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Magdaline Johnson, 101, at home in the Hidden Valley town camp at Alice Springs with family member Rosena Abbott.

Magdaline celebrates a 'ton' plus one



Magdaline Johnson's family knew their matriarch was old. But even they

were surprised when Alice Springs Hospital records revealed late last year that the Eastern Arrernte woman was 101.

Now her remarkable longevity has been recognised officially with letters of congratulation from the Queen, Governor-General and NT Chief Minister.

Frail and all but blind, the records show Magdaline was born on 1 July 1905 and raised near Titjikala, in the heart of her country.

She remembers walking with a group of camels into Alice Springs while looking for bush tucker. She was there

when the first train rolled into the town during 1929.

Magdaline's family says she has never left central Australia, and she has rarely been sick.

The centenarian - one of very few in the Indigenous population - can't give any reason for her long life.

She has chewed plenty of 'pituri' tobacco in her time, but gave up alcohol long ago when one of her children died because of it.

Magdaline has outlived five of her seven children and now lives with family members at the Hidden Valley town camp in Alice Springs.

The letters she received this month included 'sincere congratulations and best wishes' from the Queen.

Housing furore



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spokeswoman Jenny Macklin believed the plan would only exacerbate the current housing crisis, especially for the majority of Indigenous Australians in urban areas.

And Redfern-based Aboriginal Housing Company chief

executive officer Mick Mundine issued a statement describing the proposal as 'crazy' and likely to worsen the homelessness problem, creating overcrowded ghettos in the inner cities of Australia.

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The Imparja Cup changes hands

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The Cassady family got together on Christmas Day at Burleigh Heads, on the Gold Coast. Some of the mob travelled from Forrest Beach, north Queensland, and Brisbane and Auntie Michelle from Sydney. Grandad Rennie Cassady (pictured sitting) who is surrounded by his grandchildren, has seven sons and one daughter. The family originates from north Qld, but are spread out throughout the State and enjoyed the rare get-together even though some family members were absent. Back row, from left, Tyson 'Buffhead' Cassady, Chris Cassady, Jake Cassady, Elliot Cassady, Joanne Cassady; middle row, Lwayne Boslem, Zorran 'Buddy' Cassady, Maddison Cassady, Reece Cassady; front row, Rennie Cassady (sitting), Aramai Majarra Cassady, and Hope Cassady holding 'Pixi'.

I would say that we are a close family. Like all Murri families, we have got that closeness and that kinship. My dad has seven boys and one daughter. We are a big family, my wife has a large family too.

Like other Aboriginal families, we get together too often at funerals. But this year we are having a family reunion in Halifax, where the Garden mission was. My family is all spread out all over Qld now ... Brisbane, Cairns and Mt Isa.

With our family, it is like when you go away from your family, especially for Murri

people, because there is so much extended family too and the communal way we live, that when you go away from your family, you're looking to get back to them. And then when you do spend time with them, you can't wait to get away from them.

But family is important, no matter what, for a whole range of reasons.

This year my sons have all been boxing. My eldest son, Chris, is in Canberra now trying to get selected for a scholarship. My sons Chris and Wayne

got silver in the Australian Boxing titles in Hobart. Then those two and another son got a medal each at the Qld titles.

We are the same as most modern-day Aboriginal families, we like getting together when we can.

Our mob is Nywaigi in the Ingham area.

Culture is really important in the family. It is important for kids to know where they come from. We need to impress on our kids and share the struggles of our mob before us.

OUR CHILDREN



With plans for Sorry Day on 26 May under way, these kids and Broome matriarch Daisy Howard are ready to don the lilac hibiscus flowers that have come to symbolise the journey of healing for Australia's Stolen Generations. Pictured are, back row from left, Brandon Gregory, Jackalena Ansey and Auntie Daisy Howard; middle row from left, Gerry Ansey and Taylor Howard. Jarnda Councillor-Barnes is in the front. Photo courtesy S MacDonald

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Tasmanian Aborigines' plea to PM over ancestors' remains:

'Please intervene'

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



A court case in London to prevent scientific testing on the remains of Tasmanian Aborigines due to be returned to their homelands has been adjourned until

next week.

Aboriginal people in Tasmania were buoyed when the Natural History Museum (NHM) agreed last November to return the bodies of 17 Tasmanian Aborigines which were robbed from graves in the 1800s.

This jubilation turned to distress and anger though when the museum announced it would first undertake invasive scientific testing of the remains.

Legal action by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) to stop the testing has been ramped up during the past fortnight.

Following a mid-February court order to halt the testing and with financial backing from the Australian Government, the case between the TAC and the NHM was heard in the British High Court last Thursday. However, the case was adjourned until 7 March to allow the judge to consider all the evidence.

Tasmanian Aboriginal leader Clyde Mansell travelled to London to represent his people during the court proceedings and, hopefully, to bring his ancestors home to rest in peace.

Three-decade fight

The TAC has been at the forefront of repatriation of Indigenous human remains for more than three decades.

Following the adjournment of the case, TAC Legal Director Michael Mansell said the fate of the Aboriginal people whose remains were being destroyed by scientists could rest with the Prime Minister, John Howard.

"Documents show the scientists have cleverly carried out many macabre destructive steps before the court order to halt testing was made," he said.

"They have pulled teeth from jawbones, drilled into remains, chiselled pieces of bone and then crushed it before placing it in a chemical solution for 24 hours to destroy its composition. This, they say, is non-invasive testing.

"In another instance, scientists have dismantled the skeleton of a person who was, we think, buried at Wybalena, on



Clyde Mansell from the Aboriginal Council of Tasmania holds an Aboriginal flag as he arrives at the Royal Courts of Justice in central London last Thursday. Representatives of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre are accusing Britain's Natural History Museum of 'mutilating' the remains of Aborigines by carrying out DNA tests on their bodies. The museum is refusing to return the skeletons until its study ends on 31 March.

AAP picture

Flinders Island, dug up and the flesh removed by scientists.

"By the time we get back to court to argue what destroy means, the damage will have been done. If we win the case, it could be a hollow victory."

Mr Mansell said an immediate solution to the matter was in the hands of the Mr Howard and his British counterpart, Tony Blair, both of whom have lately championed the cause of repatriation for Indigenous peoples.

"If Mr Howard calls in a favour from Mr Blair, and Mr Blair in turn tells NHM to stop its foolishness, the matter will be closed," Mr Mansell said.

"We have a small window of opportunity for a political settlement to be struck before the 7th of March."

Michael Mansell has written to Prime Minister Howard asking him to make that telephone call.

In the meantime, there has been protest action on the steps of the NHM demanding the immediate return of all Aboriginal remains held in British institutions.



Clyde Mansell, left, and Bob Weatherall, from the Centre for Indigenous Cultural Policy, arrive at the Royal Courts of Justice in central London.

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Kids on the march



Aboriginal children from the Alice Springs town camps are literally drumming up business, thanks to a highly successful program.

About 80 children belong to Drum Atweme (pronounced Atoom - Arrernte for hit or hitting), a drumming group supported by Tangentyere Council.

Their most recent outing was leading the interstate Imparja Cup cricketers in a parade down Todd Mall, in the heart of Alice Springs.

The group was formed to meet the needs of Aboriginal town camp youth who were interested in music, especially drumming and percussion.

The children are under the direction of Tangentyere Council Youth Services co-ordinator Peter Lowson.

He has had many years working with Aboriginal youth and has given much of his time to the Alice Springs community over the past 24 years. He has performed, recorded and toured with national and international artists.

His passion for ethnic percussion and its tribal roots have taken him on many a musical journey exploring Afro/Cuban, Latin and Brazilian rhythms and this is being passed on to the young people.

The drum program started in February 2004. Since then, Drum Atweme have performed at more than 80 community, conference and festival events.

Members of Drum Atweme have



● LEFT: The children lead Imparja Cup cricketers in a parade down Todd Mall, Alice Springs, on the second-last day of the Imparja Cup. Drum Atweme was formed to meet the needs of Aboriginal town camp youth who were interested in music, especially drumming and percussion.

active roles in decision-making regarding performances, budgeting and creative input.

All participants must be active in education and attend school regularly.

And that's where the success of the group really stands out - the school retention rates of the young drummers is way ahead of average.

Drum Atweme ages range from 6-13

years. There are up to 80 young people at workshops each week.

From these, some are selected to play with the main drum group, where they are supported and mentored, with the older children carrying the roles of mentoring and supporting the young ones.

They are largely self-funded, with all profits going to maintenance of

equipment, clothing, food and travel.

Their music is a blend of their native language with rhythm from Afro/Cuban and Brazilian samba.

They are developing songs and stories based on their own language and cultural identity, combining a world fusion of rhythm and dance with the voices of their own culture.

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New Minister accused of dithering over rock art



Green and environment groups says more precious ancient rock art on Western Australia's Burrup Peninsula

will be destroyed because of indecision by new Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Mr Turnbull was expected on Friday to announce his decision on whether to list the world's largest and oldest outdoor rock art site on the National Heritage Register.

It would have been his first major action in relation to resource giant Woodside Pluto LNG's ongoing development of the ancient site since inheriting the environment portfolio from Senator Ian Campbell earlier this month.

However, Mr Turnbull said on Thursday that he would continue to consult with stakeholders 'so that a long-term heritage solution can be found' and he hoped to make a decision on the matter by mid-year.

"We have made enormous progress on the issue of National Heritage listing for the Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula," Mr Turnbull said.

"As the new Environment Minister, I intend to consult with the West Australian Government, Indigenous and industry groups and other relevant parties to ensure the long-term protection of the



An example of ancient Aboriginal rock art on the Burrup Peninsula. Critics say more rock art is being destroyed because of indecision by the Federal Government.

area's heritage values and national interests.

"I appreciate the strong public interest that exists and I want to emphasise that the Australian Government is continuing to work towards a National Heritage listing for this important place.

"By reaching agreement on these issues, we will achieve the most significant outcome for heritage protection in this country and show that the National Heritage listing does not come at the expense of Australia's economic prosperity - the two can co-exist to the

advantage of all Australians."

Traditional custodians have said repeatedly that they don't want the Burrup developed at the cost of their cultural heritage. The rock art in the area is believed to be up to 40,000 years old.

WA Greens Senator Rachel Siewert says the delay is predictable and Mr Turnbull failed his first test in the portfolio.

"This is a unique place that meets the criteria for heritage listing. He is making Australia an international laughing stock," Senator Siewert said.

"Following Senator Campbell's last delay, Site A of the Woodside development was bulldozed, resulting in the removal of hundreds of pieces of rock art and loss of their cultural value. Mr Turnbull's delay could well see the loss of further art from Site B."

Aboriginal cultural heritage group Friends of Australian Rock Art (FARA) also condemned the latest delay.

"Turnbull is like Pontius Pilate, washing his hands, while Woodside and the WA Government continue to destroy the world's oldest evidence of human artistic and spiritual endeavour," said FARA spokesman Stephen Bennetts on Friday.

Mr Bennetts said that about 40 pieces of Aboriginal art, some of them several thousand years old, had been removed from the site by Woodside contractors since January.

'Didg' culture war



A group of white men in the United States who paint their skin black and don lap lapa to play the didgeridoo has

angered Aboriginal people throughout Australia, including Elders and revered didgeridoo masters from Arnhem Land.

News of the group calling themselves Dragon Fly Rhythms sparked a flurry of furious emails throughout the Indigenous community in recent weeks.

The emails accuse the group of 'cultural rape' and 'cheap exploitation' and encourage people to complain about the group and the way it represents Aboriginal culture.

The Dragonfly Rhythms website details the 'education and cultural awareness' activities of two American didgeridoo enthusiasts.

"We offer one-of-a-kind concerts, workshops, and lessons throughout the south-east United States. We also sell custom-crafted didgeridoo and didg-crafting tools," it reads.

The website home page carries a photo of a man painted up as if for ceremony and playing a didgeridoo in front of the sea. The man's arms bear white painted designs which Yolngu Elders say are based on their traditional designs, effectively private 'signatures', which relate to specific country.

The Koori Mail has seen a short video of the two men and one of their 'didg mates' performing publicly in Tampa, Florida, in 2003. All three were wearing lap lapa and appeared to have been painted black.

