncma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:john.lennis@hncma.nsw.gov.au)

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## 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.

Applications close Friday 2nd February 2007.

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## ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Call for applications for 2007-2008

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The program is administered by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

The Department is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

1. Permanent Employment element
2. Temporary Placement element
3. Career Development element
4. Partnership Project element
5. Graduate Work Experience element

The 2007-2008 application forms and program guidelines are available on the Department's website [www.det.nsw.edu.au/elsa/acomm](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/elsa/acomm) or by contacting Aboriginal Community Programs on (02) 9266 8350 or email [acp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:acp@det.nsw.edu.au)

Applications close COB Friday 16 February 2007 and should be submitted to:

Ms Janelle Clarke, R/Senior Co-ordinator, Aboriginal Community Programs, NSW Department of Education and Training, Level 13, 1 Oxford Street, DARLINGHURST NSW 2010.

Applications will not be accepted if they are:

- late;
- submitted by facsimile; or
- incomplete (ie, the application form must contain all essential information and any requested attachments).

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## UPPER NEPEAN GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) invites Aboriginal groups and individuals to register their interest in forthcoming consultations on the SCA's Upper Nepean groundwater program.

The NSW Government is proceeding with the formal planning, design and development stage of a permanent borefield in the Upper Nepean Catchment at Kangaloon.

Aboriginal consultation will assist in identifying the impacts that this project may have on Aboriginal communities and their heritage and we would greatly value your involvement in the process.

Areas that will be potentially impacted by the program include East Kangaloon and Kangaloon.

If you would like to take part, please contact Donna Sowry on 1300 722 468, or email [donna.sowry@sca.nsw.gov.au](mailto:donna.sowry@sca.nsw.gov.au), or fax 02 4721 0951 or write to:

Donna Sowry, Community Relations, SCA  
PO Box 323, Penrith NSW 2751

Expressions of interest close on  
Friday 2 February 2007.

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# Resolving to



LARISSA BEHRENDT



TOM CALMA



BRENDA L CROFT

# Goals, hopes for the coming year

As the clock ticked over into 2007, many of us resolved to try to change our ways or our world. The Koori Mail asked a diverse range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people what their New Year's resolution was this year or, alternatively, their hope/wish for 2007. Here's what they said...

## Professor Larissa Behrendt

Lawyer and Director –  
Research and Professor of  
Law at Jumbunna  
Indigenous House of  
Learning at University of  
Technology Sydney,  
New South Wales

THERE will be an election so I want to work as hard as I can to make sure the Howard Government is voted out. I also want to keep pushing the Labor Party to develop better policies for our mob. I hope 2007 will see Australians find more compassion and our governments toss out their meanness of spirit and flawed ideologies.

## Tom Calma

Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander Social  
Justice Commissioner,  
Human Rights and Equal  
Opportunity Commission,  
New South Wales

I HAVE three 2007 New Year wishes. The first is for my family and friends to enjoy good health. The second is for governments to listen, hear and engage with us in a respectful and collegiate manner, and the third is for the media to not demonise and degrade us. There will be no sustainable improvements in Indigenous affairs unless governments and the media work and walk with us and we must lead change.

My resolutions are to spend more quality time with my family and work more diligently and strategically to educate and influence governments, the media and others about us as Indigenous Australians from a human rights perspective. Indigenous Australians must stand strong, work together and help each other to force change.

**Brenda L Croft**  
Senior Curator, Aboriginal  
and Torres Strait Islander  
Art, National Gallery of  
Australia, Canberra

MY resolutions for the coming year are to:  
• Improve my health and get more energy by eating

better, exercising more and laughing always.

• Spending more time with my family, especially the Elders who have guided me, who have been through and experienced so much in their lives and contributed greatly to Australia's history through their involvement in the 1966 Gurindji Walkoff. They have never lost their conviction or commitment to our people.

• Enjoy working with my wonderful colleagues at the National Gallery of Australia on the inaugural National Indigenous Contemporary Art Triennial, which will open in October 2007 and showcase the work of 30 Indigenous artists from all States and Territories of the country.

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KARLA GRANT



CASEY DONOVAN



# make it a top 2007



TANIA MAJOR

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● Enjoy planning and getting married – which has been put off until after the abovementioned Triennial (!) – and try not to overlook inviting any family members or friends!

● Wish that the self-appointed media experts on Indigenous issues would focus positively on some of the amazingly dedicated young Indigenous people in this country, like those involved in the National Indigenous Youth Council, instead of only 'reporting' on negative issues, because controversy sells.

## Seaman Dan

ARIA Award-winning performer, Queensland.

**M**Y resolution for 2007 is to work hard on my songwriting. In 2006, with the help of the Australia Council, I was lucky enough to travel to Hawaii and meet some wonderful Hawaiian Elders who are still performing and writing in their 80s and 90s. They inspired me to remember how important it is to keep writing about our Torres Strait culture and our special way of life in the tropics.

Songwriting keeps me young! And keeps the voice mellow too!

## Casey Donovan

Performer and 2004 Australian Idol. NSW.

**T**O be honest, this year I didn't make any New Year's resolutions. I just thought 'why bother making one when every other year I try and I either break it or forget what it was?' so this year I thought 'if I don't make a resolution, I won't break one!' They say that 87 per cent of Australians make a New Year's resolution and 81 per cent of them break it. Ha ha ha, I guess I'm part of that 81 per cent!

## Karla Grant

Presenter, *Living Black*, on SBS Television. New South Wales.

**O**N a personal level, I aim to continue with my health and fitness regime, but in 2007 I want to take it to another level.

In 2006, I ran in the Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon (21kms) in May and I am again training for it this year. I aim to make it to the finish line in a faster time than last year's effort.

Professionally, I aim to take my program *Living Black* to another level with a new team committed to presenting much harder-edged stories.

My wish is to work with other Indigenous media to apply more pressure on those in charge of Indigenous affairs, keeping issues on the national agenda and create positive change for our people.



DEAN WIDDERS

## Sue Gordon

Magistrate and Chairwoman, National Indigenous Council. Western Australia.

**I**DON'T generally make New Year's resolutions, but I would say that my prayers for 2007 are that:

● My own family and extended family remain safe.

● My Sister Kate's Aged Persons Project here in Perth finally gets off the ground after five years of negotiation with the Uniting Church. As members of the Stolen Generation, this is the only home most of our group ever knew and they want to spend their final years together.

## Stephen Hagan

Author, publisher, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year and Koori Mail Columnist. Queensland.

**I**WILL make a serious effort to stick to a weight-loss program in readiness for the 50th anniversary Darwin NAIDOC Ball on July 13 and to finish my adult fiction book *Traditional Love Child* and finally to make a bigger impact on my PhD thesis.

## Tania Major

Youth Officer, Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, Queensland.

**M**Y New Year's resolutions for 2007 include the following:

- Drink more water
- Laugh more
- Get fit and healthy
- Take time out for 'self'
- Learn to say no more often.

## Michael Mansell

Legal Adviser, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Tasmania.

**I**HOPE this year brings us our own government, operating on our lands over which we have the absolute right to say who can enter or stay.

No more white courts or white police. Rebuild our authority to rule ourselves and anyone who comes into our country. Instead of the \$10 billion gained from mining our lands going into (Prime Minister John) Howard's coffers, it should go into a kitty just for us. I look forward to us acknowledging that white schools are instruments of assimilation so we can more quickly deliver better education to our children.

A year to do it? Let's go!

## Warren Mundine

National President, Australian Labor Party. New South Wales.

**O**NE of my ambitions for 2007 and beyond is ensuring that Labor wins both the



WARREN MUNDINE



SANDRA PHILLIPS

NSW and Federal elections where I'll be able to work towards better Indigenous representation within Labor's Federal and State Parliament.

I aim to strive for the continuation of land reform that enables Aboriginal people to make decisions that will improve their economic choices, and make for safer communities.

## Michael O'Loughlin

AFL Star and Koori Mail Columnist.

**M**Y first resolution is to do everything possible to gain selection in the Aboriginal All Stars team to play against Essendon in Darwin. This will also help me keep my second resolution – to stay as fit and healthy as possible during the up-coming season. More importantly, I have resolved to be the best father possible to my darling daughter Taya.

## Sandra Phillips

Freelance Editor and Researcher. Queensland.

**I**'M 39 in February. By the time I'm 40 in February 2008 I would like to feel that my family is more settled. I would like to stay happy and get healthier.

I'm studying for my PhD in Indigenous Literature at Queensland University of Technology and I'd like to be confirmed in my PhD by my 40th birthday.

## Chris Sarra

2004 Deadly Award Winner and Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute at Cherbourg, Queensland.

**W**HEN I am confronted by other educators' mediocrity and apathy about Indigenous education I will set about simply exposing it rather than letting it frustrate me so intensely.

I will also focus my efforts more on those who genuinely want to deliver better outcomes for our children rather than those who just want to come up with excuses about why they can't deliver.

## Dean Widders

NRL Star and Koori Mail Columnist.

**I**RESOLVE that every morning when I wake up I will make sure the first ten things I do – thoughts, actions or words – will be positive in nature.

I will also do everything in my power to help South Sydney become a competitive force in the NRL.

Finally, I resolve to continue to work to ensure our youth have every possible opportunity to succeed in life – particularly in the areas of health and education.



CHRIS SARRA



SEAMAN DAN



MICHAEL MANSELL



MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN



# Rallies, marches for



Queensland Premier Peter Beattie addressing an angry crowd at Palm Island on 20 December. The Premier urged islanders to 'accept the umpire's decision' regarding the announcement that the Snr Sgt Chris Hurley would not be charged in relation to the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.



Noel Pearson addressing Palm Islanders.



Mulrunji's partner Tracey Twaddle listens to the speeches at Palm Island.

# Support for Palm Island

Stories and photos by Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON. Brisbane photos by KIRSTIE PARKER



Indigenous people Australia-wide added their voices to the outcry that helped to bring about the independent review of the Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions' decision not to press charges over Mulrunji Doomadgee's death.

Former NSW Chief Justice Sir Laurence Street is leading the review, assisted by Brisbane criminal lawyer Peter Davis SC. The review is expected to be concluded by the end of February.

Thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people joined protest rallies and marches around the country in the week before Christmas.

In Townsville on 20 December, around 2000 people from throughout north Queensland took part in a 'March for Justice' organised by sisters Gracelyn Smallwood and Florence Onus.

Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers led the march through the city's streets, in front of four men carrying a coffin to symbolise deaths in custody.

Following the march, protesters returned to Central Park where the names of 120 people who died in custody were read out.

A protester's sign that read 'Arson or

Murder - Which is the Biggest Crime' summed up the mood of an angry crowd of about 400 people when Premier Beattie faced the people of Palm Island on the same day.

Mr Beattie faced the crowd and a tight media scrum after he emerged from a meeting with the Palm Island Council, to urge people to respect the 'umpire's decision'.

Other speakers included newly elected Palm Island Mayor Delena Ooi-Foster, ALP National President Warren Mundine, respected activist Noel Pearson, and local Robert Blackley. Mr Beattie was shouted down numerous times by members of the crowd.

## Reinforcements on standby

It is understood that two plane loads of police arrived on the island before the protest to keep an eye on the crowd and a departmental boat with reinforcements was just offshore.

The Doomadgee family had earlier refused a request for a meeting with Mr Beattie. However, family members did attend the public gathering.

Mr Beattie offered the community funding for a Diversionary Centre for the island where drunken residents could be taken, but residents yelled out, 'Keep your money, you two-faced man'.

About 2500 people attended a rally in Brisbane's Queens Park on 20 December,

before marching on State Parliament.

Speakers included Mulrunji's cousin Alec Doomadgee, Sam Watson, Council for Civil Liberties President Terry O'Gorman, and community and union representatives.

About 70 Torres Strait Islander people lent their support to the community of Palm Island by holding a two-hour rally on Thursday Island on 21 December.

The universal call from all speakers was for justice, not only for Mulrunji, but also for Thursday Island teenager Nathan Mills, who died on his 19th birthday in 2000 in an incident involving police.

"When I heard the news that the officer involved (in Mulrunji's death) would not be charged, I cried, with grief, for the family of Mulrunji Doomadgee, for the blatant and obvious injustice of the findings," Nathan's mother Mary said in an emotional speech.

"We need to speak up now, be heard, in one voice. We need to come out of our kitchens, living rooms, the pubs, wherever we gather to speak and stand together and rattle the doors of the legal system."

The organiser of a protest in Perth which drew 200 people, WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Chairman Marc Newhouse, said the issue of injustice was not confined to Queensland.

"As West Australians, we must share in the outrage that such a travesty of justice has taken place in our country under Australian law," he said. "It is a national disgrace."



Palm Island Mayor Delena Ooi-Foster was one of the speakers.



# justice for Mulrunji



Marchers at the Thursday Island rally.



Mulinjarlie Dillon at the Brisbane rally.



Mulrunji's nephew, Bailey Doomadgee, 4, had a powerful message at the Brisbane rally.



Actor Ernie Dingo embraces Mulrunji's brother Alex at the Brisbane rally.



Sam Watson speaking at the Brisbane rally.



Marchers at the Townsville rally carry a black coffin symbolising black deaths in custody.



● LEFT: Marchers at Townsville.

● RIGHT: Chairman of the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee and organiser of the Perth rally, Marc Newhouse.

● FAR RIGHT: Reverend Sealin Garlett at the Perth rally.

Perth pictures courtesy of Craig Collins, Kulturejam





# National Calendar of Events

**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](mailto:foundation@twyford.com.au)

**Until 23 January:** 'The other 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 more details contact (07) 3844 8852 or visit [www.lineartforum.org/Gallery/cybertribe/other\\_apt](http://www.lineartforum.org/Gallery/cybertribe/other_apt)

**Until 25 January:** Parramatta City Council School Holiday Program. Children can get involved in day trips and family outings as well as free movie screenings and sporting clinics. Other activities include arts, crafts, dance, music and science. For details contact Lana on (02) 9806 5133.

**Until January 31:** 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 a view to offering six AIS scholarships and the next best to be linked to NSW and Qld Boxing Centres of Excellence (locations to be determined). For details contact Jason Gulbin on (02) 6214 1619.

**Until 16 February:** Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre will host 'My Cultural Memories', an exhibition of Indigenous works by Kayelene Slater. For details call Jill Ritherdon on (02) 4729 2377.

**Until 1 March:** Applications are open for the 'Our Club, Our Future' grants program. Grants of up to \$1000 are available to assist in the purchase of sports uniforms. For details visit [www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au)

**Until 15 April:** The MCA presents

the first major survey of work by Giji artist Paddy Bedford. Visit [www.mca.com.au](http://www.mca.com.au) for details.

**Until 30 June:** An exhibition of surviving photographs from the records of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board from 1924-1965 is being held at State Records Gallery, The Rocks. Details contact Susan on (02) 8247 8624.

**19 January:** Ngaawa-Garay is a language summer school, which will offer one-week courses in Gumbaynggirr and Gamilaraay. For details visit [www.muurbay.org.au](http://www.muurbay.org.au) or phone Pauline on (02) 6569 4294 or email [muurbay@westnet.com.au](mailto:muurbay@westnet.com.au)

**19 January:** A Trauma Training Workshop is being offered at Maya Healing Centre to explore the effects of trans- and intra-generational trauma on Aboriginal people. For details call Ross Morgan or Rachel Fideis (02) 9480 1111 or (0422) 791 105.

**19 January:** Meraki Challenge Day. Free bush tucker barbecue, Aboriginal dancers, didjeridu playing, local Murri band - Angus Rabbit and the Travelling Aboriginal Band - plus activities for all ages. 9am-3 pm at Redcliffe Amphitheatre. Details call Jo Connolly (07) 3880 1320 or [www.dreamtime.aus.net](http://www.dreamtime.aus.net)

**20 January:** Tararer Family Day. A day of Indigenous Culture: food, art, dance, film and music. Featuring David Arden, Andy Alberts and the Walkabouts, Robbie Bundle, Crispian Clarke, Pat Clarke, Gunditjmarra Karween, Rory McLeod (UK), Tonchi McIntosh, Peter Rotumah, Amy Saunders, Tal-Kin-Jeri Dancers, Paul Wright and Brett Clarke. Railway Place, Port Fairy, 12-5pm. Tickets \$22, concession \$15, under 12 free. For details call Kate Gane (03) 5568 2095 or visit [www.tararer.com.au](http://www.tararer.com.au)

**20-21 January:** Weekend workshops on acrobatic performances and hip hop in Erskineville. 9-16 years. Limited places. 10am-4pm, cost \$20 lunch provided, held at PACT Youth Theatre. Details call (02) 9550 2744 or email [pact@pact.net.au](mailto:pact@pact.net.au)

**21 January:** Junior Cricket Development Day for Aboriginal boys and girls aged 8-18. There will be specialists on hand to coach 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.

**22 January:** 'Movin' Around' Project held at the Maya Living Free Healing Centre, 11 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury, from 1-4.30pm. Details call Jan Lewis on (03) 9480 3044 or Troy Blow on (0424) 704 484.

**25 January:** 'Women of the Sun' screening at the Macleay Museum from 5.30pm. \$10 a person, \$5 student; refreshments will be served at the museum. For bookings call (02) 9036 5253 or email [macleaymuseums@usyd.edu.au](mailto:macleaymuseums@usyd.edu.au) or call Katrina O'Brien (02) 9036 7842 or email [k.obrien@usyd.edu.au](mailto:k.obrien@usyd.edu.au)

**26 January:** Share the Spirit in Melbourne. Daniel James Band, Bomba, Grant Hansen's Big City Combo, Christine Ward,

Dan Sultan, Grenadines, Briscoe Sisters all at the Treasury Gardens 12-6pm. Drug and alcohol free event. Details call Janina Harding (03) 9658 8877 or (0413) 278 791.

**26 January:** Biruk Yeedee Moodij Dreaming Festival. Featuring Mary G. Birdwave, Jah's Jewe, Sahara Indio, St Agnes, Gina Williams, Bartlett, Blue Rust, Pop and Lee, Gya Noop Koborrie, Malidji Koolyir, Wadumbah, Noongar Yoka Danjoo Wangkiny, Yirra Yaakin's stilt walkers, Loza as well as stalls, kids activities, arts and crafts. 1-8.30pm at the Supreme Court Gardens in Perth. Alcohol and drug free event. For details call (08) 9358 2461 or (0424) 738 322.

**26 January:** Yabun concert from 10am-6pm at Victoria Park, Broadway. For details contact Gadigal Information Service (02) 9564 5090.

**3-11 February:** St Kilda Festival. For more details contact Anthoula on (03) 9209 6490 or email [agoumas@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:agoumas@portphillip.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.stkildafestival.com.au](http://www.stkildafestival.com.au)

**4 February:** Art in the Park at Centennial Park, 10am to 4pm, followed by the first Sunday of every month. Artworks include oils and acrylics on canvas, sculpture, ceramics and photography. The visitor centre is located just inside the Paddington Gates entrance. Parking is available and there is a children's playground nearby. For details call Moshe on (0404) 496 105 or Sheryl (0404) 497 105 or visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au)

**5 February:** Art Program, Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts. For details call Karen or Annette on (07) 3244 6107 or (07) 3244 6105.

**10 February:** Aboriginal Sevens Tournament held in Francis Park, Richmond Road, Blacktown. There will be 16 teams. Nomination fee \$400. Starts 8am. Drug and alcohol free event. For details contact Daryl Hamilton (0423) 015 751 or Vilma Ryan (02) 9627 1643 or email [rivoafss@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rivoafss@bigpond.net.au)

**10-11 February:** Woorrangalook Victorian Indigenous Surfing Titles at Fairhaven Beach. The event focuses on participation from the experienced competitor, to the weekend surfer or beginner.

The titles are aimed at providing surfing as a viable sporting option for Indigenous people from across the state and has a strong emphasis on water safety.

Details call Anthony (03) 9676 6999 or Steve (0417) 566 536.

**16 February:** National Aboriginal Lupus Workshop. Bring together Aboriginal people diagnosed with lupus and their families, health professionals and health researchers. Details call Jessica Stewart on (02) 9514 5972 or Litza Malamoo-Jib on (02) 9514 5933, or email [jessica.stewart@saxinstitute.org.au](mailto:jessica.stewart@saxinstitute.org.au) - Litza.malamoo@saxinstitute.org.au

**20-22 February:** Government Marketing 2007 - a three-day learning and development forum to give insights and inspiration to help produce campaigns that get results. For details contact Sam

Morrow on (02) 9229 1067 or email [sam.morrow@iqpc.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:tourismnt@nt.gov.au)

**23 February:** One-day course to become a Justice of the Peace at ACE Lismore, NSW, from 11am-2pm. To book a place in this course call (02) 6622 1903.

**27 February - 2 March:** Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Conference. Participate in interactive sessions on Government debates and Roundtable discussions. Network at the complimentary barbecue dinner. 8am-6 pm. Details call (02) 9223 2600 or visit [www.iqpc.com.au/au-3508-001](http://www.iqpc.com.au/au-3508-001)

**1-2 March:** Ngoloo Wurru Deadly Arts Business Gathering. This multi-arts event for Victorian-based Indigenous artists, writers, performers and arts workers encompasses arts practice workshops and demonstrations, arts business and Indigenous well-being issues includes keynote speakers Noel Tovey and Prof Judy Atkinson. For details call Gasworks Arts Park on (03) 8606 4200 or visit [www.gasworks.org.au](http://www.gasworks.org.au)

**7-10 March:** 9th National Rural Health Conference in Albury, New South Wales. To see the program go to: <http://9thnrc.ruralhealth.org.au/program/docs/program.htm> For details call Alastair Harris (08) 89 227954 or (0409) 658 177. [www.crcch.org.au](http://www.crcch.org.au)

**9 March:** A Trauma Training Workshop is being offered at Maya Healing Centre to explore the effects of trans- and intra-generational trauma on Aboriginal people. For details call Ross Morgan or Rachel Fideis (02) 9480 1111 or (0422) 791 105.

**4-29 April:** Wanted: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorian residents for a new Indigenous comedy competition, 'Deadly Funny'. If you can tell a five-minute-or-less funny story or a couple of jokes and would like to be a stand-up comedian, see details at [www.deadlyfunny.com.au](http://www.deadlyfunny.com.au) or contact Indigenous comedy producer Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or (0423) 050 391.

**21-29 April:** Camden Haven Music Festival on mid north coast of NSW will be held in venues in Port Macquarie, Kendall and Laurieton. Headliners on the music front include William Barton, Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach. More than 30 events. Call (02) 6556 9622 or visit [www.camdenhavenmusicfestival.org.au](http://www.camdenhavenmusicfestival.org.au)

**27 May - 3 June:** Reconciliation Week. The theme is 'One People One Place One Future'.

**24-25 June:** Australia's largest Education Expo, 'Everything Educational', will be on for teachers, parents and students at the Rosehill Exhibition Centre in Sydney. For details call Denise on (02) 6944 2750. Email: [admin@edexpo.info](mailto:admin@edexpo.info) Web: <http://www.edexpo.info>

## Draft Terms of Reference Wyaralong Dam Environmental Impact Statement Invitation for Public Comment

Wyaralong Dam involves the construction of a new dam on Teviot Brook, a tributary of the Logan River, about 14 km north west of Beaudesert. The dam has a proposed full supply level of 63.6 metres and is located within the Beaudesert and Boonah Local Government areas.

The project has been declared a significant project by The Coordinator-General for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWO Act). The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Heritage has determined that the project constitutes a controlled action pursuant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC). The Commonwealth Minister has also decided that assessment of the relevant impacts of the proposed action will be by an accredited assessment process. The EIS process pursuant to Part 4 of the SDPWO Act and the SDPWO Regulation 1999 is the accredited assessment process.

The Coordinator-General is coordinating the EIS assessment process, which will address the requirements of both jurisdictions. Preparation of the Terms of Reference for an EIS is the first stage of the assessment process.

### Availability of the draft Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference and the Initial Advice Statement on the project may be viewed at [www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/eis](http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/eis) from **Saturday 13 January 2007**. From **Wednesday 17 January 2007**, the Initial Advice Statement and draft Terms of Reference will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- \* Beaudesert Shire Council - Administration Centre, 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert
- \* Beaudesert Shire Council - Customer Service Centre, 18-22 Honora Street, Jimboomba
- \* Beaudesert Shire Council - Customer Service Centre, Cnr Yuulong Road and Main Street, Tamborine
- \* Boonah Shire Council, 70 High Street, Boonah
- \* Logan City Council, Administration Centre, 150 Wembley Road, Logan Central
- \* Ipswich City Council, Administration Building, 45 Roderick Street, Ipswich
- \* Beenleigh State Development Centre, 96 George Street, Beenleigh
- \* Ipswich State Development Centre, 26 East Street, Ipswich
- \* Boonah 'One Stop Shop', 1/13 Church Street, Boonah

### Invitation to comment on the draft Terms of Reference

The Coordinator-General invites comments on the draft Terms of Reference for the EIS. Written comments will be accepted until the close of business on 26 February 2007 and should be addressed to:

**Project Manager**  
SEQ Infrastructure (Water) - Wyaralong Dam  
The Coordinator-General  
PO Box 15009  
CITY EAST QLD 4002  
Tel: 1800 996 829 Fax: (07) 3224 2978  
Email: [wyaralongdam@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au](mailto:wyaralongdam@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au)

Comments will be treated as public documents and copies of all submissions will be forwarded to the project proponent, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd. Please type comments in black ink on A4 paper to facilitate photocopying.

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Former Aboriginal Artist of the Year Danny Eastwood returned as Koori Mail cartoonist last year and showed that his wit was as sharp as ever. Above is his take on the Indigenous housing crisis and Tasmania's decision to compensate Stolen Generations victims.

# Down, but never out!

## People in the news



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.



Patrick Dodson, the 'Father of Reconciliation'.



Facing charges ... Former NSW Minister Milton Orkopoulos.



National Indigenous Council chairwoman Sue Gordon.



The message from angry National Indigenous Council members to the Federal Government was made clear on the front page of our 6 December edition.

The Minister ended the year with an apology to the National Indigenous Council for not consulting it meaningfully enough on Indigenous policy. The deplorable health standards and housing and living conditions of Indigenous people continued to dominate headlines. Despite the disappointment felt by the Larrakia people at the dismissal of their native title claim over Darwin, there were signs that native title was moving forward in other parts of the country, notably for the Nyooongar people of Perth and groups with ties to De Rose Hill in South Australia.

There was ongoing frustration over apparent systemic racism, as evidenced by ongoing disproportionate rates of Indigenous incarceration, and deteriorating relations between Indigenous people and police, especially in Queensland. We seized international attention, using the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in March to protest at the theft of Aboriginal lands. And the work of eight accomplished Indigenous artists was unveiled at the new Musée de Quai Branly in Paris during June. There was sadness, but also relief, when the remains of some of our old people, from Tasmania and the Ngarrindjeri of South Australia, were returned from museums and so-called collecting institutions overseas. A dark chapter opened in NSW when Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos was arrested and charged with drug and child sex offences. The development fed emerging community discontent at some of Mr Orkopoulos' last duties as Minister, but the NSW Aboriginal Land Council maintained that reforms he championed to NSW land rights legislation were sound. Late in the year, the Tasmanian Government created history by becoming the first Australian government to pass legislation to enable members of the Stolen Generations to the compensated for the trauma caused by forced separation from their families. Stolen Generations advocacy bodies in Victoria and elsewhere want other States and Territories to follow suit. The issue of Stolen Wages, too, ended on a high note with a Parliamentary inquiry into the matter finding the non-payment or underpayment of wages to Indigenous people was widespread including beyond Queensland and New South Wales. There was lingering sadness, then elation and then bewilderment Australia-wide at developments surrounding the 2004 Palm Island death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee. The matter of a review of the Director of Public Prosecution's decision not to charge Mulrunji's arresting officer is ongoing (see our coverage this edition). Throughout the year, there was the sad passing

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'NOT overly optimistic but still hopeful' might best describe the mood of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around the country as they embrace 2007. As with any year, 2006 had its share of lows and highs – events and broken promises that left us in despair, as well as individuals who inspired us and achievements that made us dare to hope for a better future. But the year did have some notable hallmarks. Despite commendable efforts at the community and regional levels, the void in national Indigenous leadership left by the abolition of ATSIC remained largely unfilled. The Federal Government remained steadfast in its resolve not to reinstate any sort of nationally representative body; the Federal Opposition hinted that it might. A few glimmers of hope emerged from low-key discussions among an influential group led by 'Father of Reconciliation' Patrick Dodson, and suggestions from others such as the Koori Mail's own columnist, Stephen Hagan. Newly minted Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough burst on to the scene at the beginning of the year. While he might have scored an 'A' for energy with overhauls of CDEP and housing funding and a high-level summit and national action plan to address undeniable violence and alcohol abuse in Indigenous communities, his efforts still left many Indigenous people either underwhelmed or angry. The Minister could barely take a trick, from uproar over his claim that paedophile rings were operating in central Australia to land councils suspicious about a review of the permit system and spitting chips at reforms to NT land rights legislation, including the introduction of contentious town leases. The Government's previously flashy PR about shared responsibility agreements (SRAs) has gone suspiciously quiet, especially since riots at and a disastrous evaluation of the NT community of Wadeye – the former COAG and SRA poster community – and a review that found bureaucratic red tape is getting worse.



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**Hillsong out of tune with Riverstone Elders**

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**Blanca Franklin back for a new season**

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# Responsibility

**'The Shared Responsibility Agreement process appears to lack some of the key elements necessary to ensure appropriate engagement of Indigenous communities.'**

— Neil Calver, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner (see page 12)

**TJ Hickey remembered – Story & pics: P3, 40-41**

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# The camps of despair

This is how thousands of our people live... the Charles Darwin town camps are one of 19 around Alice Springs

**Aboriginal leaders question value of \$30 million infrastructure program**

...the promised \$30 million infrastructure program would struggle to solve entrenched problems at Alice Springs town camps.

**Mundine says he's ready for the fight of his life – Back Page**

## People in the news



Dr Sandra Eades was named NSW Woman of the Year.



Champion weightlifter Davina Hughes proved she was a gymnast too.



Cricketer Faith Thomas sports the baggy green cap she finally received.



Jason Gillespie... The fast bowler scored 201 against Bangladesh.

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officer Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley being investigated over allegations of violence in the Aboriginal community.

● The Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait won a High Commendation of Excellence in Indigenous Tourism at the Australian Tourism Awards.

● Boxer Anthony Little was ruled out of Australia's Commonwealth Games team, while seven other Aboriginal men succeeded in making the team.

● After 48 years, Aboriginal sporting icon and Australian test cricketer Faith Thomas received her 'baggy green' cap.

### Edition 372 29 March

● About 80 residents of the Queensland shantytown at Mona Mona, north-west of Cairns, waited for the Federal Government to honour a ten-year promise to provide \$2.6 million to build adequate housing in the 100ha community.

● Devastating areas in north Queensland, Cyclone Larry tore through Innisfail. The Cassidy family told how they feared for their lives as their house was blown away.

● Koori Mail journalist Solua Middleton won the Henry Mayer Media Prize for her story 'Cherbourg: A year on', sharing first place with SBS TV Living Black video journalist Kris Flanders.

● Three Aboriginal boys aged eight, nine and 11 died after being hit by a train as they played on train tracks in the Brisbane suburb of Goodna.

● Residents of Baryulgil, in northern New South Wales, held a reunion to raise awareness of asbestos-related diseases and to discuss compensation.

● Aboriginal Dr Sandra Eades was named NSW Woman of the Year.

● The Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council in South Australia invited Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott



Danny Eastwood's view of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

to see first-hand the difficulties faced by parents dealing with addicted petrol-sniffing children, after he said parents could save the problems by taking the petrol away from their kids.

● Indigenous athletes competed in the Commonwealth Games but, alas, won no medals.

● Just two-and-a-half weeks out from the anticipated Mundine v Green clash, the fight was postponed until May after Danny Green sustained a back injury.

### Edition 373 12 April

● The Federal Government planned to strip new CDEP applicants under the age 20 of their payments after 12 months and push them on to a lower, mainstream youth rate – some \$60 below current payments.

● The Melbourne City Council declined to forcibly remove the remaining 'Stolenwealth' Games protesters from the King's Domain.

● Torres Strait communities prepared for emergency evacuations as rising waters threatened their homes.

● Pulmaralli Thunder and

Lightning beat the Muluwurri Magpie Geese at the NT's Tiwi Island football grand final.

### Edition 374 26 April

● The Koori Mail investigated the state of Indigenous leadership two years after the demise of the ATSIIC. All those interviewed agreed that youth must take on a greater role.

● The Larrakia people said they would appeal a Federal Court dismissal of their landmark claim for native title over 575 sq km of Crown land in Darwin and nearby Palmerston.

● New figures from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey showed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health remained a serious problem.

● Cairns was announced as host city for NAIDOC 2006.

● South Australian native title groups set 2020 as the deadline for settling their native title claims.

● Cricket pace bowler Jason 'Dizzy' Gillespie scored 201 after coming in as night watchman in the second Test against Bangladesh.

### Edition 375 10 May

● A Koori Mail investigation found that a promised \$30 million government spending spree would struggle to solve entrenched problems at Alice Springs town camps.

● The Yawuru people's native title over the WA town of Broome was recognised with a determination handed down by Federal Court Justice Ronald Merkel.

● Two Aboriginal trackers from Broome were honoured decades after their work on a gruesome murder in the 1920s.

● Sixteen-year-old surfer Angela Keighran travelled to Brazil to compete in an international surf competition.

● Champion weightlifter Davina Hughes reached the top of gymnastics competition after passing her Level 10 exam, enabling her to compete at a national level.

### Edition 376 24 May

● Leaders called for calm as claims of widespread sexual violence emerged in many Indigenous communities.

● The Palm Island Council was furious over the Queensland Government Alcohol Management Plan allowing only light and mid-strength beer to be sold, consumed and transported there. Under the controversial plan, all wines and spirits were to be banned on Palm Island.

● A legal challenge was launched against NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos' appointment of an administrator to the Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council.

● Rick Farley, one of the best known voices for reconciliation in Australia, passed away in Sydney. He was aged 53.

● On the same day that miners

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## People in the news



Women perform at the Kubin artists' workshop in the Torres Strait.



Patrick Mills, who was named NAIDOC Sportsman of 2006.



Stephen Hagan, the 2006 NAIDOC Indigenous Person of the Year.



Ruby Langford Ginibi was honoured with a top writer's award.

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### Meeting of two ancient cultures



DREAMING FESTIVAL - Pages 30-31

### Senate to probe stolen wages



Compensation for Tasmania's Stolen Generations - Page 14

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Todd Russell and Brant Webb were rescued after two weeks trapped underground in a Tasmanian mine, a father, son and nephew who spent 22 days adrift at sea in the Torres Strait celebrated their own salvation after they were found south of Murray Island. They survived on raw squid and shellfish and rainwater.

Anthony Mundine convincingly beat Danny Green in their much-awaited boxing clash.

#### Edition 377 7 June

A summit called by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough proposed a national action plan against Indigenous violence and alcohol abuse.

Sorry Day events for Stolen Generations members were held around the country.

The artworks of eight Indigenous Australians were unveiled for permanent display on the walls of a museum in Paris, France.

A 14-year-old Aboriginal girl became the first person to be charged under new WA racial vilification laws. She was later cleared.

Dr Ruby Langford Ginibi was honoured with the 2005 Australia Council for the Arts Writers' Emeritus award valued at \$50,000.

After a high-profile start to his 16th and final season of AFL football that featured his record 300th match, Gavin Wanganeen's career looked in doubt after he suffered a knee injury.

#### Edition 378 June 21

A Senate Inquiry into non-payment of wages to Indigenous workers over decades - stolen wages - was announced.

Thousands of people enjoyed the Dreaming Festival cultural feast at Woodford, in Queensland.