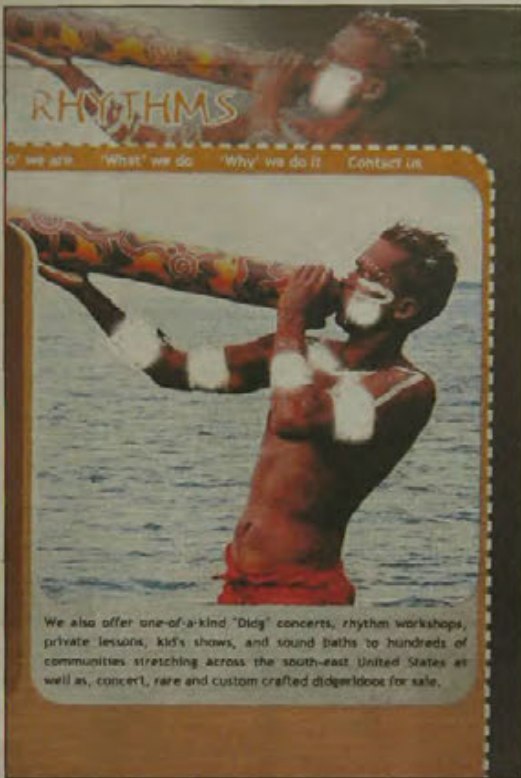
Donation claim

The website claims that ten per cent of the group's profits are given to an (unnamed) organisation that 'can help to preserve the culture's beauty and especially the didgeridoo'.

It makes references to Australian didgeridoo players, Wiradjuri man Lewis Burns, Adrian Burragubba, from Queensland, and the Doonooch Dance group from New South Wales but stops short of claiming any formal association with them.

Last week, leaders from seven Arnhem Land clan groups, including Galpu didgeridoo (yidaki) master Djal' Gurruwiwi and high-profile Gumatj man Galarwuy Yunupingu wrote to the group advising them that the website shared scared stories without permission and some of the designs depicted trespassed on Yolngu law and men's ceremony.

"We have seen three bands with dots on your arms," the letter said. "For Galpu people, this is our private signature that relates to our saltwater country and the sacred olive python. We have seen the shape of Yimija thunder clouds on your chest and face painting with dots reminiscent of Marrakulu, Galpu and Rirratjingu designs."



A photo from the Dragon Fly Rhythms website. The designs on the man's arms have been blurred to respect Yolngu law.

"Aboriginal people around the country have designs that belong to their individual clans, are part of their very identities and cannot be borrowed or imitated. Nor can new designs be made up."

The Yolngu leaders said they accepted the instrument's growing popularity worldwide and did not seek to prevent non-Indigenous people playing the didgeridoo.

"We want you to play and enjoy the yidaki, but to be who you are. Do not imitate us."

"We have also seen you sharing the story of the Djungiriny, one of the Galpu clan's sacred yidaki, on your website, with no credit to its source. This story is ours to hold and ours to tell. Do not talk about what you do not know."



Indigenous lawyer Terri Janke: "If they're singing traditional songs, there's probably no copyright because those songs are older than 70 years."

The letter concluded with an invitation for Dragonfly Rhythms to perform in an open forum at the Garma Festival in Arnhem Land in August.

"If you stand by what you have done and shown on your website for years, come and do it for the eyes of Yolngu and our leaders will see the truth of it for themselves and let you know what they think," the letter said.

Assistant Co-ordinator and Yidaki Manager of the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka arts centre at Yirrkala, Randin Graves, told the Koori Mail that he and others had drawn the group's attention to problems with their activities several years ago, but to no avail.

Lewis Burns, Adrian Burragubba and Doonooch Dance Group founder Bobby McLeod have all distanced themselves from the group and its website.

Mr Burns told the Koori Mail he had not heard of Dragon Fly Rhythms before the current uproar and had not been aware of a link from the group's website to

his.

He said he thought the group was probably more ignorant than malicious but he had emailed his concerns to the group's main spokesman. He said he received an email back saying Dragon Fly Rhythms would formulate a general response, presumably for posting on the website.

'Spiritual motive'

Mr McLeod said the group's actions appeared to be those of 'white people lost and looking for their way'.

"Once society breaks down, people will look for a spiritual motive, they will try to be something they are not able to be in their own lifestyles (but) I don't condone what they're doing," Mr McLeod said, adding that Doonooch received no donations or anything else from Dragon Fly Rhythms.

Adrian Burragubba said his image had been used on the website without his permission.

"I do not endorse any of this," he said, adding that respect should always be paid to the Aboriginal people of northern Australia whose instrument the didgeridoo was traditionally.

"This bastardisation must stop immediately for our people to survive this onslaught of cultural genocide," Mr Burragubba said.

Worimi Elder from NSW Les Ridgeway said he had written to the Federal and

NSW Indigenous Affairs ministers and the Prime Minister asking them to act on the matter.

"Not only are they (Dragon Fly Rhythms) making a mockery of our famous didgeridoo musical instrument, they are reaping financial benefits for their cheap impersonating efforts," Mr Ridgeway said.

An Indigenous lawyer specialising in



Brisbane-based didgeridoo player and performer Adrian Burragubba: "This bastardisation must stop immediately for our people to survive this onslaught of cultural genocide."

intellectual property Terri Janke told the Koori Mail that copyright laws would only have been breached if the group had performed - without permission and attribution - songs that had been formally registered for copyright.

"If they're singing traditional songs, there's probably no copyright because those songs are older than 70 years. It's against Aboriginal protocol but not Western copyright law."

"That's part of the problem, people can do that and not infringe copyright laws, but you can see how offensive it is to Indigenous people."

Ms Janke there had been a lot of discussion recently in the area of intellectual property through the United Nations' Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the work of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

"In Australia, they're looking at new Indigenous communal moral rights laws which would recognise the rights of communities and the rights to integrity of copyrighted work. But at the moment, the model has some shortfalls and needs more consultation."

Emails to Dragon Fly Rhythms from the Koori Mail and others have gone unanswered.

The offending website can be found at www.dragonflyrhythms.com

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David Gulpilil and his wife Miriam Ashley urge Australians to 'think about it'.



Lecturer at SCU's Gribi College Billyana Blomeley introduced Mr Gulpilil's talk.

Gulpilil in plea for end to war

NSW Acclaimed Aboriginal actor David Gulpilil has joined a growing list of celebrities campaigning for peace through an

end to wars.

Last week, Mr Gulpilil shared his personal vision for peace with a large and enthusiastic, predominantly non-Indigenous audience at Southern Cross University in Lismore, on the far north coast of New South Wales.

The Yolngu man's appearance was in support of a new peace film due to be launched at the Byron Bay Film Festival last weekend, *Think About It*, in which he plays a starring role.

Made by Richard and Wendy Friar, of Suffolk Park, near Byron Bay, the film seeks to spread a global message of peace and, through it, create positive cultural and social change throughout the world. It focuses on the need to heal the unresolved grief and suffering between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

In the film, Mr Gulpilil presents an Indigenous perspective on peace and healing, joining a range of national and international political, social and cultural luminaries and high-profile people.

Last week, he said cultural difference shouldn't stop people uniting for peace.

"Black and white together, we are one red blood," he said. "We talk two ways, English and blackfella. There's the knife and fork, and the spear and

woomera (but) it doesn't matter what colour we are.

"Today, I've come to share with you my heart and soul. I belong you, you belong me. We're here now, today we've got to think about tomorrow and tomorrow we've got to think for the future. I love my children.

"Our story is a never-ending story and I'm still here talking. I'm here to make understanding through the culture and the language."

Film-maker Richard Friar said *Think About It* started in 2003 when millions of people around the world marched for peace.

He said the 'war machine' was a construction that fed the media and politicians.

"This film helps you see through the bullshit, and you can see what is really going on here. It is terrifying," Mr Friar said.

After Mr Gulpilil's speech, his wife Miriam Ashley gave a haunting impromptu performance of a traditional song about living with the wind.

Mr Gulpilil and Ms Ashley were earlier welcomed to country by local Bundjalung, Arakwal, Widjabal and Yaegal Elders at a gathering hosted by SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples.

Mr Gulpilil has starred in such films as *Walkabout* in 1971, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* and the recent highly acclaimed *Ten Canoes*.



Macleay Aboriginal Elders and others with actor David Gulpilil in Lismore last week.



From left, Miriam Ashley, Khy Kovac (Shegog) of Coffs Harbour, Anthony Gordon of Baryulgil, David Gulpilil, and Gilbert Laurie, of Nimbin.

Brough's housing bid sparks debate



A proposal by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to axe all Federal funding for urban Indigenous housing and divert it instead to bush communities has sparked a fiery debate.

The Minister has been reviewing Indigenous housing funding for the past six months and announced last week that he would be seeking Cabinet approval for the changes.

He says they will help target Indigenous-specific housing funding where it is most needed – that is remote communities – and address corruption and mismanagement by Aboriginal land councils and housing bodies.

In September last year, the Minister warned State and Territory Governments not to expect big funding increases, saying they had underspent Federal Indigenous housing monies by more than \$150 million in 2004-05.

The Federal Government was embarrassed a few months later when an evaluation of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) trial site of Wadeye, in the Top End, revealed that each of several hundred homes in the overcrowded community housed an average of 16 to 17 people.

Now, despite growing fears of a rental and private housing crisis across Australia, Mr Brough says most Indigenous people in urban centres don't need Indigenous-specific housing anyway.

"The fact is that Indigenous people in cities have access to housing through a variety of sources," he said. "The overwhelming majority of Indigenous Australians in cities live in state public housing, private rental properties or either own or are buying their own home."

"This is not the case in remote areas and my proposal would see all the Australian Government's Indigenous-specific housing funding directed to the area of most need – people living in remote Indigenous communities."

"At present, only 40 per cent of the \$240 million spent on new Indigenous housing and maintenance is directed to remote communities."

"This imbalance needs to be addressed if we are serious about tackling housing issues in remote communities."

"Redirecting the Indigenous-specific housing programs would have little impact on

'Issues like overcrowding are chronic in many remote communities. A sensible, practical approach is to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are directed to the area of greatest need'.

– Minister Mal Brough



urban Indigenous Australians. It would however make a huge difference to remote areas where there are no alternative housing options."

While few further details of the plan have been released, it is understood that more than \$100 million will be cut from the budgets of 600 Indigenous housing bodies throughout the country.

Mr Brough says some of these worked well, but the majority had major problems.

"A recent review found one, in a major city, provided housing to five current or former board members and gave priority to people already in mainstream public housing. It also had more than \$500,000 sitting in a bank account," he said.

"Another major regional centre has seven separate organisations, two of which don't even meet at all, and in another six brand new houses were sitting vacant because of poor management within the organisation."

"Issues like overcrowding are chronic in many remote communities. A sensible, practical approach is to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are directed to the area of greatest need."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has reportedly questioned whether such targeting of Indigenous Australians might breach anti-discrimination legislation. However, like others including Northern Territory Housing Minister Elliott McAdam, Mr Calma wants to find out more.

"I would be interested to test whether this contravenes the Racial Discrimination Act –

that's something we want to find out when we see the details," he reportedly told the Australian newspaper.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokeswoman Jenny Macklin responded to news of the proposal by saying it would only exacerbate the current housing crisis, especially for the majority of Indigenous Australians who live in urban areas.

"Mal Brough claims there is rotting in the current system. Responsibility for Indigenous housing was transferred to the Commonwealth from ATSIC in 2004, so the Government has had the power for two-and-a-half years to stamp out this alleged rotting," she said.

"Taking away money from Indigenous Australians in urban areas will not solve these problems. In fact it will only make them worse. Stripping money from maintenance of existing urban housing stock won't help the situation either."

Queensland Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett also weighed in, saying the Government's reasoning was reminiscent of the same arguments promoted by controversial former One Nation leader Pauline Hanson.

"This sounds very much like yet another major, ideologically driven, 'one-size-fits-all' change foisted on Indigenous people and groups without consultation," he said.

"There are different challenges facing Indigenous people in urban areas to those who live in remote communities, but it is naive to think that these can all be easily addressed by 'mainstream' services."

"We should not be reinforcing that myth that 'real' Aboriginal people only live in remote areas and not in the cities."

On Friday, Redfern-based Aboriginal Housing Company Chief Executive Officer Mick Mundine issued a statement describing the proposal as "crazy" and likely to worsen the homelessness problem, creating overcrowded ghettos in the inner cities.

"Most Australians are not aware that last year the United Nations declared that Australia has the worst Indigenous housing in the world," he said.

"The fact remains the best way to deliver services to Aboriginal people is through well-resourced Aboriginal service providers."

"We know what our people need. For the most part, Aboriginal organisations have done their best to provide services within the financially anorexic environment the Government has created."

"It is Government neglect and stupidity that has led us to the desperate place we find ourselves today. Mal Brough says there is corruption in Aboriginal organisations. I say to him 'show us the proof' ... I also challenge Mal Brough to show us a perfect mistake-free system even within his own Government. Need we remind him of AWB (the Australian Wheat Board)?"

Before Mr Brough went public with his plans, Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson told a forum held by his Cape York Institute in Cairns last week that the current system of public housing was at odds with his community's overarching goal of driving personal responsibility (see story below).

"It is a form of passive welfare which promotes dependency and needs to be replaced by a functioning private property market," Mr Pearson told the forum.

However, Mr Calma says international experience shows that Indigenous land that has been privatised has eventually been lost to Indigenous people.

Mr Calma was a strong critic of Federal Government changes to the NT Land Rights Act 1976 that last year paved the way for 99-year town or head leases to be issued over Indigenous land.

Federal Labor Party President and Bundjalung Aboriginal man Warren Mundine accused Mr Calma of hypocrisy because he himself owns private property.

"I find it bizarre that these people deny the right and the choices of Aboriginal people," Mr Mundine said.

Pearson warns of 'welfare'

By CHRISTINE HOWES



Cape York Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson says research shows Indigenous expectations that governments will provide, maintain and replace community housing are contributing to poor housing outcomes.

"Our conclusion from this work is that the current system of public housing is at odds with our overarching goal of driving personal responsibility," Mr Pearson told a forum run by his Cape York Institute last week on the role of private home ownership. "It is a form of passive welfare which promotes dependency and needs to be replaced by a functioning private



Noel Pearson (left) with fellow speakers at last week's Cape York Institute forum on the role of private home ownership.

property market."

Mr Pearson said the Cape York Institute had developed three core principles upon which new housing policy for home ownership could be developed.

- A strong sense of family ownership.
- Ensuring that taking out housing loans is economically rational.
- Giving families a say over

the type of home purchased.

"Simply transferring the title and converting rent to mortgage payments will not take us very far. Personal sacrifice must be required just as it is in the mainstream," Mr Pearson said.

"We don't want families to take out huge loans for assets which are worth considerably less. We believe that low-cost kit homes may provide some solutions but they should only be one of a myriad of choices available to families on Cape York."

Mr Pearson said there was a need to think more in market terms about the challenges of inalienable land title which, he said, posed real difficulties.

"We're also starting to think more broadly about the existing housing stock and how it can be converted to home ownership," he said.

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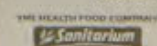
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Flower is symbolic of the journey of Stolen Generations



On the eve of 26 May last year, 50 Federal parliamentarians went about their business in Parliament House in Canberra wearing a small lilac silk hibiscus flower on their lapels.

Joined by thousands more individuals around the country, it was a powerful statement in respect for and recognition of the resilience and strength of Australia's Stolen Generations and their journey of healing.

This year the Kimberley Stolen Generation committee, which first produced the flowers in 2005, is hoping even more organisations around the country will become involved by purchasing and distributing them.

Committee co-ordinator Simon MacDonald said

the committee adopted the flower four years ago, 'the idea being that on one day of each year (26 May) people can pause and remember those children removed from language, land and culture'.

"The native hibiscus was chosen for its lilac colour, that denotes healing and compassion and for the fact that it is widespread, grows everywhere and is a survivor," Mr MacDonald said.

Mr MacDonald said groups, staff clubs, schools, social clubs, organisations could purchase a box of 48 flowers for \$1.50 each and sell them for \$2 (the same price as sold on the website www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au).



ABOVE: Young Jackalena Ansey of Broome models some of the silk hibiscus flowers.

Alliance pledges to fight on for justice, healing



A new organisation formed to work for healing and justice among all who suffer as a result of the forced removal policies has a new provisional name: 'the Stolen Generations Alliance: Australians for Truth, Healing and Justice'.

This was the outcome of a conference in Picton, NSW, from 9-11 February which brought together 35 people representing a wide range of Stolen Generations organisations and supporters of the Stolen Generations.

The conference overwhelmingly approved a motion to launch a new alliance, and established a working group headed by Debra Hocking, a member of the Stolen Generations and Chairwoman of the Journey of Healing Tasmania.

Consultations are now taking place around the country.

Among those who support the formation of the new organisation are the elected leaders of the main

community organisations supporting the Stolen Generations in Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory (Centre and Top End) and Western Australia (both in the Perth and Kimberley (northern) regions).

Affiliated

These organisations have been affiliated with the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC). At present the committee appears to focus mainly on the annual commemoration of Sorry Day.

"Everyone at the Picton conference considers Sorry Day an event of great significance, and hopes to work on commemorations in co-operation with the NSDC," Ms Hocking said.

"However, there is a need to focus also on the wider ongoing struggle for healing and for justice, for the wholehearted implementation of the Bringing Them Home report, particularly in this year, which is the tenth anniversary of the launch of the

report. This is the purpose of the new alliance."

Ms Hocking said she would be glad to hear from anyone, particularly members of the Stolen Generations, who wished to comment on the provisional name for the organisation.

She said this would help towards making a final decision on the name in time for a public launch.

Ms Hocking can be contacted by phone on 0417 358 363 or via email at debra_hocking@hotmail.com



New alliance head

Debra Hocking ... "There is a need to focus also on the wider ongoing struggle for healing and for justice, for the wholehearted implementation of the Bringing Them Home report."

Wongatha seek time to consider appeal

By KEN BOASE



The Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) has asked for more time to consider whether an appeal will be launched against the Federal Court's Wongatha native title judgment earlier this month. A meeting of claimants in Kalgoorlie decided that more time was needed to study the complex ruling by Justice Kevin Lindgren on 5 February that the Wongatha claimants had failed to prove continuous connection to their land since colonisation in 1829.

However, the judge did not rule that native title did not exist, leaving the door open for further claims from family groups or individuals.

The Federal Court will be asked to grant an extension of the standard 21-day appeal period to 60 days, as well as an extension of the 14-day delay in notifying the National Native Title Tribunal Registrar



of the judgment.

GLSC Executive Director Brian Wyatt said the requested extensions were reasonable under the circumstances.

"Consulting with Aboriginal people from across 160,000 square kilometres of remote country is logistically difficult and takes time," he said.

'...the issues are so important that after waiting five years for the judgment we feel the additional time is warranted'

— Bryan Wyatt

"Plus, the issues are so important that after waiting five years for the judgment we feel the additional time is warranted."

Meanwhile, the newly constituted WA branch of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) has commented on the 'so-called lack of clarity and certainty' that the

Wongatha judgment has created.

Convenor Stephen Hall said some media outlets and politicians had argued for further legislative reform in the native title arena.

"This argument was used extensively by WA and Commonwealth Ministers after last year's judgment in favour of Nyoongar native title rights over the Perth metropolitan area," Mr Hall said.

"In fact it is a pretty tired old argument that has been kicking around Western Australian politics for as long as native title has been in existence.

"Some media outlets suggest there is a need for further legislative reform, but surely the best way forward is for the parties concerned to negotiate and not to constantly fall back on the legal system to make a decision.

"The Wongatha decision is a good example of why we need

more negotiation and less litigation in native title.

"It appears that all parties, Aboriginal, government and mining to name a few, are frustrated that the Federal Court did not make a definitive judgment.

"In last year's Nyoongar decision, the judge said that some issues remained and that it was important for the parties concerned to negotiate."



ANTaR WA Convenor Stephen Hall

People in positions of powerlessness engage in ... Lateral violence



A key Aboriginal health organisation says it will explore how Canadian Indigenous successes in dealing with 'lateral violence' can be applied in the Australian Indigenous context.

The CEO of Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) in Canada Allen Benson and the organisation's Director of Research and Evaluation Patti LaBoucane-Benson presented seminars on the issue in Darwin, Alice Springs and Lismore earlier this month.

The term 'lateral violence' describes the way people in positions of powerlessness, covertly or overtly direct their dissatisfaction inward toward each other, toward themselves, and toward those less powerful than themselves.

The phenomenon is believed to occur worldwide in minorities and particularly Indigenous peoples where its roots lie in colonisation, oppression, intergenerational trauma and ongoing experiences of racism and discrimination.

The Darwin seminar called 'Why do we hurt each other? Aboriginal people and lateral violence' was hosted by the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) at the Menzies School of Health Research.

An issue here

Mr Benson, a Cree man, told the Koori Mail that his conversations with Indigenous Australians suggested lateral violence was an issue here too.

He said his home community of Alberta was beginning to make inroads on the issue.

"Thirty-five years ago, no-one really wanted to talk about issues behind substance abuse and family violence but the moment we put a name to it there started to be some energy put towards it," he said.

"With lateral violence, the oppressed become the oppressors. We've internalised the pain of colonisation and our oppression and we've taken it into our communities in the factionalisation and in the gossip and talk of blood quantum, 'you're half-blood' etcetera.



Canadians Allen Benson and Patti LaBoucane-Benson in Darwin with dancers from Berrimah Prison's One Mob, Different Country dance group.

"As oppressed people, we want to say we have that little bit of power over somebody and we've just dragged ourselves down as a society instead of supporting each other in the community.

"As long as we internalise the pain and don't forgive people, we'll carry it with us forever."

CRAH Chief Executive Mick Gooda agreed that lateral violence impacted on Indigenous communities in Australia.

"It's there in the jealousy, gossip, backstabbing, and 'running each other down' instead of supporting each other," he told the Koori Mail.

"It's the tall poppy syndrome, the old black and white crabs in a bucket story. We talk about reconciliation with non-Indigenous people but first we have to reconcile with ourselves.

"People have other issues to deal with such as alcohol, but you can't deal with alcohol in isolation without addressing some of the underlying issues."

Mr Benson said communities could start to address the issue with individuals taking personal responsibility for it.

"In my organisation we've developed a zero tolerance policy for dealing with lateral violence or abuse in the workplace. We've named it, making it a part of every-day language."

Mr Benson said the organisation's program *In Search of Your Warrior* had enjoyed outstanding success since initiated for Aboriginal prisoners in the early 1990s.

The program was developed after a group of 'category one' inmates or serious offenders made a documentary called *Rage*.

"They told us how they changed from young innocent children and how they became murderers and violent offenders," Mr Benson said.

"The documentary looked at oppression and colonisation and the inter-generational effects of these kinds of trauma, adolescent violence, institutional violence, and historical matters like residential schools etcetera.

"We work on the philosophy of 'if a person doesn't understand why they've become violent, they can't change their behaviour'.

"If we can get our men to look at their role differently, to see that their role isn't about bashing people or not protecting their families or going on the grog every Friday, then we can start to change the way we manage the behaviour of our men so they can become contributing members of our communities.

"Right now, we're losing the battle because our men are going to prison and are being written off. We need treatment programs that are healing-based, culturally-based and are dealing with the key issues.

"We can have the 'experts' talk about what they think is needed but at the end of the day, if it's not Aboriginal people controlling, running and facilitating it, it's never going to work."

Mr Benson said a Corrections Canada review had found that 86 or 87 per cent of the several hundred prisoners who had taken part in the *In Search of Your Warrior* program over an eight-year period had not re-offended.

Native Counselling Services of Alberta aims to promote wellness for Aboriginal individuals, families and communities.

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CRAH CEO Mick Gooda receiving a traditional Cree blanket from Allen Benson and Patti LaBoucane-Benson of Native Counselling Services of Alberta.