People throughout the country



Eastwood's cartoon on Anthony Mundine's victory of Danny 'Machine' Green appeared in Edition 376.

joined those in the Torres Strait and northern Queensland to celebrate Mabo Day.

Six native title claim groups from the Pilbara region of Western Australia took a step closer to sealing the largest collection of native title land access agreements anywhere in Australia.

Kulpiyam made it a hat-trick by winning the Torres Strait grand final of the annual Sea Swift 'Island of Origin' rugby league series for the third year in a row, with eight teams lining up at Badu Island for the competition.

Anthony Mundine was appointed part-time boxing coach and Aboriginal liaison officer for South Sydney Rugby League Club, but dismissed footy comeback rumours.

#### Edition 379 5 July

Those attending the special inter-governmental summit expressed doubt that the forum would lead to real and lasting change.

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## \$130 million, but 'do it our way'

### Focal point for Torres Strait artists



A new page in the history of Torres Strait Islanders has been marked with vibrant song, cultural dance and a host of images from history books. In Torres Strait, the artists.

### Take it or leave it, says Brough

By CHRISTOPHER LYNCH



Indigenous people have been told to take it or leave it when it comes to the new generation of the Torres Strait Islands. The federal government has said it will not negotiate with the islands if they do not accept the new generation of the Torres Strait Islands.

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### Christmas goal for Stolen Generations compensation - P5

champion Stephen Michael, Peter Matera became the fifth Aboriginal player inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame.

#### Edition 380 19 July

The National NAIDOC Awards were announced in Cairns, with 1000 people in attendance. Koori Mail columnist Stephen Hagan was named NAIDOC Person of the Year and basketballer Patrick Mills was named NAIDOC Sportsman of the Year. Smaller NAIDOC events were held throughout the country.

Plans were announced to build a \$34 million Indigenous youth facility in the inner-Sydney suburb of Redfern.

The last of the surviving original Gurindji leaders of the 1966 walk off from Wave Hill station in the NT, 'Hoppy' Mick Rangiarri, urged all Australians to join the Kalkaringi community in the NT in celebrating the 40th anniversary.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a long-term generational commitment to overcome Indigenous disadvantage in urban, rural and remote communities.

In what was described as 'a tragic misunderstanding', an Aboriginal woman died outside the Cherbourg Hospital in south-east Queensland. Hospital staff had locked out a man who tried to alert staff to the woman's deteriorating condition, fearing he was the partner of a domestic violence victim already inside the hospital.

A senior NT police officer said claims of child sex abuse at a remote Aboriginal community were overstated, after a taskforce found no evidence of abuse.

Young footballers Leroy Jetta and Nathan Djerrkura were honoured with 2006 All-Australian selection.

Student Albert Kelly, 15, from Kempsey in NSW, was named in a national rugby league team.

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### Ngaia takes out major art award

**Haasts Bluff (NT) artist Ngaia Napaltjarri Pollard's painting 'Swamps west of Nyirripi' was judged winner of the \$40,000 first prize at the 23rd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards held in Darwin.**

### Under pressure

**More consultation urged over Land Act changes**

**Nominees named for this year's Deadlys awards – Page 9**

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### Bigger than Mabo?

**Govt position under attack**

**They're cousins in arms**

**Basketball titles a success**

**Liddiard's look at league '06**

**Tasmania details Stolen Generations compensation deal – Page 3**

## People in the news



Still our idol ... Jessica Mauboy, the Australian Idol runner-up in 2006.



David Peachey pushed ahead with his own rugby league event.



Rugby league star Johnathan Thurston had a big year.



Naomi Wenitong, from the duo Shakaya, at the 2006 Deadlys.

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**Edition 381**  
**2 August**

- Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) chairwoman Muriel Bamblett warned that current Government policies would lead to another Stolen Generation.
- A decision to operate on his foot injury was a blow to Adelaide Crows star Andrew McLeod's chances of winning AFL's Brownlow Medal.
- Champion weightlifter Davina Hughes won gold medals at the Commonwealth and Oceania weightlifting championships in Apia, Western Samoa.

**Edition 382**  
**16 August**

- Haasts Bluff (NT) artist Ngaia Napaltjarri Pollard's painting 'Swamps west of Nyirripi' was judged winner of the \$40,000 first prize at the 23rd Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards held in Darwin.
- Pressure mounted on the Federal Government to consult more with Aboriginal traditional owners about its Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill that sought to change the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976.
- Anthony Mundine picked a fight of a different kind by alluding to a run for Parliament in the NSW State election.
- A major SA Aboriginal legal service believed it was receiving less than half the Commonwealth funding of its mainstream counterpart, despite being twice as effective.
- The Victorian Aboriginal community sought an apology and compensation for the State's Stolen Generations, in line with that extended to children who suffered abuse or neglect in institutional care.
- Officials of the 36th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout were unfazed by plans to hold



Eastwood on community division over a new police station at Mutitjulu in the Northern Territory.

another league event in Dubbo over the October long weekend.

**Edition 383**  
**30 August 2006**

- About 2000 people attended the 40 Years of Freedom Day Festival at Kalkaringi, south of Darwin, which commemorated the 1966 walk off by Aboriginal stockmen from Wave Hill Station.
- A national meeting held in Brisbane about Canberra's Aboriginal Tent Embassy ended with Indigenous leaders insisting on more time and resources to consult their communities about proposed changes to the iconic site.
- The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing said Australia should be ashamed that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were living in conditions as bad as anywhere else in the world.
- Jessica Mauboy and Brendon Boney made it into the top 24 of the Australian Idol television singing competition.

- The founders of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra had their first reunion since 1972.
- Rugby league star David Peachey rejected calls for his foundation to rethink the proposed 'Dreamtime Come Alive' knockout in Dubbo to be held the same weekend as the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.
- Female touch footballer Bo de la Cruz was named as a competitor in the men's competition at the First Contact carnival.
- North Queensland teenager Robbie Crowther took gold in the long jump event at the World Junior titles in Beijing, China.

**Edition 384**  
**13 September**

- Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough flagged a radical overhaul of funding for housing in remote Indigenous communities.
- The Tasmanian Aboriginal community awaited the return of the remains of two ancestors taken to Britain almost two centuries ago.

- The NT and Kimberley Stolen Generations committees broke away from the national committee after a fiery three-day meeting in Perth.
- North Queensland Cowboys rugby league star Johnathan Thurston, AFL player Troy Cook from the Fremantle Dockers, and pro surfer and TV presenter Beau 'Nitro' Walker were nominated for the Cleo Bachelor of the Year title.
- Australian Idol contestant Jessica Mauboy made it in the top 12 for the final stage of the Australian Idol competition.
- Port Adelaide's Danyle Pearce was named 2006 AFL Rising Star.

**Edition 385**  
**27 September**

- The 30,000-strong Nyoongar nation celebrated an historic win, with the Federal Court recognising that native title existed over the Perth metropolitan region.
- WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Sheila McHale said she would allow Woodside to proceed on part of its \$5-billion Pluto project on the Burrup Peninsula if it re-routed works and an access road away from rock art and ceremonial sites.
- The winners of the annual Deadly Awards covering music, entertainment, sport and community affairs were announced at the Sydney Opera House.
- The NSW Government flagged the introduction of major changes to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, following a review of the legislation.
- South Australia's Ngarrindjeri people reburied the first of their old people whose bodies were stolen from burial grounds in the name of science from the late 1800s until the early 1900s.
- Anthony Mundine put political aspirations on the backburner to focus on claiming a special place in boxing history.
- Three Aboriginal players, Adam Goodes, Andrew McLeod and Shaun Burgoyne, were named in the 2006 AFL all-Australian team.

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## Victorians seek apology and compo ● First Tent Embassy reunion



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## People in the news



Actor Jamie Gulpiil, who was one of the stars of *Ten Canoes*.



Shock resignation ... Former Palm Island Mayor Erykah Kyle.



Boxer Anthony Little ... Sights set on the Beijing Olympic Games.



Lawyer Michael Mansell welcomed Tasmania's compensation move.

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### Edition 386 11 October

● Acting Queensland Coroner Christine Clements found that Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley's actions killed Mulrunji Doomadgee in custody in Palm Island in late 2004, and the police investigation into the death was seriously flawed.

● About 700 people attended a Nyoongar rally in Perth to protest against the WA Government decision to appeal the Federal Court ruling granting native title over Perth.

● A group of prominent Indigenous people met in Melbourne to explore scenarios for future leadership of Indigenous Australia in the post-ATSIC era.

● The Federal Government promised to review the way it funded Indigenous organisations after an evaluation revealed extensive bureaucratic 'red tape'.

● Homage was paid to Nymal lawman Kangushot (aka Mr Coppin) at a funeral service at Port Hedland, Western Australia.

● The Cec Patten-Ron Merritt Redfern All Blacks won the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout for the fourth consecutive year. The carnival was not without controversy, with Northern United supporters protesting after losing an appeal.

### Edition 387 25 October

● UN Global Indigenous Caucus Chairman Les Malezer criticised as 'irresponsible' the Australian Government's stance against the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

● Tasmanian Premier Paul Lennon revealed how his Government would compensate Aboriginal people forcibly removed from their families as children.

● Aboriginal Catholics made a pilgrimage to Alice Springs for the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's visit to the town.

● The Northern Land Council attacked mining giant Xstrata's failure to resolve outstanding compensation claims by traditional owners of the area around its \$110 million McArthur River lead and zinc mine near the Gulf of Carpentaria.

● The Croc Festival celebrated its 50th event.

● The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships were held in Sydney.

### Edition 388 8 November

● The Federal Government ducked for cover following the leaking of a damning evaluation report on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) trial at the troubled Northern Territory community of Wadeye.

● In response to the Acting Coroner's findings in the Mulrunji Doomadgee case, the Queensland Government announced the State's police would be retrained and laws amended to ensure police use arrest as a last resort.

● Residents at Mutitjulu in central Australia gave a mixed reaction to the opening of their new police station, with some welcoming it and others labelling it 'a waste of money'.

● Up to six candidates were expected to stand for the position of Palm Island Mayor following the shock resignation of Erykah Kyle.

● The Victorian Aboriginal community signalled it would continue to push for State Government



Down and out ... Anthony Mundine on top during his long-awaited clash with Danny Green. The fight was one of the sporting highlights of the year.



Action from the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Titles, played in Sydney.

compensation for Victorian's Stolen Generations.

● WA golfer Shaun Nannup took out the men's A-grade title at the Indigenous Golf Championships in Melbourne.

● Boxer Sam Soliman upped the ante in his bid to get a rematch with Anthony Mundine by moving to the super middleweight division and being ranked just two places behind 'The Man'.

● Matilda's national goalkeeper Lydia Williams, from Katanning, in Western Australia, made her senior debut for the Australian women's soccer team against Korea in the city

of Jeonju.

● Angry Cec Patten-Ron Merritt Memorial RAB rugby league team officials lashed out over what they said was an attempt to hijack the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

### Edition 389 22 November

● The Government announced that the Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP) would replace at least 40 of the 210 CDEP organisations across Australia.

● Jessica Mauboy made the

grand final of Australian Idol with Irishman Damien Leith.

● The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) warned of a looming HIV/AIDS epidemic in Indigenous communities and demanded the Federal Government adopt international measures to properly deal with primary health concerns.

● A health expert said diabetes could wipe out Indigenous Australians.

● The Natural History Museum in London agreed to transfer the remains of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal people to Australia.

● NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Milton Orkopoulos was sacked after being charged with child sex and drug offences, with reports he attempted suicide over the scandal. Mr Orkopoulos maintains his innocence.

● Anthony Mundine said he would fight Sam Soliman or 'even Superman' if it meant regaining the WBA world title.

● More than 350 young people took part in the annual NSW Indigenous athletics carnival held near Newcastle.

### Edition 390 6 December

● Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough averted a mass exodus from the National Indigenous Council by promising to improve the way the high-level advisory body was consulted over Indigenous affairs policy.

● The United Nations General Assembly deferred for another year consideration of the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

● Filmmaker Lee Willis Ardler used his documentary work-in-progress *Flour, Sugar and Tea* to highlight the impact of poor diets on Indigenous Australians.

● Jessica Mauboy missed out on winning the Australian Idol title, but was later given a recording contract with music giant Sony.

● 15 Aboriginal players were included in the national AFL draft.

● A total of 113 teams took part in the 13th Annual Sports and Cultural Festival in Brisbane.

● The Koonibba Australian Rules Football Club in Ceduna, South Australia, celebrated its 100th birthday, making it the oldest Aboriginal football club in the country.

### Edition 391 20 December

● Indigenous people nationwide reacted with anger and disbelief at Queensland Director of Public Prosecutions Leanne Clare SC's decision that no criminal charges would be laid against Snr Sgt Chris Hurley, whose actions the Acting Coroner found had killed Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island.

● The Rolf De Heer film *Ten Canoes* took out six AFI awards.

● Anthony Mundine was named in the top ten of Business Review Weekly's annual sport rich list.

● Civil Liberties Australia called for a WA inquiry into the pepper-spraying by police of a 10-year-old Aboriginal Perth schoolgirl.

● The Queensland Government planned to axe the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Police (QATSIP) scheme.

● Boxer Anthony Little, who was ruled out of the 2006 Commonwealth Games after a drug-related incident, set his sights on the 2008 Beijing Olympics.



# Warburton artists join celebrations



Artists from the remote West Australian community of Warburton were amongst leading contemporary Australian artists selected to develop new work to celebrate 50 years of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC).

Working through the Warburton Arts Project, the artists used ABC TV broadcast archives as inspiration for the development of work for a multi-form art exhibition called *Yours, Mine & Ours: 50 Years of ABC TV*.

The exhibition explores ideas about Australian culture, television and social history and notions of public broadcasting.

Some of the Warburton artists travelled to attend the opening of the exhibition at Sydney's Penrith Regional Gallery and the Lewers Bequest.

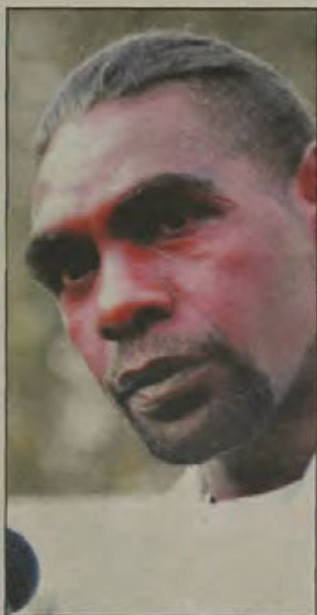
*Yours, Mine and Ours* also encompassed new work by eastern states artists Destiny Deacon and rea.

The exhibition is showing at the Penrith Regional Gallery and The Lewers Bequest and the Campbelltown Arts Centre until 29 January.



● LEFT: Warburton artist June Richards speaking at the exhibition opening in Sydney.

● RIGHT: Gino Ward, another of the Warburton artists at the exhibition opening.



## Volunteers needed

There will be two weeks of packed entertainment during the National Multicultural Festival, Canberra's premier celebration of cultural diversity. It runs from 5-18 February.

Festival organisers need volunteers to assist in a variety of roles. They say working as a volunteer during the festival is a great opportunity to be involved in a multicultural celebration while gaining experience, having fun and forming new friendships.

Volunteers will be provided with information on their roles and an invitation to a thank you reception to be held in March.

If you are interested in working as a volunteer at the National Multicultural Festival or National Multicultural Fringe Festival, contact the Office of Multicultural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs on 6205 3537, or [venita.stewartdonaldson@act.gov.au](mailto:venita.stewartdonaldson@act.gov.au)

## Arts funding available

Does your community have an idea for an arts project in 2007? Need some help to pay an artist or bring an artist to town?

The Regional Arts NSW Country Arts Support Program (CASP) might be able to help... but you need to be quick - the deadline is Wednesday 7 February.

CASP is a program that delivers small grants of up to \$3000 to arts and community organisations for short-term, locally initiated arts projects.

CASP grants generally fall within the following ranges:

- \$300 to \$1500 for workshops (combined with performances).
- \$300 to \$1000 for performances.
- \$300 to \$2000 for artists-in-residence, public art projects and exhibitions.
- \$500 to \$3000 for arts activities as part of community festivals and events.

The 2007 guidelines and application forms are all available on the grants pages of the Regional Arts NSW website: [www.regionalartsnsw.com.au](http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au) or contact Arts Northern Rivers on (02) 6628 8120 or [peteranr@tpg.com.au](mailto:peteranr@tpg.com.au)

Another deadline looming is the Festivals Australia Regional Residences.

An Australian Government initiative, Festivals Australia provides assistance for Australian regional and community festivals for the presentation of quality cultural projects.

This is a companion program to Festivals Australia and provides funds for artists to undertake a residency to work with communities to express their stories through visual arts/craft, literature, dance, music, drama or other mediums.

The deadline for both programs is 15 February and more information and guidelines can be found at [www.dclta.gov.au/arts\\_culture/arts/festivals\\_australia\\_regional](http://www.dclta.gov.au/arts_culture/arts/festivals_australia_regional)

## Scheme entries wanted

Do you have a story that you want to turn into a film? Metro Screen is calling for entries from Indigenous film-makers for the Lester Bostock Scheme.

From experimental, to documentary and drama, Metro Screen will look at all applications based on a story idea that can be told in a five-minute short film.

Previous recipients of the Lester Bostock Scheme include Deadly winners Wayne Blair, Rayma Johnston and Melissa Abrahams, internationally published and award winning writer Phillip McLaren, and TV director, writer and presenter Lee Willis-Ardler. You could join them!

It is a great learning experience for people with ideas, vision and commitment. Successful applicants will have their equipment, facilities hire, stock and post-production costs covered, and will be provided with a \$2000 budget to cover crew and cast fees and design and catering.

In addition, each film-maker will be matched up with an industry mentor to help guide them through the process.

● Find out more: call David Opitz on (02) 9361 5318, email [d.opitz@metroscreen.org.au](mailto:d.opitz@metroscreen.org.au) or check out [www.metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metroscreen.org.au) on the web.

● Metro Screen has four places starting on 9 March 2007, but entries have to be at Metro Screen by 5pm on Friday 2 February.

# Anu sings the blues

Christine Anu will hit the road in 2007 with her *Black is Blue* show.

*Black is Blue* is an intimate concert honouring great legends of blues music.

Anu will perform timeless classics from the likes of Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday.

"Blues music resonates in me because through out my childhood it was all around me," Anu said.

"I remember listening to great female blues singers like Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith and could feel the truth in the depth of their lyrics because the hardships and survival of the spirit of black people is the same the world over.

"Blues music, the origins and the historical journey, has an extraordinarily broad range covered by so many amazing singers and musicians.

"Black is Blue is a celebration of the spirit of the blues, the artists and the songs that makes blues the institution of modern music as we know it today."

Anu is no stranger to the Australian entertainment industry.

Under her belt, she has ARIA award winning albums, acclaimed roles in movies and theatre, invitations to appear on Broadway, a magical cabaret production based on her life, singing to the world in the Sydney Olympic Games closing ceremony and even a duet with the Wiggles.

*Black is Blue* kicks off on 17 February at the Fairfield RSL and will tour nationally. Tickets are available from the venues.

NSW tour dates include: 17 February Fairfield RSL, 23 February Lizottes Restaurant, Kincumber, 24 February Asquith Leagues Club, 1 March The Brass Monkey, Cronulla, 2 March The Vanguard, Newtown, 3 March Rooty Hill RSL, 14 April Ryde-Eastwood RSL.

Additional *Black is Blue* dates will be announced.

Former Australian Idol competitor Hayley Jensen will support Anu for most of the NSW dates. She recently released her debut EP, *Alive*.

● For other Christine Anu performances scheduled for 2007, check out [www.christineanu.com.au](http://www.christineanu.com.au) for dates.



Christine Anu under lights on stage in 2005.



# 130,000 turn out for the



A performer from the Yidinji Maluway Dance group.



Brett Leavy shows Pieta and D'Ahri Wharton his Aboriginal land and culture exploring game 'Digital Songlines'.



Murri Tent co-ordinator Rhoda Roberts with writer Herb Wharton.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS

### Remote Festivals Funding

Applications for funding of remote festivals to support arts activities in the Territory are now open.

Funding criteria exist for two categories:

- **Arts Programming** - up to \$7,500 to support arts activities
- **Development of Community Festivals** - up to \$15,000 to increase cultural opportunities and/or a significant focus on the arts

Funding applications close  
28 February 2007, with notification to  
applicants made by mid April 2007

Application forms and grant guidelines are  
available by contacting Arts NT

Telephone: 1800 678 237  
Website: [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)  
Email: [arts.office@nt.gov.au](mailto:arts.office@nt.gov.au)



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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS

### Arts Scholarships Closing 31 January 2007

Are you under 26 years of age, from the  
Northern Territory and studying  
the arts in 2007?

Scholarships are available for young and  
emerging Territory artists to undertake  
full time study towards an Undergraduate  
Degree, Diploma, Certificate III or  
Certificate IV.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged  
to apply.

Application forms and guidelines are  
available by contacting Arts NT

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Northern Territory Government



ABOVE: Members  
of Queensland  
traditional group  
the Dungidau  
dancers.



LEFT: Rodney  
Boschman  
performs at the  
Murri Stage.



Larissa Lee and Eleta Ware were there.



Pele and Leaf Bennet.



Department of Culture and the Arts  
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Money for artists and arts projects

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# Woodford Folk Festival



The Arpaka Dancers from the Torres Strait were one of the many acts.



Patricia Leavy, Joan Collins, Bianca Beetson and Darryl Finn were among the thousands of people at the festival.

## Murri Tent busy

Story and Pictures by  
SOLUA MIDDLETON



Indigenous involvement was again a feature of the Woodford Folk Festival, which attracted more than 130,000 people to the small south-east Queensland town.

The camping event, from 27 December until 1 January, featured more than 25 stages, incorporating film, theatre, music, dance, workshops, speakers and circus.

The Murri Stage featured a variety of talent including Sean Choolburra, Street Warriors, Max Judo, DJ Blitz and MC S, the Arpaka dancers, Ernie Dingo and Bobby McLeod, plus plenty more.

Murri Stage manager and co-ordinator Rhoda Roberts said this year's festival was 'fantastic and there was a great response to the artists'.

"It was absolutely wonderful to see the venue packed to capacity," she said. "The Murri Stage is in a more

prominent area, and has a higher profile in the festival, as well as holding a bigger capacity from that of previous years," she said.

"The Murri Stage this year showcased a broad range of artists from art, dance, music, talks, film and more."

Ms Roberts said the 'Chalkboard' which is featured at all stages allowed emerging and unexposed artists and talent to showcase themselves.

### Competitive

"From the number of artists that come to Woodford you can see that music is such a hard, competitive industry to get into, particularly for a blackfella," she said.

"This year some of the more polished acts like Troy 'n' Trevlyn and Sean Choolburra were able to go into other venues at the festival and get more exposure."

The Murri Tent was a taste of what's to come for the Dreaming Festival in June later this year.

The countdown to New Year's Day began with three minutes' silence at 11.30pm and a candlelight vigil remembering the events of the past year.

Planning for the Dreaming Festival has already started.

"It is exciting for the opportunity for the linkage between the Murri Stage and the Dreaming Festival," Ms Roberts said.

"This year we will have the theatre production Ngapartji Ngapartji, and Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter with an orchestra attached.

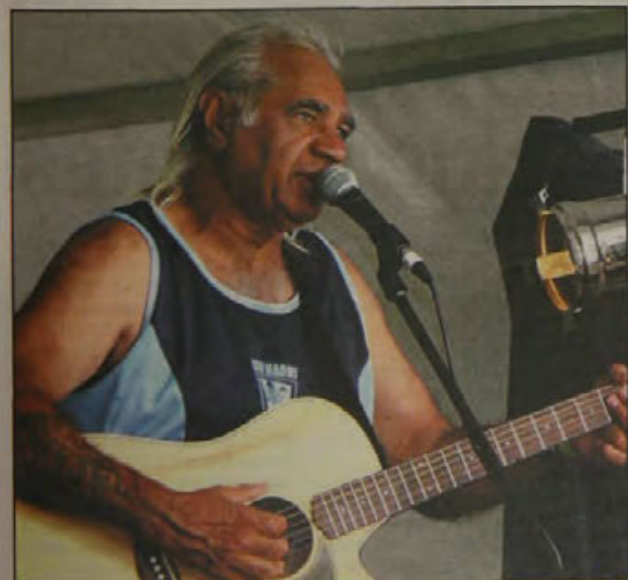
"Tom E Lewis is back, we'll have Wildwater, and a new talent Leah Flanagan who is truly extraordinary – so hopefully we will be able to expose her talent.

"Casey Donovan will also be joining the festival, as well as some international acts from New Zealand, East Timor, America and Canada."

● Applications for volunteers are open but the 2007 program is closed. The 2008 program is open until 31 May 2007. For details and to apply visit [www.dreamingfestival.com](http://www.dreamingfestival.com)



Waforo Marou, Donald Marou and Auntie Sarah Wapau at their stall selling Torres Strait Islander crafts.



Bobby McLeod was one of the popular acts.

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## Garma 2007 to explore solutions for chronic health problem



The key forum at the 2007 Garma Festival of Traditional Culture will be *Indigenous Health: Real Solutions for a Chronic Problem*.

The key forum, co-ordinated by Charles Darwin University, is a national gathering of community, corporate and governmental leaders and decision-makers, and educators and practitioners in a particular field.

Yothu Yindi Foundation board member Raymattja Marika said the 2007 forum would focus on a particular set of Indigenous health issues and topics, centred on:

- Traditional healing.
- Maternal/child health services (two-way).
- Relationships to make things work – social determinants in public health.
- Infectious disease control that makes a real difference.
- Health advice/education: effective ways of getting the messages across.

"And we're determined it will make a real and on-going difference. We want the maximum possible practical results from it, and we will also be following up on the outcomes to maintain the momentum," Ms Marika said.

"Education and health are two of the central challenges facing Australia in regard to its Indigenous population, so it is particularly apt that *Indigenous Health: Real Solutions for a Chronic Problem* is the 2007 forum theme, following on from *Indigenous Education and Training* in 2006.

"And we will be working even harder in 2007, particularly after Garma, to try to make sure that a set of concrete, practical policies and actions come out of Garma, with everyone involved taking on specific roles and responsibilities to address this extremely important issue.

The 2007 key forum will run for three days from 4-6 August, at the Garma Festival site at Gulkula, near Nhulunbuy, in north-east Arnhem Land. Garma will run from 3-7 August. People registered for the key forum can attend the full festival. For more information, go to [www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com)



RAYMATTJA MARIKA

# Breathing easier



Indigenous asthma sufferers will breathe easier through an innovative new program launched at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ).

As part of the program, USQ's Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health (CRRAH) and Kumbali/Ngurpai Lag Higher Education Centre (Kumbali) have joined with Toowoomba's Carbal Medical Centre to help asthmatics control their illness through music therapy.

CRRAH Senior Research Fellow, Dr Robert Eley, said the \$100,000 program had been funded by the Asthma Foundation of Australia and would incorporate Indigenous culture.

"Through the program the participants will engage in group lessons once a week for six months, playing the didjeridu for the men and singing for the women (in some Aboriginal communities it is considered inappropriate for women to play the wind instrument).

"We're hoping that because these will be group music lessons, it will be more motivating for participants to continue through the program.

"What we're trying to demonstrate is that this particular intervention is advantageous for asthmatics as it has been proven that music therapy is effective.

"We're trying to demonstrate that this particular method, in a group environment, which is culturally appropriate, is accepted

## Asthmatics play didjeridu and sing to control illness

and will have benefits to participants."

Dr Eley hopes participants in the program will be able to reduce their medication, improve their quality of life and save money through reduced medical bills.

Participants will be required to undergo a health assessment, commit to the lessons for the full six months and practise their breathing exercises between music lessons.

"As part of the evaluation of the program, we are using validated questionnaires which, despite having been around for a long time and used internationally, have never been used in

an Indigenous environment.

"We have made minor modifications to the questionnaires to make them culturally appropriate and most of the people involved in the program are themselves Indigenous or have extensive experience in working with Indigenous groups.

"We will also be running the program in a primary school and secondary school from semester one next year, however we are only looking for participants in the adult program at this stage.

"If successful, it is likely the program will be rolled out to a larger group of people and set up in other locations."



● ABOVE: Singing teacher Charada Thompson, and didjeridu teacher Ben Moody, who will play important roles in the program.

● RIGHT: Members of the Toowoomba Indigenous community who support the program and are aiding in the recruitment of adult Indigenous asthma sufferers.



## UN resolves to tackle diabetes



The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has passed a landmark motion recognising the global threat of the diabetes epidemic, crippling Indigenous communities worldwide, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

On 21 December, for the first time, governments acknowledged that a non-infectious disease poses as serious a threat to world health as infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis

and malaria.

The Unite for Diabetes campaign was led by the new President of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), Australia's Professor Martin Silink who said the resolution was a key battle won in the fight against diabetes.

"The significance is monumental. It will inspire, energise and empower the diabetes world," he said.

"The struggle will now focus on helping and encouraging governments worldwide to develop national policies to improve diabetes care and prevention."

The Unite for Diabetes campaign brought together the largest ever diabetes coalition, including patient organisations from more than 150 countries, the majority of the world's scientific and professional diabetes societies, many charitable foundations, service organisations and industry.

Professor Paul Zimmet, Director of the International Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, who co-ordinated the Asian-Pacific nations on the vote, said: "This is a huge win in the fight against the biggest epidemic in human history."

"Diabetes is a much-ignored

but deadly disease, responsible for close to four million deaths every year. With 246 million people with diabetes now and with 380 million people with diabetes by 2025, the disease is set to bankrupt many national economies."

The resolution designates World Diabetes Day, 14 November, as a UN Day to be observed every year starting this year.

It calls on all UN member states to observe the day and on all nations to develop national policies for the prevention, treatment and care of diabetes.



# Old friends will catch up



Canberra educator  
Kaye Price.  
Photo by Edward O'Daly



Canberra-based education lecturer Kaye Price will share more than a backyard barbecue with old friends Raymattja Manika and Patricia Anderson on Australia Day on 26 January.

Having been named ACT Senior Australian of the Year, Dr Price will join her friends, respectively named Northern Territory Australian of the Year and NT Senior Australian of the Year, at a range of Australia Day ceremonies in Canberra.

"We're going to have a busy day: There's morning tea with Prime Minister, lunch with the Governor-General and the big concert in the evening," Dr Price said.

"What's really exciting is having two of my good friends there to share it."

Dr Price's award recognised her contribution to Indigenous education throughout a career that has seen her work across education as a primary

school teacher, principal, university lecturer, Indigenous education consultant and a curriculum writer.

All the while she has practised what she has preached, continuing to work on her own education and completing her PhD last year.

Dr Price said she was pleased to be recognised as the award demonstrated the value placed on her work.

"This award recognises that I have made a contribution and I'm very happy about that," she said.

"It also is important to Australia and the ACT in particular. When you look at all the wonderful people - like the lady who serves soup to 300 people a night - it really came as quite a shock."

Dr Price said in her role as 2007 ACT Senior Australian she would encourage other older people to continue to make an active contribution to society.

## Academy marks another big year



The Shepparton-based Academy of Sport Health and Education (ASHE) has honoured its 2006 students at an awards

ceremony.

The academy is run by the University of Melbourne.

ASHE Director Justin Mohamed said it was the third year for the program and much progress has been made since its inception in 2004.

"ASHE was founded on the principle of growing participation in education and employment using sport as a linking factor," he said.

"With particular focus on young Indigenous people, ASHE helps students reach their potential both academically and vocationally.

"During the past year, the students have achieved academically through their participation in the Certificates II and III in Sport offered by the academy, but have also grown personally through better understanding of their goals, and by taking steps towards attaining these."

More than 60 full-time and part-time students completed courses last year at ASHE and the presentations honoured those with outstanding achievements throughout the year.

"Each of the major presentation recipients have made significant contributions in their respective areas of achievement, and reflected the spirit of the academy in their attitudes towards furthering the opportunities available to them and by encouraging other students to do the same," Mr Mohamed said.

Sally Simson, Manager of Development for the University of Melbourne's Goulburn Valley Partnerships, said the strength of ASHE and the success of its students was largely attributable to the strong working relationship between the university, its partnership with the Rumbalara Football Netball Club and the wider Indigenous community, and the invaluable support received from Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE.

"As a result of the innovative nature of ASHE's program, the academy is gaining increased recognition within the Goulburn Valley community and beyond.

The personal approach to student welfare ensures students feel safe and respected within the academic environment, and creates a willingness and desire to achieve more than would



Some of ASHE's 2006 award winners, from left, Chris Mansfield, Chris Turner, Colin Colger and Charlie Maher.

have ever been thought possible previously," Mrs Simson said.

Planning has started to increase the scope of courses to be offered by the Academy of Sport Health and Education this year.

Award winners for 2006:

● Student of the Year - Certificate II, Chris Das.

● Student of the Year - Certificate III,

Chris Turner.

● Student Support Officers Awards, Leanne Atkinson and Andrew Ince.

● Sportsman of the year (football and netball), Charlie Maher and Shonelle Ritchie.

● Goal Setting Award, Colin Colger.

● Most Improved Student Award, Chris Mansfield.

● Peer Voted Award, Andrew Ince.

## Send kids back to school in positive state of mind

Going back to school is often easier when children have had positive time over the holidays with their mums, dads or other adults who are important to them, according to a men's and family relationships worker.

"Children cope better with the challenges of the new school year if they are aware that mum, dad and other adults want the best for them," said Chris Hawke

of Community Connections.

"Fishing, cooking, playing cards or backyard cricket are all easy fun ways of letting our children know that we care about them."

Mr Hawke said camping was another great way to make strong connection with children.

"For example, boys from nine-14 years of age never will never forget their time

their adventure weekend camps that Community Connections runs with their dads, grand-dads or other significant men in their life," he said.

"These non-profit fun weekends have been enjoyed for years, with the support of the Australian Government Department of Family, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

"Creating positive times with our

children is even more important for children starting school, high school or at a new school. It gives them more confidence to make new friends or deal with difficult situations."

● See [www.communityconnections.org.au](http://www.communityconnections.org.au) for details and other positive time ideas to strengthen relationships with children.





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It hasn't been easy but four students at Mamarapha College, in Karragullen, outside Perth, have received Advanced Diplomas in Ministry.

Rose Page, from Brisbane, Leo Wright, from Sydney, Noel Wason, from Cairns, and David Garrard, from Brisbane, completed four years of study to graduate in December.

Ms Page started studying at the college in 1999 as a single mum bringing up teenagers, caring for a disabled son, and holding down a job.

Mr Wright began as a single father and struggled with reading and writing which, in turn, contributed to low self-esteem.

"I looked for pictures and skipped the writing," he said. "But now I love reading, it has broadened my mind and opened up so many new things for me."

Mr Wright has been working as a dormitory parent at the Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre, and will be doing voluntary ministry in Kununurra this year. David Garrard will be working as a pastor in the Brisbane area this year.

Mr Wright and Mr Wason agreed that five years of studying at college had not been too long.

"I understand myself and others better now, but I also found out how great God is and how much He loves me," said Mr Wason.

The Mamarapha College was established in 1997 to equip Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islanders with Bible knowledge and ministry skills. It offers courses in Biblical Studies and Ministry ranging from Certificate 1 through to the four-year Advanced Diploma. A health course will be offered in second semester later this year.

College Director Gordon Stafford said students came from throughout Australia for six two-week study blocks each year.

"Their time together during these blocks builds many bridges and friendships among the groups from different areas, and creates networks among our people across the country," he said.

Seven of Mamarapha's pastoral graduates are now employed in full-time pastoral ministry around Australia, and numerous Ministry Studies graduates are working as

volunteer ministers, conducting services, helping out with church and community programs, and taking a leading role in many community projects. Several students have gone on to pursue further study at TAFE and university after graduating from Mamarapha.