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● ABOVE: Tahlia Wanganeen, Ann Warrior, of DECS, Julie Moar, of DECS, and Eunice Wanganeen.

● LEFT: Vi Deuschle was a vocal participant.

● RIGHT: ALRM Chairperson Barb Wingard who welcomed delegates to the forum.



● ABOVE: Alexis Tindall, Tania Larking and Catherine Wright.

● LEFT: Priscilla Cronin and Tania Axelby Blake, of the South Australian Department of Families and Community Services.

From left, Vi Deuschle, Steph Keys MP, Shirley Peisley, Khatija Thomas and Sapna Dogra.



Lesley Wanganeen, Rosney Snell and Keara Pearce, of Nunga Mi-Minar.



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Focus on priorities



South Australian Aboriginal women say support for a young women's leadership program, a community-driven agenda for action, a permanent forum for discussion, an information-sharing network, and better recognition of indigenous women's contribution should be amongst the State's priorities.

The initiatives were all canvassed during the recent Young Aboriginal Women's Forum attended in Adelaide by about 70 young and senior women from local and interstate community organisations and government departments.

The forum was organised by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, WomenSpeak and YWCA Australia. It also drew several local women members of parliament.

Topics of discussion included family violence, human rights for women, young women and leadership, childcare and health, education and employment, and an advocacy action plan.

The forum's outcomes will now feed into further forums, including the YWCA young women's conference in Melbourne in April.

Young local Aboriginal lawyer Khatija Thomas compared her experiences as an Aboriginal person in a native title context with time she spent working with Indigenous people in Cambodia on issues such as land titling.

"The biggest thing I got out of working in Cambodia was

perspective on my place in the world," she said.

"It reinforced for me that the best place for me from a political standpoint is as an Aboriginal person in Australia."

Facilitator Donna Odegaard, a Larrakia woman from Darwin, said education helped leverage indigenous people into positions where they could see what happened elsewhere in the world and use those experiences to advance their own communities.

Emma Penrith, from Dandenong Aboriginal Co-operative in Victoria, spoke from the floor about the challenges of Aboriginal people stepping outside of their local communities, and how family breakdown meant Indigenous communities needed to find alternative ways to support those in need.

Media dealings

The Koori Mail's editor, Kirstie Parker, addressed the forum on the need for Indigenous people to become more robust in their dealings with the media in order to then influence policy makers.

Senior Ngarrindjeri woman Shirley Peisley spoke of her plans to establish a grassroots network of Indigenous women to provide support and share information and resources. The network would be modelled in part on earlier women's organisations such as the Aboriginal Women's Council of the 1970s.

"People don't know where to go any more and a lot of our people are

falling through the cracks," Ms Peisley said.

"We know that our women are not coping with life and need help but don't necessarily fit service delivery guidelines."

"We want to ask women 'what are the things that are keeping you from achieving the things you want to achieve?' and 'how can we best help you?' The best way to do that is by getting together."

Rosney Snell, Lesley Wanganeen and Keara Pearce from local organisation Nunga Mi:Minar Incorporated, shared some of their experiences in supporting Aboriginal women and children.

Team leader Ms Wanganeen said the age of women accessing the Nunga Mi:Minar shelter and supported accommodation appeared to be getting lower.

"The important thing for me is to get young women to start to realise who they are, to realise they have choice and can move away from situations like domestic violence," Ms Wanganeen said.

"We speak to them about how they are now influencing a new generation who are being raised to think that violence is acceptable."

Young Mirning woman Tania Larking spoke about the opportunities she had but which were not available to her grandmother and other senior women in her family, and about forging an identity as a person of mixed heritage.

Forum coordinator Sapna Dogra said the event was a great success.



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● LEFT: Shirley Peisley, a senior Ngarrindjeri woman, who spoke of her plans to establish a grassroots network of Indigenous women to provide support and share information and resources.

● BELOW: A badge given to Shirley Peisley on 27 May 1967, the date of the Referendum that led to Indigenous Australians being counted in the national Census.



Emma Penrith and Jemima Gardiner, from the Dandenong Aboriginal Co-operative in Victoria.



Forum facilitator Donna Odegaard and ALRM forum coordinator Sapna Dogra.

'TJ' remembered



About 150 people attended a rally in Sydney recently to observe the third anniversary of the death of Redfern teenager TJ Hickey after a police pursuit.

The rally on 14 February began at the metal fence on the corner of George and Phillip streets, Waterloo, where TJ became impaled after coming off his pushbike while followed by a police patrol car.

Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) President Ray Jackson said the anniversary was observed by a minute's silence, speeches, a march to the old and new Redfern police stations, and a barbecue, and an open 'mic'.

Speakers included Mr Jackson, Raul Bassi of the Socialist Alliance, author and film-maker John Pilger, and Lionel Fogarty. Others travelled from Queensland and Victoria, notably activists Sam Watson, Gracelyn Smallwood, Palm Islander Lex Wotton and Robbie Thorpe.



Gloria Hickey, TJ's mum, speaking at the rally.

The Qld contingent spoke about developments in the case of Qld police officer Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley over the 2004 Palm Island death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee. Manslaughter and assault charges against Snr Sgt Hurley have been

adjourned for mention next month.

Members of Redfern's Aboriginal community have maintained that TJ's bike was deliberately rammed by the police patrol car, something vehemently denied by the police.

The incident was followed by street riots in the inner-city suburb but a Coroner's inquest later cleared police of any involvement in TJ's death.

Mr Jackson said the Hickey family's hopes for a civil case against the NSW Police, and drivers of the police rescue vehicle and the ambulance had stalled due to the onus of proof on the family in the absence of adult witnesses.

"If the family can come up with an adult eyewitness, the matter could be looked at again. Without that, though, the case has stalled," he said.

"We're not in a position to put any pressure on the lemma Government or Bob Debus as Attorney-General or on the

People at the rally marking the third anniversary of the death of TJ Hickey.

Photos by Ruth Ratcliffe, Green Left Weekly



Coroner's Court to be able to have the case re-opened, but every anniversary we'll be there reminding people of what happened."

Mr Jackson said members of TJ's family, including his two sisters, had been subjected to ongoing police harassment.

Democrat Indigenous spokesman Senator Andrew Bartlett marked the anniversary of TJ's death by calling on all political parties and governments to make Indigenous issues a public policy priority.

struggling to get appropriate resources and engagement to end such needless tragedies.

"Governments, state and federal, must make a concerted change and give the needs and views of Indigenous Australians the priority they deserve and engage widely and consistently with Indigenous communities."

"Governments and state institutions have a poor track record in acknowledging and responding to the views and needs of Indigenous Australians," Senator Bartlett said.

"We still have totally avoidable and unnecessary incidents such as the deaths of TJ Hickey in Sydney and Mulrunji on Palm Island."

"In 2007 we should not be trawling over the same ground, hearing the same tragic stories and still



Some of the people at the rally.



Townsville activist Gracelyn Smallwood.



Sam Watson, from Qld, was amongst the speakers.

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Koori inmates at Beechworth Correctional Centre in rural Victoria aren't

letting their incarceration impede their cultural journey.

The fellas are continuing to develop the prison's Indigenous site Madong Kurradba (Strong Ground), most recently with the relocation of a scar tree from elsewhere on the prison grounds to within the site.

Prisons Operations Manager Bret Lacey said one of the Koori inmates recognised that the old box tree had been scarred.

"The tree is likely to have been carved by Aboriginal people to make a shield, many years ago," he said.

Estimated to be about 200 years old, the tree holds significant information about Aboriginal people who once lived in the area.

The Koori inmates worked alongside local cultural heritage officers to relocate the tree to the Koori site where it will now be recorded, preserved and exhibited along with the other cultural artefacts.

Local cultural heritage officers, inmates and staff celebrated the day with a barbecue, complete with a range of traditional foods.

"The boys have done a fantastic job, they have worked hard and are very committed in maintaining the site," said prison officer and the prison's Indigenous Support Officer (ISO) Luke Brock.

Madong Kurradba is aimed at helping Aboriginal men and others to maintain their culture and contact with the land while in custody.

"The site is used for the Koori prisoners to celebrate their tradition, and is also a place where other prisoners

Culture behind the bars

can simply sit and reflect," Mr Lacey said.

The 0.4-ha site was designed and built by the Koori inmates and features a dancing pit, fire pit, humpies, and a range of stencilled native animals made from wood and steel.

The Koori inmates also recently finished work on a totem pole created over a period of six weeks at the prison's farm before being relocated to the Koori site. Additional special work was also conducted on the boomerang that hangs over the

entrance to the site.

Mr Lacey said the Koori inmates also provide community assistance in helping maintain local Indigenous rock-art sites and gardens around the town of Beechworth.

● The Beechworth Correctional Centre was commissioned in January 2005, after the historic 144-year-old Beechworth Prison closed in December 2004. It is located five kms south of the Beechworth township. The town is 270km north-east of Melbourne.



● ABOVE: Relocating the scar tree to the Koori site.



● LEFT: A plaque at Madong Kurradba.



● BELOW: The fire pit.



The dancing pit.



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- pre-employment support services;
- employment placement services; and
- mentoring services.

The Panel currently comprises 'Panel Members' that are able to demonstrate value for money in the delivery of the Services and which effectively and efficiently meet DEWR's service requirements, required terms and conditions. The Panel currently consists of about 60 organisations around Australia. More detail is available from www.workplace.gov.au/stepender.

DEWR intends that organisations not currently on the Panel who are interested in being engaged as a member of the Panel will also meet these requirements. Organisations interested in delivering the Services are able to tender to provide one or more of the 'service streams' to employers.

Current Panel Members are not, as a result of this approach to the market, required to re-tender for the services they currently offer under their current deed of standing offer with DEWR. However, DEWR is also providing, under this approach to the market, Panel Members with the opportunity to re-tender aspects of their existing standing offer, provided that any revised arrangement is not disadvantageous to DEWR.

Further information and the Request for Tender documents can be obtained by registering on the AusTender website: www.tenders.gov.au. Tenders must be lodged before 2:00 pm Canberra local time on Wednesday 14 March 2007.

Information sessions will be held in selected locations in the near future. Further information is available by visiting the following website: www.workplace.gov.au/stepender.

Scrymgour warns of art 'carpetbaggers'



Aboriginal-owned art centres in remote parts of the Northern Territory are helping to combat the threat of unscrupulous dealers, NT Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour has told

a Senate inquiry. But, she said, the million-dollar Indigenous industry will survive only if a concerted effort is made to protect it from carpetbagging.

The Senate inquiry into the future of Aboriginal arts and crafts is looking at ways to shield vulnerable artists, including a mandatory certificate of authenticity for every piece of art sold to



'The overwhelming majority of the (didgeridoos) you see in shops throughout the country, not to mention Darwin, are fakes, pure and simple' – NT Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour

ensure proper payment.

Addressing the inquiry while it visited Darwin last Tuesday, Ms Scrymgour

outlined 'threats' to the Aboriginal art industry, including souvenir or tourist shops.

"The material they call Aboriginal art is almost exclusively the work of fakers, forgers and fraudsters," she said.

"Their work hides behind false descriptions and dubious designs."

Chief among these were didgeridoos, she said.

"The overwhelming majority of the ones you see in shops throughout the country, not to mention Darwin, are fakes, pure and simple," the Minister said.

"There is some anecdotal evidence here in Darwin at least, they have been painted by backpackers working on industrial scale wood production."

In a separate statement handed to the inquiry, Ms Scrymgour said the 35 bush-based art centres in remote areas of the Northern Territory were 'custodians of tradition and ongoing cultural development'.

Aboriginal-owned

"The core work of the Territory's Aboriginal visual arts and crafts industry is that performed by the Aboriginal-owned and controlled art centres," she said.

"A number of art centres throughout the Territory have been operating successfully for over 30 years, many for over 20.

"This is unprecedented anywhere in the nation for Aboriginal commercial enterprises ... They are all businesses with solid artistic, cultural and commercial track records."

Ms Scrymgour said most people who bought Aboriginal art were sympathetic to the artists and wanted to buy the real thing, but were in danger of being 'ripped off'.

"The Aboriginal visual arts and crafts industry is, in essence, a sustainable one, but must be nurtured, if not protected," she said.