"Mamarapha" is a combination of Western Desert and Hebrew language, which means "God makes whole".

● **PICTURE:** The 2006 graduating class from Western Australia's Mamarapha College. In the middle row are Leo Wright (fourth from left), David Garrard (centre), Noel Wason (third from the right) and Rose Page (second from the right).

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## Book brings musical practice to life



A book that explains how Aboriginal musical and ceremonial performances link the living with the dead

has won the 2006 Stanner Award from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

*Songs, Dreamings and Ghosts: The Wangga of North Australia*, by Allan Marett, studies the wangga, a musical and ceremonial genre of the Aboriginal people of Wadeye and Belyuen, in the Daly region of the Northern Territory.

Professor Marett describes how Aboriginal musicians receive songs from an eternal realm known as The Dreaming and from the ghosts of

deceased ancestors. He offers an in-depth description and analysis of this musical practice, including illustrations, notated music examples, and a music CD closely related to the text.

An expert reader for the award said the book was one of the most exciting he had read about traditional culture.

"It is contemporary in its attitudes, forward-looking, respectful, trenchant, cerebral, artistic, poetic and passionate. Marett is awed by what he has seen. He communicates clearly his wonder and admiration for the Indigenous achievement, without losing sight of the technical needs of the analysis," the reader said.

"The CD is excellent ... everything came to life at once," he said.

The Stanner Award is awarded

annually by AIATSIS to the best scholarly published contribution to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Studies that reflects the dynamic nature of one of its founders, the late anthropologist Emeritus Professor Bill Stanner. The award carries a cash prize of \$1000.

AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson said *Songs, Dreamings and Ghosts* was an outstanding contribution to knowledge of traditional Aboriginal culture.

"Music and ceremony are the basis of traditional Aboriginal culture and Professor Marett has portrayed these so well by developing a meaningful and respectful relationship with Aboriginal people from these communities over 20 years," he said.



# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



● LEFT: Participants in a cattlemen's workshop held in the Northern Territory as part of the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP). The IPP is to be evaluated as part of a 12-month review of Aboriginal employment initiatives in the mainstream pastoral industry.

# Passing muster

Aboriginal pastoral employment and enterprises across northern Australia are coming under the spotlight as part of the most thorough review of the industry yet undertaken.

*Cattle for Country* is a new Desert Knowledge CRC research project that brings together pastoralists, Aboriginal organisations and enterprises, government departments and industry groups from throughout northern Australia.

It is the first time that the cattle industry, hard hit by the national skills shortage, has funded research into Aboriginal employment initiatives.

The three-year project will find out how to best strengthen Aboriginal cattle enterprises, build productive partnerships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cattle companies and create and sustain employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people in the industry.

CRC Managing Director Jan Ferguson said research benefits would go beyond helping to create job-ready local workforces and more viable cattle businesses.

"It's also about learning how the industry can best realise a range of cultural, environmental and social benefits," she said.

"Strengthening existing initiatives will lead to improvements in the governance and business management capacity of

remote communities, more collaborative management operations such as joint musters between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cattle enterprises, easier access to country for traditional owners through better roads and infrastructure and a healthier environment through the control of weeds, feral animals and fires."

*Cattle for Country* has three components:

- Review of Aboriginal employment in the pastoral industry.
- Evaluation of the Indigenous Pastoral Program.
- Evaluation of the Kimberley Indigenous Support Services (KIMSS).

In the first of these, Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) are co-funding the Desert Knowledge CRC to conduct a 12-month review of Aboriginal employment initiatives in the mainstream pastoral industry.

### Case studies

The review will document and analyse case studies of successes and failures to develop best practice employment models.

"Many northern beef producers are struggling to source labour, yet many have a potential Indigenous workforce in close proximity," said MLA Manager of Northern Production Research Wayne Hall. "The question is how best to train them to meet

the needs of the industry."

The Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP) is an on-going initiative of the Central and Northern Land councils, the ILC, the NT Cattlemen's Association, the NT Government and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

The IPP has achieved increases in cattle numbers on Aboriginal land, as well as in Aboriginal people's participation in traineeships, governance training and other pastoral training initiatives.

### Evaluation

The ILC is putting funding towards a participatory evaluation of the IPP in the Northern Territory. The IPP evaluation will work with different Aboriginal pastoral enterprises, ranging from small herds and emerging pastoral enterprises to fully operating Aboriginal cattle businesses to find out what works, what doesn't, and how the IPP can build on its considerable success to date.

The IPP evaluation will draw on the experiences of Aboriginal pastoralists, non-Aboriginal pastoralists involved in the IPP, and project officers to provide advice on how to best turn 'start-up' cattle businesses into strong and sustainable commercial enterprises.

ILC chairperson Shirley McPherson said it was hoped to create 1000 new

Indigenous jobs in the NT cattle industry over the next 10 years.

"With all key players recently signing on for a five-year extension to the IPP, the evaluation will be crucial in helping us to ensure that the program delivers long-lasting and sustainable benefits to Indigenous people," Ms McPherson said.

"The IPP has a big focus on providing training and skills development so people can take up real jobs in the Indigenous and mainstream pastoral industries and this will be closely looked at in the evaluation."

The Desert Knowledge CRC has also won a tender to evaluate the Kimberley Indigenous Management Support Service (KIMSS), an award-winning project jointly funded by the WA Agriculture Department and the ILC over the past three years.

The \$6.5-million project, which has a further four years to run, has increased commercial pastoral activity on 10 Aboriginal-owned cattle stations in WA's Kimberley region by developing the technical and management skills of station directors, managers and workers.

*Cattle for Country* is part of the Desert Knowledge CRC's broader 21st Century Pastoralism core research project. Led by Mark Ashley, the project is finding research solutions for sustainable desert pastoral enterprises.

● For more information go to [www.desertknowledgecrc.com.au](http://www.desertknowledgecrc.com.au)

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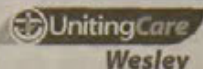
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- Experience in counselling Aboriginal children and families.
- An ability to work independently and as a member of the team.
- An ability to network with local agencies servicing Aboriginal families.

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## Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation ABN: 34 539 456 306 CAMPBELLTOWN NSW

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This position will manage a team of Social Workers who will case manage, visit families in their homes and provide appropriate parenting intervention programs. Teams will be stationed in the Macarthur, Bankstown, Liverpool and Fairfield Areas. The program is funded by DoCs and will run for 3 years. Your role will be to ensure that families at risk receive support and services that will help to prevent family problems from escalating.

**Key Selection Criteria:** Relevant tertiary qualifications in social work or similar; strong management and team leadership experience; extensive experience in case work with clinical supervision skills in the management of complex child and family issues; expertise in project management, including the management of service and brokerage agreements; ability to work effectively within the community, to network, collaborate and initiate and lead partnerships with agreed stakeholders; the ability to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of programs and activities.

### INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S PROGRAM WORKER

Fixed term contract until June 2007 with continuity subject to additional funding.

This position is funded by Family and Community Service to build linkages and networks within the Macarthur area to facilitate improvements in access to services for Aboriginal families. Your role will be to assist families by providing activities and information to improve knowledge, skills and capacity for family wellbeing while at the same time provide culturally support that will strengthen families.

**Selection Criteria:** Experience in working with Aboriginal communities; ability to develop programs in response to community needs; good knowledge of local networks; excellent communication and coordination skills; experience in health promotion, knowledge of parenting programs etc.

### SEXUAL HEALTH WORKER

The primary purpose of this role is to raise awareness in communities regarding sexual health matters; sexually transmitted diseases and safe sex practices, paying particular attention to youth as a target group. The role requires a collaborative approach in an effort to devise educational programs that inform and attempt to change behaviour.

**Key Selection Criteria:** Experience in designing and implementing awareness programs, educational and promotional material relevant to the needs of local communities, with youth a particular target group; appropriate experience and / or qualifications in an area that encompasses sexual health education would be an advantage.

### DRUG & ALCOHOL WORKER

This position is to work as part of the Social & Emotional Wellbeing Team and will provide a referral point and role model for Aboriginal persons within the Tharawal Community. Depending on the background of the successful applicant, the role will provide case management services to clients wishing to break a substance abuse dependency. The other direction we see the role taking is in the development of health promotion programs targeting youth and raising awareness of the dangers of substance abuse.

**Selection Criteria:** Awareness of Drug and Alcohol health issues as they affect Aboriginal people; able to produce educational/promotional material relevant to the target group; proven ability to work with young people and to relate to members of the community, experience working with D&A clients.

Applicants for all positions must be prepared to submit to a Working with Children Check. It is illegal for a Prohibited Person to apply for these positions.

Information kits including application forms and full selection criteria are available from HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, phone (02) 49408700.

**CLOSING DATE** 1 February 2007.

## Victims of Family Violence Contact Officer

This position is an identified position for an Aboriginal woman. The position is based at the Wollongong office of the Aboriginal Legal Service. Applicant should be highly trained in dealing with victims of family violence. For more information and selection criteria, please contact, Vikki Lennon on (02) 8842 8000 or by email at [vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au)

**Closing date:** 2 February 2007.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern and Western NSW Housing Services Division  
Riverina Client Service Team - Wagga Wagga

Permanent Full-time

Position No: 06DOH5989

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa + \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This position provides managerial assistance to the Team Leader, assists collation of responses to the Area Director, team performance targets, the development of continuous improvement initiatives and assist with community/partnership commitments.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated high-level administrative and organisational ability.
- Strong understanding and commitment to work as part of a team.
- Demonstrated high level analytical and decision making skills.
- Experience in preparing and coordinating appeals and ministerial briefs or similar.
- Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of computer applications.
- Ability to understand and apply operational practices and policies.
- Experience in budget monitoring.
- **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.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.

**Inquiries:** Scott McKee (02) 6921 0026.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800 or email to: [hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.



NSW Department of  
Commerce

NSW Department of Commerce

## ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER

3 POSITIONS (1 ABORIGINAL)

NSW PROCUREMENT

CONTRACTING SERVICES

Staff Grade 3/4, Sydney/Permanent, Position number 2007/995  
Salary: \$60,238 pa (\$50,474 - \$55,265). Package includes Salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Provide administrative support to key business units in Contracting Services by undertaking a range of administrative and business support activities, contributing to the effective operation of each area.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- High level administrative skills and experience providing administrative support to a business unit on projects and/or business activities, including working with records management and filing systems and processes.
- Good organisational and coordination skills with proven ability to prioritise workloads and meet tight deadlines in a high volume environment.
- Good interpersonal skills, strong client focus and experience working in a team environment to effectively interact with managers, staff, suppliers and clients.
- Good problem solving skills and ability to exercise judgment, initiative, confidentiality and discretion.
- Good oral and written communication skills, including experience with preparing routine business documentation and correspondence.
- Well-developed word processing skills and experience with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, company databases and other office software.
- Common selection criteria apply.

**Job Notes:** One position is a targeted position under the Department of Commerce's Indigenous Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Enquiries:** Ann-Marie Ware, (02) 9372 7654.

Tamara Beilair-Mayers, Aboriginal position (02) 9372 7672.

**Information Packages:** Access Information Packages at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or for email packages contact [info@procurement.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@procurement.nsw.gov.au) with position number "2007/005 in the subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, Paul Wyatt, (02) 9372 7194

**APPLICATIONS MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" TO:** You can apply on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or it by post mark "Confidential" to: HR Shared Services, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000.

**Closing Date:** 26 January 2007.

## National Indigenous Television (NITV) Executive Team

## National Indigenous Television (NITV) begins in 2007!

This unique service will provide new and innovative programming for Indigenous Australians on a variety of media platforms. NITV is now recruiting a range of key positions, including:

- **Acquisitions Manager**
- **Business Development Manager**
- **Chief Financial Officer**
- **Commissioning Editors x 2**
- **Creative Director**
- **Director of People and Culture**
- **Programming Manager**
- **Scheduler**

A full list of jobs and position descriptions can be seen on

[www.entertainmentpersonnel.com.au](http://www.entertainmentpersonnel.com.au)

Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures is highly desirable. *People of Aboriginal background are urged to apply.*

If you are interested in joining the start-up of this exciting new venture, please view the positions and apply accordingly.

Applications close on **February 2nd 2007** forward to Patricia Powell-Hughes at Entertainment Personnel [pph@entertainmentpersonnel.com.au](mailto:pph@entertainmentpersonnel.com.au), subject header should be NITV and position title. Should you have any trouble accessing the jobs site please contact our office on 02 9383 4520 for more details.

## ENTERTAINMENT PERSONNEL





The organisation is primarily funded by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS), and recognised as the peak NSW Aboriginal organisation to provide child protection and out-of-home care policy.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

35hrs per week

**Essential Criteria:** Demonstrated high level of management skills in working at a senior management level in a non government organisation; proven financial management skills; demonstrated ability and extensive experience in policy development; knowledge of Aboriginal Out-Of-Home-Care & Child protection issues and current legislation trends; ability to initiate, co-ordinate, implement, monitor and evaluate services and programmes; high skill levels of communication, negotiation, and time management skills; understanding of the accountability requirements of DoCS funding; demonstrated high level of communication skills particularly working in an Aboriginal organisation and with Aboriginal communities; strong representation and advocacy skills including proven ability to develop productive working relationships with stakeholders and funding bodies at all levels; ability to travel throughout NSW; tertiary qualifications in relevant human services field or equivalent knowledge and experience.

**Desirable Criteria:** Aboriginality of the successful applicant is desired but not essential in this position.

**Information Package:** Ring Steve Larkins on 0249601657 or email [steve@hunteracs.org.au](mailto:steve@hunteracs.org.au)

Send written applications addressing criteria to: AbSec EO, PO Box A2409 Sydney South NSW 1235.

Applications Close 2nd February 2007.

## Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Centre Drug & Alcohol Counsellor

Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Centre is looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to oversee the management of the residential rehabilitation program. Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Centre provides a range of services to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people who have been affected by alcohol or other drugs.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Documenting and managing the rehabilitation program (1:1 and group counselling, groupwork, AA/NA, living skills and recreational program);
- Overseeing evaluation and improvement of the program;
- Providing ongoing support and training to the Drug & Alcohol workers;
- Fostering a sense of teamwork and appreciation of difference;
- Contributing to a safe environment for staff and clients.

### Skills/Experience required

**Essential:** Certificate of degree in Drug and Alcohol counselling or related field; relevant work experience in the Drug and Alcohol field; demonstrated ability to work with the Aboriginal community, commitment to working with people and families with alcohol or other drug problems; ability to work as part of a team; computer skills including word processing; LR driver's licence. **Desirable:** A person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; First Aid Certificate; program planning and evaluation skills.

**Salary:** In accordance with Roy Thorne House Workplace Agreement.

Further information and a Job Description may be obtained by contacting the Manager on (02) 6752 2248.

Applications are to be in writing, including a detailed resume and the names of two referees should be addressed to the Chairperson, Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Centre Incorporated, PO Box 1661 Moree, NSW 2400. Closing date for application is 29th January, 2007.

Centacare - Newcastle

YOUTH SERVICES

## Aboriginal SPACE Worker

Better Futures Greenway Project

Permanent Part-time (20 hrs pw) - CC06/11

Based in Woodbury in the Hunter Valley this program involves providing early intervention group work and activities to young people at Francis Greenway High School and Feeder Schools. The SPACE (Supporting Partnerships Adolescent and Community Education) Worker will join the Centacare Youth Services Team who deliver programs in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland and Port Stephens.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

For an information package please phone  
Jill Whitley on (02) 49791345.

We are a highly regarded provider of quality, caring community services operated by the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle providing assistance to individuals, families and youth. We are an EEO employer & child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.



South  
West  
Aboriginal  
Medical  
Service

Our Health, Our Way

## Social Worker (ACO Award Level 5/6)

South West Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation has been funded to operate as a holistic primary health service. It provides case management support and population health activities through our clinic based in Bunbury.

We are looking for an experienced Social Worker to provide quality, culturally secure case-management, counseling, advocacy, support and capacity building services to Aboriginal people.

An attractive salary is offered depending on qualifications and experience.

For further information about the position, please telephone the Health Service Manager Quentin Jackson on telephone 9791 7666.

An application package can be obtained by telephoning Debbie on 9791 2779 or e-mail on [debbie@swams.com.au](mailto:debbie@swams.com.au)

Written applications addressing the Selection Criteria should be forwarded to SWAMSAC Ms D Mooyman, marked Confidential, P O Box 1444, Bunbury, 6231; or can be emailed to the above e-mail address. Applications must be received by 5pm, 9th February 2007.



Australian Government



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.

Centrelink is an Australian Government agency delivering a range of services to the community

## Indigenous Services Officer

APS 5

CENTRE BAND 3 LOWER \$53,048 - \$56,252

Office: Area Hunter

Location: Tamworth

This position is based in the Tamworth Customer Service Centre, and will be responsible for delivering services to customers in the Northern Tablelands area.

### Duties:

- Consult and liaise with Aboriginal communities, agencies and other relevant groups in relation to the delivery of Centrelink services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Assist Aboriginal groups to identify community needs and develop appropriate strategies to address needs that are in line with Centrelink's strategic directions.
- Work within Centrelink, business, community providers and Government to facilitate appropriate participation and income support outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers.
- Some travel will be required.
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background or experience with dealing with members of the Aboriginal community is highly desirable.
- Current driver's licence is essential.

**Conditions:** Applicants must be Australian Citizens.

To apply for this position, applicants must obtain the selection documentation and ensure that they address each selection criterion. Selection documentation can be obtained from:

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink\\_jobs/jobs\\_nsw.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink_jobs/jobs_nsw.htm)

Completed applications should be forwarded to:

ISO Vacancy Tamworth

Human Resources

Centrelink

PO Box 542

Charlestown NSW 2290

Applications can also be lodged by email to [recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au) or by fax to 02 4974 3492.

Contact person: Todd Heard 02 4974 3608.

## Centrelink Customer Service Trainees

APS 2

CENTRELINK BAND 1 \$35,144

Office: Warrnambool, Mildura & Swan Hill Customer Service Centres

**Duties:** We are currently looking for six enthusiastic individuals to join us in a 12 month Customer Service Traineeship, with a particular focus on servicing the needs of Indigenous Australians and their communities.

We are seeking motivated, team-oriented people with a well developed understanding of the issues currently faced by Indigenous communities and a demonstrated commitment to improving Indigenous access to employment, education and training by working with relevant Indigenous community groups. Located in Customer Service Centres with an identified Indigenous customer base, these challenging traineeships will involve providing supervised face to face customer service to a diverse range of people, in accordance with government policy. During the 12 month period you will learn to: build and manage relationships with customers, advise about products and services and provide solutions in a variety of situations.

During your 12 month traineeship, Centrelink will support you to undertake a Certificate III in Business (Government). Once you have obtained your Certificate III in Business (Government) and successfully completed your traineeship you will be offered permanent employment as Centrelink 2 (APS3).

**Conditions:** Applicants must be Australian Citizens and successfully complete a character clearance, including a police clearance.

**Qualifications:** As you will be undertaking further study, minimum education requirement is the successful completion of a Year 10 certificate or equivalent. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application pack may be obtained from Centrelink website:  
[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink\\_jobs/index.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink_jobs/index.htm)

Contact person: Kevin Williams ph 03 9201 9246.

Email applications to [hrau.west.v@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:hrau.west.v@centrelink.gov.au) or post to: Valerie McRorie, Centrelink HRAU, Area West Vic PO Box 312 Sunshine Vic 3020.

The closing date for both applications is 1 February 2007.

For more information about working at Centrelink,  
visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)



Government of South Australia

Department for Families  
and Communities

## YOUTH SUPPORT WORKERS

Residential and Secure Care Setting  
Vac: 9892- Ongoing

\$38,5573 - \$41,732 p.a. OP52  
(Plus shift penalties)

Does the opportunity to work with young people and actively contribute to their safety, well-being and development interest you? There are a number of ongoing positions available for energetic persons to be employed as Youth Support Worker within the Department for Families and Communities. These positions also provide fantastic long term career opportunities.

Successful applicants with will required to work on a roster basis. All applicants must have a current SA Driver's licence, senior first aid certificate and successful applicants will be required to undergo a criminal history and background check prior to being employed.

Successful applicants will also be required to complete a 6 week training course as part of their employment

For more information: regarding the selection process and to obtain an application pack please visit [www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers) or telephone 08 8200 6483.

Please note: information sessions will be held on Tuesday 23rd January and Wednesday 24th January 2007. To register please telephone 08 8200 6483 during business hours.

Applications close 1st February 2007 at 5pm.

[www.dfc.sa.gov.au](http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au)

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## Department of Education and Training

Part Time Administration Officer

(17 1/2 hpw)

Lismore DET Office

Job Reference No: 06/312/NCI

Total remuneration package of up to \$30,081 pa including salary (\$24,896 pa - \$27,260 pa) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Duties:** Undertaking the administrative functions of the Education Office.

**Selection Criteria:** Well-developed analytical, problem solving, interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills; Demonstrated ability to manage emerging issues and competing priorities; Demonstrated high level skills in the use of computer based information systems; Understanding of government purchasing and financial processes and the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 and Treasurer's Directions.

Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains additional selection criteria relevant to the position.

**Information Package:**

Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or

download [www.nci.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au)

Applications (quoting JRN 06/312/NCI) to: Workforce Planning & Recruitment Officer, TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, PO Box 528, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

Closing Date: 2 February 2007

NEW SOUTH WALES  
DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING



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## FAMILY SUPPORT POSITION

Australian Red Cross (ARC) is part of the world's largest humanitarian network. Our vision - to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Australia and internationally by mobilising the power of humanity - is shared by members, volunteers and employees.

Are you passionate about improving the lives of vulnerable people? As a result of our track record and success in achieving positive outcomes for families, Australian Red Cross (ARC) has received significant funding for the next three years from the Department of Communities for the Referral for Active Intervention (RAI) Service.

The purpose of this funding is for ARC to provide intensive support services designed to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. We have the following opportunity available in our team:

### Senior Case Manager RAI

Full time Contract (to August 2009), Rockhampton based with a remuneration package of \$53,867 - \$56,416pa. (incl. super). A car will be provided for work purposes. Generous Salary Packaging options will be available for this position.

Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. As part of the recruitment process candidates will be screened and assessed for suitability to work with children. Visit [www.redcross.org.au/qld](http://www.redcross.org.au/qld) for an application pack or phone 07 3367 7222 during business hours. Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 26 January 2007.



**Australian Red Cross**



## Indigenous Engagement Officer

**\$83K - \$97K plus Superannuation**

Location will be negotiable

Reference Number: 2006/1746

CSIRO is establishing an Office of Indigenous Engagement and is looking for a dynamic and entrepreneurial 'change agent' to implement our Indigenous Engagement strategy.

The applicant will have a deep understanding of the cultural, social, economic and political dynamics of Indigenous Australia as well as experience in the functioning of large organisations and of organisational change. A background or interest in science would be highly advantageous but by no means necessary. Appointment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to this position would be preferred.

For selection documentation and details on how to apply visit [www.csiro.au/careers](http://www.csiro.au/careers) or phone 1300 301 509.

[www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au)

NEW SOUTH WALES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING



## Manager, Aboriginal Education and Training

Job reference number: 137792

Applications close: 2 February 2007

The position manages the formulation and provision of strategic and policy advice to the Director, Aboriginal Education and Training; leads and is accountable for strategic initiatives and projects relating to Aboriginal education and training.

### Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Detailed knowledge of contemporary strategic issues in Aboriginal education and training and specific expertise and experience in TAFE or schools.
- Demonstrated skills in the successful management of organisational, program and cultural change in Indigenous communities.
- Experience in project management and in the development of educational policies and practices, in a complex and culturally diverse organisation.
- High quality analysis, research, planning and advisory skills, combined with creative problem-solving skills.
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills in intercultural contexts.
- Culturally sensitive interpersonal skills for consulting key stakeholders and for leading, motivating and convincing Departmental staff.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience.
- Common selection criteria also apply.

The position is a Senior Officer, Grade 1 located in Sydney. Total remuneration package valued to \$135,505 pa (Salary: \$113,961 - \$122,796) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

For enquiries contact: Mr John Lester on (02) 9244 5400. Email [john.lester@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.lester@det.nsw.edu.au)

Information packages: Ms Claire Dodds (02) 9244 5393.

Applications marked 'confidential' to Mr John Lester, Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, Department of Education and Training, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

### Notes:

1. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised in terms of section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
2. 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. Please complete the "Working with Children Check" forms and include them in your application.
3. If you currently participate in a salary packaging scheme and package any item other than superannuation (for example, a novated lease motor vehicle) you are advised to seek independent financial advice.

For detailed information on the Department of Education and Training please go to [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au). For further details relating to this position go to [www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/recruit/seniorpos/index.htm](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/recruit/seniorpos/index.htm)

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[www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment)

### Academic Division

Wollotuka Support Unit (Gibalee)

### Team Leader

Position No. 596

An Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is sought to co-ordinate the day to day operations of the Gibalee Centre, Ourimbah Campus and supervise the administration team to ensure effective and efficient delivery of support and services in relation to Indigenous education at the Ourimbah campus.

HEW Level 6 \$51,434 to \$56,753 per annum

Applications close: Friday, 26 January 2007

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

All applications must include a statement addressing each selection criteria. Before submitting an application, please obtain additional information about the position including the selection criteria and application procedure in one of the following ways:

website [www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment)  
email [employment@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:employment@newcastle.edu.au) or  
phone 02 4921 5266



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Department of the  
Attorney General  
Government of Western Australia

## Regional Coordinator, Aboriginal Justice Agreement x 4

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Position No: 006635 (Perth) 006636 (Darwin) 006637 (Roebourne) 006638 (Kununurra)

Salary: Level 6 PSCA \$67,850 - \$75,133 pa

The Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Justice Advisory Group is responsible for supporting the operation of Regional Aboriginal Justice Groups established under the Aboriginal Justice Agreement. The position convenes, supports and reports to local reference groups and meets as required of local and regional bodies under the AJA. The position is responsible for the liaison and engagement with Aboriginal communities and people, government and non-government agencies, and other key stakeholders in facilitating, monitoring and evaluating the activities within the region under the AJA. The position also plays a key role in promoting and advancing initiatives under the AJA to achieve outcomes.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

For further job related information: Please contact: Mrs Carleton on 9264 1908.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph. 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Friday 2 February 2007 at 5pm.

## Temporary Indigenous Enterprise Development Officer

Use your knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Australians to assist Indigenous business. Provide economic advice and facilitate Indigenous business projects. Research and report on opportunities and policy. Develop and maintain networks within the community. Work in a strong team environment with supportive work conditions.

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

Total remuneration value between \$64,103 and \$69,673

Visit [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au), search for SD139/07 and download the details.

Applications close Monday 5 February 2007

Queensland the Smart State



Queensland Government  
Department of State Development and Trade



Blue Care

## Regional Indigenous Coordinators

Brisbane, Bundaberg/Rockhampton and Townsville/Cairns

We are expanding our Indigenous services program and are seeking to employ three new Indigenous Coordinators throughout Queensland.

Blue Care is Queensland's leading not-for-profit provider of community services and residential aged care supporting more than 11,000 people everyday.

Your role will be to promote and coordinate Indigenous employment and mentoring within a specific Blue Care region, and in consultation with Indigenous care providers, work towards developing partnerships within the Indigenous community.

You will have a background in managing an employment program or demonstrate that you have the ability to acquire these skills. You will also have significant experience in community development.

Blue Care can offer you a competitive remuneration package including a fully maintained vehicle and tax effective salary packaging which will further increase your take home pay.

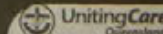
For further information, please contact Mick Adams of Finline Consultancy Pty Ltd on (07) 3272 2144 or 0409 646 952, who is representing Blue Care, or visit our website [www.bluecare.org.au/careers](http://www.bluecare.org.au/careers).

To apply, please forward your application, including covering letter and CV to [recruitment@bluecare.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bluecare.org.au)

Applications close 29th January 2007.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

[www.bluecare.org.au](http://www.bluecare.org.au)



The Voice of Indigenous Australia



# Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE

## MANAGER, NATIVE TITLE UNIT

Grade 6, \$82,864 - \$110,88

Position No: DJ4154

- Policy and mediation/litigation advice and support
- Negotiation experience
- Strategic advice

The Department of Justice is seeking a dynamic person to manage the Native Title Unit - Department of Justice.

You will manage a small team involved in the coordination and research of native title claims. You will liaise with Government agencies, industry and community organisations as you progress negotiations with native title claimants and their representatives.

You will provide policy advice on matters relevant to native title and possess highly-developed interpersonal, consultative and communications skills.

To meet the challenges of this role you will have a strong background in management and strong conceptual, analytical and communication skills. A tertiary qualification in law or some other relevant discipline would also be desirable. The ability to work under pressure in a sensitive environment is essential to this role.

For further information please contact Graeme Aitken on 8684 0880.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 26 January 2007.

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



Department of Corrective Services  
Government of Western Australia

## Prison Officer

Adult Custodial

Position No: 9098

Permanent - Full Time Appointment Pool

Location: Regional (Albany, Bunbury, Greenough, Roebourne, Broome and Kalgoorlie)

Level: \$33,964 pa during 10 weeks training; then \$47,113 pa with increments to \$53,962 pa (inc shift). Regional incentives and relocation allowance apply in accordance with the relevant award and industrial agreements.

Making a difference - a career as a Prison Officer

We are seeking honest and dedicated people with a desire to join a profession that provides a significant contribution to the WA community. We are recruiting for our regional prisons in Albany, Bunbury, Greenough, Roebourne, Broome and Kalgoorlie. Preference will be given to applicants prepared to commence their careers in Roebourne, Kalgoorlie or Broome.

Prison Officers not only protect the community by maintaining the security of our State's prisons, but work with offenders to help them turn their lives around. By applying practical skills and life experience, Prison Officers can be role models to prisoners and provide them with motivation, support and practical new skills.

The composition of the prison population means that the prison officer role suits a diverse range of people. Aboriginal people can make a real difference by applying their practical and cultural experience with offenders. Women bring a different gender perspective and often a range of skills to the role. In return, a career as a prison officer can offer flexibility, good benefits and great personal satisfaction.

With Western Australia's prisons undergoing a range of security, safety and training improvements, there has never been a better time to join the Prisons' team.

To make your career change now, you need to show you can use your relevant skills and experience to meet the job requirements. These are listed in the job application package.

All applicants will need to be prepared to undertake elements of the selection process in the Perth metropolitan area or in a major regional centre.

Females, Aboriginal people and people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Briefing sessions about these job opportunities will be held at:

**Metropolitan:**

Wednesday 10 January 2007 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm and

Wednesday 17 January 2007 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Corrective Services Academy of WA (Gymnasium), 4 Allen Court Bentley

Contact: Prison Officer Recruitment Team on 9212 3991/ 9212 3992

**Bunbury** Tuesday 16 January 2007 at 7pm

Venue: Bunbury Regional Prison (Exterior Amenities Block)

Contact: Brian Williams on 9795 2102

**Albany** Monday 15 January 2007 at 7:30pm

Venue: Albany Regional Prison - Amenities Building

Contact: Rob Daniels on 9842 4497 / 9842 4444

**Kalgoorlie** Wednesday 10 January 2007 at 7pm

Venue: Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison

Contact: Brian Pegram on 9093 5108

**Greenough** Monday 15 January 2007 at 6pm

Venue: Greenough Regional Prison

Contact: Richard Lankester on 9223 8523

**Roebourne** Tuesday 16 Jan 2007 at 10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Roebourne Regional Prison

Contact: Brian Wilson on 9182 0101

**Broome** Monday 8 Jan 2007 at 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Broome Regional Prison

Contact: Gary Fitzpatrick on 9193 8500

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact Prison Officer Recruitment team on 9212 3991 or 9212 3992.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Monday 22 January 2007 at 5pm.

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### Customer Service Officer (Indigenous Trainee)

(PN Ref: GR07/03 - explicit positions)

CSO Broadband (APS Level 1-3)

\$34,359 - \$46,251 \*Ages Rates Apply

Training will be provided to enable you to work as a Customer Service Officer (CSO) in a Medicare office or in the Northern Territory Regional office in Darwin. CSOs are responsible for delivering great customer service that contributes to increasing Medicare Australia's reputation and building community confidence in the work we undertake. While this service involves the provision of information and processing activities related to various Australian Government programs and services administered by Medicare Australia, the main focus of work will be with the Medicare Program.

Contact: Christine Tierney  
(08) 8922 6303.

Key information on these and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website: [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers)

Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under Section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and accordingly these positions are for persons who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are accepted as such in the community in which they live or have lived.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au). Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services.

Candidates should forward their applications to the contact officer (quoting the PN Ref) by email or by post (see website).

Note: Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the applicant information kit for details.





# Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Co-ordinator

ORYGEN Research Centre, Department of Psychiatry

The Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Co-ordinator will work with a team delivering the MHFA Program which involves training members of the public in how to provide initial help to someone developing a mental health problem.

This position is identified for an Indigenous Australian and is covered by an exemption granted under the Equal Opportunities Act 1995. Application No. A355/2006

Salary: \$65,680 - \$77,994 (Lecturer, Level B) plus employer superannuation contributions of 9 percent.

Employment Type: This is a full-time (fixed-term) position available until 30 June 2008.

Enquiries Only: To Len Kanowski, tel: +61 3 9342 3767, mob: 0412 909 801,

email: Len.Kanowski@mhfa.org.au

Applications by 2 February 2007 quoting position no. 0016093

## HOW TO APPLY

- Access the online advertisement and position description at [www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.jobs.unimelb.edu.au) (Use the above position number or position title as the keyword in the Job Search screen)
- Applications should address the selection criteria in the position description.

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## Support Officer for Indigenous Access

(Explicit Position) Ongoing - Brisbane Based

(PN Ref: Q2962 PVR 008/07)

APS 3

\$42,854 - \$46,251

We are currently recruiting for a full-time, ongoing Support Officer for Indigenous Access.

This position is a support role delivering services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers in line with the Indigenous Access Strategic Plan and Key Performance Objectives. The successful applicant will require demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Primary role will be to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Line, process related services to the programs administered by Medicare Australia and liaise with internal and external stakeholders. APS values drive the activities of the Indigenous Access Area and the way in which services are provided. The Area focuses on delivering quality service in a culturally appropriate way while maintaining an emphasis on accuracy of payments and information.

**Note:** The occupant of this position, while based in Brisbane, will be required to undertake some travel within the Queensland region including remote localities. A current Old Driver's Licence is a requirement.

**Contact:** For further information about the position, please contact Marjorie Tatipata (Liaison Officer) on 07 4015 1708.

**Closing date:** Thursday, 8 February 2007

Key information on this and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website:

[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers)

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be Australian citizens.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from

[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

As part of its commitment to providing greater customer access to Medicare Australia programs, the candidates both internal and external may be required to work weekends if this is a requirement in the particular work area.

Medicare Australia operates under the umbrella of the Australian Government Department of Human Services.

Candidates should address their applications to Marjorie Tatipata quoting vacancy reference PVR 008/07. Applications must be forwarded by 5:00pm on 8 February 2007 to the Executive Manager Human Resources Consultancy by email ([qld.recruitment@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:qld.recruitment@medicareaustralia.gov.au)) or by post to the following address:

Executive Manager Human Resources Consultancy  
Medicare Australia  
GPO Box 9822  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**Note:** Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the applicant information kit for details.

## Indigenous Articled Clerkship 2008

Fixed term for 12 months

Victoria Legal Aid's mandate is to protect legal rights, with an emphasis on the rights of the marginalised and economically disadvantaged. The organisation is an independent statutory authority established pursuant to the Legal Aid Act 1978. Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) provides high quality and cost effective legal representation, advice and information. The legal practice of VLA lawyers includes criminal, human rights, family and youth law.