"Properly fostered, it is an industry that can look to a strong future."

On Wednesday, Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said proposed Federal Government changes to the permit system on Aboriginal lands and the Community Development and Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme would undermine the Indigenous arts industry.

Permit system

"Indigenous people rely on the permit system to help keep carpetbaggers out of their communities," Senator Siewert said.

"Carpetbaggers are threatening the Indigenous art industry and communities must be able to control their access."

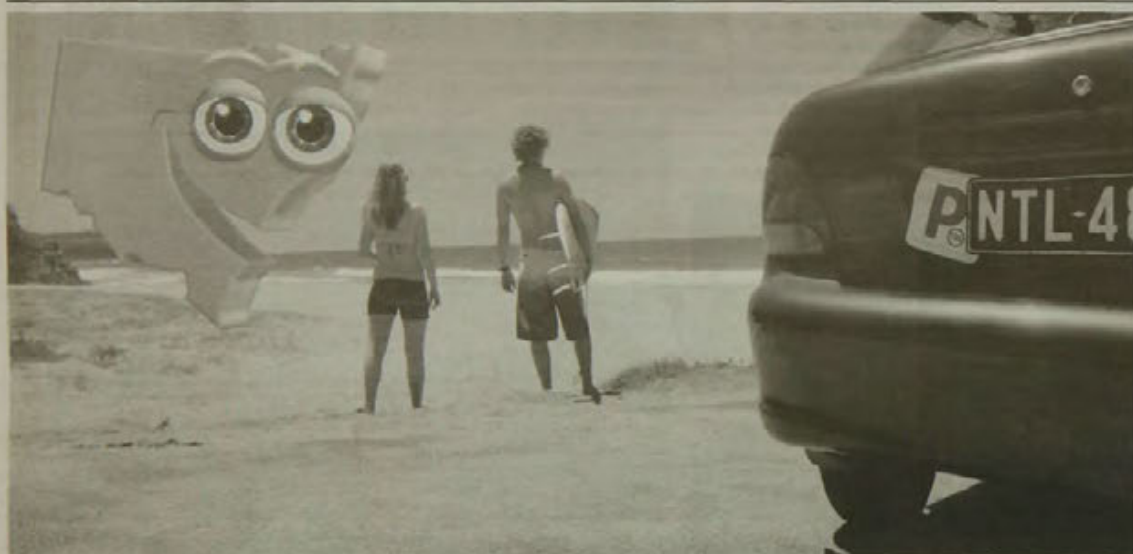
Senator Siewert said the 'double whammy' was the changes to CDEP.

"CDEP is very important to the sustainability of community art centres. CDEP assists up-and-coming artists and provides training in running art centres.

"The Government has obviously not considered the negative impacts of the proposed changes.

"Changes to the permit system and CDEP will simply undermine one of the only industry bases that Aboriginal communities have."

The Senate inquiry also visited Alice Springs to hear evidence before heading to Sydney. It is due to hand down its findings on 22 March. (Main source: AAP)



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Aboriginal tourism on show

By CHRISTINE HOWES



Showcasing a strong focus on tourism that is consistent with economic, cultural and environmental values was the aim of the second 'Corroboree' Indigenous Tourism Expo at the Sydney Opera House this month.

Hosted by Aboriginal Tourism Australia on the heels of a three-day business development symposium, the event saw more than 150 tourism operators come together to show off their products to a mainstream audience which included industry professionals, government representatives, and tourists themselves.

Audiovisual displays, harbour cruises on the Aboriginal-owned and operated 'Deerubun', workshops, dance and song, along with the launch of 'Incredible Journeys - Across Indigenous Australia' were the main activities of the day.

Aboriginal Tourism Australia (ATA) Chairwoman Lois Peeler told the gathering that ATA was committed to ensuring Australia's tourism experience was enriched by Indigenous culture, values, spiritual connection to the land and 'most importantly, Indigenous people themselves'.

ATA is an industry association formed by and for Indigenous tourism operators.

"The Expo today is to provide the opportunity for the tourism industry and visitors to actually see what is accessible product within the Indigenous tourism sector," Ms Peeler said.

"There are people here from right across the country, we've got something like 164 operators who have participated in the past

three days in a business development symposium held at Macquarie University.

"We're very happy to be able to bring you a sample of the product we have here."

Indigenous Tourism Australia Executive Chairman Aden Ridgeway said he was privileged to be asked to launch 'Incredible Journeys', which showcased the depth and diversity of tourism experiences available in Australia for international and domestic audiences.

"Most of all, I think that what's special and unique about the experiences that are on offer is not so much about what's being told to the rest of the country or to the rest of the world," he said.

"But I think that it gives a great opportunity for our young people to be engaged and certainly to hear about their own stories.

"So it becomes a living culture rather than a culture that sits in a box or in a book.

"It's a privilege to be able to be here today to see our people dancing, to hear of our people coming from far and wide and most of all being able to take this story and tell it out there so that everyone gets a chance to be a part of something that is unique and that only exists in one part of the world."

Indigenous Tourism Australia is part of the Federal Government's statutory authority responsible for tourism marketing.



Descendance, from Yarrabah, performing the opening dance, dedicated it to the people of Palm

These people came from throughout Australia for the Indigenous Tourism Expo at the Sydney Opera House.



From left, Vic Simms, City of Sydney Councillor Marcelle Hoff, Lois Peeler and Indigenous Tourism Australia Executive Chairman Aden Ridgeway.



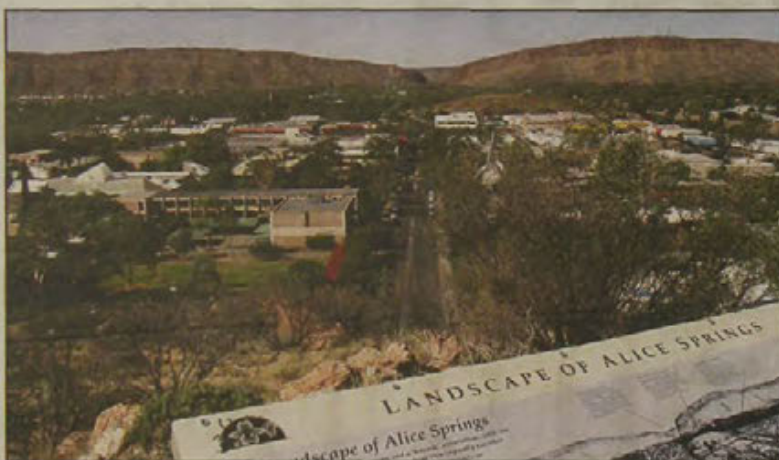
The Smoking Ceremony.



Descendance performing at the expo opening.

Alice gets Opal fuel

Abbott wins praise for listening to blackfellas



Alice Springs ... Opal fuel will replace all regular unleaded fuel in the town.

now be complete. The rollout of Opal fuel in Alice Springs is being done in co-operation with all service stations, the Town Council and other local community leaders.

Mr Abbott said Opal had already reduced the incidence of petrol sniffing and expanding the regions covered by the anti-petrol sniffing strategy would build on this and help to ensure that this change lasted.

A recent Nganampa Health Council survey shows that the prevalence of petrol sniffing across Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yunkunytjatjara (APY) lands has fallen by more than 80 per cent since 2004.

Specific initiatives under the anti-petrol sniffing strategy are based on an eight-point plan which includes strengthening and supporting communities, better policing, establishing treatment and respite facilities, providing alternative activities for young people and supporting the roll-out of unleaded Opal fuel.

The Government said it had spent more than \$1.5 million in 2006 and 2007 to support the Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk in Alice Springs, which had reduced drug trafficking in the cross-border region.

The recent establishment of an Alice Springs-based sniffer dog unit would further enhance anti-trafficking operations.

The Government said other initiatives underway included:

- Continued rollout of non-sniffable unleaded Opal fuel across the Central Desert region and other parts of Australia.

- \$7.7 million for four pools at Mimili, Amata, Watarru and Pityatyatjara in APY Lands.

- \$1.1 million to build housing associated with a new rehabilitation centre at Amata, in addition to the \$2.2 million capital funding provided for the unit in June 2004.

The nation's peak Aboriginal health body has praised the Federal Government for taking note of its urgent requests to roll out non-sniffable Opal petrol in Alice Springs. The Government has announced that it will spend \$12 million to support the rollout of Opal fuel in Alice Springs.

It also announced that its Central Australian anti-petrol sniffing strategy would be expanded north of Alice Springs above Ti Tree as well as into communities in the East Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) says many lives and hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved by the Government's actions. NACCHO Chair Henry Councillor said Health Minister Tony Abbott's initiative in brokering the introduction of Opal – and the banishment of regular sniffable unleaded petrol – was a great response to the requests of NACCHO and thousands of Aboriginal people, especially in Central Australia.

"The Minister has shown that he's not afraid to listen and learn from blackfellas and act in the best interests of all Australians when an issue as serious as petrol sniffing needs to be sorted out," Mr Councillor said.

"Mr Abbott is showing that he is willing and able to consult with Aboriginal people at an organisational and grass-roots level, and that he's not afraid to take good advice."

NACCHO called on Canberra to act on the Opal roll-out in December last year when two Aboriginal youths died as a result of petrol sniffing in Oenpelli, in the Northern Territory's Arnhem Land.

Mr Councillor said hundreds of people had died or been permanently incapacitated in recent years, causing great dysfunction and disharmony in some remote

communities and costing the health system hundreds of millions of dollars in life-time care and treatment of petrol sniffers.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough said the new areas would now have access to substantial funding under the \$55.2 million anti-petrol sniffing measure in last year's Budget.

"This funding is for support services to tackle substance abuse, and covers alternative activities for young people, education, rehabilitation, restorative justice and the provision of unsniffable Opal fuel," Mr Brough said.

He said the Government would conduct a public information campaign to accompany the full replacement of all regular unleaded fuel with Opal in Alice Springs which should

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Githabul ready to celebrate

A ceremony to mark the biggest native title deal struck on Australia's eastern seaboard is expected to be held today at Woodenbong, near the Qld/NSW border.

News of the Githabul people's Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the NSW Government broke in January. The deal was forged through negotiation to settle a native title claim the Githabul People made in 1995.

The area covered by the agreement covers a number of national parks and State forests which will continue to be important recreational assets to the whole community. The deal does not affect freehold land or prevent access by all Australians to any areas. It will cover about ten families comprising about 250 people.

The Queensland Government has yet to recognise the 15 per cent of the Githabul claim that falls within its State borders.

The Githabul community decided to mark the agreement signing with a family and community picnic at Woodenbong Showground.

Indigenous tourism operators in Europe



Aboriginal tourism operators are in Europe as part of an initiative to showcase Australia's Indigenous tourism experiences to key

European markets.

The Aboriginal Experiences Roadshow 2007 is the first of its kind and is highlighting Aboriginal tourism product to European tourism wholesalers and media.

Indigenous Tourism Australia executive chair Aden Ridgeway is

heading the delegation of 12 Aboriginal tourism operators through London, Milan, Paris, Amsterdam and Berlin from 21 February to 7 March.

Tourism Western Australia chief executive officer Richard Muirhead said the Roadshow was helping build on the strong foundations made in the recently released Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for WA and would help ensure sustainable Aboriginal participation in the tourism industry.

"Research shows growing numbers of tourists want authentic

Aboriginal experiences and, with international visitor numbers expected to increase by 5.2 per cent annually over the next 10 years, there are huge opportunities for Aboriginal people to become more involved in tourism," he said.

"This roadshow will help give Indigenous tourism operators ongoing opportunities to add cultural and commercial value to the WA tourism industry."

The locations for the Tourism Australia-led roadshow were based on

countries that had shown proven consumer interest in Aboriginal experiences.

Western Australia is being represented by Kapa Kurl in Esperance, Kooljaman at Cape Leveque, and WAITOC (represented by Wula Guda Nyinda at Monkey Mia and Uptuyu Aboriginal Adventures in Broome).

Acting Chief Executive of Tourism NT, Rita Harding said operators from Nitmiluk Tours and Murudjurl, Kakadu, also joined the roadshow.

Story and photos by
KEN BOASE



A new Aboriginal radio program has been launched in Perth on the city's local multicultural broadcaster, 95.3 6EBA FM,

broadcasting each Thursday between 1 and 2.30pm and specialising in youth issues.

The program, known as Whadjuk Radio, was officially launched at the station's annexe in the inner northern suburb of Bayswater on 15 February, and the 30 or so attendees were treated to an official welcome to country by Nyooongar Elder Kathy Yarran, dancing by Common Ground and singing by Candice Lorrane.

Station Project Officer Olivia Holmes said 6EBA and especially Chairman Nick

Whadjuk Radio on air in Perth

then put a program to air once the course was completed."

The Whadjuk Radio team includes Ethel Wallam, from Abmusic, and Kylie Farmer, from Yirra Yaakin, backed by two very enthusiastic youth broadcasters, including rising WAFL star Trent



6EBA FM
Project
Officer
Olivia
Holmes.

Nikolich had wanted an Indigenous radio program for a long time.

"I saw an opportunity for this through the Indigenous Community Partnership Fund in the Department for Community Development," Ms Holmes said.

"Jade Maddox from Yorgum and Derek Nannup from Yirra Yaakin helped me bring it to reality.

"The idea was to start off with a workshop series for young Indigenous broadcasters and

Bennel and high school student Nestor Zimmermann.

"The team has been working on a high-quality magazine-style program that will look at culture, the arts, sports, education, community events and careers to name a few," Ms Holmes said.

"Their commitment and enthusiasm for the program amazes me and is an inspiration to all of us at the station.

"We will be running workshops for young Indigenous broadcasters looking at technical



The Whadjuk Radio team, from left, Nestor Zimmermann, Trent Bennell, Kylie Farmer (seated) and Ethel Wallam.

broadcast skills, program making and media law."

6EBA Youth Program Co-ordinator Dani Simpson read a statement of congratulations from Indigenous Affairs Minister Michelle Roberts.

"I'm confident that Whadjuk Radio will be an important vehicle for providing the Aboriginal community with a voice," Ms Roberts' statement said.

Labor backbencher and Aboriginal MP Ben Wyatt also addressed the launch party, saying it was an important Indigenous initiative.

"We've been led here by our young people and that's the only way I think that organisations like this will be successful because if we don't get our youth involved and leading the way, then these things have a tendency to fall away," Mr Wyatt said.

"This is a good example

of Indigenous initiative beyond the resource sector that is showing that Aboriginal people are involved in many things, including high technology and

contemporary artistic forms and keeping involved and informed about issues in Australia and around the world."

Ms Farmer predicted that Whadjuk Radio would have a wide appeal for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal listeners.

"Anything that blackfellas are doing, we want to know, whether they're writing books, directing or writing scripts, recording albums, if they're becoming scientists or astronauts," Ms Farmer said.

"We want to keep people informed and get our community talking to each other again.

There's a lot of negative stuff that happens and people don't want to talk about some of the issues and we want to start people talking as one big circle.

"Many of our older people don't leave home and so we want to acknowledge them and most of us have wadjela mates or relatives so we want this program to filter through to the whole community and get everyone involved."



WA Aboriginal Labor
MP Ben Wyatt
congratulated the
Whadjuk Radio team.



The Common Ground dance troupe provided entertainment at the launch

Benefits delivered

Native Title and You



By National Native Title Tribunal member Dr Gaye Sculthorpe

AGREEMENTS made to settle native title across Australia vary enormously – delivering different outcomes and benefits to the groups involved.

The types of benefits Indigenous groups secure through native title negotiations depend on the terms of each agreement.

Parties may agree to a consent determination of native title or achieve related outcomes through Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

One group that's been speaking highly of agreements they negotiated is the Bundjalung People of Byron Bay, in northern New South Wales, who recently reached two ILUAs with

the NSW Government.

They are among the many groups around Australia who have negotiated one or more of the 267 ILUAs that are currently on the Tribunal's register.

Through discussions with parties to resolve two native title claims in and around the Byron Bay area, the Bundjalung people of Byron Bay have secured a number of benefits for themselves and future generations under these agreements.

These include employment, training and economic development opportunities as well as the right to co-manage national park areas with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The State Government has also benefited from the ILUAs, gaining certainty about the future, including assurances about compensation.

This win-win outcome is a contrast to litigated decisions of the court that usually have a winner and a loser. The recent dismissal of the Wongatha claim in the Western Australian Goldfields, for example, seems to have no winners. Following years of litigation, it has left the native title claimants and other parties with no certainty or benefits.

The northern NSW agreements are not the first the Bundjalung people of



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service ranger Norman Graham with National Native Title Tribunal member Dr Gaye Sculthorpe at Cape Byron.

Byron Bay have achieved.

The ILUAs build on an earlier agreement they reached with the State Government in 2001 that created the Arakwal National Park and provided employment and training opportunities for the group within the park.

We're now seeing members of the group working as rangers following the completion of traineeship programs created under the first agreement.

In addition to the practical

benefits, the Bundjalung people of Byron Bay are continuing to benefit from the recognition of their cultural knowledge in the management of land, and acknowledgment that they are the genuine stakeholders of Byron Bay.

The Tribunal's statistics show that agreement making is on the rise.

The Bundjalung people of Byron Bay and the State of New South Wales have certainly demonstrated what can be achieved through constructive negotiations.

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Photography a snap for students



From left, Pukatja kids Karlie Marshall, Jasmine Dunn, Glendyn Minutjukur and Quinton Lewis.
Photograph by project co-ordinator Beth Sometimes



'Ronston' by Panma Carroll

Focus on APY kids

THE kids of the Anangu-Pitjantjatjara-Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands are a photogenic bunch, but photos of them don't always portray their cheeky spirit.

That can't be said of most of the photos showcased in an exhibition *Kurungku nyanganyi kuranyukutu/With an eye to the future* at the Alice Springs Library during February.

The photos were taken by a group of school students, aged 13 to 18, at Pukatja in the APY Lands during three months' study of digital photography.

The workshops covered many elements of digital photography, including the basic principles of light in photography, technical aspects, landscape, event photography and portraiture.

Some of the students also learned to use Adobe Photoshop to alter or enhance their work.

The results give a look into the world of the young person in a remote community.

Project co-ordinator Beth Sometimes said the students were encouraged to think of photography as an art form, as well as a way of recording people and moments in time.

"It was fascinating to see what has emerged through the eyes of the Ernabella children,

as they view their own worlds through the camera lens," she said.

"It became very obvious that family and the actions of family and friends are the most frequently explored and revered subjects for these students."

Ms Sometimes said that while visitors were usually the ones to photograph most

quality artwork," she said.

"These kids have powerful stories to tell, it's just a case of empowerment."

The cameras were bought by the Ernabella Anangu School and additional funding was provided by the Anna and John Woods Trust.

Students will be able to access the cameras through the school and their

photography will be entered into Ara Irititja – the digital archive of Anangu histories that is accessible for viewing in almost all communities in Pitjantjatjara/Yankunytjatjara speaking areas.

Highlights of the project will soon be available for viewing on the theatre project Ngapartji Ngapartji website <http://ninti.ngapartji.org>.

Ngapartji Ngapartji also works in Pukatja, creating content for the online language and culture course, and building skills for young people to be involved in

the theatre production which has recently finished successful seasons in Melbourne and Sydney and is showing in Perth.

Kurungku nyanganyi kuranyukutu/With an eye to the future was originally shown at Ernabella Arts Centre, the first time such an exhibition of local work had been officially exhibited within the community.



'Ngayulu – Myself' by Quinton Lewis.



'Ronstonnga pula Milton' by Karlie Marshall.



'Kalaya kulunypa tjuta – Little emus' by Marcia Lionel.



'Ian-nga' by Panma Carroll.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



By the time we get back to court to argue what destroy means, the damage will have been done. If we win the case, it could be a hollow victory

— TAC Legal Director Michael Mansell on a British High Court judge's delay in announcing a decision on the return of Aboriginal remains to Tasmania (See Page 3)

Unquote

Find someone else to 'respect'

With forced alienation from much of our land, destruction of many of our languages and threats to some of our traditions, some might say that our identity as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the few robust things that we have left.

So it was perhaps not surprising that a few of our mob got annoyed recently at news of a couple of white Americans painting their skin black and daubing their bodies with stolen traditional designs to make money from didgeridoo performances in their home country.

A video which now appears to have been removed from the group's website was like something straight from the vaults of the old Black and White Minstrel Show television series.

Except that that little gem or stinker (largely depending on what side of the racial divide you were on) was taken off the air about 30 years ago when someone realised that, just maybe, it might be offensive to black people.

To be fair, the current impersonators do seem genuinely enthralled with all things Aboriginal.

And perhaps they're not in the league of the infamous Marlo Morgan. Remember her? She was the middle-aged white American woman who maintained in her book *Mutant Message Down Under* (first released as fact, then as fiction when derision about it grew) that she'd been chosen and effectively kidnapped by a secret Aboriginal tribe to undertake a treacherous but spiritually rewarding journey through sacred country.



There are reports that the current impersonators believe they're doing what they're doing 'out of respect' and a desire to grow appreciation for Aboriginal culture.

But, with respect, their actions show little respect.

Given Australia's history during the past 220-odd years, we know something about well-meaning but misinformed whitefellas.

It was interesting to note, amongst all the heat on the subject, the conciliatory tone of some of the Aboriginal people drawn into the discussion.

The Yolngu Elders who took the group to task emphasised that they had no wish to prevent non-Aboriginal people from playing the instrument, saying in effect 'support us, just don't try to be us'.

Other Aboriginal people, while not especially happy with the group's actions, took an 'oh poor fullas, real ngurragar (pitiful) hey?' approach.

The group may, in the words of Bobby McLeod, be 'white people lost and looking for their way'.

But the bottom line for them is this: Find someone else to 'respect'. Or, better yet, find yourselves.

A Yarn With...



Khatija Thomas
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Adelaide, SA

Favourite bush tucker?
Quandongs.

Favourite other food?
Chocolate.

Favourite drink?
Vodka, tonic and lime.

Favourite music?
Anything I can sing or dance to.

Favourite sport/leisure?
I don't 'do' sport.

Favourite holiday destination?
Cuba and Mexico.

What are you reading?
Lonely Planet Guide to Mexico.

What are you watching?
Medium.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
The ceremony for my admittance to the bar as a solicitor.

What do you like in life?
Food and laughter.

What don't you like?
Bigotry.

Who would you most like to meet?
Not sure.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Elders so I could hear their yarns all night.

Who inspires you?
My mum and all deadly women.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Give our land back.

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
A real packet of Tim Tams that never ends.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Frederick Douglass (c 1818-95) American former slave and civil rights campaigner speaking on the 23rd anniversary of Emancipation in Washington DC, April 1865, said: "The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."

With amazing revelations emanating from a flood of media coverage of late concerning the unconscionable conduct of police associations, and weak politicians who choose to turn a blind eye to the Mulrunji case, only time will tell whether the commanding words of Frederick Douglass have any currency in Australia today.

After reading an article in the Sunday Territorian under the headline 'Blue wrist bands to support Sgt Hurley' by Roberta Mancuso of 9 February, I continue to be appalled by the unprecedented action, some might say militant deeds, of our protectors – the police – in support of their comrade.

I, like many of my people, have friends who serve in the police service, Indigenous and non-Indigenous officers, and often wonder what their position is on the extraordinary stance countless numbers of their colleagues are taking in support of Snr Sgt Chris Hurley.

My reluctance to date in not asking my few police acquaintances whether they support their union's stance is probably more reflective of my present state of mind on the subject and angst, I guess, of possible coercive validations from them of actions undertaken and future plans on the drawing board.

Banding together

The Sunday Territorian alluded to the possibility that all Queensland police officers may soon be wearing blue wrist bands in a show of support for Snr Sgt Chris Hurley, who was recently charged over the death in custody of Mulrunji on Palm Island in 2004.

It would appear from the article that at present most Gold Coast officers are wearing the blue bands stamped with the number '6747' – the official police registration number of Snr Sgt Hurley.