Applications are invited from indigenous law students and graduates for two positions of Indigenous Articled Clerk based at VLA's Melbourne office, commencing in March 2008.

Clerks undertake rotating placements throughout the practice divisions of VLA, including at least one placement in a regional office. They will work under the direct supervision of lawyers and will spend significant time at court, have frequent contact with clients and be directly involved in the conduct of casework.

The successful applicant will have:

- appropriate tertiary qualifications in law at the time of commencement of articled clerkship
- good analytical skills combined with an understanding of legal principles and the ability to apply them to specific facts
- well developed interpersonal and communication skills with a demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment
- an interest in developing a career in the legal aid or community sector.

Applicants are requested to forward their application by email, and should include a statement addressing the selection criteria, a resume including details of three referees and a copy of their academic transcript.

For further information regarding these positions and the key selection criteria required please log onto <http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au>

Salary: \$34,554 per annum

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To apply: <http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au>

Enquiries: Louise Kiley on (03) 9260 0537

Applications close: Thursday, 25 January 2007

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## 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. A291/2005

A part time (0.9 EFT) 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).

You will hold a RN Div 2 or Certificate III in Aboriginal Health Work (Clinical) qualification or equivalent and have previous experience working with Aboriginal communities preferably in a community setting.

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](http://www.dch.org.au).

Applications may also be posted to the HR Manager,  
125 Blake Street, East  
Reservoir, 3073 by 5.00 pm  
on 25th January 2007



NSW Department of  
Community Services

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

POLICY & SERVICE REFORM

(Child Protection) Clerk Grade 11/12

Policy & Service Reform (Child Protection) Branch

Child Protection & Early Intervention Directorate

Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy No: 06D0CS6087

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066 pa to \$101,849 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Lead a team in the consultation, research & development of key policies & projects to support the delivery of child protection services in a complex, deadline driven environment. Provide expert advice on policy matters related to child protection.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated ability to conceptualise, analyse, set strategic directions and identify opportunities for new policy initiatives to support service reform.
- Demonstrated high level competency in policy writing, preparation of reports, briefings, Ministerials and project management in a complex environment.
- Capacity to establish and maintain effective intra and inter agency communication and work on projects with a variety of professionals.
- Sound, high level understanding of the role played by families, communities, human services and government in promoting and ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and young people.
- Excellent oral communication and negotiation skills.
- Knowledge of strategic directions in Human Services, relevant legislation and child protection issues, and ability to interpret and apply legislation.
- Capacity to lead and manage a team of professional staff.
- Tertiary qualifications in Human Services, Health, Welfare, Social Science or other related discipline.
- 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 is a re-advertised position and previous applicants will need to re-apply. 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 and must complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and the Screening Consent Forms contained in the Information Package.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at our website: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact Tanya Rehayem (02) 9716 2391

**Inquiries:** Elja Roti (02) 9716 2194

**Applications Marked 'CONFIDENTIAL':** Apply on-line at our website: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or by e-mail to: [JobsDOCS@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:JobsDOCS@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or Post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 6, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 February 2007



## DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE LOCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR

(ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Planning and Access

Southern NSW - South Coast, Moruya

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 06DADHC6174

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$81,591 per annum (salary of \$66,786 pa to \$73,936 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Work at the individual, family & community level to support people with a disability to determine their own needs & participate in their community. Assist people with disabilities live valued lives & participate more fully in their local communities.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of contemporary approaches to providing human services and attitudes towards people with a disability.
- Highly developed skills in individual needs analysis and needs-based planning, personal advocacy and assisting people with a disability to participate in their community.
- Ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with people from ATSI & CALD communities.
- High level interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to build networks and develop strategic approaches to community development.
- Relevant qualifications and/or equivalent experience. Ability to travel throughout the community independently.
- 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:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977. This temporary full-time position is in terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to 12 months. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Applicants must complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and the Screening Consent Form contained in the Information Package.

**Information Package:** (02) 6200 5820 or email: [hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Inquiries:** Marie-Anne Robinson (02) 6200 7327.

**Applications to:** The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: [hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.



## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### Female Aboriginal Health Worker

Graduate/Non-Graduate  
Birra-Li Birthing Services, Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
Perm Part Time, 24 h/w 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.  
Aboriginality is considered a genuine qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.  
Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.  
Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper, (02) 4921 3082  
Closing Date: 2 February 2007

### POPULATION HEALTH

#### Aboriginal Health Coordinators

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance

Perm Full Time Position No: 53116  
Newcastle

Perm Full Time Position No: 53117  
Location negotiable within Lower Mid North Coast, Lower and Upper Hunter

#### FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

Online applications accepted  
Contribute to the development, planning, management and evaluation of health education programs and activities that directly contribute to sustainable health services for Aboriginal people.  
Enquiries: Martin Nean, (02) 6767 8651,  
martin.nean@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au  
Closing Date: 2 February 2007

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officers

Aboriginal Health, Population Health, Planning & Performance, Newcastle

Perm Full Time Position No: 53051  
2 positions for Greater Newcastle Cluster  
Online applications accepted

The purpose of this position is to provide support, care, education and referral for Aboriginal clients, their families, friends and carers and act as a liaison between the Aboriginal Community and health services to facilitate access to health services for all members of the Aboriginal Community.

Enquiries: Cheryl McGregor, (02) 4924 6067,  
cheryl.mcgregor@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au  
Closing Date: 26 January 2007

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.  
Apply online: [www.esuite.net/ezjob/HNE/](http://www.esuite.net/ezjob/HNE/)  
HRRegistry/default.cfm

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## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Northern NSW Housing Services Division  
Hunter Area

Temporary Fulltime

Position No: 06DOH6190

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The role provides greater expertise in dealing with clients with severe/multiple support and housing needs that may affect their current or future tenancies and ensures continuity of specialist assistance to these clients. The position is the contact point for other referring and support agencies such as Health and Community Services. Specialist assistance is provided to team members in managing complex cases and with high level community liaison.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or extensive human services industry experience.
- Excellent communication, including negotiation, mediation, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with support needs.
- Understanding and ability to liaise with a variety of human service client groups and organisations.
- Ability to initiate and develop networks and the ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Understanding of working in an environment of professional supervision and experience in managing a range of complex tasks and setting priorities.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.
- Capacity to train and support other team members. Current Driver's 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:** The Department is seeking applicants to fill Senior Client Service Officer, Specialist positions in the Hunter Area. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 88 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period up to six months with possible extension. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

**Inquiries:** Diane O'Brien - (02) 6542 2199.  
Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Apply online at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or email to HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.  
Closing Date: Friday 26 January 2007

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

(ATSI) Identified

Clerk Grade 2/4

Northern NSW HS Division

Port Macquarie/Kempsey Client Service Team

Kempsey

Permanent Full-time

Position No: 06DOH5972

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (salary \$47,127 pa - \$54,520 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Housing is seeking a highly motivated and flexible individual who enjoys working with clients from different backgrounds and as part of an effective team providing quality service.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances particularly Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Computer literacy and current Driver's licence.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality. Applicants MUST obtain the information package which contains additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 66264100 or e-mail: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au  
Inquiries: Jon Hart (02) 6582 9280

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au  
Closing Date: Friday, 2 February 2007



Pius X Aboriginal Corporation - Moree

### Program Officer

Applications are invited for a Program Officer based at our Moree Health and Pre School facility.

The Program Officer will be responsible for all health promotion activities and will be the senior contact person and mentor within the corporation's Aboriginal Health workforce.

The successful applicant will have:

#### Essential:

- Aboriginality. (An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification in accordance with section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Advanced Certificate in Aboriginal Health Work (or equivalent) through an accredited education provider.
- Demonstrated understanding of health issues affecting the community and in particular the Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively and efficiently plan and organise own workload.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, implement and evaluate health programs.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team with minimum supervision.
- Understanding of commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Safety and Health, Disability Services and Quality Improvement principles.
- Good Computer Skills.
- Current "C" or "C-A" class drivers license.

#### Desirable:

- Previous Experience in a health care or community service setting.
- Experience in working with children and families.
- Demonstrated understanding of Human Resource management issues.
- Ability to analyse and resolve complex issues.
- First aid certificate.

**Terms and Conditions** will be under an Individual Work Place Agreement.

**Remuneration** will be \$55,000 per annum plus employer superannuation contribution.

**Full Salary Sacrifice is available.**

**Contact Officer:** Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Mrs Kim Connors on 6752 1099 or by emailing admin@piusx.com.au.

**Written Application addressing the Selection Criteria is to be sent to:** Mrs Donna Taylor - CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation, PO Box 363, Moree NSW 2400.

**Applications will close COB Friday 9th February 2007.**  
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal Record Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.

## Outreach Worker Positions Mt Isa

Commencing February 2007

(fixed-term contract until mid 2009)

Townsville Catholic Education is seeking to employ one Outreach Worker - Education Officer and one Outreach Worker - Support Officer, commencing in February 2007 to take up two positions in Mt Isa.

The Outreach Workers will work in partnership to ensure Aboriginal children have access to early learning opportunities with particular reference to enrolment in Prep in 2007. The positions will be based at St Joseph's School, Mt Isa and will entail significant amounts of time spent networking with the Indigenous community and local primary schools in Mt Isa.

Successful applicants will be required to work in collaborative partnerships with the Townsville Catholic Education Indigenous Education Team and the Mt Isa community. These positions require the successful applicants to work in a variety of contexts, hold a current Queensland Driver's Licence and be eligible to hold a Working With Children Suitability Card (Bluecard). Transport will be provided.

**Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.**

An application package can be obtained from our website:

[www.tsv.catholic.edu.au/employment](http://www.tsv.catholic.edu.au/employment)

Or contact Sue Blake  
Employment Services Officer

Phone: (07) 4773 0946

Email: [recruitment@ceo.tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@ceo.tsv.catholic.edu.au)

Closing Date: Monday 22nd January 2007



## Australian Film Commission

The Australian Film Commission (AFC) is an Australian Government statutory authority that aims to enrich Australia's cultural identity by fostering an internationally competitive audiovisual production industry, making Australia's audiovisual content and culture available to all, and developing and preserving a national collection of sound and moving image.

### Exhibition Administration Assistant

AFC Level 3 (APS 3)

\$42,250 - \$47,262 pa (plus super)

Location: Sydney

The Industry and Cultural Development Division (ICDD) seeks a well-organised person with experience in office administration to assist in organising film screenings in regional Australia, including Indigenous communities, for the AFC's Regional Digital Screen Network and as required to the Black Screen program.

This is an identified Indigenous position. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

This position is a non-ongoing, specified term employment opportunity available immediately until 30 June 2008.

Selection documentation can be found on our website [www.afc.gov.au/jobs](http://www.afc.gov.au/jobs). If, after reading the selection documentation, you require further information, please contact Elena Guest on 02 9321 6585.

Applications must address the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience, and should be forwarded to [recruitment@afc.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@afc.gov.au) or addressed to:

The Recruitment Officer  
Australian Film Commission  
GPO Box 2002  
Canberra ACT 2601

By close of business 1 February 2007.



Understanding of, and commitment to, equal employment opportunity (EEO), ethical practice, the Ethnic Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) program and occupational health and safety (OHS&S).

The AHO plans, administers, monitors and manages policies and programs for the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW, particularly resource allocation and sector wide policy.

### Assistant Project Officer (Systems And Reporting)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Parramatta, Temporary Part-Time,  
Job Reference No AHO07/004.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,776-\$64,854). Total remuneration package valued up to \$39.98 per hour including salary (\$32.18 per hour - \$35.51 per hour) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The position provides high level administrative support through the development and maintenance of systems applicable to the project management of asset management works.

**Selection Criteria:** Capacity to manage the Branch's Quality Systems to provide prompt retrieval of documents and meet statutory requirements for records management - registers, records, filing, tracking and monitoring systems. Undertake research and provide sound advice on administration or support issues and draft or coordinate branch responses to meet strict deadlines. Develop reports, spreadsheets and provide information for AHO plans to develop consistent frameworks for administrative, HR, financial and budget management. Review systems; identify anomalies, carry out adjustments and correct errors to ensure accuracy of information provided in reports. Coordinate budget, HR, and accounting approval activities, collect and collate information, compile submissions to develop comprehensive budgets. Monitor expenditure and provide reports and advice to the Branch and other groups. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** The position is for a period of six months working two days a week, Mondays and Tuesdays, 7 hours per day. People of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.

**Inquiries:** Kelly Seniuk [ahorecruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ahorecruitment@aho.nsw.gov.au) (02) 8836 9454 or (02) 8836 9444 Email: [kelly.seniuk@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kelly.seniuk@aho.nsw.gov.au). Information Packages: Kelly Seniuk (02) 8836 9454.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To: Recruitment Officer, PO Box W5, Parramatta, 2150.

Closing Date: Friday 09 February 2007.





## QUEENSLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER

Applications are invited for the position of  
**Coordinator, Churches Together  
Indigenous People's Partnership (CTIPP)**

The ecumenical ministry of CTIPP aims to promote:

- an understanding of Indigenous cultures and spiritualities;
- awareness of shared history and the continuing social and economic disadvantage of Indigenous people;
- action designed to redress such disadvantage, furthering justice and respect.

The applicant for this part-time position should be a member of a Christian faith community. She/he could be an Indigenous or a non-Indigenous person.

Applications should be accompanied by the contact details of two referees.

Enquiries and applications should be addressed to:

Genine Hamlyn, General Secretary, Queensland Churches Together  
PO Box 2045, Milton BC, Qld. 4064  
Phone: 07 3369 6792, Fax: 07 3369 8573, Email: qctipsec@tpg.com.au

Closing date for applications: 15th February, 2007.



## 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.

Sydney

### Regional Office

Corporate Services Administrative Support Officer

APS Level 2

\$35176 - \$38379 pa, plus superannuation

Under routine direction this position is responsible for the provision of routine support services for the regional office with an emphasis on support to the purchasing, finance and personnel/payroll functions.

Further inquiries: Jo Love

Telephone No: 02 93102777

Selection documentation: Jo Love

Telephone No: 02 93102777

or from our website.

Kirinari Hostel

### Relief Houseparent

APS Level 2 (Part-time 26.60 hours per week)

\$481.46 - \$510.90 per week,  
plus superannuation

The successful applicant will be responsible for the 24 hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty and ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students.

Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in a residential setting would be an advantage as well as a current Senior First Aid Certificate.

This position requires the successful applicant to possess a licence to drive a 22 seater bus or the ability to obtain one.

Further inquiries: Rhonda Lake

Telephone No: 02 95228958

Selection documentation: Jo Love

Telephone No: 02 93102777 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 2 February 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 783 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home

### Registered Nurse

APS Level 5 (Part-time 22.80 hours per week)

\$601.32 - \$636.66 per week, plus superannuation

Under the direction of the Clinical Nursing Coordinator, lead a team responsible for the delivery of quality, holistic care to the residents.

### Registered Nurse (2 positions)

APS Level 4

\$46851 - \$49841 pa, plus superannuation

Under the direction of the Clinical Nursing Coordinator, lead a team responsible for the delivery of quality, holistic care to the residents.

Further inquiries: Ian Coyne

Telephone No: 08 89525811

Selection documentation: Celeste Bray

Telephone No: 08 89526544 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 2 February 2007 and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945 Alice Springs NT 0871

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the probationary 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.

These are identified positions.

www.ahl.gov.au



## EVENT COORDINATOR

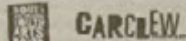
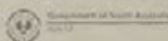
Carclew Youth Arts seeks an Event Coordinator for Blak Nite and Nunga Days events. This position will be based within the Indigenous Arts and Culture Program in Adelaide South Australia. It is a short term contract until 30 June 2007.

BLAK NITE is the largest Indigenous youth arts showcase in Australia. The event is a creative meeting ground for young Nungas and is enormously popular with the South Australian Indigenous community. Blak Nite is held as part of the biennial Come Out Festival and is co-presented with Tandanya - National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

Job specifications are available by telephoning Carclew on 08 8267 5111 or email carclew@carclew.org.au. All applicants must address the job specification and criteria. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

[www.carclew.com.au] [www.sayab.org.au]

Applications close on Monday 29 January 2007.



## GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE NSW HEALTH

### ALLIED HEALTH

#### Bathurst Health Service

##### Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

PFT Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Grad: \$37,380-\$55,064 pa. Recruitment No: GWS2997. Enquiries & Application Kit: Wendy Crockett, (02) 6360 8000 or wendy.crockett@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au. Close: 31/01/07.

#### Parkes Health Service

##### Aboriginal Mental Health Trainee

PFT Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer, Non-Grad: \$37,380-\$55,064 pa. Recruitment No: GWS3000. Enquiries & Application Kit: Cindy Beardon, (02) 6862 6339 or cindy.beardon@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au. Close: 31/01/07.

#### 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.
- Upon successful completion of Course, salary will be paid as Graduate.

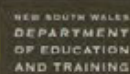
### HOTEL SERVICES

#### Brewarrina Health Service

##### Trainee Cook, Grade B

TFT up to 31/12/07. Salary: Hospital Assistant, Grade 3: \$667.10 pw. Recruitment No: GWS3681. Enquiries & Application Kit: Tara Walker, (02) 6830 5000 or tara.walker@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au. Close: 31/01/07.

We are committed to equal employment opportunity. Equal Opportunity Policy: The principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible for Salary Package.



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.

## Local Facilitator, Schools As Community Centres Clerk Grade 7, Kelso Public School, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 140941.

Total remuneration package valued to \$75,914 p.a. (\$66,796-\$68,794) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community Centres Program.

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated experience in community development, consultation, project management and evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High level oral, written and negotiation skills. Sound knowledge of early childhood development, parenting issues and services available to families from the participating departments. Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Computer skills. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain one. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2010. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

**Inquiries:** Julie Kilbey (02) 9266 8728

**Email:** julie.kilbey@det.nsw.edu.au

**Information Packages:** Enn Richards (02) 9244 5154

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** To Ms. Susan Colley, Principal, Kelso Public School, 19 Gilmour Street, KELSO NSW 2795.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 February 2007.

## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Central Sydney Housing Services Division

Central Sydney Division

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 06D0H6199

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$68,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Community Development Officer, in a planning/facilitation role, will introduce innovative housing management strategies to build strong communities with improved social networks, while developing linkages with relevant service providers.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication, negotiation and mediation, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated experience in community development and engagement.
- Understanding of, and ability to liaise with, a variety of human service client groups and organisations.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with internal stakeholders.
- Understanding of working in an environment of professional supervision.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs including Aboriginal and Torres Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and people with disabilities, to develop a community.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences or related area and demonstrated experience, or extensive relevant demonstrated experience.
- Ability to act as a focal point in the local Community in the development of service improvements.
- **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:** This is a temporary position until and June 2008 under the terms of Section 27 or 86 of the PSEM Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Rose Padra on (02) 9268 3561 or email: rose.padra@housing.nsw.gov.au  
**Inquiries:** Margaret Maljkovic (02) 9268 3552 or email: margaret.maljkovic@housing.nsw.gov.au

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsD0H@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.



## DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIST

### Group Homes & Respite Reform

Clerk Grade 11/12

Group Homes and Respite Reform Team Unit

Accommodation and Respite Branch

Clarence St Sydney

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 06DADHC124

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary of \$98,066 pa to \$101,849 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Lead the Group Homes and Respite Reform team in evaluating and improving DADHC group home and respite services. Develop economic models to assist policy development and improved business systems and structures in this context.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated skills and extensive experience in cost-benefit analysis and application of economic concepts to evaluate and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of various policy options and service delivery proposals.
- High level conceptual and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication skills: Ability to convey complex information concisely. Proven experience in producing Ministerial correspondence, briefs and reports.
- Excellent verbal communication, stakeholder management and influencing skills in a complex, human services environment.
- Excellent organisation skills and ability to deal with competing projects and priorities.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in managing staff and leading a team.
- Tertiary qualifications in economics or related disciplines and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 18 months in terms under Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains further details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the selection criteria and complete the forms contained in the package.

**Information Package:** Are available on-line at our website: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or by email: sharon.coad@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or ring 1800 185 466.  
**Inquiries:** Tamara Stojanovic (02) 9277 5691

**Applications to:** Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8 Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871.

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.



## NSW HEALTH GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

### SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Primary & Extended Care Services

Perm Full Time, 76 hpt

Position No: Y50042

Aboriginal Health Education Officer -  
Grad/Non Grad: \$37,381 - \$70,196 pa pro-rata  
Conditions of employment as per the Aboriginal Health  
Education Officer Determination; Health Professional and  
Medical Salaries (State) Award, Public Hospital (Professional  
and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State)  
Award and Health Industry Status of Employment (State)  
Award.

Enquiries and application kits: Karen Keith - Senior Nurse  
Manager on (02) 6220 2016,  
email: Karen.Keith@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au  
Closing Date: 29 January 2007

Apply online [www.gsahs.nsw.gov.au/jobs](http://www.gsahs.nsw.gov.au/jobs)

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



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.

### Local Facilitator, Schools As Community Centres

Clerk Grade 7, Alexandria Park Community  
School, Temporary Full-Time,  
Position Number 138709.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$75,914 p.a. (\$66,796-  
\$68,794) including employer's contribution to superannuation  
and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community  
Centres Program.

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated experience in community  
development, consultation, project management and  
evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in  
disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High  
level oral, written and negotiation skills. Sound knowledge of  
early childhood development, parenting issues and services  
available to families from the participating departments.  
Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience  
working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Computer  
skills. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain  
one. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January  
2010. 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.

**Enquiries:** Julie Kilbey (02) 9266 8728  
Email: [Julie.kilbey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Julie.kilbey@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Erin Richards (02) 9244 5154.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Ms. Anne Vine,  
Principal, Alexandria Park Community School, Park Road,  
ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 February 2007.



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.

### Local Facilitator, Schools As Community Centres

Clerk Grade 7, Kempsey West Public School,  
Temporary Full-Time,  
Position Number 138695.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$75,914 p.a. (\$66,796-  
\$68,794) including employer's contribution to superannuation  
and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community  
Centres Program.

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated experience in community  
development, consultation, project management and  
evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in  
disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High  
level oral, written and negotiation skills. Sound knowledge of  
early childhood development, parenting issues and services  
available to families from the participating departments.  
Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience  
working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Computer  
skills. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain  
one. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January  
2010. 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.

**Enquiries:** Julie Kilbey (02) 9266 8728  
Email: [Julie.kilbey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Julie.kilbey@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Erin Richards (02) 9244 5154.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Ms. Lynette Dockrill,  
Principal, Kempsey West Public School, Marsh Street,  
KEMPSEY WEST NSW 2440.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 February 2007.

## POSITIONS VACANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Permanent Full-Time Position - Salary: \$85,000 pa

## PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR (ABORIGINAL)

Permanent Full-Time Position - Salary: \$55,000 pa

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is in  
accordance with Part 3 Division 2 Section 31 (2) of the  
Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

**Enquiries:** M Sharpe - (02) 6662 3514.

**Application Package:** Phone Dharrah Gibb Aboriginal  
Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation on (02) 6662 3514 or  
email [michelles@casinoms.com](mailto:michelles@casinoms.com)

**Closing Date:** 21 February

## Aboriginal Access to Further Studies

### Prepare for work as a:

- Police Officer
- Australian Customs Officer
- Corrective Services Employee
- Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- Other Government Agencies worker

or  
prepare to study at TAFE or university  
with

Aboriginal Access to Further Studies  
Certificate III course (Vocational and Study Pathways)

Start 19 February 2007 for 18 weeks (FT)

### Bankstown College

**Information session:** Tuesday, 6 February  
10.30am-12.30pm

**Enrolment session:** Tuesday, 13 February  
10.30am-12.30pm

Both sessions will be held in Room EG08  
500 Chapel Road, Bankstown

For more information contact:

**Course Information 9780 5501**  
**Anne Marinos 9780 5574**

[www.sws.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.sws.tafensw.edu.au)



## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

Clerk Grade 11/12

Southern & Western NSW HS Division

Queanbeyan

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 06DOH6036

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum  
(salary \$88,066 pa - \$101,849 pa), includes employer's  
contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This role provides strategic financial  
management advice, leads financial business planning and  
manages negotiations to maximise financial resources for the  
Division.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience in financial planning, strategic  
financial advice, reporting and services.
- Proven senior management and leadership experience in a  
multi-disciplinary environment.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and eligibility for membership  
of a recognised professional accounting body.
- High level financial modelling and data analysis skills and  
experience.
- Strong communication, influencing, networking and  
negotiation skills to deal with a range of internal and external  
stakeholders.
- Excellent change management skills and the ability to lead  
and inspire staff in the development and implementation of  
major reforms.
- Demonstrated ability to think laterally and develop innovative  
solutions to complex problems and lead others through  
problem solving processes.
- Capacity to enlist external and internal Corporate knowledge  
in the decision making process and to understand when  
decisions require General Manager and / or Divisional  
involvement.
- **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:** A drivers licence is necessary as this role involves  
frequent travel within Southern and Western NSW as well as  
overnight stays. This position can be based in Queanbeyan or  
another location by negotiation. Applicants MUST obtain the  
Information Package, which contains the complete details of  
the advertisement and information about the Department.  
Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

**Enquiries:** Julie Johnston (02) 8753 8839 or 0402 352 861

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at:  
[www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact (02) 6200 5820 or email:  
[hrouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked 'Confidential' to:** The Recruitment  
Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW  
2620 or email to: [hrouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or apply on-  
line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007

the benevolent society | initiating change

## EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Competitive Salary and Generous Salary Packaging

The Benevolent Society's purpose is to create caring and inclusive communities and a just society. Our Early  
Intervention Program is a new initiative to provide targeted, long-term support for vulnerable families where  
parents are facing challenges that may impact on their ability to care for their children.

### Aboriginal Home Visitors (Full-Time and Part-Time)

Based in Rutherford

We are looking for committed workers who has a passion for working alongside Aboriginal families to promote  
positive changes in parent-child relationships. You will be responsible for providing practical support and skill  
development to parents in the home.

### Aboriginal Parenting Coordinator (Full-Time)

Join our team and work alongside Aboriginal families to assist parents to enhance their parenting and coping  
skills, and resources that contribute to building positive parent-child relationships, increase parent's  
understanding of child development, and prevent development of unstable relationships.

### Aboriginal Case Manager (30 hours per week)

You will have a passion for working alongside Aboriginal families and will be responsible for case planning and  
delivering a home visiting service to provide practical support and skill development to parents in their homes  
to promote positive parent-child relationships.

We are working in partnership with Mulgoonba Aboriginal Corporation in the Lower and Upper Hunter.  
For information please go to our website or contact Marco Zanol or Helen Janocha on 0249319342 or  
0406384024. Applications should be sent to: Sarah Southwell, Human Resources, PO Box 171, Paddington,  
2021 or via email at [sarahs@bensoc.org.au](mailto:sarahs@bensoc.org.au) and should be received by 12th February 2007.

[www.bensoc.org.au](http://www.bensoc.org.au)



## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE

- Full time position
- Attractive salary package and incentive scheme, plus vehicle
- Work from home and Melbourne CBD office, responsible for greater Melbourne region

Credit Union Australia (CUA) is one of Australia's leading providers of retail financial services.  
We pride ourselves on the delivery of quality service to our members. First Nations is a special  
association within CUA and operates to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities  
with their financial requirements.

Through First Nations, CUA offers a very broad range of financial products primarily in those  
areas in which it has a significant geographic presence.

As a key member of the Alliance & Affinity Group Division, the successful person will primarily be  
responsible for achieving business growth objectives through effective relationship management  
and implementation of business development activities.

The main focus in this role is to develop and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with  
existing and potential members - and in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members.  
Through professional, friendly and culturally appropriate service and sales, you will strive to  
achieve individual business targets.

#### Key skills and competencies required for this role include:

- An innovative approach to developing long term relationships based on trust and  
mutual respect.
- A confident personal selling approach with an emphasis on identifying needs and developing  
alternative solutions for satisfying those needs in order for members to reach their goals.
- Ability to achieve sales targets.
- Sound report writing and computer literacy skills.

#### Your previous experience will include:

- Solid knowledge of retail banking products including lending products and practices.
- Success in a customer service/sales role within a financial institution.
- Experience in liaising effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community  
organisations and individuals.
- An appropriate knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and contemporary  
issues facing indigenous peoples.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply. Credit Union Australia considers that being of  
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational requirement under clause  
17 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (Vic).

Credit Union Australia is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a finalist in the EOWA Awards.

To apply or for further information please email: [careers@cuau.com.au](mailto:careers@cuau.com.au) or post your resume and  
covering letter to: Recruitment Officer, GPO box 7013, Sydney, 2001. Applications close Friday,  
2 February 2007.

[www.cua.com.au](http://www.cua.com.au)

## SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICERS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The NSW Department of Housing helps build stronger communities by  
providing housing solutions for people in need - today and into the future.

We are looking for skilled individuals who demonstrate initiative and an  
interest in working with public housing households whose behaviour is  
causing a disturbance to their neighbours. Applicants will have relevant  
experience and/or may have a qualification in community development,  
social welfare or a related field.

There are a number of positions available statewide.

#### The role will focus on the following areas:

- Working with public housing tenants and their neighbours where there is  
antisocial behaviour;
- training and mentoring client service staff to work more effectively to  
manage antisocial behaviour;
- working proactively with all tenants to improve and maintain good  
community relations;
- strengthening partnerships with support agencies who can assist  
individuals and families who are causing antisocial behaviour;
- assisting in the preparation and delivery of applications to the Consumer  
Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 includes salary (\$58,777 -  
\$64,854 per annum), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual  
leave loading.

#### Want to know more?

Please quote 06DOH6193 for further enquiries and to obtain an information  
package, by contacting Julie Kent (02) 9268 3587. All applications must address  
the selection criteria, which are included in the information package. Closing  
date 2 February 2007.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



## Planned Activity Group (PAG) Program

### COORDINATOR - (Full-Time)

The Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES) PAG Program situated in East Brunswick provides social support, recreational programs and activities to Elders.

A successful applicant would coordinate the operations, ongoing planning and evaluation of the PAG Program. The coordinator will be expected to have excellent management skills and prior experience with small team dynamics, adeptness in assessment and monitoring of participants and excellent communication skills with a variety of community members and service providers. The position requires well developed computer skills with the requirement to meet Department of Human Services reporting requirements. Experience in working with and for the Indigenous community is essential.

A relevant qualification in the Community Services field is necessary.

The position is remunerated under the SACS Award. Generous Salary Packaging is also available.

To obtain a position description please contact: Yvonne Cook on 03 9383 4244 or via email yvonne@acesinc.org.au

Applications to be made to: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Community Elders Services, 5 Parkview Ave, East Brunswick, VICTORIA 3057.



## Indigenous Executive Producer Internship

Become the Leader of the team that delivers Australia's weekly Indigenous television stories from around Australia

### • Ultimo, Sydney

The Indigenous Programs Unit plays a unique part in achieving the ABC TV's vision to be the first choice for Australian audiences seeking diverse, innovative and quality television.

The ABC will offer a one-year ABC Internship to an Indigenous candidate to be trained as an Executive Producer. This Internship will provide a supportive environment for a highly talented and capable Indigenous producer to step into management as an Executive Producer.

The role will be leading the development, production and delivery of Indigenous programs for ABC TV. The successful applicant will be responsible for the editorial vision, and the administrative and financial management of the Indigenous Programs Unit. This includes the production of the award winning weekly half hour program, Message Stick, and potentially developing and supervising production of other programs ideas for the Indigenous Programs Unit and for the ABC schedule.

The aim of ABC TV's Indigenous Programs Unit is to produce unique and excellent programs offering an Indigenous perspective nationally and to inspire and inform a broad audience with outstanding stories from Indigenous Australia.

For further information as to the role and strategic focus of the Indigenous Programs Unit please contact Paul Brant on (02) 8333 1089.

Applications quoting reference EO1702005 should be sent to Recruitment, ABC GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001 or email recruitment@your.abc.net.au by COB 2 February 2007.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit [abc.net.au/jobs](http://abc.net.au/jobs)

The ABC is an equal opportunity employer. The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

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Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc.

### Health Programs Manager

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc. (VACCHO) represents 25 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health member organisations throughout Victoria. It is recognised by State and Federal governments as the peak body to co-ordinate and represent Aboriginal health organisations and community views on Aboriginal health issues in Victoria.

VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria. In addition, VACCHO is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and is funded to deliver accredited courses to the Aboriginal health workforce in Victoria.

**Job Description:** This position is responsible for ensuring efficient and effective delivery of service by managing and leading a range of statewide health programs at VACCHO.

**Salary:** is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience and probation period will apply. This is a full time appointment for 12 months with the possibility of extensions subject to funding availability.

**Further Information** including a position description and selection criteria is available by contacting Ms Fiona Scott, on (03) 9419 3350 or [fiona@vaccho.com.au](mailto:fiona@vaccho.com.au)

**Applications** should include a current CV as well as addressing the KSC. Applications should be sent to Ms Robyn Bradley, Acting CEO, VACCHO, PO Box 1328, Collingwood, Vic 3066.

**Closing Date** COB Friday 23rd February 2007.



## Queensland Government Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online, visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

### Allied Health/Clinical Support

**District Health Worker Coordinator - Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islander Health, Chronic Disease Team, Community Health Centre, Mackay, Mackay Health Service District.** Remuneration value up to \$72 107 p.a., comprising salary between \$60 183 - \$63 199 p.a., employer contributions to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) JRN: H07MK004. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide and promote culturally sensitive services for Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islander people by identifying and ensuring adequate delivery of Cross Cultural Awareness training within the Mackay and Moranbah Health Service Districts. Provide strategic direction for and operational input for Primary Health Care service delivery and identification of Chronic Disease gaps and targets for Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islander communities in the Mackay Health Service District. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Enquiries: Donna Davis (07) 4968 3823.

Application Kit: (07) 4968 3700 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 5 February 2007.

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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The Department of Infrastructure has many exciting and rewarding employment opportunities available for Indigenous Australians.

Attractive employee benefits and development opportunities are available to successful applicants. Scholarships and Cadetships are available for 2007.

For further information visit

[www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/jobs)

Or contact the Indigenous Liaison Officer

Phone (03) 9655 6842

Email [indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au](mailto:indigenousprograms@doi.vic.gov.au)



### Senior Aboriginal Health Worker - In Home Support

#### Full time

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Co-op Ltd (VAHS) is a Community Controlled Organisation that provides primary and preventive health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal Community.

Working closely with the Maternal and Child Health Nurse - In Home Support this is a newly created role as part of the VAHS In Home Support initiative to improve the health, development, learning, safety and well being of Aboriginal children and to strengthen support and improve parenting capacity for Aboriginal parents and their families that is respectful of their cultural identity to promote Aboriginal child and family well being. The successful applicant will possess the following:

- Certificate 3 in Aboriginal Health Work or Child Development or the equivalent
- Good understanding of Aboriginal child health and development and an appreciation of the needs and concerns of children and their families.
- Knowledge, understanding and practical application on a range of child rearing practices and values.
- Ability to link families to other agencies to address their needs
- Computer literate

#### Salary Packaging available

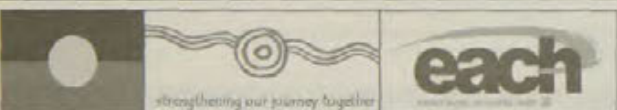
For Key Selection Criteria and Job Description contact Lesley Day on 03 9419 3600.