Queensland Police Union vice-president Denis Fitzpatrick was quoted in the article saying the bands would not only help raise funds for Snr Sgt Hurley's legal costs, but show a 'silent protest' against his treatment.

It was also widely reported that the Queensland Police Union was considering staging an unprecedented police march on Parliament House in Brisbane.

Why the rush?

I don't begrudge anyone from voicing a protest on any matter, but one would have thought it more prudent of police to await the outcome of a jury of Hurley's peers to arrive at a verdict before trying to influence the court's outcome by threatening to march on Parliament House as well as an array of other innovative planned actions.

Why has this particular case caused so much anxiety to the all-conquering and powerful police unions across the nation? Perhaps it has something to do with the history and culture of policing in this country and their perfect record of no convictions recorded against a single police officer for a death in custody of an Indigenous Australian.

To fully understand this observation, I provide a journey back in time to illustrate a brutal start to our people's contact with non-Indigenous law enforcement agencies

and the judicial system. (<http://www.dreamtime.net.au/indigenous/timeline2.cfm>);

1799 – Two Aboriginal boys were killed near Windsor by five Hawkesbury settlers. A court martial found them guilty but referred sentencing to the Secretary of State for Colonies and the men are released on bail. Governor Hunter was recalled. Acting Governor King was instructed to pardon the men.

1805, July 20 – The colony's Judge Advocate, Richard Atkins, when referring to whether or not Aborigines could be witnesses or criminals before a court, stated that Aborigines 'are at present incapable of being brought before a criminal court – and that the only mode at present when they deserve it, is to pursue them and inflict such punishment as they merit'.

1838, June 10 – The 'Myall Creek Massacre' occurred. Twelve heavily-armed

colonists rounded up and brutally killed 28 Aborigines from a group of 40 or 50 people gathered at Henry Dangar's Station, at Myall Creek. The massacre was believed to be a payback for the killing of several hut keepers and two shepherds. But most of those killed were women and children and good relations existed between the Aboriginal people and European occupants of the station. On 15 November, 11 Europeans were charged with murder but are acquitted. A new trial was held and seven men were charged with murder of one Aboriginal child. They were found guilty and hanged in December.

We've just had a brief look at the 18th and 19th Century rapport, or lack thereof, between Indigenous Australians and the judicial system. Now let's peer through the window, via reference, in part, to John Pilger's 1989 publication *A Secret Country*, and have a look at a similar relationship picture in the 20th Century and see if conditions have improved.

You be the judge!

1981, June 12 – Eddie Murray was drinking under a tree with his cousin Donny and some friends. Eddie was arrested at 1.45pm and taken to Wee Waa police station. He was held under the Intoxicating Persons Act, a law used overwhelmingly against Aborigines. Within the hour he was dead, strangled with a blanket in his cell, his feet on the ground.

At the inquest five months later, the police claimed Eddie had killed himself by hanging, even though his blood-alcohol level at the time of death was 0.3 per cent. Under cross-examination, the police agreed that Eddie was 'so drunk he couldn't scratch himself'. Yet, according to them, Eddie had managed to tear a strip off a thick prison blanket, deftly fold it, thread it through the bars of the ventilation window, tie two knots, fashion a noose and hang himself without his feet leaving the ground.

Discrepancies

One policeman gave evidence that he had been off duty that day, then admitted he had lied when four Aboriginal witnesses identified him as one of those in the police van that took Eddie away.

The inquest was also told about serious discrepancies in police notebooks, with dates appearing out of sequence and an absence of records altogether, except for a highly detailed record of events of June 12 – the day of Eddie's arrest and death.

The coroner found that Eddie Murray had died 'at the hands of person or persons unknown'. He said there was no evidence that Eddie had taken his own life and he strongly criticised the police. And that was that.

For a more personalised insight into this disturbing case, read Simon Luckhurst's recent publication *Eddie's Country* (Magabala 2006) as presented through the eyes of Eddie's parents – Arthur and Leila Murray

1983, September 28 – John Pat, aged 17, died in Roebourne, Western Australia. He had gone to the aid of a friend who was involved in a fight with five off-duty policemen. Witnesses at the inquest said they had seen him kicked in the head after he had lost consciousness, 'like a dog'. Other witnesses, who lived overlooking the lock-up, said the police repeatedly assaulted John Pat after pulling him unconscious from the van. He was left in a cell and no doctor was called. He died from extensive head wounds, and he had broken ribs and a tear in his aorta, the main blood vessel leading from the heart.

Reinstated

The five policemen were sent to trial for murder, but the charge was later changed to manslaughter. They were acquitted and reinstated to the police force. The Aborigines arrested with John Pat were convicted of aggravated assault against the police and sent to prison. They are scarred from their beatings.

1987, August 6 – Lloyd Boney, aged 28, killed in custody buried in Brewarrina Cemetery on August 16, with his football team forming a guard of honour. He was the 16th Aborigine to die in police custody with eight months.

That evening, there were few whites on the streets of Brewarrina. Up from the river marched Aborigines to the Brewarrina Hotel, which, they said, refused to serve blacks. They hurled beer kegs and bottles, smashing windows. Riot police were called and at first were beaten back. The New South Wales Police Minister said on television that violence by blacks 'will only cause more harm to their cause'. The local National Party candidate, who was also town coroner, accused the Sydney media of causing 'racial disharmony' and 'stirring up' the Aboriginal community.

Regrettably, I would argue that not a lot has changed over the past two centuries, as highlighted here, as they are almost identical in their origin of farcical patterns of arrest and violent in-custody fatal conclusion.

Once again I evoke the famous words of Frederick Douglass: "The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous."

So let's all keep our fingers crossed for a fair and just outcome of the Hurley court case that opens in the Townsville Supreme Court on 9 April, and that we don't see any police officers on guard that day wearing a blue band boldly displaying '6747'.



Stephen Hagan

HAGAN'S VIEW

● Stephen Hagan, 2006 NAIDOC Person of the Year, is an academic at the University of Southern Queensland, award-winning author of *The N Word* and publisher of *Australia's Blackest Sporting Moments: The Top 100 and Melly and the Bilby*
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Keep your nose out of break-ups

RELATIONSHIPS can start out so perfectly and then bam! It's over as quickly as it began and then the drama begins.

Over Christmas I went home to see my people. It was going to be special. My family would be all together, we have new babies in the family and my mumma's house now has air-con - woo hoo!

But it was not special. A couple very close to me broke up.

From the outside you would think they had a perfect relationship. But one of them was unhappy in the relationship and the other was very happy. When the

news came out some people got upset and tried to encourage - then pressure - the couple to get back together. The person who was happy in the relationship would not get the message the relationship was over and had to be told over and over again. After all, weren't they happy once? Didn't they plan for a future together forever?

Two people in a relationship connect families, they connect communities and they bring extra capacity to each other. One or both of them may work, bringing extra money into the family. The most obvious change that occurs is that

two people become a partnership and they are happy. At the start they are so happy that they believe they could be together forever.

When someone close to you breaks up, it can seem like our cue to get involved. Maybe they haven't thought about this or that. Maybe if they took our advice they would get back together.

Outside people get involved in other people's relationship break-up for many reasons. We don't want the happy family broken up. Maybe we'll be made to choose a side. Maybe them being together makes us important or it could just

mean everyone in town will be gossipin' - 'Did you hear about so and so. They broke up. I knew they wouldn't last!'

There is no reason for us to get involved in other people's relationships. Who cares if you 'could' help them? Getting involved in other people's business does not help. It just makes you a big old Dorry with nothing better to do than cause a drama - and may even make those closest to you have nothing more to do with you.

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



**Ms KOORI
LOVE**

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WA works grants on offer



Incorporated Aboriginal associations can apply for State Government grants from \$10,000 to \$500,000 for capital works projects which will create jobs or boost services in regional Western

Australia.

WA Regional Development Minister Jon Ford said the grants were offered through the Indigenous Regional Development Program (IRDP), which was part of the Carpenter Government's \$80-million Regional Investment Fund.

"These grants primarily aim to strengthen the capacity of Indigenous communities to

stimulate their economic development," Mr Ford said. "Projects such as new cultural, arts or tourism facilities, infrastructure to support new enterprises, community buildings or amenities promoting better health or education outcomes, are particularly encouraged."

The Minister said the program had provided more than \$5 million for many important Indigenous regional development projects since its inception in 2005.

He said projects which had previously received IRDP funding included the construction of the new Warmun Art Centre, an Indigenous arts enterprise producing fine art which is renowned and sought after

internationally; and the establishment of a Spinifex Paper Processing plant at Papulankutja Aboriginal community, allowing the production of the specialised paper in commercial quantities.

Inquiry response

The funding builds on the work of the Indigenous Infrastructure Projects Program and the Indigenous Arts and Tourism Facilities Funding Program, which were run in 2003 as part of the Government's response to the Gordon Inquiry.

Non-Indigenous community groups, not-for-profit organisations, businesses, educational institutions and local

governments are also eligible to apply on behalf of, or in partnership with, incorporated Aboriginal associations.

Applicants have until 5pm, 2 April to lodge their submissions with the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

● For further information about the program, contact the local Regional Development Commission or the Department of Local Government and Regional Development on (08) 9217 1468 or freecall (country callers) 1800 620 511.

● IRDP guidelines and application forms are available from <http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/FinancialAssist/RIF.asp#IRDP>



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The NSW Government's Environmental Trust invites applications to the

Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available.
(Total program \$500,000)

**Applications open on 24 February 2007 and close at 5pm
on 25 May 2007**

Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

The information workshops will be in

Orange (20 March), Warren (21 March), Port Macquarie (27 March),
Walgett (29 March), Balranald (2 April), Narrandera (4 April),
Ulladulla (11 April), Queanbeyan (13 April), Ballina (20 April),
Mt Druitt (23 April), Toronto (2 May), Gunnedah (3 May),
Wilcannia (8 May).

To register for information and workshop sessions
phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with
filling out your application, contact the

Aboriginal Programs Officer, Jackie Puckeridge,
on (02) 8837 6399.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust

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LIVE LIFE NSW Seniors Week 11-18 MARCH 2007 nswseniorsweek.com.au Elders Yarn Up

Elders Yarn Up includes art and craft workshops, exercise and sporting activities, storytelling and yarnning, for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All events are FREE.

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FRI 16 MAR
10.30am-4.00pm
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Bookings/Enquiries: 02 6361 4742
or 02 6368 2438

Entertainment, Luncheon and Guest Speaker

TUE 13 MAR
10.00am-2.00pm
Rose Mumbler Village
55 Judith Drive, North Nowra
Bookings/Enquiries: 02 4428 9400

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MON 5 MAR-THU 8 MAR
8.30am-5.00pm daily
Seventh Day Adventist Convention
Centre, 250 Grassy Head Road
Stuarts Point
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WED 14 MAR
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Redfern Community Centre
29 Hugo Street, Redfern
Bookings/Enquiries: 02 9288 5713

Aboriginal Elders Sports Carnival

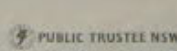
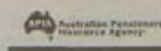
WED 14 MAR
10.00am-3.00pm
Campbelltown Athletics Stadium
Corner Pembroke Road and Rose
Payten Drive, Campbelltown
Booking/Enquiries: 02 4645 4902

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FRI 16 MAR
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255 Wilson Street, Darlington
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YOUR SAY



Nicole Kilgour, of Darwin, assures Michael O'Loughlin (pictured) that at no time did she question his or Adam Goodes' commitment to Australian rules football after their non-selection in the All-Stars team. (See next page)

Cricket at the grassroots lacks support

The Innisfail Dolphins Indigenous women's cricket team competed at this month's Imparja Cup cricket carnival – no thanks to cricket authorities in Queensland.

Three months before the games in Alice Springs, I wrote a letter to the Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee Qld (ICACQ) for assistance, either financial or otherwise.

While the carnival has now passed, I am disappointed at the lack of support ICACQ showed towards my request as they didn't even reply to my letter.

The Innisfail Dolphins women's teams never received a cent from ICACQ, and as a former member of this organisation, this apparent complete lack of support for grassroots cricket state-wide, and in particular women's cricket, astounds me.