**Closing Date:** 2nd February, 2007

Applicants should address the selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Ms Jill Gallagher, Acting CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065

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### Re-advertised positions - previous applicants need not apply

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Indigenous Planned Activity Group Coordinator (Part-time 3 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

Applications close on Wednesday 31st January 2007

**Position Enquiries:** For further information and copies of the position description contact: Jenny Swindon Tel: 03 9725 2166 email: [jpearce@each.com.au](mailto:jpearce@each.com.au) or visit: [www.each.com.au](http://www.each.com.au)

Applications to:  
Trevor Pearce  
MMIGP  
3 Croydon Way  
Croydon 3136

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## Department of Education and Training

### Administration Assistant Coffs Harbour DET Office

**Job Reference No:** 06/313/NCI

Total remuneration package of up to \$60,163 pa, including salary (\$49,792 pa - \$54,520 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Duties:** Provide efficient and confidential administrative and clerical support to the North Coast Regional Office team.

**Selection Criteria:** Well-developed organisational, analytical, problem solving, interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills; Demonstrated high level skills in the use of computer based information systems including corporate applications; Understanding of government purchasing and financial processes and the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 and Treasurer's Directions.

Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains additional selection criteria relevant to the position.

Information Package: Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download [www.nci.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au)

**Applications (quoting JRN 06/313/NCI) to:** Workforce Planning & Recruitment Officer, TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, PO Box 528, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

**Closing Date:** 2 February 2007

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## North Coast Institute

### Stores Officer (Child and Family Services) Permanent Part Time/Part Year

#### Various Locations

**Job Reference No:**

06/316/NCI - Wollongbar/Casino Campuses (12hpw x 41wpa)

06/317/NCI - Taree Campus (14hpw x 41wpa)

06/318/NCI - Grafton Campus (7.6hpw x 41wpa)

06/319/NCI - Coffs Harbour Education Campus (20hpw x 41wpa)

06/320/NCI - Kingscliff Campus (16hpw x 41wpa)

06/321/NCI - Port Macquarie/Kempsey Campuses (10hpw x 41wpa)

**Salary Range:** \$19.62 - \$19.97 p/h

**Duties:** Maintain Child and Family Services Stores.

**Selection Criteria:** Relevant industry experience in child and family services; Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of child and family service operations and processes. Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains additional selection criteria relevant to the position.

**Information Package:** Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download [www.nci.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au)

**Applications (quoting JRN) to:** Workforce Planning & Recruitment Officer, TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, PO Box 528, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

**Closing Date:** 9 February 2007

NC1737847





## Planned Activity Group (PAG) Program Unqualified Allied Health Workers

The Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES) PAG Program is situated in East Brunswick and provides social support, recreational programs and activities to Elders.

The program is seeking up to 3 workers to provide activities under the guidance of the PAG Coordinator. The workers will be expected to have excellent people and group skills, prior experience with small team dynamics, ability to monitor participant's health and wellbeing, good communication skills with a variety of community members and service providers. The position requires the ability to facilitate group activities and planning in consultation with group participants while acknowledging cultural and community needs. Experience in working with and for the Indigenous community is essential.

Certificate 3 in community services/aged care is a requirement for the position.

The position is remunerated under the relevant award. Generous Salary Packaging is also available.

To obtain a position description please contact: Yvonne Cook on 9383 4244, or via email [yvonne@acesinc.org.au](mailto:yvonne@acesinc.org.au)

Applications to be made to: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Community Elders Services, 5 Parkview Ave, East Brunswick, 3057

## Department of Education and Training

### Administration Officer Asset Management Unit Wollongbar

Job Reference No: 06/311/NCI

Total remuneration package of up to \$53,430 pa, including salary (\$44,538 pa - \$48,419 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Duties:** Support the administrative and financial functions of the North Coast Asset Management Unit.

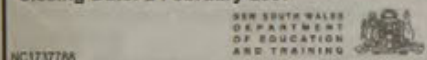
**Selection Criteria:** Experience in the recording, reconciliation and analysis of financial data; Advanced skills in the use of computer based information systems; Effective records management, clerical and administrative skills;

Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains additional selection criteria relevant to the position.

**Information Package:** Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download [www.nci.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au)

**Applications (quoting JRN 06/311/NCI) to:** Workforce Planning & Recruitment Officer, TAFE NSW North Coast Institute, PO Box 528, Port Macquarie NSW 2444.

Closing Date: 2 February 2007



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## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (ATSJ) Identified

Clerk Grade 2/4  
Northern NSW HS Division Client Service Team  
Tweed Heads  
Permanent Full-time  
Position No: 06DOH5971

Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 per annum (salary \$47,127 pa - \$54,520 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Housing is seeking a highly motivated and flexible individual who enjoys working with clients from different backgrounds and as part of an effective team providing quality service.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Commitment to the principles of social housing and must be willing to undertake Certificate IV in Social Housing.
- Understanding and responsiveness to the needs of people with special circumstances particularly Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking background and people with disabilities.
- Ability to identify client needs, apply housing eligibility criteria and provide appropriate assistance.
- Skills in interviewing, negotiation, conflict resolution and decision-making.
- Ability to communicate information orally and in writing (including writing reports and submissions) in a style appropriate to the intended audience.
- Ability to prioritise and carry out a range of tasks under competing demands.
- Computer literacy and current Driver's licence.
- Common Selection Criteria:** Knowledge and understanding of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); Ethical Practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate proof of Aboriginality. Applicants MUST obtain the information package which contains additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 66264100 or e-mail: [HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential':** Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: [HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday, 2 February 2007.



## NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### DIVISIONAL PROJECT MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11/12  
Southern & Western NSW HS Division  
Southern and Western NSW  
Permanent Full-time  
Position No: 06DOH6194

Total remuneration package valued up to \$112,390 per annum (salary \$88,066 pa - \$101,849 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This role provides advice on high level asset management matters & provides leadership to Divisional staff involved in asset management. The role is responsible for ensuring delivery of Divisional asset portfolio programs & managing special projects.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Substantial achievement in the development and delivery of asset management programs, preferably related to social housing.
- Demonstrated understanding and experience of land development processes, planning instruments, financial and economic appraisal.
- Demonstrated knowledge of housing market issues, the NSW housing sector/industry and their impact on asset delivery programs.
- Proven ability to build relationships with and influence a range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Thorough insight into the issues facing disadvantaged communities.
- Strong analytical skills in portfolio analysis, conceptualising and delivering analysis methods.
- Strong communication skills, including written, graphic and oral presentations.
- Project and asset management skills or related qualification in addition to significant related industry experience.
- 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:** The location of this position is within a Southern and Western NSW Housing office, by negotiation (for example Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Wagga or Orange). This role involves frequent travel within Southern and Western NSW as well as overnight stays, therefore a current driver's licence is required. 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.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact (02) 6200 5820 or email: [hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Inquiries:** Julie Johnston (02) 8753 8839.  
Applications marked 'Confidential' to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: [hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday 26 January 2007.



## Sydney WATER

### Sydney Water's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cadetship Program

Sydney Water, a State Owned Corporation, is responsible for providing drinking water, wastewater and some stormwater services to over 4 million customers.

The values to which Sydney Water aspires are: respect for people; deliver quality; care for the environment; being open and honest; learn, share and change.

Sydney Water is seeking applications from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are studying full-time at an Australian Higher Education Institution in a broad range of disciplines, including:

- Engineering
- Science/Environmental Science
- Arts/Social Science
- Communications/Human Resources/Marketing
- Business/Accounting/Commerce/Economics
- Information Technology

As a Sydney Water Cadet you will be encouraged to acquire new skills, tackle new challenges and develop your professional expertise by combining your university studies with on the job experience and training.

The successful candidate will receive payment of university fees, a study allowance during the academic year and undertake 12 weeks paid work experience with Sydney Water during vacation periods.

For application forms and more information, please visit

[www.sydneywater.com.au/WhoWeAre/CareerOpportunities/](http://www.sydneywater.com.au/WhoWeAre/CareerOpportunities/) or phone (02) 9350 6323.

Applications close 19 February 2007

Pre-employment Security Checks are a condition of employment. In addition, Australian Citizenship or permanent Australian residency is a requirement of employment. Sydney Water is an equal opportunity employer, committed to best practise OH&S and environmentally responsible work practises.

Sydney Water Corporation ABN 49 776 225 038

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## SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

An Exciting Opportunity Exists...

### ACCOUNTANT

Full-Time or Part-Time Position

For an Accountant to commence a new full-time or part-time position with South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC).

SCMSAC is situated on the scenic NSW South Coast at Nowra within the City of Shoalhaven - approximately 2 hours south of Sydney. SCMSAC is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service that has been operating and providing health and medical related services for 23 years.

The successful applicant will be working from a rather new purpose built complex with spacious and well-equipped facilities in Nowra. The accountant will work under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer within a small administration team. Some of the tasks involved with this position include preparation of accounts receivable/payable, preparation of GST, BAS, and IAS, preparation of monthly financial reports including reconciliation, preparation of six monthly and annual acquittal reports, payroll using Quickbooks.

SCMSAC has been accredited by AGPAL for the past 3 years and has just completed the re-accreditation process for its second term. SCMSAC is offering hours of 8.30am to 5.06pm (7.36 hours per day) Monday to Friday (or part time Monday to Thursday). An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant dependant on qualifications and/or experience. Further the provision of added salary sacrifice arrangements will also be negotiated. The provision of a fully maintained motor vehicle will also be negotiated as per Motor Vehicle Policy. The successful applicant would possess a degree in accounting with proven effective communication skills and the ability to work well under pressure.

#### Desirable qualifications/experience include:

- Interested and/or experienced in working with Aboriginal people.
- Membership to a recognised professional accounting body.

For information regarding the position please contact Damien Matcham (02) 4428 6666. Applicants can submit an expression of interest (EOI) including a resume with at least two (2) recent referees who are familiar with your work.

EOI close on Monday 22 January 2007:

EOIs can be posted to:

Damien Matcham

Chief Executive Officer

South Coast Medical Service

Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 548, NOWRA NSW 2541;

or via facsimile (02) 4428 6602 or via

Email to: [damien@southcoastams.org](mailto:damien@southcoastams.org)



## The University of Sydney

### Trainee Administration Student Support

(Indigenous Australian Identified)  
Student Services  
University of Sydney

Reference No. E01/91974

Are you an enthusiastic and motivated Indigenous person interested in Business Administration or Community Service? If so, the University of Sydney has a traineeship available that offers invaluable skills, experience and a TAFE qualification.

The University's Student Services is responsible for providing students with a range of academic and personal support.

Under close guidance, this traineeship will see you conduct general administrative duties for the Counselling and Equity Support Service areas in the Unit. This is a challenging and rewarding role where you will prepare documents, organise meetings, liaise with students and visitors, and answer enquiries.

Previous experience isn't essential; however you will need to be a 'people person' who will enjoy learning on the job and in the classroom. You'll also have patience, enthusiasm, good judgement and an interest in administration in a student welfare setting.

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who listens, learns and works well within a team. If this is you, then take this chance to explore your potential, gain a qualification and kick-start a fulfilling career within Australia's leading University.

**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 fixed-term (35 hours per week) for 12 months to 24 months, depending on TAFE training chosen. This position begins in January and is 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 applicant's 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 91974. 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](mailto:s.kennedy@eeo.usyd.edu.au)

The University is a non-smoking workplace and is committed to the policies and principles of equal employment opportunity and cultural diversity. The University reserves the right not to proceed with any appointment for financial or other reasons.

Closing: 8 February 2007







## ASSISTANT BUSINESS ANALYST

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Corporate Analysis & Reporting  
Corporate Finance & Planning  
Head Office, Ashfield

Permanent Full-Time Position No: 06DOH5464

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Assist a team co-ordinate corporate reporting and analyse trends in key products and services. The major functions are to support performance reporting for the Executive and key stakeholders, and meet organisational needs for data and information.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Experience in performance reporting or statistical research / analysis.
- Well developed skills in the use of computers, management information systems and desktop applications.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent conceptual and analytical thinking skills.
- Capacity to work as a member of a team.
- Tertiary qualifications in a quantitative discipline or equivalent experience.
- **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 full text version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at our website: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact 1800 502 766 or email: [Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Inquiries:** Cameron Matheson (02) 8753 8773.  
Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email: [JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 31 January 2007.

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Central West Family Support Group Inc.

### POSITION VACANT

## Trainee Family Support Worker

*Designated Aboriginal position.*

Location: Condobolin

Wage: Under the SACS Award, Grade dependent on qualifications. Hours: 20 per week.

**Desirable:** Knowledge of local community service providers.

**Application:** To include qualifications, experience and two (2) recent referees.

**Closing Date:** 30th January, 2007.

**Package from:** Tess Kelly, Central West Family Support Group Inc. 153 Bathurst Street, Condobolin, NSW, 2877; PO Box 278, phone (02) 6895 3555 or [koricare@westserv.net.au](mailto:koricare@westserv.net.au)  
**Requirements of the successful applicant are prohibited Employment Declaration and Working with Children Check.**

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.

## Local Facilitator, Schools As Community Centres

Clerk Grade 7, Coonamble Public School,  
Temporary Full-Time,  
Position Number 139963.

Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,914 p.a. (\$66,796 - \$69,794) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Implementing and facilitating the Schools as Community Centres Program.

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated experience in community development, consultation, project management and evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High level oral, written and negotiation skills. Sound knowledge of early childhood development, parenting issues and services available to families from the participating departments. Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience working with Aboriginal and NESR communities. Computer skills. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain one. Common selection criteria also apply.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2010. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

**Inquiries:** Julie Kilby (02) 9266 8728

Email: [Julie.kilby@de.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Julie.kilby@de.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Erin Richards (02) 9244 5154.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Ms. Christine Clarke, Principal, Coonamble Public School, Bertram Street, COONAMBLE NSW 2829.

**Closing Date:** Friday 2 February 2007.

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Seeking Aboriginal person for

## ADMIN ASST TRAINEESHIP

with NSW Federation of Housing Associations, a community based organisation. One year traineeship includes both off-the-job, and on the job training, for skills including: reception, filing, working with computers, office equipment, organising meetings - towards a permanent position.

36.75 hrs/wk \$31,978/annum.

For info pack Ph: (02) 9281 7144,  
email [wendy@communityhousing.org.au](mailto:wendy@communityhousing.org.au).

Closing date 29 Jan 2007.



Department of  
Ageing,  
Disability &  
Home Care

## SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Grade 8/9 (HCS Admin)  
Shoalhaven Community Options Project  
Illawarra South Branch  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position Number: 06HCS6040

Salary package is valued up to \$67,442 pa includes a salary range \$56,097 pa to \$61,117 pa leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

**Job Description:** Responsible for the general management of the Community Options Program and for providing case management and brokerage services to enable frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes.

### Selection Criteria:

- Experience in case management including comprehensive assessment and brokerage, preferably in a similar community service organisation.
- Experience in service management, preferably a similar community based service.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving and written and oral communication skills.
- Experience in supervising, supporting and training staff.
- Experience in monitoring and managing a budget and basic knowledge of accounting practices.
- Knowledge of current community care issues, and community services and their availability.
- Tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social or health sciences and/or experience in a similar role.
- Sound knowledge of access, equity and multicultural issues.
- Experience in the use of computers.
- Current driver's licence.
- Applicants must show an understanding of and commitment to Common Selection Criteria.

**Job Notes:** Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains further details of the position. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria.

**For application package and further information:** Bianca Jahn on 4421 7611

**Applications to:** DADHC Southern Region, Regional Office Queanbeyan, PO Box 2245, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

**Closing date:** Friday, 26 January 2006.

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## The University of Sydney

## Academic roles with The University of Sydney's Koori Centre

### Make a real difference

The University of Sydney's Koori Centre is committed to providing programs, services and facilities to encourage and support the involvement of Indigenous Australians in all aspects of tertiary education at the University. It provides the support mechanisms which enable students to successfully complete their undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

### Lecturer

Reference No. E01/90726

Responsible to the Director through the Academic Coordinator, duties will include teaching through the delivery of lectures, tutorials and seminars and the provision and development of curriculum; position-related administration; and research.

Additional essential criteria include: knowledge of Indigenous Australian Studies in a number of the following areas: health, education, history, culture, and community development; the ability to teach to a broad range of students and disciplines; the ability to develop and write curriculum; general administration and computer skills; teaching experience in a tertiary institution; proven ability to liaise with government and community organisations.

Applicants must be currently enrolled and be close to, or have completed, a postgraduate studies program and have experience in teaching and the provision and development of curriculum in Indigenous Health together with experience in the preparation and submission of research reports. Competency with commercial software packages (preferably Microsoft Office), demonstrated ability to undertake research, demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and a current driver's licence are also essential.

**Remuneration package:** \$81,729 - \$97,053 p.a. (which includes a base salary Lecturer Level B \$69,062 - \$82,011 p.a., leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation).

### Associate Lecturer

Reference No. E01/90727

Responsible to the Director through the Academic Coordinator, duties will include teaching through the delivery of lectures, tutorials and seminars and supporting the provision and development of curriculum; administration; providing academic, personal and cultural support to students; involvement in research activities.

Applicants must have completed tertiary studies in teaching and have knowledge of Indigenous Australian Studies in a number of the following areas: health, education, history, culture, and community development; the ability to teach to a broad range of students and disciplines and general administration and computer skills (preferably Microsoft Office). A demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and a current driver's licence are also preferred.

**Remuneration package:** \$57,210 - \$77,638 p.a. (which includes a base salary Associate Lecturer Level A \$48,343 - \$65,605 p.a., leave loading and up to 17% employer's contribution to superannuation).

The positions are full-time continuing, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period for new appointees. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees.

The successful applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders (confirmation required). The applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by the appropriate reference number. Alternatively contact Lyn Riley-Mundine.

Tel: (02) 9351 6995/1800 622 742 (toll free). E-mail: [lyn@koon.usyd.edu.au](mailto:lyn@koon.usyd.edu.au) Post: Koon Centre, Old Teacher's College, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

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NSW Department of  
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## COMMUNITY PROGRAM OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Western Region, Wagga Wagga  
Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy No: 06DOCS5980

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:** Responsible for planning, developing, contracting and monitoring services for a range of target groups, and liaison with community and Government partners.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Proven experience in planning and service development, contracting and performance monitoring of human services.
- Knowledge of the community services sector.
- Demonstrated communication, relationship building and negotiation skills.
- Sound analytical skills.
- Understanding and appreciation of social equity principles, cross-cultural issues of disadvantaged groups.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team.
- Current drivers licence.
- Tertiary qualifications (or progression towards) in Human Services/Social Sciences or another related discipline.
- **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 advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Applicants must complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and the Screening Consent Form contained in the Information Package. Travel involved.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd Phone: (02) 6392 8250.

**Inquiries:** Kay Langfield (02) 6937 9418.

**Applications Marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to:** Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink PO Box 2552 Orange NSW 2800 or alternatively email to: [hwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hwestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## PROJECT MANAGER FRAMEWORK & METHODOLOGY

Clerk Grade 11/12  
Project Management & Change Unit  
Organisation Improvement  
Head Office, Ashfield  
Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy No: 06DOH5746

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:** To review, design and continuously improve the project (including change) management frameworks and methodologies for the Department and to provide significant facilitation, mentoring and coaching support to project managers across the Department.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Extensive project methodology development, change management methodologies, frameworks and support tools experience.
- Ability to handle complexity by creating frameworks and systems and applying them to specific change initiatives and projects.
- Ability to implement organisational systems and frameworks that may change project management and change management practices across the organisation and embed those changes.
- Significant experience in workshop planning and facilitation for large change projects.
- Ability to build collaborative relationships and work as part of a team in developing policies, strategies and tools.
- **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:** 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.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact 1800 502 766 or email: [elise.snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elise.snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Inquiries:** Tonia Hicks (02) 8753 8799.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email: [JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** 26 January 2007.

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**Victorian Aboriginal Community  
Controlled Health Organisation Inc.**  
**PROJECT OFFICER**  
**Koori Maternity Strategy**

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc. (VACCHO) represents 25 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health member organisations throughout Victoria. It is recognised by State and Federal governments as the peak body to co-ordinate and represents Aboriginal health organisations and community views on Aboriginal health issues in Victoria.

VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

In addition, VACCHO is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and is funded to deliver accredited courses to the Aboriginal health workforce in Victoria.

VACCHO is seeking applications for the following vacant position:

**PROJECT OFFICER - KOORI MATERNITY STRATEGY**

Further information regarding these positions can be obtained by calling Ms Kellie Loughran on ph: (03) 9419 3350.

**Position Description:** Can be obtained by calling Ms Fiona Scott on ph: (03) 9419 3350.

Your written application, addressing the Key Selection Criteria along with your resume should reach VACCHO by close of business Friday 23rd February, 2007.

All applications should be addressed to: Ms Kellie Loughran, KMS, VACCHO, PO Box 1328, COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066.



**BATCHELOR INSTITUTE  
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION**

**Regional Lecturer**

Position No.: 14703

Fixed term appointment for two (2) years commencing February 07 - Darwin, NT

**Total Remuneration Academic Level B**  
\$65 055 - \$77 253

The Regional Lecturer is the representative of Batchelor Institute in the West Arnhem region and is responsible for the development of partnerships within the Institute, local employers, government departments, non-government agencies and community members.

This position is also responsible for the provision of support services relating to the implementation and utilization of the education and training programs offered by Batchelor Institute within the region.

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 passionate about quality early childhood and children's services.

**Lecturer - RRACSSU Early  
Childhood Educator (2 Positions)**

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment for two (2) years commencing February 07 - Northern Region, NT

**Total Remuneration Academic Level A**  
\$46 070 - \$61 800

Would you enjoy traveling 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 three (2) years commencing February 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 for this position close Friday 26 January 2007.

Further information and the Selection Criteria are included in the application package which is available from the Institute's website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7276 or (08) 8939 7272; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email [recruitment@batchelor.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 traveling between Darwin Palmerston and some rural areas.



**NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
WORKER**

CLERK GRADE 5/6 (2 positions)

Northern NSW HS Division

Hunter Area

Maitland & Newcastle/Mayfield

Temporary Full-time

Position No: 06DOH6158

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this role is to introduce innovative housing management strategies combined with specific activities aimed at strengthening living skills and social structures in the community.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Excellent communication skills, including reports and submissions, negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving
- Ability to use initiative and work independently
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others
- Demonstrated ability to lead and contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems
- Strong commitment to and experience in delivering services to social housing clients and communities
- Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline and/or extensive relevant demonstrated experience
- Extensive experience in the fields of family welfare and community development, and liaison with community and government agencies
- Demonstrated experience in working with PC applications
- Current Driver's 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:** There are two (2) temporary positions available under the terms of Section 27 or 86 of the PSEM Act 2002 for a period of up to 12 months. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the full version of the advertisement and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list for Community Development Worker vacancies in the Hunter areas may be made for future vacancies over the next 6 months.

**Information Packages:** Available online at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 49604635.

**Inquiries:** Leah Bibik (02) 4983 0444.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309 or apply online at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or email to: [HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HRHunter@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday, 26 January 2007.

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**NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**MANAGER STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT**

Senior Officer Grade 2  
Contracting & Procurement  
Governance & Regulation  
Head Office, Ashfield  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: 06DOH5099

Total remuneration package valued up to \$147,514 per annum (salary \$124,873 pa - \$133,678 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Responsible for procurement framework including strategy, policy and contracting environment, and auditing and reporting on the framework. Responsible for creating and maintaining a link between operational and strategic directions for procurement.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Extensive experience in strategic management at a senior level
- Demonstrated ability to align strategy and operations to achieve commercial outcomes
- High level knowledge of procurement policy, reforms and trends in the government and private sector
- Demonstrated leadership and management skills in an organisational and team context which enables strategic outcomes to be achieved
- Excellent knowledge of policy, program, project, risk, performance and change management practices
- Ability to work in collaboration with a range of stakeholders and across diverse content areas to develop shared goals and solutions
- Ability to identify, develop and implement procurement systems that improve efficiencies and effectiveness
- **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated ability in identifying and acting on issues that affect the implementation of 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 full version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact Ann Bell (02) 8753 8711.

**Inquiries:** Kath Roach (02) 8753 8843.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 6, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: [JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au) or apply online at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.

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**Want a career that makes  
a difference for families?**

**CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER  
CSO Level 3 (Several positions)**

Ongoing, full-time - Brisbane

Salary: \$43,521 (plus 15.4% super)

If you're looking for a rewarding career that makes a difference for families, children and the community, then the Child Support Agency (CSA) could be the place for you!

The CSA is a key agency within the Department of Human Services, and we support separated parents, including Indigenous people, by participating in a range of DHS-wide initiatives. There's also opportunities to talk about issues and policies affecting Indigenous Australians, and provide information and advice to management.

We provide professional development and support for employees, with ongoing training, excellent working conditions, and opportunities to advance your career.

**ABOUT THE JOB**

The CSA supports separated parents to provide financial support for their children. We calculate payments, and collect and transfer them between parents. At least half of your time will be spent talking with customers on the phone.

The CSA wants to hear from you if:

- You are passionate about customer service;
- You want to make a positive contribution to our customers;
- You can deal with sensitive and emotional issues;
- You've got great communication and problem solving skills, especially over the phone;
- You are flexible and able to work under pressure; and
- You are computer literate in a Windows environment.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this job, you can submit an application online at [www.ipa.com.au](http://www.ipa.com.au) quoting the job reference 401SL2980. Online applications are open 24 hours a day from Saturday, 13 January 2007 to Wednesday, 24 January 2007. Or, apply over the phone - call Kym Gosnell at IPA Personnel on 07 4969 4015.

Submit your application by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 24 January 2007.

If you are successful, you will start at the CSA in March 2007. For more information call IPA Personnel on 07 4969 4000 or visit [www.csa.gov.au](http://www.csa.gov.au)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All appointments are subject to Australian citizenship requirements, character/security checks, health clearance and, if applicable, formal qualifications. A probationary period will apply to successful applicants who are not already ongoing Australian Public Service employees.

Applicants must not have received a voluntary redundancy package from an Australian Government Agency within the past 12 months.

CSA aims to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly and that they have equal access to employment opportunities.

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**GREATER TAREE CITY COUNCIL  
POSITION VACANT**

**ABORIGINAL YOUTH SERVICES  
COORDINATOR**

Taree is located in the heart of the Manning Valley, 3 hours north of Sydney and 1 hour south of Port Macquarie. The natural and urban landscape is diverse, ranging from coastal plains and townships to rugged mountains and inland villages. The Manning Valley is a great place to live.

Council is seeking an Aboriginal Youth Service Coordinator to join its Community Development & Health team.

**The Position**

The successful applicant will be responsible for co-ordination and day to day management of Council's Aboriginal youth services, including management of external funding arrangements; Co-ordination, promotion and supervision of programs and activities for young people, particularly Aboriginal young people; Encouraging Aboriginal young people to develop self esteem and positive lifestyle skills through education, recreation, sport and other activities such as arts and crafts, music and dance.

*The applicant should have:* Formal qualifications in one of the following: education, social welfare, recreation or youth work; Project and budgetary management skills; High level computer skills; Demonstrated expertise in designing, implementing and evaluating activity based programs for youth; Demonstrated high level conflict resolution and negotiation skills; Ability to work closely with the Aboriginal community, teachers, community workers, local authorities, health professionals, refuge workers, parents, police and the wider community.

**Employment Conditions**

The position is full time and attracts a salary of \$802 per week, dependent on experience. The conditions of employment are in accordance with the National Agreement Preserving the Local Government (State) Award (NAPSA). The position is funded by the NSW Department of Community Services for a period of three years, and continuation of employment is subject to further funding being secured. Access is provided to a vehicle for work related activities.

*Successful completion of NSW Commission for Children and Young People and NSW Police checks is essential.*

**Further Information and Applications**

Applicants should satisfy the criteria detailed in the Position Statement, a copy of which can be obtained, by telephoning Mrs Linette Dwyer on (02) 6592 5281 or by visiting Council's website at [www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au). Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to the attention of the Personnel Manager, Greater Taree City Council, PO Box 482, Taree 2430. Details regarding the position can be discussed with the Manager Community Services, Ms Laura Black (02) 6592 5285.

Applications close Friday 23 February 2007.



## TECHNICAL OFFICER - TEAM SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division Hunter Area, Various Locations  
Permanent Full-time (1 position) Permanent Part-time (2 positions)  
Position No: 06DOH6152

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

## JOB DESCRIPTION:

Provide advice & support to the Client Service Team/s in the management of the local asset base & ensure high level of consistency is achieved in the application of Department's asset policies, procedures & standards.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to interpret and apply asset and quality standards.
- Experience in dealing with contractors.
- Experience in building and project management.
- Ability to research and analyse data.
- Post-trade Certificate IV or relevant qualifications and/or work experience.
- Demonstrated computer literacy (Word, Excel preferred) and ability to learn new computer systems.
- Good communication, problem solving and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of OHS standards.
- Current Driver's 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 &amp; Safety (OHS).

**Job Notes:** Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. 1 Permanent full time position and 2 Permanent part time positions (17.5 hrs pw). Locations of positions are Maitland, Charlestown and Newcastle/Mayfield. An eligibility list for Technical Officer, Team Support vacancies in the Hunter areas may be made for future vacancies over the next 6 months.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at our website: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 4960 4635.

**Inquiries:** Fred Bell (02) 4925 6391.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309 or apply online at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or email to [HR@hnter.bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HR@hnter.bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007.

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## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



## PROJECT OFFICER, INDIGENOUS POLICY AND SERVICES UNIT

Division and Transitional Services Group, Corrections Victoria

Grade 4, \$58,550 - \$66,431

Position No: 0J3721

As Project Officer within the Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, you will be part of a small team that actively supports the processes relevant to the design, development, maintenance and review of programs and services targeting Indigenous prisoners and offenders in Victorian prisons and community correctional services. The successful applicant will be capable of working with the Koori community and relevant government and community agencies to identify and contribute to the development of policy related to Corrections Victoria's responsibilities for Indigenous prisoners and offenders.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Aboriginal Justice Agreement's Identified Positions Policy.

For specific enquiries please contact Marie Murfet on (03) 8684 6528

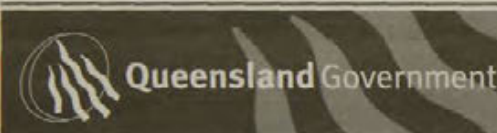
To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is Thursday 25 January 2007.

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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## Communities

**Project Director (Specified)** - Government Coordination Office - Indigenous Service Delivery

**Category:** HR

**Salary:** \$97 306 - \$101 812 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0330/07

**Location:** Brisbane

**Closing Date:** Monday, 29 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-mail: [vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au](mailto:vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au)

**Principal Project Officer (Specified)** - Operations and Program Support Directorate

**Category:** Project Management

**Salary:** \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0358/07

**Location:** Thursday Island

**Key Duties:** This role primarily undertakes projects and coordination activities relating to regional government coordination centres. It engages and coordinates with local communities, government and business to achieve positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Senior Review and Evaluation Officer** - Strategic Policy

**Category:** Policy and Planning

**Salary:** \$64 467 - \$68 972 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0327/07

**Location:** Brisbane

**Senior Project Officers (Specified)** - Operations and Program Support Directorate, Torres Strait Region

**Category:** Project Management

**Salary:** \$64 467 - \$68 972 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0351/07

**Location:** Thursday Island

**Key Duties:** This role primarily facilitates negotiation table meetings and the engagement and coordination with communities, government and business to achieve positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Caseworker (Identified)** - Youth Justice Services

**Category:** Community Engagement

**Salary:** \$40 958 - \$60 138 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0279/07

**Location:** Woodridge

**Key Duties:** Provide culturally appropriate and well planned statutory services to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders and reintegrate into the community.

**Skills/Abilities:** Engage and communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people, from diverse cultural backgrounds.

**Caseworker** - Youth Justice Services (Specified - One permanent and one temporary full-time position available until 15 December 2007)

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$40 958 - \$60 138 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/COM0209/07

**Location:** Cherbourg

**Key Duties:** To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention.

**Skills/Abilities:** Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated, culturally appropriate services, including engaging with families, community organisations and key stakeholders.

**To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:**

**Closing Date:** Monday, 29 January, 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

## Child Safety

**Family Group Meeting Convenors** - Child Safety Services Division

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$56 186 - \$61 067 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/CHS0347/07

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Facilitate family group meetings in accordance with the Child Protection Act 1999.

**Skills/Abilities:** Ability to deliver services within a statutory child protection framework, have knowledge of purpose and application of the Child Protection Act 1999 and relevant legislation. High level communication skills (interpersonal, written), conflict resolution, group facilitation and negotiation. Understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and impacting issues.

Child Safety continued...

**Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Team Coordinator**

(Specified) - Child Safety Services Division

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$55 072 - \$60 138 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/CHS0342/07

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Coordinate effective functioning of teams within the SCAN System.

**Skills/Abilities:** Possession of degree in Social Work or Behavioural Sciences from recognised tertiary institution, high level communication skills (interpersonal and written), ability to manage team processes, liaise, consult and negotiate to a wide range of clients, organisational and time management skills and ability to work independently and within a team environment.

**Child Safety Support Officers ATSCAPSS (Identified)** - Child Safety Services Division

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$48 482 - \$53 313 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/CHS0339/07

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Provide recruitment, training and support services to indigenous carers. Assist in culturally appropriate placement and support options for indigenous children and young people in the care of the Department.

**Skills/Abilities:** High level interpersonal, problem solving, conflict resolution and written/oral communication skills. Able to work autonomously and within a team in a complex environment.

**To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:**

**Closing Date:** Monday, 29 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

## Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian

**Project Officer, Indigenous Access Strategy** - Client Service and Information Quality (Temporary for six months. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will be subject to a Criminal History Check.)

**Category:** Project Management

**Salary:** \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.

**VRN:** CCYP45/07

**Location:** Brisbane

**Key Duties:** Provide cultural advice on evaluating and enhancing the Blue Card application process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island applicants.

**Skills/Abilities:** Cultural knowledge and understanding, communication skills, ability to gain a thorough knowledge and application of Blue Card legislation.

**Closing Date:** Monday, 29 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3224 6476 or

E-Mail: [job.vac@permiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:job.vac@permiers.qld.gov.au)

## Corrective Services

**Probation and Parole Officer Remote Communities** - Probation and Parole Service (Temporary for two (2) years)

**Category:** Community Care

**Salary:** \$55 072 - \$60 138 p.a.

**Location:** Palm Island

**VRN:** CS308/06

**Closing Date:** Monday, 22 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3239 0513

## Disability Services

**Principal Programs Officer** - Office of Policy, Programs and Community and Specialist Services, Programs and Community and Specialist Services Directorate, North Queensland Region, Townsville Service Centre.

**Category:** Policy and Planning

**Salary:** \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/DSQ0219/07

**Location:** Aitkenvale

**Key Duties:** To contribute to the management, development, monitoring and support of the funding and purchase of disability services from non-government organisations and Disability Services Queensland. Provide advice and make recommendations for development of services in accordance with the Queensland Disability Services Act 2006, the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement and Queensland Disability Standards.

Disability Services continued...

**Manager** - Office of Policy, Programs and Community and Specialist Services, Programs and Community and Specialist Services Directorate, North Queensland Region

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$72 134 - \$77 347 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/DSQ0214/07

**Location:** Aitkenvale

**Key Duties:** Lead and coordinate the development and delivery of community and specialist services and appropriate service responses to meet identified need as people with a disability, their families and carers. Provide leadership, with a strong focus on continuous improvement, to support Community and Specialist Services staff in ensuring that Queensland Disability Service Standards, service objectives and strategies are implemented and maintained.

**Social Worker** - Office of Policy, Programs and Community and Specialist Services, Programs and Community and Specialist Services Directorate, Greater Brisbane Region, Goodna Service Centre

**Category:** Health and Community Care

**Salary:** \$40 958 - \$60 138 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/DSQ0294/07

**Location:** Goodna

**Key Duties:** The Social Worker operates within a case management practice framework and provides professional discipline-specific services to people who have an intellectual disability, their families and carers.

**Skills/Abilities:** A degree in Social Work from a recognised University or qualifications considered equivalent and eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

**To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:**

**Closing Date:** Monday, 29 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

## Housing

**Program Officer** - Rental Program, Program Management

**Category:** Community Engagement

**Salary:** \$56 185 - \$61 067 p.a.

**Location:** Brisbane

**VRN:** H011/07

**Key Duties:** Supports the development and management of policies including analysis of program and operational information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Rental Program.

**Skills/Abilities:** Monitor, evaluate and report against performance outcomes and ensure compliance with necessary departmental requirements.

**Closing Date:** Monday, 22 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3238 3998 or

E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au)

## Transport

**Administration Officer** - Services Division

**Category:** Administration and Customer Service

**Salary:** \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/ID2191/06

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Contribute to the efficient operations of the Indigenous Driver Licensing Program by providing a high quality administrative service to the Manager (Indigenous Licensing).

**Driving Examiner/Principal CSO** - Services Division

**Category:** Administration and Customer Service

**Salary:** \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/ID2193/06

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Deliver Queensland Transport products and services in remote communities and other areas within the state as required in a highly efficient, effective and culturally appropriate manner. Conduct practical driving tests on applicants for all classes of driver's licence including those relating to industry-based licences.

**Driving Examiner (Identified Position)** - Services Division

**Category:** General

**Salary:** \$40 999 - \$45 724 p.a.

**VRN:** QLD/ID2199/06

**Location:** Cairns

**Key Duties:** Conduct practical driving tests on applicants for various classes of driver's licence including those relating to industry based licences. Travel to remote communities throughout Queensland in order to provide these practical driving tests, having located areas with sufficient infrastructure to satisfactorily operate such tests within QSafe (Remote guidelines).

**To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:**

**Closing Date:** Monday, 22 January 2007

**Position Description:** Internet: [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Applications Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7683

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## CHILD CARE CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

at the Murray Valley Aboriginal Child Care Centre.  
The Child Care Centre is a (MACS) funded program.  
Registered for 28 children.

The Robinvale Child Care Centre, is the only Child Care Centre in Robinvale and caters for the whole of the community.

The Co-ordinator will be responsible for the management of the staff and programs and operations of the Child Care Centre in accordance to the Children's Services Act and Regulations. Staff rosters, child attendance fees, weekly food orders for the kitchen, cleaning consumables, activity items and learning aides.

The successful person must show good community skills and Robinvale is a multi-cultural community, with the ability to liaise with parents and other community organisations.

**Essential Criteria:** Applicant must have a Bachelor of Child Care studies or a Diploma in Child Care; a knowledge and understanding of the development needs of children aged 1-7 years; well developed interpersonal and communication skills with both children and adults; effective staff supervision and leadership skills; the ability to implement a program which reflects the diverse nature of the community and promotes Equal Employment Opportunity principles.

The Child Care Centre comes under the control of the Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative which services the Robinvale community along the Murray Rivers.

Robinvale has excellent sporting facilities along with a modern district health service at the hospital, schools and small town shopping. The area's main economic activities are wine and fresh grape production, dry land farming, almond and pistachio farming. We are situated 85 kms from Mildura and 140 kms for Swan Hill.

Remuneration will be in accordance to the award for Child Care Centre's. A position description can be obtained from CEO Gary Lettis at the Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative, by phone (03) 5026 3353, fax (03) 5026 1054, e-mail mvac.ceo@bigpond.com

## DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

### TENDER DADHC.06.64

#### Community Participation Program

Self managed support - provision of intermediary services

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is seeking applications from suitably qualified not-for-profit organisations to provide intermediary services for young people accessing new self managed support packages under the Community Participation Program. Two intermediaries will each support up to 20 young people with a disability in the planning and development of their self managed arrangements and provide financial, legal, employment and administrative support. It is likely the intermediary service will be an existing Community Participation service, disability service, community options provider or other community based service.

Further information including a copy of the Tender Package is available from the Department's Website at [www.dadhc.nsw.gov/tenders](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov/tenders)

An information session about the self managed support and intermediary services will be held in Sydney in late-January 2007. Additional inquiries in relation to this tender should be made to the Contact Officer, Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays, phone 1800 880 027, email [contract.management@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:contract.management@dadhc.nsw.gov.au) or fax on (02) 8270 2490.

Tenders close 5:00 pm Friday 16 February 2007.

### TENDER DADHC.06.66

#### Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Services

Assisting Aboriginal families who care for a child with a disability at home

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is seeking applications from suitably qualified not-for-profit organisations to operate one or more Intensive Family Support service(s) for Aboriginal families caring for a child with a disability in NSW. Services will be located in the Greater Taree/Kempsey area, Moree and Dubbo.

Further information including a copy of the Tender Package is available from the Department's Website at [www.dadhc.nsw.gov/tenders](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov/tenders)

Information sessions will be held in late January 2007 with details to be posted on the website. Additional inquiries in relation to this tender should be made to the Contact Officer, Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on weekdays, phone 1800 880 027, email [contract.management@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:contract.management@dadhc.nsw.gov.au) or fax on (02) 8270 2490.

Tenders close 5:00 pm Friday 16 February 2007.

## CALLS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR AN INDIGENOUS FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT WORKER

FOR SOUTHERN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE  
AND NUNGA MI: MINAR

Nunga Mi: Minar and Southern Domestic Violence Service (Family Violence Services in Metropolitan Adelaide) have received funding to look at the good practice models that currently exist for work in this area and to begin dialogue with key partners and stakeholders about how we can collaborate together to implement these practices toward the goal of **developing good practice models that effectively delivers services to Aboriginal people experiencing Family Violence.**

We are seeking an individual who is able to:

1. To research the current models being used for this client group and the learning's that can be derived from these models. This process will involve a Reference group that reflects on the findings of this research and draws the main themes and discerns its direction.
2. To engage key partners (i.e. Elders, other Community Health Services and the like) that can co-ordinate and provide services that the Domestic and Family Violence Services can not deliver on e.g. services for men who want to deal with their violence and Aboriginal Family Support Services.
3. To build community links so that the work that is being done can be supported by other services and agencies
4. To co-ordinate consumer focus groups so that monitoring of the service delivery of both agencies is tied to the real experience of women and children moving through these services
5. To identify the training needs for all those involved in the project including key partnerships and stakeholders.
6. To hold a forum where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Service providers can discuss the findings of this work and be invited to continue to work together to develop protocols and policies about the way in which we will work toward these goals
7. To develop a good working model of Service Delivery with SDVS and Nunga Mi: Minar.

This individual needs to:

- be Aboriginal and who has an understanding of the needs of Aboriginal communities in relation to Family Violence
- have experience in conducting and delivering on similar types of projects
- report and be accountable to a Reference Group and Project Managers on a regular basis
- be a person who work closely with others and able to develop good professional relationships with key stakeholders.

This will be a 6 month contract position. We need a person who can take up this position in January/February and we are prepared to negotiate on whether you work full or part-time.

Remuneration: CASH AWARD - 5/6 depending upon qualification and experience

For more information please call: Megan Hughes or Sue Underhill on (08) 8382 0066 or email [meganh@sdvs.org.au](mailto:meganh@sdvs.org.au)

## NSW ATSECSAG Inc.

New South Wales Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Services Advisory Group Incorporated (ATSECSAG Inc.) sponsors the Aboriginal Early Childhood Services Support Unit, who provides support to eighty two NSW Preschool services receiving DEST IEP funding in NSW, through the provision of training, resources, advice and consultancy.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Salary package:** \$65,000 plus employers contribution to superannuation.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, high order of management skills, high level of computer skills, demonstrated ability of research skills, drivers license, willingness to travel drive/ly, expertise in policy development & implementation, excellent interpersonal, oral & written communication and liaison skills, ability to meet deadlines, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, understanding of Commonwealth Indigenous Education Program funding arrangements and reporting requirements, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical affairs priority statement (EAPS) ethical practice.

## PROJECT OFFICER

Part-time 3 days per week

**Salary package:** \$28,000 plus employers contribution to superannuation.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, excellent communication and liaison skills, proven ability to collate and record data, high level of computer skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, proven organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

**Salary package:** \$47,000 plus employers contribution to superannuation.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality, high quality of administration skills, sound oral and written communication skills, demonstrated ability to manage diaries, ability to meet deadlines, high level of computer skills, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

**Please Note:** All positions will be employed on a contractual basis under funding agreement with funding body.

Applicants must be prepared to submit to a "Working with Children Check".

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977.

For enquiries and information package contact Michelle Hamilton - Ph: (02) 9319 5712, Mob: 0406 314 110.

Applications marked CONFIDENTIAL and posted to: Michelle Hamilton, PO Box 455, Alexandria 2015 NSW.

Closing Date: Friday 16th February 2007.

## Wunjuada Rehabilitation Centre - Cherbourg Positions Vacant

### • Manager

### • 3 Drug & Alcohol Counsellors

Applications close 29th January 2007. For job package to Chairperson on (07) 4168 1225. Available 8.00am to 5.00pm



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

## PROJECT OFFICER

### Business Support

Clerk Grade 5/6

(Permanent full-time)

Southern & Western NSW HS Division

Wagga Wagga

Position No: 06DOH4729

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (Salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The project officer will assist the Business Support Manager in organisational change, improvement and planning. Ministerial and Appeals, provide secretariat support for the unit, gather information for the Business Review process.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated high-level administrative and organisational skills.
- Strong commitment to work as part of a team.
- Experience in budget monitoring.
- Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of computer applications.
- Understanding of operational practices and policies.
- Experience in preparing and coordinating appeals and ministerial briefs.
- Sound analytical and decision making skills.
- Common Selection Criteria: Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); ethical practice; Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS); Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

**Job Notes:** Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further details about the position and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

**Information Package:** Available on-line at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or contact NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250.

**Inquiries:** Lisa Campbell (02) 6921 0084.

**Applications Marked 'CONFIDENTIAL':** to: Apply on-line at: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or post to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, ORANGE NSW 2800 or email: [HRWestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HRWestern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** 26 January 2007.



The NSW Department of Corrective Services is Recruiting NOW for the Wellington Correctional Centre. We are seeking people with Trade or relevant Tertiary qualifications in the following areas:

## - Senior Overseer (\$65,411pa.)

Laundry Operations, Printing and Graphic Arts, Commercial Cookery, Food Processing, Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Metal Work, Carpentry, Plumbing and Asset Maintenance.

## - Overseer (\$57,729pa.)

Laundry Operations, Printing and Graphic Arts, Commercial Cookery, Food Processing, Horticulture, Aboriginal Arts and Crafts, Construction, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Engineering, Metal Work and Asset Maintenance.

For information packages and applications visit:

[www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.dcs.nsw.gov.au/careers)

Phone: 8346 1555 CLOSING DATE: 2 FEBRUARY 2007







Looking for a change in the New Year?

Want to be part of a dynamic team in a beautiful environment?

Come & See us at Wuchopperen Health Service!

Wuchopperen Health Service is a community owned and managed organisation delivering holistic primary health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Cairns and surrounding districts. We currently require the services of a:

- Co-ordinator of Women's Program Family Violence Prevention
- Counsellor for Women & Children
- Counsellor for Men & Boys

For information about this position and recruitment papers, please contact kkenelli@wuchopperen.com. The ideal applicant will possess Behavioural Science qualifications and/or be able to demonstrate relevant experience. A current driver's licence is essential. Applicants must possess, or be eligible for, a Blue Card (for suitability to work with children and young people), and must consent to broader criminal history checks as a requirement.

For further organisational details, please refer to our website: www.wuchopperen.com

Applications must be in by COB Friday 9 February 2007.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

## NSW HEALTH GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

### SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Primary & Extended Care Services

Perm Full Time, 76 hpf

Position No: Y50042

Aboriginal Health Education Officer - Grad/Non Grad: \$37,381-\$70,196 pa pro-rata. Conditions of employment as per the Aboriginal Health Education Officer Determination/Health Professional and Medical Salaries (State) Award; Public Hospital (Professional and Associated Staff) Conditions of Employment (State) Award and Health Industry Status of Employment (State) Award.

Enquiries and application kits: Karen Keith - Senior Nurse Manager on (02) 6220 2016.

email: Karen.Keith@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 29 January 2007

Apply online www.gsahs.nsw.gov.au/jobs

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



### Administration Assistant

Grade 2/3 (HCS Admin)  
Western Region, Riverina/Murray  
Wiradjuri Home Care  
Wagga Wagga  
Permanent Full Time  
Position No. 06HCS6043

Salary package is valued up to \$47,947 pa (includes a salary range of \$40,300 pa - \$43,450 pa, leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation).

**Job Description:** To provide administrative support to all branch staff by undertaking word processing, reception duties, photocopying, mail collection and distribution, purchasing of equipment and supplies and general clerical tasks.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Experience in reception duties, including switchboard.
- Experience in records and accounts systems including taking customer account inquiries, processing invoices, suppliers accounts for payments, purchasing and stock control.
- Experience in administrative duties - word processing, record keeping, photocopying, petty cash reconciliation, mail registration and distribution and customer accounts inquiries.
- Demonstrated computer skills, i.e. word processing, spreadsheets, data entry, email.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Sound organisational skills. Demonstrated initiative.
- Driver's licence.
- Knowledge and understanding of Common Selection Criteria.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants need to obtain an information package, which contains an explanation of Common Selection Criteria.

**For application package and further information:** Contact Athol Boney telephone: 02 6921 7545 or email: athol.boney@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

**Applications to:** Home Care Service PO Box 2429 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

**Closing date:** Friday, 26 January 2007.

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### SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

#### An Exciting Opportunity Exists ...

### DENTAL OFFICER

Full-Time or Part-Time Position

For a Dentist to commence a full-time or part-time position for the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC).

SCMSAC is situated on the scenic NSW South Coast at Nowra within the City of Shoalhaven - approximately 2 hours south of Sydney. SCMSAC is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service that has been operating and providing health and medical related services for 23 years.

The successful applicant's will be working from a rather new purpose built complex with spacious and well-equipped dental clinic facilities (including dental radiology) in Nowra that services the surrounding Aboriginal communities.

SCMSAC has been accredited by AQPAL for the past 3 years and has just completed the re-accreditation process for its second term. The service is offering hours of 7.30 hours per day Monday to Friday (or Monday to Thursday part time) salary package from \$90,000 to \$120,000 (full time equivalent) depending on qualifications and/or experience. The provision of added generous salary sacrifice arrangements (up to a maximum of \$16,049) will also apply for the right applicant. The position will be offered on a contractual basis. Assistance with relocation expenses may also be considered. The Dental Officer is supported by the Dental Assistant, Practice Manager and a multidisciplinary primary health care team.

The successful applicant would possess a degree in Dentistry, current registration in NSW, knowledge of OH&S Act and Infection Control guidelines, experience in treating patients in all age groups, effective communication skills and the ability to work under pressure.

#### Desirable qualifications/experience include:

- Interested and/or experienced in working with Aboriginal people; and
- ability to work within a multidisciplinary team.

For information regarding the position please contact Damien Matcham on (02) 4428 6666. Applications can submit an expression of interest (EOI) including a resume with at least two (2) recent referees who are familiar with your work.

**EOI close on Monday 29 January 2007.**

**EOIs can be posted to:**

Damen Matcham

Chief Executive Officer

South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation

PO Box 548 NOWRA NSW 2541 or via facsimile (02) 4428 6602

or Email to: damien@southcoastams.org.au

### THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

### TEACHER/AUTHORISED SUPERVISOR - EARLY CHILDHOOD

Temporary Position

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation requires the services of a qualified teacher for its multi-functional Aboriginal Children's Service (MACS) in the Campbelltown area for up to 12 months. Catering for 36 children between 2 and 5 years, the role requires the person to build a strong rapport with the children, existing staff, parents and community members. The person will be experienced in providing educationally sound programs that assist children to develop cognitively and socially and will meet the requirements to act as the Authorised Supervisor.

**Selection Criteria:** Appropriate qualification in Early Childhood, qualifications and experience suitable to become an Authorised Supervisor under the Children's Services Regulation (2004); a good understanding of Aboriginal culture and proven ability to work with communities; experience in building programs that promote cultural identity and positive self-esteem in young children; experience in planning, developing, implementing and evaluating programs to assist children make the transition school; experience working with the integration of special needs children; Aboriginality would be a distinct advantage (but not essential) to working in this role under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Applications for this position must consent to a Working with Children's Check. It is unlawful for anyone with serious sex offences to apply for this position.

Information kits including application forms are available from: HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, (02) 49408700.

Closing Date: 25th January 2007



### PROGRAM MANAGER

Albany - Full Time

The Building Solid Families and Bringing Them Home programs aim 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 have:

- Current tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or related mental health discipline.
- Demonstrated experience as a leader who effectively provided managerial control of operational outcomes, including planning, direction and reporting.
- Demonstrated understanding of the intergenerational impact of past removal policies and experience in providing culturally appropriate counselling, advocacy and support services to families, children and individuals.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and communities in a culturally sensitive manner.

The Great Southern GP Network is the employer and fundholder for this program.

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 telephoning Gay Willis at the Great Southern GP Network on (08) 9842 2797. For further enquiries please ring Suzanne Leavelley on (08) 9842 2797.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be received by close of business on **Wednesday 24th January 2007**. Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 30th January 2007**. Please send applications addressed to Mrs Suzanne Leavelley, CEO, Great Southern GP Network, by email to gwillis@gsgpn.com.au or mail to PO Box 5294, Albany WA 6330.

### BUGALMA BIHYN

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTER  
(Auspiced by Interrelate Family Centers)

### ABORIGINAL FEMALE COUNSELLOR CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER

BUGALMA BIHYN - INDIGERELATE

GOONELLABAH

**BASIC RESPONSIBILITY:** To fulfil a multi-skilled role as an Indigenous Counsellor/Case Management Worker both within the Center and on an Outreach basis in support of Interrelate Family Centers/Indigerele's operations as a Family Relationship Center including Administration duties in line with the daily operations within these services.

**HOURS:** Negotiable to 37 1/2 hours per week.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Aboriginality; Female specific; Proven Counselling / Case Management experience; Proven knowledge of Aboriginal communities and networks within the Northern Rivers region; Proven knowledge of other relevant community services in the area to provide effective referral services; Well informed about all Interrelate / Indigerele operations in order to facilitate the promotion of the Services within the community; Network with appropriate groups, key stakeholders such as the Indigenous communities, solicitors, courts, politicians and businesses within the Northern Rivers region; Experienced in maintaining records, appointment register and waiting lists for client appointments. Liaise with clients when necessary to confirm bookings and other details; Ability to carry out clerical duties and tasks in association with Practitioner log sheets, client record forms, on-going appointments and all paperwork associated with the Administration of Indigerele record keeping; Computer skills needed for the typing of letters and reports as well as Email / Internet usage; Current Class C Drivers Licence.

**COMMON SELECTION CRITERIA:** Knowledge of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Ethical Practice, and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

**Applicants will be required to undergo Criminal Records and Working With Children Check.**

This is a Female gender Designated Position under Sec 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act and an Aboriginal Designated Position under Sec 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

**Inquiries:** Vikki Armeytag on (02) 6624 7166.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Center Manager PO Box 4185 Goonellabah NSW 2420 or via Email to vikki.armeytag@interrelate.org.au

**Closing date:** by 5pm Friday 2nd February 2007.

### NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### TECHNICAL OFFICER - TEAM SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Northern NSW HS Division  
Tweed Heads Client Service Team  
Tweed Heads  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: 06DOH5978

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,566 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Provides advice and support to the Client Service Team/s in the management of the local asset base and ensures that a high level of consistency is achieved in the application of the Department's asset policies, procedures and standards.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Ability to interpret and apply asset and quality standards.
- Experience in dealing with contractors.
- Building and project management experience.
- Ability to research and analyse data.
- Knowledge of OH&S.
- Post-trade Certificate IV or relevant qualifications and/or work experience.
- Computer literacy (Word, Excel preferred) and ability to learn new computer systems.
- Good communication, problem solving and negotiation skills and current driver's 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.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6626 4100 or e-mail: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

**Inquiries:** Glenn Roman (07) 5524 0666.

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to: HRNorthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** Friday, 2 February 2007.

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### NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Southern & Western NSW HS Division  
Wollongong  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: 06DOH6117

Total remuneration package valued up to \$81,591 per annum (salary \$66,796 pa - \$73,938 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

This role primarily supports the Area by assisting in the management of client service related communication and support matters.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Sound operational experience in service delivery in a human services environment.
- Proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non-government stakeholders to deliver cross-agency products and services.
- Experience in business management.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Knowledge and experience in administrative and business processes.
- Experience in project management of change or new product initiatives.
- Experience in service improvement processes.
- Ability to engage stakeholders and capacity to build and maintain key relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders.
- **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 (OH & S).

**Job Notes:** A current driver's licence is a requirement as travel within the Region is required. 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.

**Information Packages:** Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6200 5820 or hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

**Inquiries:** Michael Hassett (02) 4224 5780.

**Applications marked 'Confidential' to:** Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: hrsouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** Friday 26 January 2007

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## BRINGING THEM HOME COORDINATOR

Tharawal AMS is looking for a full-time BTH Coordinator. The position will assist "stolen generations" survivors who have been linked-up with their families and to take their place within the communities. The role of the Coordinator will facilitate this process by bringing stolen generation survivors together and assisting them to access appropriate support services. Selection Criteria: Experience running workshops and group meetings; Ability to liaise and negotiate with service providers in the health sector; Counselling and/or case management skills; experience and/or qualifications in mental health would be an advantage.

Information kits including application forms and full selection criteria are available from HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, phone (02) 49408700.  
CLOSING DATE 1 February 2007.

## SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

- Want to make a real difference?
- Want a job where you can use your creative flair?
- Enjoy working on a national level?
- Love to travel?

This is a fantastic opportunity to use your knowledge of remote Australia to work on a project to increase the number of health professionals working in remote Indigenous communities.

### Key responsibilities include:

- Working with marketing experts to develop and implement a significant long term national campaign to promote working in remote Indigenous communities to health professionals.
- Contract manage Rural Workforce Agencies who will recruit and support the interested applicants.
- Establish a network for the recruits including an annual conference to aid in retention of the recruits.

The position will be based in Melbourne with interstate travel. An attractive salary package will be offered including the provision to salary sacrifice. The successful applicant will join a small team involved in the implementation and on-going management of the project. The position is full time or part time for three years, dependent on project funding.

We are looking for a person who is flexible, has a "can do" attitude and works well in a team and with stakeholders. The person will need to have enthusiasm for the life and culture of remote Indigenous communities.

### The successful applicant must have:

- Ability to work and liaise with key stakeholders
- Demonstrated project management skills and experience
- Superior written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Contract management skills
- A knowledge of health professions and the health system
- Experience living or working in a remote Indigenous community or an understanding of Indigenous health issues would be desirable

For more information about this position, please contact: Litsa Kane, Senior Project Manager, 03 9602 2625 or visit [www.arrwg.com.au](http://www.arrwg.com.au) for a copy of the position description.

Applications close on 2 February 2007.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Griffith Public School



## ALTERNATE PROGRAMS OFFICERS x 2

Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who would be interested in working 5 days a week (30 hours) as an Alternate Programs Officer. Duties would include working in the Griffith School environment with students, and parents to implement alternate learning programs for Aboriginal students.

**Applicants should be highly motivated, and be able to demonstrate:** An ability to plan, implement and evaluate innovative Aboriginal programs within the school setting, promoting engagement to learning and enhancing Literacy and Numeracy skills; the ability to communicate effectively with students, teachers, parents and community members; links to the Aboriginal community; an enthusiasm to undergo further training; a commitment to improve the learning outcomes of Aboriginal youth.

**Aboriginality is a requirement for this position under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act.**

## INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COORDINATOR

Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who would be interested in working 5 days a week (30 hours) as an Indigenous Cultural coordinator. Duties would include working in the Griffith School environment with staff, students, parents and community members to promote the Aboriginal culture and develop strong partnerships between parents and school.

**Applicants should be highly motivated, and be able to demonstrate:** An ability to plan, implement and evaluate Aboriginal cultural programs within the school setting; the ability to work independently, and as part of a team; the ability to liaise effectively with the school community to form strong partnerships; good oral and written communication skills.

**Aboriginality is a requirement for this position under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act.**

## PARENT TUTORS

Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who would be interested in working 5 days a week (30 hours) as a parent tutor in classrooms. Duties would include working in classes assisting individual students and small groups with Literacy and Numeracy.

**Applicants should be highly motivated, and be able to demonstrate:** An ability to work with children in classroom situations; an ability to implement structured programs to enhance the learning of Literacy and Numeracy; the ability to work independently and in teams, and in liaison with teachers; good oral and written communication skills.

**Aboriginality is a requirement for this position under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act.**

All applicants for this position will be required to undertake a Literacy and Numeracy competency test.

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Expressions of interest are invited from applicants who would be interested in working 2 days a week (10 hours) as a Transition to School coordinator. Duties would include working closely with the Wiradjuri Preschool director in both the environment at the preschool and also at Griffith Public, and focusing on the academic and social growth of 3 to 4 year old children.

**Applicants should be early childhood trained with minimum 3 year early childhood degree, and be able to demonstrate:** An understanding of the needs of Aboriginal children; the ability to work well as part of a team; the ability to be creative in developing innovative programs for early childhood students.

All applicants interested in applying for any of these positions are requested to submit a 2 page expression of interest outlining their experiences and addressing the position criteria.

All applicants are also asked to include the names of two professional referees who are familiar with, and able to discuss the applicant's professional abilities and suitability for these positions.

Applications and enquiries should be forwarded to: Mr Chris Cundy, Principal Griffith Public School, Coolah St Griffith 2680. Ph 6962 3199 fax 6962 3451/ Email: [Griffith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Griffith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Closing date for all applications is 5pm Friday 26th January 2007.



## 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 exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/294-6	Vincent Knapke	487.27ha	108km Ely of Derby	Lat 17°00'Long 124°35'	Derby-West Kimberley
15/4810	Gregory Philp Hewitt	40.03ha	20m Sly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°58'Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
21/660	George Francis Lee	25.77ha	26km Sly of Cue	Lat 27°39'Long 117°56'	Cue
21/661	MSL Exploration Pty Ltd				
	George Francis Lee	198.18ha	26km Sly of Cue	Lat 27°41'Long 117°55'	Cue
	MSL Exploration Pty Ltd				
26/3412-4	Winbols Gold Pty Ltd	454.22ha	29km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°58'Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Goulders
29/1897-8	Cazaly Resources Ltd	233.91ha	7km SEly of Menzies	Lat 29°42'Long 121°08'	Menzies
29/1899-1903	Cazaly Resources Ltd	764.74ha	11km SEly of Menzies	Lat 29°45'Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/1904	Cazaly Resources Ltd	9.91ha	6km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°42'Long 121°05'	Menzies
36/1564	Stanley Allan MacDonald	121.48ha	8km Wly of Leinster	Lat 27°55'Long 120°38'	Leonora
36/1890-70	AmvResourcesManagement Pty Ltd	242.48ha	10km SWly of Leinster	Lat 27°59'Long 120°37'	Leonora
37/6950	AI Minerals Ltd	196.99ha	28km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°37'Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/7034	St Barbara Ltd	96.81ha	9km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°48'Long 121°21'	Leonora
37/7037-8	Great Gold Mines NL	253.73ha	18km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°01'Long 121°21'	Leonora
38/3337-6	Ecloria Mines Ltd	245.81ha	78km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°09'Long 123°40'	Laverton
38/3344	Ecloria Mines Ltd	199.84ha	48km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°52'Long 123°21'	Laverton
38/3345	Ecloria Mines Ltd	48.51ha	60km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°11'Long 123°40'	Laverton
38/3346	Ecloria Mines Ltd	147.33ha	84km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°14'Long 123°42'	Laverton
38/3351	Regis Resources NL	47.77ha	61km NWly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 27°41'Long 122°22'	Laverton
39/4567	Murray Kenneth Hodges Rodney Charles Hodges	54.52ha	84km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°22'Long 122°22'	Leonora-Menzies
39/4568	Murray Kenneth Hodges Rodney Charles Hodges	17.57ha	86km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°23'Long 122°21'	Leonora
39/4569-70	Cyrt Barnes	265.51ha	54km Ely of Leonora	Lat 28°57'Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/4579	Roger Michael Lindsay Stuart Leslie Hooper	147.60ha	83km Sly of Leonora	Lat 28°52'Long 122°23'	Menzies
40/1148-50	Great Gold Mines NL	599.48ha	23km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°03'Long 121°26'	Leonora
40/1151	Great Gold Mines NL	66.79ha	25km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°06'Long 121°21'	Leonora-Menzies
53/1302	Legend Mining Ltd	60.15ha	97km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°07'Long 119°26'	Wiluna
59/1710	John Wallace Pethie Raymond Vincent McMorris	198.36ha	25km Wly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°16'Long 116°26'	Yalgoo
59/1764	Michael Terrence Layland Neil William Davis Julie Anne Gnanile	12.14ha	61km NWly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°49'Long 117°17'	Mount Magnet
63/1330	Australian Gold Investments Pty Ltd	2.43ha	13km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°18'Long 121°48'	Dundas
63/1364	Pangolin Resources Pty Ltd	179.96ha	33km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°28'Long 121°44'	Dundas
63/1369	Pangolin Resources Pty Ltd David Rodney Pascoe Alan Augustus Wedderburn	89.89ha	22km Sly of Norseman	Lat 32°23'Long 121°46'	Dundas
77/3336	Polaris Metals NL Western Areas NL	190.04ha	16km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°52'Long 119°00'	Yilgarn
77/3356	Peter John Taylor	42.5ha	63km Nly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°26'Long 118°54'	Yilgarn
77/3359	Peter John Taylor	200ha	76km Nly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°19'Long 118°53'	Yilgarn
77/3361	Gayle Phillips Peter Biggs	49.95ha	3km NWly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°12'Long 119°18'	Yilgarn
77/3405	Tom Bateman	70.02ha	87km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03'Long 119°16'	Yilgarn
77/3418	Gavin Thomas O'Sullivan	55.74ha	64km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°45'Long 119°36'	Yilgarn
77/3422	Gaerem Francis Taylor	15.54ha	60km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°43'Long 119°34'	Yilgarn
77/3429	Polaris Metals NL	121.53ha	77km Sly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°49'Long 119°38'	Yilgarn
77/3430	Polaris Metals NL	79.09ha	73km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°49'Long 119°38'	Yilgarn
77/3431	John Neville Pryor	6.64ha	10km Ely of Bulbinch	Lat 30°58'Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
77/3434	Peter Andrew Wilshire	134.37ha	6km NWly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°11'Long 119°16'	Yilgarn
77/3446	Dora Resources Pty Ltd	6.81ha	30km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°28'Long 119°28'	Yilgarn
77/3448	Eurostar Resources NL	170.83ha	88km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14'Long 119°16'	Yilgarn
77/3458	Terra Firma Investments Pty Ltd	200ha	96km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14'Long 119°24'	Menzies/Yilgarn
77/3459-62	Terra Firma Investments Pty Ltd	658.37ha	96km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°57'Long 119°25'	Yilgarn
77/3466	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	136.39ha	74km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°10'Long 119°16'	Yilgarn
77/3480	Mancoast Pty Ltd	16.95ha	10km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°18'Long 119°29'	Yilgarn
77/3482	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	12.69ha	17km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°41'Long 119°24'	Yilgarn
77/3483-4	Range Resources Ltd	357.79ha	32km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°41'Long 118°58'	Yilgarn
77/3485-9	Range Resources Ltd	667.7ha	33km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°43'Long 118°57'	Yilgarn
77/3490	Range Resources Ltd	20.23ha	28km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°45'Long 118°57'	Yilgarn
77/3491	Range Resources Ltd	196.8ha	27km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°45'Long 118°59'	Yilgarn
77/3492	Range Resources Ltd	55.13ha	25km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°47'Long 118°58'	Yilgarn
77/3493	Range Resources Ltd	94.17ha	17km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°51'Long 118°50'	Yilgarn
77/3496	Range Resources Ltd	67.98ha	23km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°46'Long 118°59'	Yilgarn
77/3498	Range Resources Ltd	66.02ha	13km NWly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°50'Long 118°50'	Yilgarn
77/3500	Barocut Pty Ltd	46.43ha	64km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°04'Long 118°18'	Yilgarn
77/3522	Gaerem Francis Taylor	9.19ha	69km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°42'Long 118°94'	Yilgarn
77/3528	Barocut Pty Ltd	65.45ha	90km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°32'Long 119°14'	Yilgarn
77/3529	Barocut Pty Ltd	56.56ha	94km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°30'Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
77/3531	Frontier Mining Pty Ltd	4.44ha	34km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°29'Long 119°31'	Yilgarn
77/3548	Crusader Holdings NL	9.72ha	69km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°46'Long 119°36'	Yilgarn
77/3551	Timothy Vincent Tanserson	36.58ha	91km NEly of Hyden	Lat 32°06'Long 119°47'	Yilgarn
77/3559	Goldtime Australia Pty Ltd	9ha	30km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°27'Long 119°28'	Yilgarn
77/3564	Vernon Wesley Strange	160.09ha	97km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°56'Long 119°21'	Yilgarn
77/3565	Vernon Wesley Strange	161.34ha	96km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°58'Long 119°23'	Yilgarn
77/3566	Frederick Raymond Rose	9.07ha	90km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°06'Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/3567	Raptor Exploration Pty Ltd	9.42ha	67km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°46'Long 119°36'	Yilgarn
77/3578	David John Feris	9.73ha	56km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°16'Long 119°21'	Yilgarn
77/3579	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	43.63ha	110km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°50'Long 119°16'	Menzies
77/3580	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	20.83ha	113km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°48'Long 119°17'	Menzies
77/3594	Pedrys Ltd	131.69ha	53km Nly of Bulbinch	Lat 31°53'Long 119°02'	Yilgarn
77/3596	Richard Read & Associates Pty Ltd Richard Read & Associates Pty Ltd	0.97ha	57km Nly of Hyden	Lat 31°57'Long 119°00'	Yilgarn
77/3597	St Barbara Ltd	169.17ha	62km SEly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°44'Long 119°35'	Yilgarn
77/3599	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	56.62ha	69km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°15'Long 119°13'	Yilgarn
77/3615	Tom Bateman	9ha	95km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02'Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/3616	Tom Bateman	10ha	94km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02'Long 119°07'	Yilgarn
77/3617	Tom Bateman	9.75ha	96km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°01'Long 119°07'	Yilgarn
77/3618	Bidder Holdings Pty Ltd	71.92ha	74km Nly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°19'Long 118°55'	Yilgarn
77/3620-2	Griffith Minerals Ltd	507.31ha	96km NEly of Bulbinch	Lat 30°56'Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
77/3637	Goldmark Investments Pty Ltd Zetac Resources Pty Ltd	8ha	56km NWly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°11'Long 119°11'	Yilgarn

**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:** 17 January 2007

**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 17 April 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) 9239 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. 17 May 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 6004, telephone (08) 9239 9100.

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.



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20/530	George Jura Petersons	6.08km <sup>2</sup>	24km Ely of Ous	Lat 27°26' Long 118°07'	Ous
51/1161	Muckton Exploration Pty Ltd	212.66km <sup>2</sup>	75km NEly of Meekathana	Lat 25°58' Long 118°50'	Meekathana
63/2222	Lost Sands Pty Ltd	403.5km <sup>2</sup>	280km Sly of Warburton Mission	Lat 28°36' Long 127°09'	Lakevign

**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:** 17 January 2007

**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 17 April 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 exploration licence may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 May 2007), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the exploration licences.

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06/1404	Rocky Creek Contracting Pty Ltd	3.14km <sup>2</sup>	113km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°13' Long 116°34'	Ashburton
06/1713	Jackson Gold Ltd	37.89km <sup>2</sup>	141km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°48' Long 116°48'	Ashburton
06/1717-8 & 08/1725	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	587.47km <sup>2</sup>	139km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°19' Long 116°19'	Ashburton
08/1719-20, 08/1726-8 & 08/1729-30	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	1041.56km <sup>2</sup>	110km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°32' Long 116°47'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
08/1731-2	Aurora Minerals Ltd	440.49km <sup>2</sup>	123km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°15' Long 116°28'	Ashburton
08/1734-5	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	263km <sup>2</sup>	87km Wly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°18' Long 116°50'	Ashburton
08/1736	Glass Mountain Pty Ltd	28.49km <sup>2</sup>	104km SWly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°27' Long 116°49'	Ashburton
09/1336	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	137.7km <sup>2</sup>	150km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°57' Long 116°04'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1357-8	Korab Resources Ltd	1050.73km <sup>2</sup>	96km Ely of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°13' Long 116°06'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1365	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	203.22km <sup>2</sup>	110km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°07' Long 115°36'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1382	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	219.53km <sup>2</sup>	126km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°41' Long 115°47'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
09/1383	Korab Resources Ltd	622.43km <sup>2</sup>	175km Ely of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°40' Long 116°53'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1391	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	214.47km <sup>2</sup>	43km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°53' Long 115°39'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1393	Aurora Minerals Ltd	87.23km <sup>2</sup>	96km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°33' Long 115°58'	Upper Gascoyne
15/615	Denair Mining & Exploration Ltd	35.31km <sup>2</sup>	39km Wly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°57' Long 120°45'	Coolgardie
36/589	Taylor Pty Ltd	94.22km <sup>2</sup>	49km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°35' Long 121°01'	Leonora
37/681	Quinn Exploration Pty Ltd	191.41km <sup>2</sup>	84km NEly of Leonora	Lat 27°20' Long 121°14'	Leonora/Wiluna
38/1845	Blackies Mines Ltd	150.89km <sup>2</sup>	106km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°19' Long 123°54'	Laverton
38/1847	Blackies Mines Ltd	151.26km <sup>2</sup>	94km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°04' Long 123°51'	Laverton
38/1848	Blackies Mines Ltd	210.32km <sup>2</sup>	136km SEly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°46' Long 123°58'	Laverton
38/1850	Blackies Mines Ltd	27.26km <sup>2</sup>	80km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°05' Long 123°42'	Laverton
38/1934	Brent Earl Green	24.19km <sup>2</sup>	75km Ely of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 28°02' Long 123°39'	Laverton
39/1182	Stephen George Angus	57.03km <sup>2</sup>	103km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°03' Long 122°22'	Mercedes
40/222	Regent Resources Ltd	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	21km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°04' Long 121°23'	Leonora
47/1090	Wayne Vincent Halloran	223.24km <sup>2</sup>	49km NEly of Paraburdoo	Lat 21°17' Long 116°37'	Ashburton/Roboorn
47/1705	Primary Resources Ltd	60.71km <sup>2</sup>	45km SEly of Roboorn	Lat 21°00' Long 116°07'	Roboorn
47/1710	Primary Resources Ltd	15.98km <sup>2</sup>	47km SEly of Roboorn	Lat 20°58' Long 116°10'	Roboorn
47/1742	Uranium Equities Ltd	222.74km <sup>2</sup>	60km SEly of Roboorn	Lat 21°00' Long 116°17'	Port Hedland Town/Roboorn
47/1748	Uranium Equities Ltd	22.34km <sup>2</sup>	69km SEly of Roboorn	Lat 21°00' Long 116°14'	Port Hedland Town
51/1173	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	198.43km <sup>2</sup>	86km SEly of Meekathana	Lat 27°07' Long 118°08'	Meekathana
51/1179	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	187.68km <sup>2</sup>	57km NEly of Meekathana	Lat 26°10' Long 118°50'	Meekathana
51/1180	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	215.19km <sup>2</sup>	74km Wly of Wiluna	Lat 26°23' Long 119°51'	Meekathana
51/1184	Tock Corridor Australia Pty Ltd	36.95km <sup>2</sup>	96km NEly of Meekathana	Lat 26°22' Long 118°47'	Meekathana
52/1963	Geoscience Gold Ltd	95.76km <sup>2</sup>	94km NEly of Meekathana	Lat 25°44' Long 118°26'	Meekathana
53/1182 & 53/1189	Valerie Minerals Pty Ltd	428.06km <sup>2</sup>	78km SWly of Wiluna	Lat 27°07' Long 118°42'	Wiluna
53/1189-9	Valerie Minerals Pty Ltd	641.80km <sup>2</sup>	63km Sly of Wiluna	Lat 27°08' Long 120°01'	Wiluna
58/229	Robert William Scott	184.82km <sup>2</sup>	25km NEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°52' Long 117°59'	Queensland Magnet
59/1218	Clement Resources Ltd	212.13km <sup>2</sup>	61km NWly of Yalgoo	Lat 31°50' Long 116°25'	Yalgoo
59/1226	Paul Winston Adams	9.04km <sup>2</sup>	10km Wly of Yalgoo	Lat 32°02' Long 116°32'	Yalgoo
59/1270	Martinez Resources Ltd	38.99km <sup>2</sup>	53km NEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°02' Long 116°10'	Yalgoo
59/1271	Romano Natalie Margaret	8.88km <sup>2</sup>	47km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 117°15'	Yalgoo
59/1273	Gary Mason	11.91km <sup>2</sup>	69km NEly of Quinalina	Lat 29°41' Long 116°51'	Paynes Find
59/1278	Minor Gold Pty Ltd	15.09km <sup>2</sup>	11km Ely of Yalgoo	Lat 32°05' Long 116°43'	Yalgoo
62/254	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	218km <sup>2</sup>	161km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°18' Long 120°40'	Wiluna
69/225	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	142.58km <sup>2</sup>	141km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 28°21' Long 120°32'	Wiluna
69/2259-7	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	356.27km <sup>2</sup>	121km NEly of Wiluna	Lat 27°50' Long 120°27'	Wiluna
70/2915	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	140.57km <sup>2</sup>	42km Ely of Wagon	Lat 30°15' Long 117°47'	Dunkleyburg
70/2916	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	201.89km <sup>2</sup>	28km NEly of Kallaberrin	Lat 31°24' Long 117°47'	Kallaberrin/Touring
70/2917	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	128.37km <sup>2</sup>	18km NEly of Kallaberrin	Lat 31°29' Long 117°47'	Kallaberrin
70/2918	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	157.85km <sup>2</sup>	51km SWly of Benbulla	Lat 31°08' Long 117°28'	Wyalaberrin
70/2919	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	144.59km <sup>2</sup>	30km NWly of Benbulla	Lat 30°59' Long 117°23'	Kooda
70/2920	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	206.59km <sup>2</sup>	60km Ely of Benbulla	Lat 30°58' Long 116°27'	Melksham/Woodville
70/2948	Ross Leach	160.13km <sup>2</sup>	49km NEly of Dalwallinu	Lat 30°06' Long 117°07'	Dalwallinu
70/2966	Encounter Resources Ltd	407.28km <sup>2</sup>	18km SWly of York	Lat 31°58' Long 116°37'	Northam/York
70/2967	Encounter Resources Ltd	562.18km <sup>2</sup>	37km Sly of Kallaberrin	Lat 31°57' Long 117°48'	Brunt Rock/Conry/Kallaberrin
70/2968	Treor John Dixon	52.55km <sup>2</sup>	7km Sly of Kallaberrin	Lat 31°41' Long 117°44'	Kallaberrin
70/3009	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	160.28km <sup>2</sup>	25km Sly of Quinalina	Lat 32°13' Long 117°19'	Brookton/Quinalina
70/3040	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	171.80km <sup>2</sup>	22km NEly of Quinalina	Lat 31°53' Long 117°35'	Brunt Rock/Kallaberrin/Quinalina/Tarmin
77/1266	Image Resources NL	236.50km <sup>2</sup>	111km SEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°40' Long 118°42'	Mercedes/Yagan
77/1340	Lionel Gold NL	196.42km <sup>2</sup>	39km NEly of Koolberrin	Lat 30°28' Long 119°26'	Yagan
80/3727	Myer Investments Pty Ltd	218.69km <sup>2</sup>	125km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°27' Long 127°34'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

**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:** 17 January 2007

**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 party in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 17 April 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 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.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are affecting the expedited procedure. Each person may be affected unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 17 May 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 in an act affecting 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 3073, Perth, WA 6001, 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.



NSW Government

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

NEILL JOHN WISEMAN has submitted an application for a Water Supply Works Approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000 in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE for a bore on Lot 102/750896 in the Parish of MYCOTHA, County of BOYD for IRRIGATION on Lot 102/750896 and 104/750896, Parish of MYCOTHA, County of BOYD.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0269 530700.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 14/02/2007. Please quote the application number 512 on all correspondence. Reference: 40WA04592

Steve Webb, Licensing Manager

MURRUMBIDGE REGION

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources

PO Box 156, MURRUMBIDGE REGION, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 17/01/2007. Closing Date: 14/02/2007

MURRAY VALLEY

DONALD GRANT MCKINDLAY 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 New South Wales Murray Regulated River Water Source (Murray River).

Works: 1 x 75 mm centrifugal pump (additional pump for stock and domestic supply)

Works Location: Easement within Lot 2/1046934, Parish Benarua, County Cadell

Purpose: Stock and Domestic

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 14/02/2007. Please quote the Application No. 50CA500615 on all correspondence. (GA2: 484889)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Natural Resource Officer

Murray Murrumbidgee Region, Department of Natural Resources

PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

ROMBO RIDGE VINEYARD 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 HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

200MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1

at/adjacent to Lot 150/42623 in the Parish of BUREEN, County of HUNTER

for IRRIGATION (Transfer of existing allocation)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 49042578.

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 14/02/2007. Please quote the application number 494 on all correspondence.

BRUCE WESTBROOK, LICENSING OFFICER

COASTAL NORTH, Department of Natural Resources

PO BOX 2213, DANGAR, NSW 2309

Commencement Date: 17/01/2007. Closing Date: 14/02/2007.

IAN JAMES and JENNIFER FAE BRYANT have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS and USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

The application is for -

2 x 100MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS on the Lachlan River at Lot 50 DP752948 in the Parish of MULYAN, County of COWRA, water supply for irrigation of 160 hectares (lucerne) on Lots 12 and 13 DP285019 and Lots 29, 30, and 383 DP752948, Parish of MULYAN, County of COWRA.

1 x PIPELINE on Lot 50 DP752948, Part W & CR Reserve 36955 and Part Road Adjacent to Lot 36 DP752948, Parish of MULYAN, County of COWRA.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 6850 2807.

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 14/02/07. Please quote the application number 70CA603309 on all correspondence. (In lieu of advertisement on 27 September 2006/GA524317)

Lyn Gorham, Senior Licensing Officer

Licensing Branch, Forbes, Department of Natural Resources

PO BOX 136, FORBES, NSW 2871

Commencement Date: 17/01/07. Closing Date: 14/02/07.

JOCK HARCOURT and KATRINA MARY COUPLAND have submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

This application 70CA603319 is for an existing 660MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP and for an additional 150MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP and a PIPELINE on the Lachlan River all on Lot 101/752353 in the Parish of WARDY, County of DOWLING, for water supply for stock purposes and for irrigation of 486 hectares (vineyard) irrigation of Lot 1 DP708410, Lot 1 DP710591, and Lots 2, 10, 13, 14, 18 DP752353 all in Parish of WARDY, County of DOWLING. This application 70CA603319 is a new Combined Water Supply Work/Use Approval to replace existing Combined Water Supply Work/Use Approval 70CA602938 for an additional pump and pipeline, increase in pumping capacity, no increase in area, no additional lands. (GA2: 524314 & GA2: 524315)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 6850 2800.

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 14/02/2007. Please quote the application number 70CA603319 on all correspondence.

Viv Russell, Licensing Manager - Forbes

Compliance & Licensing Division, Department of Natural Resources

PO Box 136, FORBES, NSW 2871

Commencement Date: 17/01/07. Closing Date: 14/02/2007.

MURRAY VALLEY

COLIN WILLIAM OGILVIE & SHELLEY LEIGH OGILVIE have submitted an application for a Water Supply 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 59 DP756305, Parish Narrama, 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 14/02/2007. Please quote the Application No. 523 (50WAS05792) on all correspondence. (GA2: 484890)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Licensing Officer

Murray Murrumbidgee Region, Department of Natural Resources

PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

KUNITARO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the UPPER MANGROVE GROUNDWATER SOURCE, BORES # 2 at Lot 100/1000948 in the Parish of KOOREE, County of NORTHUMBERLAND for IRRIGATION (Transfer of existing allocation) at Lot 100/1000948 in the Parish of KOOREE, County of NORTHUMBERLAND.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 49042578.

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 15/02/2007. Please quote the application number 526 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook, Licensing Officer

Department of Natural Resources

PO BOX 2213, HUNTER REGION, NSW 2309

Commencement Date: 18/01/2007. Closing Date: 15/02/2007.



# Planned Activity Group (PAG) Program COORDINATOR - (Full-Time)

The Aboriginal Community Elders Services (ACES) PAG Program situated in East Brunswick provides social support, recreational programs and activities to Elders.

A successful applicant would coordinate the operations, ongoing planning and evaluation of the PAG Program. The coordinator will be expected to have excellent management skills and prior experience with small team dynamics, adeptness in assessment and monitoring of participants and excellent communication skills with a variety of community members and service providers. The position requires well developed computer skills with the requirement to meet Department of Human Services reporting requirements. Experience in working with and for the Indigenous community is essential.

A relevant qualification in the Community Services field is necessary. The position is remunerated under the SACS Award. Generous Salary Packaging is also available.

To obtain a position description please contact: Yvonne Cook on 03 9383 4244 or via email yvonne@acesinc.org.au

Applications to be made to: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Community Elders Services, 5 Parkview Ave, East Brunswick, 3057.



## 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
15/1462	William Edward Barnett	37.69ha	59km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°50' Long 120°10'	Coolgardie
15/301	Toro Mining Pty Ltd	91.38ha	46km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 120°51'	Coolgardie
16/462	Toro Mining Pty Ltd	410.93ha	41km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°40' Long 120°53'	Coolgardie
16/486	Ryan Wayne Kent	107.84ha	46km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 120°52'	Coolgardie
16/492	Toro Mining Pty Ltd	6.09ha	37km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
45/975	CSR Ltd	7.75ha	14km Wly of Port Hedland	Lat 29°21' Long 118°26'	Port Hedland Town
45/1164	Muccan Minerals Pty Ltd	801.13ha	39km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 29°52' Long 120°05'	East Pilbara
57/445	Gateway Mining Ltd Falcon Minerals Ltd	538.88ha	89km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°11' Long 119°27'	Wiluna
57/452	Gateway Mining Ltd G & B Explorations Pty Ltd Talbot Pty Ltd	313.68ha	88km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°12' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
57/462	Gateway Mining Ltd	64.77ha	90km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°11' Long 119°28'	Wiluna
77/1008	Peter John Taylor	24ha	15km NWly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°53' Long 119°00'	Vigian
77/1125	TW Mining Services Pty Ltd	374.7ha	86km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°40' Long 119°47'	Kondinin

**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:** 17 January 2007

**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 17 April 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. 17 May 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.



## EXPLORATION LICENCE No. 5674 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land**

An area of 12 square kilometres (4 units) situated approximately 12 kilometres north north west of Emmaville, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

### Description of the nature of the act

Silver Mines Limited, is the holder of Exploration Licence No.5674 for Group 1 minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

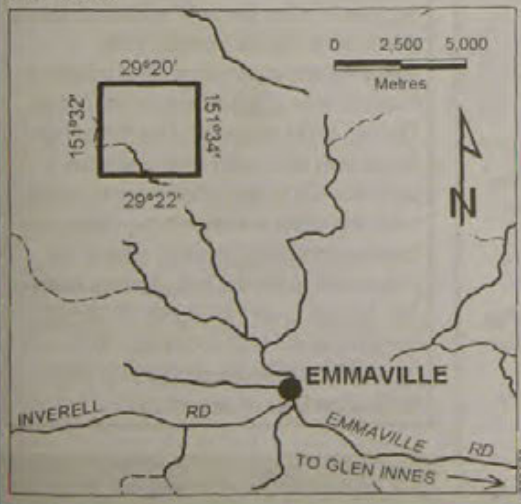
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Rodney George; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Phone (02) 4931 6459 Fax (02) 4931 6793.

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is 1 February 2007. 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.



## 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:

Onshore Exploration Permit 105 sought by TRADITIONAL OIL EXPLORATION PROPRIETARY LIMITED, ACN 069 118 574 over an area of 185 Blocks (9,776 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



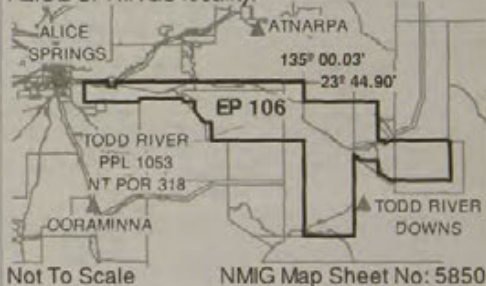
Onshore Exploration Permit 107 sought by TRADITIONAL OIL EXPLORATION PROPRIETARY LIMITED, ACN 069 118 574 over an area of 92 Blocks (6,979 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ALICE SPRINGS locality.



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 17 January 2007.

Onshore Exploration Permit 106 sought by TRADITIONAL OIL EXPLORATION PROPRIETARY LIMITED, ACN 069 118 574 over an area of 61 Blocks (4,097 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years within the ALICE SPRINGS 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 Centrepnt 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





# NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS 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 miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/49 Search for groundwater	Reed Resources Ltd	35045.86ha	82km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°18' Long 119°00'	Meekatharra/Sandstone
45/155 Search for groundwater	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	21891.9ha	18km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°40' Long 120°04'	East Pilbara
45/156 Search for groundwater	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	17702.72ha	29km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°18' Long 120°17'	East Pilbara
45/157 Search for groundwater	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	26288.04ha	54km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°24' Long 120°38'	East Pilbara

**Nature of act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 17 January 2007

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **17 April 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 17 May 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.

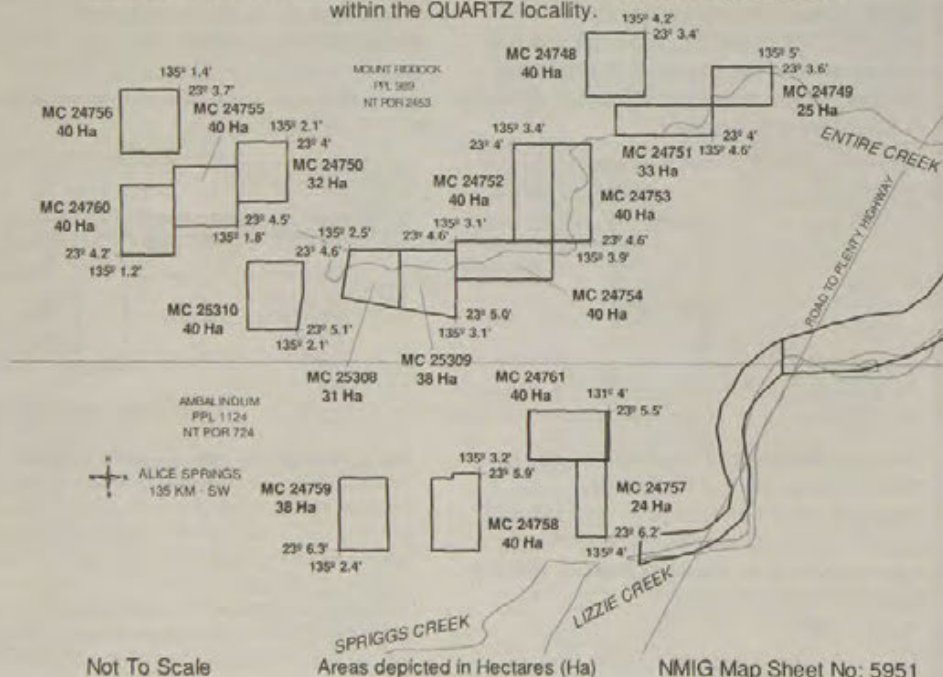
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL CLAIMS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, c/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts, namely to grant the following mineral claims in accordance with the applications made therefor. These acts are project acts pursuant to section 29, sub-section (9) of the Native Title Act.

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

Mineral Claims 24748, 24749, 24750, 24751, 24752, 24753, 24754, 24755, 24756, 24757, 24758, 24759, 24760, 24761, 25308, 25309 and 25310 sought by BARFUSS CORPORATION PTY. LTD., ACN 006 917 666 over the areas depicted below, within the QUARTZ locality.



**Nature of act(s):** the grant of a mineral claim under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for mineral(s) and carry out such works as are reasonably necessary for these purposes including (but not limited to) the removal of mining materials from the claim area and the treatment of tailings for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewals. The term sought for is 10 years commencing from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 996545.

**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:** 17 January 2007

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, 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 mineral lease in accordance with the application made therefor.

**The application to which this notice applies:**

Mineral Lease 25721 sought by SUNSPHERE PTY LTD, ACN 112 922 497 over an area of 57 Ha depicted below, for a term of 25 years, within the JINKA locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of a mineral lease under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. 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) 8999 5396.

**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) 8936 1600.

**Notification Day:** 17 January 2007



# NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that, **COPPER RANGE LTD** (ACN 119 047 693) of Level 4, 72 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000 (and its successors or assigns) propose to carry out mining operations on the following tenements which are held by Copper Range (SA) Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company on the following land (Land):

(a) as registered holder and mining operator, pursuant to Exploration Licence Applications 365/06, 419/06, 420/06, 421/06, 545/06, 546/06, 547/06, 548/06, 562/06, 572/06; and

(b) as registered holder and mining operator, pursuant to Exploration Licences 3452, 3450, 3451, 3490, 3459, 3491, 3492, 3567, 3643, 3646 and 3647.

The land in the State of South Australia being the land comprised within:

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 365/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**KAPUNDA AREA** – Approximately 65 km northeast of Adelaide, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 34°22'S and longitude 138°52'E, thence east to longitude 138°56'E, south to latitude 34°26'S, west to longitude 138°52'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 45 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 419/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**LAKE TORRENS AREA** – Approximately 50 km east of Olympic Dam, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°25'S and longitude 137°24'E, thence south to latitude 30°26'S, east to longitude 137°26'E, south to latitude 30°28'S, east to longitude 137°28'E, south to latitude 30°29'S, east to longitude 137°31'E, south to latitude 30°32'S, east to longitude 137°33'E, south to latitude 30°40'S, west to the western boundary of Lake Torrens National Park, thence generally northwesterly along the boundary of the said National Park to latitude 30°25' and east to the point of commencement.

AREA: 344 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 420/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**LAKE TORRENS AREA** – Approximately 75 km east of Olympic Dam, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°30'S and longitude 137°33'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 30°40'S, west to longitude 137°33'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 355 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 421/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**LAKE TORRENS AREA** – Approximately 80 km east of Olympic Dam, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°40'S and longitude 137°45'E, thence east to longitude 137°50'E, south to latitude 30°47'S, west to longitude 137°45'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 103 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 545/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**SANDY POINT AREA** – Approximately 55 km SSW of Andamooka, bounded as follows:

AREA A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 136°56'E, thence east to longitude 137°00'E, south to latitude 30°56'E, west to longitude 136°57'E, south to latitude 30°58'E, west to longitude 136°56'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 137°05'E, thence east to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 30°58'E, west to longitude 137°05'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 29 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 546/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**WEST LAKE TORRENS AREA** – Approximately 15 km east of Andamooka, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°25'S and longitude 137°18'E, thence east to a western boundary of Lake Torrens National Park, thence generally southeasterly, northwesterly and southeasterly along the boundary of said National Park to latitude 30°29'S, west to longitude 137°18'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 25 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3452 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**ANDAMOOKA STATION-PERNATTY LAGOON AREA** – Approximately 60 km south of Andamooka, bounded as follows:

AREA A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°43'S and longitude 137°08'E, thence east to longitude 137°14'E, south to latitude 30°45'S, west to longitude 137°11'E, south to latitude 30°46'S, west to longitude 137°08'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°55'S and longitude 137°06'E, thence east to longitude 137°14'E, south to latitude 30°57'S, west to longitude 137°11'E, south to latitude 31°00'S, west to longitude 137°04'E, north to latitude 30°59'S, east to longitude 137°06'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA C: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°20'S and longitude 137°14'E, thence east to longitude 137°18'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, west to longitude 137°14'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 376 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3450 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**MOUNT CRAIG AREA** – Approximately 110 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°48'S and longitude 138°39'E, thence east to longitude 138°45'E, south to latitude 31°49'S, west to longitude 138°43'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, west to longitude 138°41'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 138°40'E, south to latitude 31°56'S, west to longitude 138°39'E, south to latitude 31°59'S, east to longitude 138°40'E, south to latitude 32°05'S, west to longitude 138°35'E, north to latitude 31°53'S, east to longitude 138°37'E, north to

latitude 31°49'S, east to longitude 138°39'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 230 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3451 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**EUDANDA AREA** – Approximately 90 km, northeast of Adelaide, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 34°09'S and longitude 138°52'E, thence east to longitude 139°06'E, south to latitude 34°20'S, west to longitude 139°03'E, north to latitude 34°19'S, west to longitude 138°52'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 406 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3490 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**WEST LAKE TORRENS AREA** – Approximately 80 km northwest of Woomera, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°50'S and longitude 137°36'E, thence east to longitude 137°45'E, south to latitude 31°20'S, west to longitude 137°36'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 794 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3549 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**BURRA HILL AREA** – Approximately 15 km south of Burra, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 33°44'S and longitude 138°52'E, thence east to longitude 139°03'E, south to latitude 33°54'S, west to longitude 138°52'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 314 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3491 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**MURDIE ISLAND AREA** – Approximately 65 km southwest of Leigh Creek, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°47'S and longitude 137°45'E, thence east to longitude 137°50'E, south to latitude 31°02'S, west to longitude 137°45'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 221 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3492 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**MT PLANTAGENET AREA** – Approximately 110 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°46'S and longitude 138°40'E, thence east to longitude 138°47'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, west to longitude 138°42'E, south to latitude 31°59'S, west to longitude 138°39'E, north to latitude 31°56'S, east to longitude 138°40'E, north to latitude 31°51'S, east to longitude 138°41'E, north to latitude 31°50'S, east to longitude 138°43'E, north to latitude 31°49'S, east to longitude 138°45'E, north to latitude 31°48'S, west to longitude 138°40'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 131 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 547/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**THE KNOB AREA** – Approximately 40 km SSW of Andamooka, bounded as follows:

AREA A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°43'S and longitude 136°54'E, thence east to longitude 136°59'E, south to latitude 30°44'S, west to longitude 136°54'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°47'S and longitude 136°57'E, thence east to longitude 136°59'E, south to latitude 30°48'S, west to longitude 136°57'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA C: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°46'S and longitude 137°01'E, thence east to longitude 137°05'E, south to latitude 30°47'S, west to longitude 137°01'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 32 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 548/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**RED LAKE AREA** – Approximately 50 km southwest of Andamooka, bounded as follows:

Area A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°32'S and longitude 136°36'E, thence east to longitude 136°44'E, south to latitude 30°34'S, west to longitude 136°38'E, south to latitude 30°36'S, west to longitude 136°36'E and north to the point of commencement.

Area B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°44'S and longitude 136°45'E, thence east to longitude 136°49'E, south to latitude 30°46'S, west to longitude 136°45'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area C: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°46'S and longitude 136°50'E, thence east to longitude 136°51'E, south to latitude 30°50'S, east to longitude 136°57'E, south to latitude 30°52'S, west to longitude 136°50'E, north to latitude 30°50'S, west to longitude 136°44'E, north to latitude 30°48'S, east to longitude 136°50'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area: 171 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 562/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**ROXBYS DOWNS NORTH AREA** – Approximately 60 km northwest of Andamooka, bounded as follows:

AREA A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°52'S and longitude 136°42'E, thence east to longitude 136°43'E, south to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 136°44'E, south to latitude 29°55'S, east to longitude 136°46'E, north to latitude 29°52'S, east to longitude 136°49'E, south to latitude 29°55'S, east to longitude 136°51'E, south to latitude 30°01'S, west to longitude 136°49'E, south to latitude 30°04'S, west to longitude 136°45'E, north to latitude 29°59'S, west to longitude 136°42'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°10'S, west to longitude 136°45'E, thence east to longitude 136°47'E, south to latitude 30°10'S, west to longitude 136°45'E

and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 241 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 672/06 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**HAWKER AREA** – Approximately 110 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Area A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°38'S and longitude 138°35'E, thence east to longitude 138°44'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, west to longitude 138°40'E, south to latitude 31°48'S, west to longitude 138°39'E, south to latitude 31°49'S, west to longitude 138°37'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, west to longitude 138°35'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°49'S and longitude 138°23'E, thence east to longitude 138°28'E, south to latitude 31°51'S, east to longitude 138°32'E, south to latitude 31°55'S, west to longitude 138°25'E, south to latitude 31°57'S, west to longitude 138°25'E, south to latitude 31°57'S, west to longitude 138°23'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 403 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3567 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**THREE CREEKS AREA** – Approximately 120 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

AREA A: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°46'S and longitude 138°47'E, thence east to longitude 138°55'E, south to latitude 31°48'S, west to longitude 138°47'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B: Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°51'S and longitude 138°42'E, thence east to longitude 138°45'E, south to latitude 31°57'S, east to longitude 138°50'E, south to latitude 32°05'S, west to longitude 138°47'E, south to latitude 32°06'S, west to longitude 138°45'E, north to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 138°40'E, north to latitude 31°59'S, east to longitude 138°42'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 253 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3643 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**HOLOWILENA SOUTH AREA** – Approximately 115 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°57'S and longitude 138°50'E, thence east to longitude 138°55'E, south to latitude 32°02'S, west to longitude 138°50'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 73 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3646 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**MOUNT ALECK AREA** – Approximately 120 km NNE of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°36'S and longitude 138°26'E, thence east to a western boundary of Flinders Ranges National Park, thence generally southeasterly along the boundary of the said National Park to longitude 138°35'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, west to longitude 138°31'E, south to latitude 31°47'S, west to longitude 138°26'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 276 square kilometres approximately.

## EXPLORATION LICENCE 3647 DESCRIPTION OF AREA

**MOUNT JOSEPHINE AREA** – Approximately 140 km northeast of Port Augusta, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°40'S and longitude 138°44'E, thence east to longitude 139°10'E, south to latitude 31°44'S, west to longitude 138°44'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 304 square kilometres approximately.

All latitudes and longitudes of areas above are within the latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of the Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on such Land is as follows: Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical soil, calcareous and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching; rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access; and construction of temporary camp sites.

**TAKE NOTICE:** If, in two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **COPPER RANGE LIMITED** may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out the mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE FURTHER:** If four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, **COPPER RANGE RESOURCES LIMITED** and any native title party(ies) have not yet reached agreement under Part 9B of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent:

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## Darnley Island boxer's feats recognised

By ALF WILSON

**D**ARNLEY Island-born Carl Kelly is one of the most successful boxers to hail from the Torres Strait, although his outstanding achievements have been largely forgotten as time rolls on.

But his wonderful performances were recognised at a recent tournament in north Queensland, much to the delight of family and friends. Kelly was honoured during an amateur fight night in Ingham, north Queensland, when his record was read out to the large crowd by master of ceremonies Indigenous Pastor Alan Johnson.

Kelly, 67, said he was a proud Torres Strait Islander and told the Koori Mail that he had relatives on Darnley Island and Stephen Island.

The quietly spoke Kelly was noticeably touched when he stood up from a ringside seat, as the crowd clapped him. He was later surrounded by family and friends as he sat on the venue seats.

Kelly's record is one that would be hard to beat as an amateur and a professional



Carl Kelly, middle, with Ingham Alliance trainer Jake Cassidy, left, and boxing sponsor Andy Barra.

when he fought in the 'big smoke' of Brisbane and at outback centres such as Cloncurry, both of them far from his beloved Torres Strait.

Kelly had 25 professional bouts for 24 wins, and 50 amateur contests for the impressive record of 49 wins.

One of his bouts was at Cloncurry in

March 1962, and he retired from the ring a year later.

"I left the Torres Strait as a 16-year-old to go to Mackay to work in the trocus shell industry and then went to Townsville in 1954 before moving to Ingham in 1983," he said.

Kelly is a role model for young boxers in the area and said he had been back to the Torres Strait 10 times.

"My last trip was two years ago when I went to Darnley and Stephen islands and others to see relatives," he said.

Kelly watched all the bouts at the Ingham event and there were many people of Torres Strait Islander descent there.

MC Pastor Johnson said Kelly was a fine example of what Indigenous people could achieve with dedication and commitment.

"Carl has been a true champion boxer and his record proves it and he still is helping to foster boxing through the juniors today," he said.

The crowd gave generous applause as this record was read out and an old picture of a bout from his heyday accompanied by a newspaper cutting was shown.

## Bentley off to Jaegers

By CHRIS PIKE



Young West Australian sports star Kirby Bentley has been recognised for her work with Aboriginal netballers in the State.

Bentley has just switched teams in the Commonwealth Bank Trophy, from the Perth Orioles to the Hunter Jaegers, in New South Wales.

It caps off a big year for the 20-year-old, as she returned home after being with the Australian Institute of Sport and also was awarded an inaugural Spirit of Sport Scholarship by the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

Despite her relative youth, Bentley is a great role model for up-and-coming Aboriginal girls and gives them hope that they can achieve anything they set their mind to.

"I'm an Aboriginal girl playing at the elite level, so that gives me plenty of drive," she said.

"I grew up in a small town and if you weren't involved in sport, you weren't doing much. It kept you busy and away from drinking and drugs. I want to show the girls that there is a pathway and provide more opportunities for them."

Bentley was one of five recipients of scholarships from the exclusive Hall of Fame, which includes 500 of the nation's top athletes, coaches, administrators and media figures.

### Scholarship

The Mt Barker native received a \$5000 grant and the 12-month scholarship at the induction and awards ceremony in Melbourne.

It was a big night for Bentley. She received her award from Sport Australia Hall of Fame chairman John Bertrand, of sailing fame, and also found out that her mentor under the program is Hockeyroos Olympian Rachelle Hawkes. Her hero is netball legend Joyce Brown. Not only did Bentley receive the award based on her netball ability, but also because she has been identified as a future role model. This was based largely on her work in mentoring 28 Aboriginal players in Western Australia.

Bentley will continue similar work over the next year and will be involved in mentoring programs through the Hall of Fame.

The netballer grew up in Mt Barker, about 350km south of Perth, but left home at a young age to pursue her dream of playing netball through a sports scholarship at Aranmore Catholic College.

Her move to Perth proved to be a great success.

In 2001, Bentley was selected for the Under-17 WA netball team and was also included in the national squad, as a 15-year-old. She was recognised for her performances at the AIS training camp that year with the Junior Noongar Sports Star Award.

Bentley was again selected in the State and national teams the following year, as well as training with the Perth Orioles and being nominated for the Junior Netball Sports Star of the Year.

### Did well

In her final year at school, Bentley played in the State Under-17 and Under-19 side and made the final Orioles squad in the National Netball League. She also did well in her studies at school and received strong support from the North Perth Rotary Club, with their sponsorship and subsequent proceeds going to the Hyde Park Community Fair.

Bentley also received a scholarship to the AIS in Canberra, playing with the Canberra Darters and being part of the Australian Under-19s talent identification squad.

At the start of 2006, she returned home to Perth to continue playing in the Commonwealth Bank Trophy, but with her original team, the Orioles.

It was a frustrating season for the Orioles and Bentley. She managed to play in just 10 of the club's 14 games for the season. The club finished in third-last place on the ladder, with just five wins.

Ironically, the team that finished below the Orioles last season, the Hunter Jaegers, will be Bentley's new side for the 2007 Commonwealth Bank Trophy season.

Bentley is one of a host of new players added to the side, as they head in a new direction, with a strong emphasis on young talent and the development of players.



Netballer Kirby Bentley ... "I'm an Aboriginal girl playing at the elite level, so that gives me plenty of drive."



# Young Stars in surprise win

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A hastily made-up team of young football players from the suburbs of Cairns has pulled off the unexpected by beating all comers at the recent Mt Isa All Blacks football carnival.

The week before the same team also were runners-up in the Yarrabah all-blacks competition and the week after Mt Isa they still managed to play to semi-final levels in Mareeba.

The Mooroolbool Young Stars, named after the recently much-maligned suburb they come from, took out the grand final in the 16-team competition held in Mt Isa for the Allan Major Memorial Shield.

The Cairns suburb was buzzing with the news, with support being offered by everyone from Lifeline in Cairns, who sponsored the team's jerseys, to the Cairns City Council.

Co-ordinator Kennedy Tom said the team, made up of players aged 16-25, had very little time together.

"I came up here (to the community centre) and I saw them a couple of times and I said 'what are you doing', they said 'we're doing nothing' and I said 'there's an opportunity for you instead of sitting around and doing nothing, why don't we get ourselves involved in sport'," Tom said.

"There was an All-Blacks carnival at



League winners ... Mooroolbool Young Stars team organiser Kennedy Tom and players Horace Bule, Willard Banu and Horace Tom with Neighbourhood Liaison Officer Antonio Pinto and Lifeline's Terry Davidson.

Yarrabah, the SeaHawks were organising it.

"We all chucked in money to get into the competition and we lost the grand final to the Palm Island Barracudas because we didn't train, but I said these boys mean something.

"Next thing we organised ourselves for Mt Isa and we won the grand final there."

Tom said the team paid their own way across the state, with the help of some fast fundraising and sponsorship support, to be there.

"I thought it's no good them sitting around here, getting into trouble, I want to help them," he said.

"It was the biggest carnival and the organisers were really good as well.

"When we won the grand final we just freaked out, that was really, really big.

"Even when I walk to the shop people are pulling me up about the team that won the grand final, it feels like the whole of Queensland knows about Mooroolbool."

Cairns region Lifeline General Manager Terry Davidson said they were proud to have helped the team out and very pleased with the results.

"I suppose this represented an opportunity for Lifeline to do something more than just talk about assisting people," he said.

Cairns City Council Neighbourhood Liaison Officer Antonio Pinto said the team was already proving to be the role models he'd always hoped such a team would be.

"The little ones will now see them playing in the park when they train so the kids will be there to carry the water bottles and that's why we want to help, we want to promote young people getting healthier through physical training and sport," he said.

Mt Isa's Kerry Major said the 13-year-old Mt Isa competition was about people coming together.

"This time we had 16 men, seven women and three under-17 teams," she said.

"We had teams from Woorabinda right up to Mossman, down to Bedourie, across to Palm and over to Cairns so it was very dynamic and there was some very tough game play as well."

# New era for league

THE start of a new season always brings with it the promise of change and for all fans a sense of hope that their team will be in contention for the premiership come the long weekend in October.

For the NRL this season holds additional excitement with the introduction of the Gold Coast Titans, Friday night football being broadcast live for the first time to be followed by an additional delayed telecast of a second game, and the reintroduction of Monday Night Football.

The introduction of the Titans is the most exciting of these developments and probably the first true sign that the game is finally starting to look forward after the bitterness of the Super League era.

The Titans also promise to introduce a range of initiatives that will promote increased opportunities for Indigenous players at the NRL level and have already shown their commitment in this area with the signing of the Walker brothers and Chris Sandow.

Sandow was one of the stars of the recent Australian Schoolboys tour to Great Britain and is certainly one to watch in 2007.

The introduction of the Gold Coast Titans also means that the NRL has a head start on all other codes in the largest demographic growth region in the country.

This is critical given the amount

of money that the AFL in particular dedicates to game development.

In response to the announcement of the Titans, the AFL has dedicated close to \$25 million over the next three years for the promotion and development of the game.

While I am not suggesting the NRL has to match such commitments – the AFL coffers have more money available – I would suggest the game administration as a whole has to look closely at game development over the coming years.

As exciting as the prospect of the NRL competition in 2007 is, this year will also be critical in terms of the game's preparation for 2008 which is the game's centenary year and also the year in which the World Cup will be held.

Much of this falls under the charter of the ARL, but the general public often struggle to make the distinction between the two branches of administration in the game.

Although there have been some announcements in relation to the World Cup, there appears to be much work to be done.

Whether we like it or not, the game will be compared with the recent euphoria of the Soccerroos march to the Soccer World Cup and, even more closely, with the Rugby Union World Cup that was held in Australia in 2003 and will be held in France this year.



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The organisers have already lost the opportunity of utilising the Indigenous talent in the game by denying a team entry into the World Cup proper, but it is no use going over lost ground.

We just wait in hope for a formal announcement that there will be at least a promotional game involving NRL players as an integral part of the World Cup agenda.

A failure to give Indigenous talent

a prominent role in the World Cup in the centenary year would be a failure in the administration of the game.

This is particularly the case when one contrasts the way AFL embraces and supports all aspects of Indigenous involvement in their game.

The AFL Indigenous All-Stars will be playing another highly anticipated game this year after a record 15 Indigenous players were chosen in the AFL Draft.

They continue to identify Indigenous talent in all states and areas – the Gulf and Cape in Queensland and Northern Rivers region of NSW – and provide talented athletes with development opportunities in their game.

I know the ARL has had a successful Under-16s series over the past few years, but Ricky Walford and others involved in Indigenous development need more support if we are to compete for the hearts and souls of the next generation.

Perhaps if the next Greg Inglis or Matty Bowen emerges from Bowraville or Hopevale, the top administrators in game development will take notice.

AFL are also serious about metropolitan areas and are about to announce two major initiatives in western Sydney.

To me the problem is more about philosophy than resources.

Over the past few years we have seen at least three predominately Indigenous sides excluded from CRL competitions, with officials stating that they would prefer to promote integrated sides.

At the same time the game promotes 'culturally-based' sides such as Greece, Malta, Italy and the like mainly made up of Australian-born descendants from those countries.

I realise that there are many issues leading to the suspension of clubs from competitions, but to suggest that promoting 'integrated' teams as the means of solving these is an insult to Indigenous culture.

While clubs like the Cowboys, Souths and the Titans lead the way, the game as a whole needs to embrace events such as the Knockouts and other Indigenous-based competitions to ensure it remains the game of choice in NSW and Queensland.

If 2007 is to mark the start of a new era, then surely it is time to bring all aspects of Indigenous rugby league under the game's umbrella.

If not, the celebrations of 2008 might ring a little hollow for a community that currently provides more than 10 per cent of the NRL playing list.

Despite my concerns, I can still hardly wait for the first tackle to be made in anger. Bring it on!

**'While clubs like the Cowboys, Souths and the Titans lead the way, the game as a whole needs to embrace events such as the Knockouts and other Indigenous-based competitions to ensure it remains the game of choice in NSW and Queensland'**



# I've got Stars in my eyes

**T**HE start of a year always brings a sense of new hope, new dreams and new energy to pursue those ambitions and, although the pain of the grand final loss is a long way from disappearing, there is no doubt that there are a few remaining ambitions that have stirred my competitive soul. Top of the list is to be selected for the first time in the AFL Indigenous All-Stars side that will showcase the growing Aboriginal talent in the AFL when they play the Essendon Football Club at TIO Stadium in Darwin on Friday 9 February.

It will be a particularly significant game given that a record 15 Aboriginal players were drafted in this year's AFL draft, further boosting player numbers at the highest level.

For me, the game is being appropriately promoted as the 'Once in a Dreamtime' All-Stars v Essendon spectacular as an appearance will almost complete all I hope to achieve and I am desperately keen to play in what may well be my last opportunity.

All the brothers aspire to play in the game, given the unbeaten tradition that was established under Maurice Rioli as the inaugural coach and the playing standards that have been established by the likes of Derek Kickett, Gavin Wanganeen, Michael McLean and Michael Long.

They are the generation that set the standard for all of us to follow and it is appropriate that Long and McLean are still involved.

A crowd of more than 15,000 is expected for the clash, and All-Star selector Long is excited about the All-Stars taking on his former club.

"For the players of both teams, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that they will remember forever - I'd encourage every fan

## Magic's Moments



With Sydney Swans star Michael O'Loughlin

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of our great Australian game to 'see the magic and feel the spirit' of a very unique event on Australia's sporting and cultural calendar," said Michael.

The All-Stars will be coached by McLean, and the former Footscray and Brisbane champion is thrilled to be at the helm for a third time.

"It's a very special time for everyone, including the next group of players. It's healthy for our people, local footy and the promotion of the game," he said.

I know the players all enjoy the community visits, school visits and coaching clinics almost as much as the game, as it provides a special feeling of unity in being able to promote positive messages to the

generation that will follow us.

It is appropriate that the game should be against Essendon as coach Kevin Sheedy has been instrumental in raising the profile of Indigenous football. He reinforced this when he said the Bombers were delighted to be involved in the game.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for our club to again be going up north," Sheedy said.

"We have been there on a number of occasions in the past and will continue to do so in the future."

"We can play a role in developing the talent up north and ensuring the belief remains they can make it to the big time."

Sheedy's comments are spot-on when you consider that four Indigenous players were drafted to AFL clubs from the Northern Territory this year alone and a further two listed as rookies.

The All-Stars game can only continue to inspire young Indigenous people to pursue their dreams.

An important initiative that will add interest to this year's game has been the announcement of a curtain-raiser between the AFL Indigenous Youth Team and the South African Under-19s.

This is a follow-up event to the historic inaugural tour of South Africa by an Australian Indigenous Youth team in February this year with an amazing five players from the touring team being drafted to AFL clubs. Joe Anderson, Brad Dick, Nathan Krakouer, Malcolm Lynch and Isaac Weetra were members of the Under-17 touring squad which played one International Rules Test and two Australian Rules Tests against the South Africans in February.

The young teams will also play a match in the heart of Kakadu (Jabiru) marking a

significant week of cross-cultural exchange between two of the oldest Indigenous peoples on the planet," said AFL Youth Co-ordinator and former Kangaroos star Jason McCartney, who will mentor both teams while in Darwin.

"I thought the selection of the five boys was outstanding. In February we were in South Africa embarking on something that had never been done before and now those boys are on AFL club lists."

Of course, the boys who were the best, who got to go, like on the AIS Academy group to Ireland, but to have an Indigenous group is something that hadn't been done before. These guys weren't AIS scholarship holders but it gave them an opportunity to go away, to develop leadership qualities and enjoy a life experience out of their comfort zone. We've also now seen the real benefits with what's happened to five young men who went on that trip - they're now on AFL lists and have the opportunity to live a dream and play AFL football."

It is great to see the growing number of opportunities being provided for our younger generation and I will be watching this game with great interest - hopefully from a close position as I prepare for the main game.

At the moment I couldn't be happier with my physical condition and hopefully my pre-season will convince the Swans to give me the go-ahead to play.

It will then be in the hands of the selectors - they are all welcome to drop into my place for a feed if they're in Sydney in the next few weeks! Until next time - Keep Dreaming!

● *Editor's note: Michael O'Loughlin had been named in the All-Stars line-up but had not received club clearance as the Koon Mail went to press.*

# Having a go in 2007

**A**S I sit here writing this column I am at Russell Crowe's farm near Coffs Harbour and, although it is a magnificent property and we are being well looked after, I cannot but think of the difference between perception and reality.

Most people would think that life on a movie star's property would be one of luxury and enjoyment, but the reality of a rugby league pre-season is that sweat, dirt and grime are the same whether you are training at Erskineville Oval, Walgett Park or Buckingham Palace!

The other thing that never changes is the enthusiasm that a new season, a new team or a new coach can bring to your personal hopes for the year ahead.

For me the 2007 season at Souths is a trifecta - a new club all enthused by the arrival of a fresh crop of players and a coach in Jason Taylor who is facing his first full season in charge of an NRL side.

I know I had 'JT' as a coach last year when he took over from Brian Smith but he has a whole new approach, having been able to plan the whole program from the start of the pre-season.

He is a meticulous professional and has left nothing to chance.

What I am really enjoying at the moment though is that, despite the high levels of professionalism at the club, I feel as if I am back in Armidale as a young kid just dying for the new season to start!

What a lot of kids don't understand is the fact that you are not born a professional athlete destined to play in the NRL - all that is a matter of some luck, a lot of hard work and the right opportunity.

As a kid you play for the love of the game and it doesn't really matter whether you are going to be a champion or not. The most important thing is being willing to have a go and give it your best shot.

I remember playing with a lot of players who had more ability than me who never made it in the game.

We all know at least one of those talented players who never made it.

But I also remember a lot of players who were never going to make the representative sides that I was proud to call my team-mate.

Think of the small player who would put his body on the line against a bigger opponent either tackling without - or with! - fear, or taking the ball up knowing the defence was ready to pounce.

Think of the player who always turned up to training and who on game day always gave his all, no matter what.

They were the players who gave meaning to being part of a team and who provided times that could be as inspiring as any State of Origin moment.

There is nothing like playing alongside a mate and knowing he is doing his absolute best for the team.

That's why I sometimes get sad when I see clubs struggling to get numbers for teams - particularly in country areas.

And I am not just talking about rugby league.

A lot of kids - and some of the time their parents - do not think a sport is worth pursuing unless you can be a champion.

Yet team sport can provide you with so many benefits - a healthy lifestyle, learning to work as part of a team, discipline and, above all else, shared enjoyment.

There is nothing quite like winning against the odds alongside a group of mates or, even in defeat, being able to look each other in the eye knowing you have given your best.

Rugby league has not only given me a career, it has also given me a number of friends for life - and many of those mates I played with in the middle of a cold winter as a kid in Armidale.

## DEANO'S LEAGUE



With DEAN WIDDERS

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One of my hopes for 2007 is that we will see more kids playing team sport, whether it be the girls kitting up for netball or the boys (and girls!) lacing up a footy boot.

A lot of kids in the country areas will have a chance to meet some of the players when the NRL One Community Carnival takes place next month.

From 7-9 February more than 80 NRL players, 16 coaches and nine top referees will visit 40 towns in 15 regions of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

More than 25,000 students in 150 primary and high schools and more than 2500 children

will attend clinics outside of school hours intended to encourage participation in organised sport.

The carnival is not just about promoting the game of Rugby League in regional areas, but also about having a positive impact on the communities visited, conveying messages about healthy lifestyles and giving access to high-profile role models.

All kids will have the opportunity to link up with a local league club or be encouraged to participate in another sport.

Along with my Souths team-mates, I am not only looking forward to visiting my home town of Armidale, but I am also anticipating having fun when we call into Manilla and Werris Creek.

I have asked the editor to print a list of the towns and communities that all the other NRL teams will be visiting so you can prepare for their visits.

The key message from all the players will be simple: 'Have a Go!' It's a message that not only applies to sport.

Let's hope that in 2007 all our kids, whether they be at school, at home, on the playing fields or in the community, adopt the message as a motto for the year.

In fact, let's all have a go!

Following is a listing of where NRL teams will visit during the One Community Carnival. NSW

**New South Wales.** Manly: Dunedoo, Coonabarabran, Connamble, Gulargambone and Gilgandra; Titans: Grafton, Maclean, Woolgoolga and Yamba; Souths: Manilla, Werris Creek, Armidale; Bulldogs: Molong, Cowra, Grenfell, Canowindra; Sharks: Coobera, Bombala, Bega, Eden, Tathra and Merimbula; Eels: Griffith, Hillston, Hay, Darlingford Point and Coleambally.

**Queensland.** Raiders: Charleville; Knights: Kingaroy; Broncos: Gympie and Cooroy; Cowboys: Emerald; Dragons: Bowen, Proserpine and Collinsville; Panthers: Cootburn and Atherton Tablelands.

**Victoria.** Storm: Geelong and Ballarat.  
**AFL (Emerging States).** Roosters: Western Australia; Tigers: South Australia.



# Hinton aims to wear the baggy green

By PETER ARGENT



At just 18, Sam Hinton is shaping up as a special cricketing talent. A veteran of New South Wales junior representative female cricket, Hinton was a part of the NSW Institute of

Sport Under-19 side at the national championships in Hobart from 3-9 January.

She was vice-captain of the State team after being victorious leader of the 'Double Blues' Under-17 combination in Adelaide during the last summer's titles at the previous level.

"Sam is a top-order left-hand bat and right-arm medium-pace bowler who swings the ball in the air, as well as moves it off the seam, along with being a solid all-round fielder," Cricket NSW female programs high-performance coach Lisa Sthalekar said. "She is an easy-going, fun-loving person who is equally passionate about her cricket, family and heritage."

"This is along with being a strong ambassador for her people and her sport, helping both profiles."

"Sam will need to focus on her sport to play at the top level, but has the ability to go all the way to national honours."

From the country town of Wellington (between Dubbo and Orange in rural New South Wales), Hinton said she had been playing cricket since she was 10 and first represented NSW in Year 6, in the Primary Schools Sports Association.

"I don't really have any heroes, but admire the way (Australian player) Michael Hussey bats," Hinton said.

"It is all about building on my cricket ability and hopefully one day playing for Australia."

"Currently I'm playing in the men's cricket competition in Wellington because of travel, but I have played women's first-grade cricket in Sydney for Bankstown."

Having just finished her Year 12 Higher School Certificate exams, Hinton has accepted a 12-month contract as an Aboriginal education assistant and one day wants to become a primary school teacher.

During the Imparja Cup last February, she took time out from her busy schedule to conduct a coaching clinic at the Mungkuria School, near Tennant Creek, educating 12 young pupils about the game.

With four centuries and two hat-tricks to her credit, Hinton's best performance with the willow was an undefeated 119 for the Combined High Schools side on a tour of England, which she captained in 2005.

Having turned 18 in September, Hinton still has the chance to play under-19s cricket for another year, and hopefully follow Faith Thomas' footsteps to become the second Aboriginal women's cricketer to wear the famed 'baggy green' cap for her country.



ABOVE: Sam Hinton relaxes between games. "I don't really have any heroes, but admire the way (Australian player) Michael Hussey bats."

RIGHT: Ready to take guard, Sam Hinton checks the condition of the pitch during a recent representative match.



Michael Carter adopts a taekwondo stance.

## Black belt masters third level



Michael Carter has just achieved a lifetime goal of becoming a third dan (level) black belt in the Korean martial art of taekwondo.

The Broome-based Bardi man has been training in the ancient martial art for more than 12 years to secure the grading - which he believes makes him the highest ranked Indigenous taekwondo exponent in Australia.

Carter, 39, who trains at Rawlins Taekwondo in his Kimberley home town, says the martial art has been his passion for the past 12 years. He now intends to train even harder to achieve his fourth dan.

"It's something I love doing and now I've achieved my third dan - it's a great honour," the Kimberley Land Council finance executive told the Koori Mail.

### Discipline, respect

"Taekwondo is not about fighting. It's about discipline and respect, fitness and hard work."

Carter said he believed Indigenous Australians - in fact all people - would benefit greatly from the martial art.

"We've had several of our young people come through our school," he said.

"I would like to see many more. In recent times there has been a loss of respect on some levels from our young people."

"Learning taekwondo would help to address this. Participants gain a great deal of self-confidence and respect, as well as fitness."

Carter took part in many competitions in previous years, but enjoys teaching taekwondo, something he is now highly qualified to do.

**'It is all about building on my cricket ability and hopefully one day playing for Australia'**





LYALL MUNRO



Dave Sands' last opponent John Woods.



Boxing historian Michael Clarke.



TOM LAMING JNR



Joan Laming, the wife of Tom Laming snr who laid the original plaque in the 1950s, with former boxing champion George Bracken. They are holding a special Dave Sands silver belt.

# Honouring a boxing great

Picture and story by  
SOLUA MIDDLETON



The Boxing Community and young fans gathered recently in the Sydney suburb of Glebe to honour Aboriginal boxer Dave Sands who died in a truck accident at the peak of his career in 1952. The Dave Sands Memorial Upgrade ceremony was held on what would have been the 'Empire Middleweight Champion's' 80th birthday.

About 90 people, including other boxing personalities, Sands' grandson and great grandson, the opponent from his last bout Jim Woods, the referee from his last fight as well as many more, gathered for the event.

Michael Clarke, a friend of Dave Sands, boxing historian and author of 'The Fighting History of the Sands Brothers', said Dave Sands was no ordinary sportsman, and was an 'artist of the boxing ring'.

"He was the greatest fighter that Australia has ever produced," Clarke said of Sands.

"Dave was the first Australian boxer, black or white, to venture overseas and achieve success. Those who had gone before had brought no gold or titles home with them, while Dave came home with the



The late Dave Sands.

middleweight titles of the British Empire and a reputation as the most feared fighter in the world."

Sands' grandson David Greentree also attended to memorial. "I think it is great that he is being recognised so many years after his death," he said.

Tom Lemming Jnr, son of Tom Lemming Snr who ran the gym Dave trained in and who originally laid the plaque in Glebe, related some of the stories his father had told him about the late Dave Sands.

"My dad said he was electrifying. People used to come and watch him train hours before his fight," he said.

Lyall Munro also spoke at the memorial ceremony and said Dave Sands helped the freedom of Indigenous people.

"When I was a kid Dave Sands was an inspirational hero and a legend to us, and all these great black fighters from Elle Bennet, Jack Hassen, Dave Sands, Ron Richards, their struggles were something to behold and most of them were living under the Act on government reserve or mission stations," he said.

"It is important to think and realise that, Dave Sands was probably responsible for the freedom of Black Australia, for the referendum that came in 1967... to give Aboriginal people the right to be classified as human beings."

"We all looked up to Dave Sands and all the great fighters."

Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation General Manager Brad Cooke, an organiser of the event, said the event had attracted a great turnout, with many past and present boxers. "We are trying to keep the history of boxing alive," he said.

Also attending was a film crew making a documentary about Sands as well as four-time Australian lightweight champion in the 1950s and now an Aboriginal liaison officer at Glebe Police Station George Bracken.



# Big league is his goal

## Tri-Nations was spur for young Sea Hawk

By CHRISTINE HOWES



When Theeran Pearson achieves his NRL dream – which he is on target to do – the Yarrabah Sea Hawks Rugby League Club, based just outside Cairns, will be down a mighty player. At just 16 years of age, Theeran has already played for his State in New Zealand and at the warm-up match for the recent Tri-Nations league series in Sydney.

"I've played for the Sea Hawks all my life and they're pretty successful in all the grades," he said. "But this past year I've also been to New Zealand for a Queensland tour and the Tri-nations, which was breath-taking."

"It was unbelievable to play in front of a crowd like that. I was like 'this can't be real'."

"I take it as another step closer to my goal which is to be in the NRL."

Inspired by his brother to play and spurred on by a wish to join the Sydney Roosters, to Theeran a lot of it is about exposing talent out on the communities.

"My older brother Campbell Yeatman got me playing, he got me motivated and I went and trained with him. He put a lot of time and effort into me," he said. "I feel so blessed. I want to try to lead the way for other athletes out there, especially from communities."

### Lot of talent

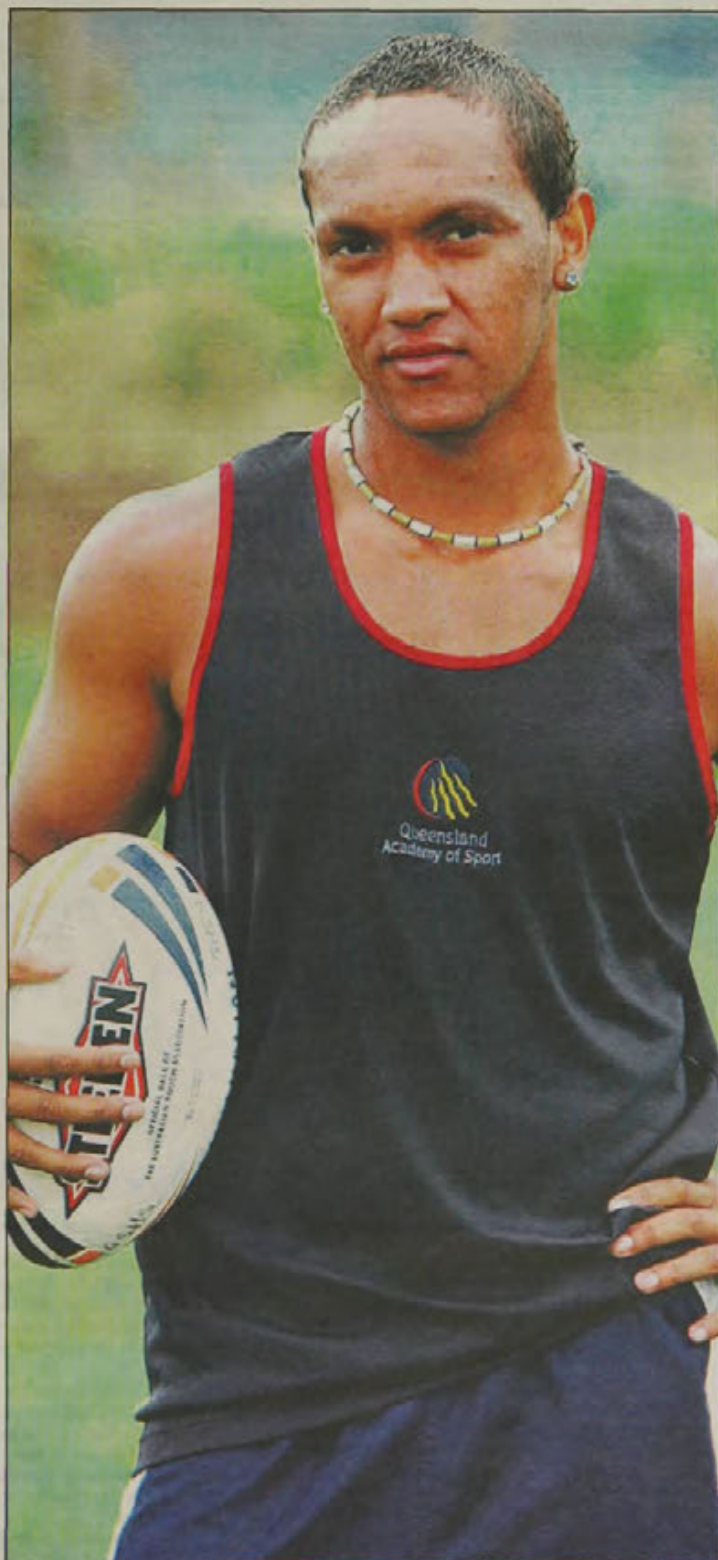
"There's a lot of talent in the community. We just need the opportunity to get the exposure going. It was just a great opportunity to do both of them (the NZ tour and Tri-Nations), to have that opportunity, to show my talent and keep hoping I'm good enough for the big league."

Former Brisbane Broncos and Manly player Leon Yeatman, Theeran's older cousin, has been there offering moral support and advice along the way. "I've coached Theeran and the team for the past couple of years. He's a talented kid and he's got the ability to play football," Yeatman said.

But he said he always warned young players of the dangers and pitfalls behind the glamour of a successful career.

"They're only footballers for about ten years of their life. They need to appreciate that early and especially if they don't make the big time, they need something to fall back on," Yeatman said. "Anybody with the opportunities that Theeran's had should be able to make it, but there's still a number of traps he may yet fall into before he gets there."

"If he remains focused, though, and keeps his dreams alive, the world is his oyster."



Theeran Pearson .... "My older brother Campbell Yeatman got me playing, he got me motivated and I went and trained with him. He put a lot of time and effort into me. I feel so blessed. I want to try to lead the way for other athletes out there, especially from communities." Cairns Post photo

All that travel is worth the hardship

## Sister Talk



With BIANCA FRANKLIN

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RECENTLY had a discussion with a friend about how overwhelming it must be for young people aged 12 to 15 years to have to travel away from home, as well as family and friends, to attend national sporting events.

I made the Under-17 West Australian netball team at 15 years of age and I'd never even been on an aircraft before! I didn't know what to expect when I went to my first national titles, which was hard because I was a quiet and shy country girl.

Selection in the State team led to loads of training and education about the right nutrition and recovery before, during and after an event. It's a lot of information for a 15-year-old to take in but I grabbed the opportunity with both hands and wanted to learn as much as I could about being an elite netballer and what it takes to make it to the elite level.

I come from a very supportive, close family and my parents were always there, driving me to and from training every day.

If it wasn't for my parents I wouldn't be where I am today. I was lucky enough to have my parents with me at my very first Nationals, in Canberra during 1999.

### Grateful

To have their support there meant so much to me, and I was so grateful that they were able to come with me.

While in Canberra the team did the tourist things like visiting the War Memorial and Parliament House which was a huge deal for a little country girl all the way from Western Australia.

Given this was my first experience away from home, I was looking forward to the challenge.

I found it hard to prepare for games at the Nationals because I didn't know how to 'prepare' for a game.

I strongly believe that if I wasn't involved in sport at a young age, I wouldn't be as independent as I am now and wouldn't have taken the opportunity to be part of the AIS Darters program because it meant moving away from home.

So if you or your kids have to travel away from home, appreciate the experience and don't be scared to do it simply because you are not sure what to expect.

I guarantee you'll love it!





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The Voice of Indigenous Australia



## League plan for northern NSW



A meeting in Gosford today will determine the future of an ambitious proposed Aboriginal rugby league competition for northern New South Wales. Under the proposal, the Nations Aboriginal Rugby League (NARL) competition featuring 14 and possibly up to 16 teams will start next month.

NARL chairman and chief executive officer Michael Anderson, of Goodooga, told Koori Mail that 14 clubs – Bourke, Walgett, Goodooga, Moree Mission Jets, Moree Boomerangs, Toomelah Tigers, Tamworth, Narwon Eels (Armidale), Tabulam (Bundjalung), Nambucca, Gimbisi Warriors (Kempsey), Dughutti Titans (Bellbrook/Kempsey), Taree and Newcastle All Blacks – had agreed to take part.

The proposed competition would feature a weekly draw and games at all club

### Knockout meeting in Port Macquarie

The next meeting of the NSW Aboriginal Sports Inc, the body formed to oversee the NSW Aboriginal Rugby league Knockout, will be held from 10am on Saturday 20 January at the Port Macquarie Bowling Club. Planning for the 2007 Knockout tops the agenda, with discussion to also focus on the proposed Nations competition. For more details call Danny Thorne on 0425 241 987.

centres, with play to start at a triple-header in Moree on February 10.

Anderson said NARL had held talks with the Australian Rugby League and the NSW Rugby League, both of which he said had reacted positively to the proposal. But Koori Mail understands that ARL officials will need to see complete details, including funding arrangements, before further considering their support of the proposed competition.

Anderson remained confident all details could be worked out.

"We believe we will have corporate sponsors in place and all the other details are in hand," he said.

"We want to have our own Aboriginal competition under the NSW Rugby League."

Anderson was highly critical of the Country Rugby League, which controls

league competitions in rural NSW. He said 'racist elements' in the league were holding back Aboriginal football development, something which would be addressed positively by NARL.

Anderson said he was looking forward to ironing out any questions during today's meeting, at the Gosford Central Coast Leagues Club.

He believed the NARL would also help to overcome social problems in Aboriginal communities across NSW. NARL would 'replace hopelessness with hope' by ensuring the energy of young men was directed into sport.

He said the competition would not affect the annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, with competition games finishing two weeks before the October long-weekend date of the Knockout.

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## Our best to Star

By PETER ARGENT



The cream of Australia's Aboriginal footballing talent will be on display at the fourth

Indigenous All-Stars extravaganza, to be played this year on Friday 9 February at Darwin's TIO Stadium.

An All-Stars team coached by mercurial former Footscray and Brisbane champion Michael McLean will take on the Essendon Football Club.

Presented by ERA and Rio Tinto, the so-named 'Once in a Dreamtime' clash will showcase the significant and substantial contribution of Indigenous Australians to AFL.

Included in the host of stars who have committed to play in this special game are Swans dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes, Adelaide's 1997 and 1998 Norm Smith Medallist Andrew McLeod and Port Power Norm Smith Medal winner Byron Pickett.

The only player named who is not currently involved with an AFL club is Southern Districts veteran and former triple flag-winning Brisbane Lions defender Darryl White. One of White's team-mates, fellow defender during his triple premiership treat for the Lions Chris Johnson, has also been named in the line-up.

Up-and-comers named in to take part include local NT lad Nathan Djerrkura, his Geelong team-mate Liam Bedford, West Australian livewire Leroy Jetta, and Alwyn Davey.



Brothers in arms ... The Aboriginal All-Stars line up before the 2003 All-Stars game in Darwin.

The AFL is anticipating a crowd of more than 15,000 at TIO Stadium for the clash.

"For the players of both teams, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that they will remember forever – I'd encourage every fan of our great Australian game to 'see the magic and feel the spirit' of a unique event on Australia's sporting and cultural calendar," said AFL Indigenous Ambassador, Norm Smith Medallist and All-Stars selector

Michael Long.

"On a personal level as well, I am excited about the All-Stars taking on my former club."

Coached for the third time by 'Magic' McLean, the playing wizard said he was thrilled to be at the helm of the Aboriginal All-stars.

"It's a very special time for everyone, including the next group of men playing in our colours. It's healthy for our people, local footy and the promotion of the game," McLean said.

Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy has been instrumental in raising the profile of Aboriginal football. He said the Bombers were delighted to be involved in the game.

The Essendon mentor has a strong current batch of young Indigenous stars about to have a big impact on the code.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for our club to again be going up north," Sheedy said.

"We have been there on a

number of occasions in the past and will continue to do so. We can play a role in developing the talent up north and ensuring the belief remains they can make it to the big time."

Nearly 12 per cent of AFL players are Indigenous, and a record 15 Aboriginal players were named in this year's AFL Draft.

After a successful initial tour to South Africa at the start of 2006, a curtain-raiser to the main event will be played between the Qantas AFL Indigenous Youth Team and the South African Under-19s.

● Previous All-Stars game results. 1994, All-Stars 13.10 (88) d Collingwood 10.8 (68); 2003, All-Stars 19.16 (130) d Carlton 8.9 (57); 2005, All-Stars 12.19 (91) d Western Bulldogs 10.3 (63).

The All-Stars game will start at 7pm on 9 February 9 at TIO Stadium in Darwin. Tickets are available through the Darwin Entertainment Centre and are now on sale.

Confirmed Indigenous All-Stars players. Adelaide: Andrew McLeod, Graham Johnson; Brisbane: Chris Johnson; Carlton: Eddie Betts; Collingwood: Chris Egan; Essendon: Andrew Lovett, Nathan Lovett-Murray, Courtney Dempsey, Richard Cole, Patty Ryder, Leroy Jetta and Alwyn Davey; Fremantle: Jeff Farmer, Troy Cook, Andrew Grover, Roger Hayden, Des Headland; Geelong: Matthew Stokes, Travis Varcoe; Nathan Djerrkura, Liam Bedford; Hawthorn: Mark Williams, Lance Franklin, Chance Bateman; Kangaroos: Daniel Wells; Melbourne: Aaron Davey, Byron Pickett; Port Adelaide: Shaun Burgoyne, Daryl Pearce; Richmond: Richard Tampion; Andrew Krakouer; St Kilda: Xavier Clarke; Sydney: Adam Goodes, Michael O'Loughlin; Southern Districts: Darryl White; West Coast Eagles: David Worranda; Western Bulldogs: Cameron Faulkner.

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