Being the only Indigenous president of a cricket club in Australia and one of only two elected mainstream Aboriginal cricket administrators in Australia, I have been quite concerned for some time about the direction of ICACQ.

Frankly, I believe the annual trip to the Imparja Cup is nothing but a junket for supporting staff of the Queensland team.

If teams like the Dolphins have to fund-raise, approach sponsors and pay their own way to such



Members of the Innisfail Dolphins women's cricket team at the Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs. They are pictured with former Australian Test wicketkeeper Rod Marsh.

carnivals, then so should the current Queensland squad, in particular their support staff.

It appears to me that ICACQ don't fund-raise and simply wait for handouts from Qld Cricket and

Cricket Australia.

If both bodies are serious about the development of Indigenous cricket, they should look into the current structure, which I believe is failing Indigenous people.

Shame on ICACQ for their approach and disregard for grassroots Indigenous cricket.

STAN LENOY
Innisfail, Qld

Awaiting proof of ancestral connections

I'm writing in response to an article published in the Koori Mail on 14 February referring to the Williams family Ngambri group being identified as the custodial owners of the ACT and surrounding areas.

Back in the late 1990s, I was a party to the native title claim, signing on the understanding we were a united Ngunawal group – not Ngambri.

The native title claim was unsuccessful and the parties then agreed to sign and have

joint management of the Namadgi National Parks.

I have been a member of the Namadgi board since the agreement was signed. That agreement was signed off with the ACT Liberal Government at the time.

My concern is whether the ACT Labor Government has now recognised the newly identified Ngambri as the only Indigenous group that has a long-term and ongoing connection to the ACT and NSW region.

Paul House wrote a letter into the Koori Mail wanting other Indigenous members of the Namadgi board to come up with proof regarding their connections with the ancestral tribal groups in the surrounding areas.

Mr House, I am still waiting for your proof of your family's connections to this area.

FRED MONAGHAN
Canberra, ACT

The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

YOUR POETRY

My Mother

Yesterday my mother made me feel happy
She made sure I was alright.

She even told me to take care
Whenever I went out at night

She would sing me lullabies,
when I was just a child

And then she'd sing Slim Dusty's,
as she played her guitar with style

She would also sing her favourite hymns, just like my father
She loved him

She had a voice, that her friends would love to hear

And when she had finished singing
They all sang out, Hey Auntie Scotty, over here

She loved her nephews and nieces,
including her brother and sisters

Especially my sister and brother,
and always had room for others

Today my mother makes me feel happy
Yesterday we were laughing and crying

And tomorrow, she'll be in my heart again
For in my heart, her love remains.

NOEL (WHARRK) PHILLIPS
Parklea Correctional Centre
Tingha NSW

● This poem is in remembrance of my dear late mother, Mrs Aileen A Phillips, nee, Edwards Scott of the Gamilaroi, Thungutti Nation and family to Bundjalung people.

Senseless

There is no purpose to your way of life.
Your mindless ways have left mankind in strife.

You worship money not the land.
And destroy our stories with loveless hands.

With greedy eyes you rape this earth.
Since you first arrived we've all been cursed.

Aimless Assimilation

Aimless assimilation
Hundreds of fallen nations
Perpetual deliberation
For the birth of our salvation.

JONATHAN HILL
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Racist emails

I was disgusted upon seeing an article in the Daily Telegraph (15 February 2007) about racist emails being distributed throughout the police network.

The offending email involved the manipulation of Abba's greatest hits album, with the faces of the famous

Swedish group being replaced by four Aboriginal Australians and the name being changed to Abbo's greatest hits.

Not only did I find the whole thing disgusting towards our people, but also frightening and disturbing. I was frightened to think that the so-called law enforcers of this country could

sink so low, viewing such immature and ridiculous emails.

Plus, I was disturbed by the images of the four Aboriginal people used. Was permission given to the police to reproduce their faces on the net? I think the answer is clear. And worse still, what if the images used were of

someone who are now deceased?

This whole thing only proves one thing ... technology might have changed but the outdated post-colonial racist attitude towards us mob has not.

KEVIN BUTLER
East Corrimal, NSW

From 1 March 2007

Harsher penalties hurt



but not as much as the alternative.

Over the last five years more than 1,500 people have been killed on Queensland roads. More than 20,000 have been hospitalised – many will never fully recover.

The real tragedy is that many deaths and injuries could have been avoided if people had simply obeyed the road rules and stayed focussed on the road. Dangerous actions—like following too closely, not giving way or stopping when required, or drinking alcohol while driving—have serious consequences and are now matched with serious penalties.

From 1 March 2007 drivers or riders who break the law will face increased penalties for their risky actions.

The new penalties are simply aimed at making Queensland's streets, roads and highways safer for everyone. Dangerous driving and riding has already cost too much.

Pay attention...BECAUSE ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Offence*	Demerit points	Penalty
Travelling in a motor vehicle with part of body outside window or door	nil	\$75
Driving with TV/VDU operating & screen visible to driver	3 points	\$100
Drinking liquor while driving	nil	\$225
Failure to stop at a red or yellow traffic light or arrow	3 points	\$225
Failure to stop at a stop sign	3 points	\$225
Failure to give way	3 points	\$225
Entering a level crossing while boom gate is closing/closed/opening, or if warning lights or bells are operating	3 points	\$225
Failure to move out of path of police or emergency vehicle	3 points	\$175
Failure to give way to pedestrians	3 points	\$225
Following too closely	1 point	\$175
Driving or towing a vehicle with an unsecured load or with load causing vehicle to be unstable	nil	\$175

*This is not a comprehensive list of all offences reviewed.

For a full list of the new penalties, visit www.transport.qld.gov.au



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Commitment to the game was never in question

This is an open letter to Michael O'Loughlin, Koori Mail Columnist:

Hi Michael,

I just finished reading your latest piece in the Koori Mail (14 February 2007) and wanted to thank you for sharing your thoughts and setting the record straight regarding the All-Stars game in Darwin on 9 February, in which yourself and Adam Goodes were not listed in the final team.

I can assure you however that at no time did myself or anybody else I know, question yourself or Adam's commitment to the game, and I certainly agree with your comments that it is amazing Adam was not included, or in the very least invited to the game so that we had an opportunity to meet a double-Brownlow medallist, and an Indigenous one at that!

Although the All-Stars were defeated, I couldn't help but notice that Essendon fielded a few Indigenous players, including Alwyn Davey, Richard Cole and Leroy Jetta, which could explain the win.

Either that or the fact that yourself and Adam didn't play!

Anyway, good luck this year to you and Adam and the Sydney Swans.

NICOLE KILGOUR
Darwin, NT



MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

Family's tribute to Ali Bolt

Ali Bolt

In Loving Memory of Alister
'Ali' Bolt
19/07/1951 - 1/01/2006

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
A part of us went with you
The day God called you home

A million times we've needed
you

A million times we've cried
If love could have saved you
You never would have died

If tears could build a stairway
And heartaches make a lane
We'd walk the path to heaven
And bring you home again

God knew that you were
suffering
And the hills were hard to
climb
So he closed his weary eyelids

And whispered 'Peace be
Thine'

No hands so soft and gentle
No hearts so tender true
No sorrow life could bring us
Could equal losing you

From your loving wife Doreen
and your children Alister Jnr,
Kerry-Anne, Tammy, Joseph,
Jason, Justin, Amelia, Miranda,
Beverley, Victor and
Chrisstella.



We love hearing from our readers

We love hearing from our readers. We try to fit in as many readers contributions as we can. You can help us by making sure your letters are 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. We'd prefer letters and poems even shorter.

Remember, we're happy to consider photos alongside letters - as long as they're of high enough resolution and standard and that standard copyright requirements are met. - Editor

Robert speaks his mind

Here is my two bob's worth

1. The Knockout: Remember the days when the Knockout was good honest football and no bought teams. Just the honour of playing for your home town was enough incentive. It's missed; bring it back before it divides again.

2. Commercialism: Wake up peoples, our culture is slowly becoming replaced by rap, American slang and drugs. Money rules. They only really care about how much profit they can make and providing you with places to spend what little money you receive.

3. Coconuts, come lately etc: Where do you start? Those gubbariginals knocking on our black organisations smiling and looking for Aboriginality forms so they can get that job or house while another Aboriginal person who actually lived and felt like a black person since they were born misses out. But you say your great, great, grandmother was quarter Aboriginal... So you must be! Let's see you stand up when that's all gone. Did I see you marching down the main street protesting land rights or celebrating Aboriginal Week? Nope... you were too embarrassed that your white friends would see you. Black is more than a stamped confirmation.

4. Those assimilated blacks who refuse to go out with or have kids to their own beautiful black man and woman because... they say we are all related: Come on, we all know someone who uses this excuse. Talk about the assimilation policy still kicking around.

5. Door-knocking-converters preaching and pushing their bible and Christianity down our throats when all we want to do is to relax in our own homes. I think the basic philosophy of Christianity is good, but if we wanted to join, we would. I guess they have short memories about the desecration that they have inflicted on our Indigenous communities and cultures across the world, while justifying their actions by quoting the Bible.

6. Let's stop the senseless fighting amongst ourselves. You know 'they' want that to happen. Stop the punching, sit down and talk. Situations can be worked out like this. We did it before invasion.

7. The suffering of our people, benefiting those (predominantly) white researchers to gain a PhD.

8. Narrow-minded people who think that just because you are Aboriginal, that what you write should only be of black content. You know we can write a poem or story about another subject.

9. Narrow-minded people in general. Read, learn, respect, and listen. People can change and improve their lives. Sometimes it ain't easy, but complaining about it will do nothing but waste your breath and time.

ROBERT BARKER
Tamworth, NSW

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2008 Cultural Grants Program

2007-2008 Fellowships Scholarships and Awards

Arts NSW administers a wide range of cultural grants, fellowships, scholarships and awards aimed at encouraging creativity in the arts and helping to sustain a cultural environment for New South Wales.

Details of the programs, including closing dates for applications, application forms, funding criteria and conditions relating to eligibility for funding, are available from the Arts NSW website www.arts.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively you can contact Arts NSW at email: mail@arts.nsw.gov.au or Freecall: 1800 358 594 (NSW) ph: 02 9228 5533.

Applicants should ensure they have read the guidelines for funding before submitting an application.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON SERIOUS, REPEAT YOUTH OFFENDING

The Commissioner for Social Inclusion has been asked to lead a broad consultation to gain public feedback on repeat offending by young people and the proposed changes to the law put forward by the Government to help manage the issue.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to participate in the consultation.

You can share your views by:

Completing the online survey available at the Social Inclusion website at www.socialinclusion.sa.gov.au or

Attending one of the community forums facilitated by Mr Tauro Sansbury. Details of these forums will be made available through community networks and available at the Social Inclusion website in due course.

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www.socialinclusion.sa.gov.au



Upgrading the Pacific Highway Wells Crossing to Iluka Road

Aboriginal heritage registration of interest

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is continuing with investigations to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Wells Crossing and Iluka Road, on the north coast of NSW.

The project commences 23km south of Grafton and extends 71km to Iluka Road, Woombah.

Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people with cultural attachments to this area are invited to register their interest.

Registrations must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 30 March 2007.

All registrations received will be receipted.

To register your interest please write to: Paul Robilliard, Sinclair Knight Mertz Reply Paid 164 St Leonards NSW 1590 email: wellscrossingtoiluka@skm.com.au Phone: 1800 557 673 (toll free) www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Wells Crossing to Iluka Road).

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Your Say

What have we to celebrate?

Reading the Koori Mail of 14 February 2007 and, in particular, the article regarding NAIDOC quoting Aden Ridgeway made me stop and think 'what do we have to celebrate?'

We have the Premier, legal system and the cops in Queensland all thinking it is okay to kill a black man. It's that type of attitude that takes us back 50 years.

We have the Commonwealth Government pulling down our programs.

ATSIC was the beginning and what did they replace it with? Indigenous Co-ordination Centres (ICC) and a unit in Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA). I ask you, why have these units within departments? They certainly can't/won't do anything for Aboriginal people.

What has FaCSIA done? A lot to begin with, then they just die on their rear ends.

So the Aboriginal community goes without again. What are our little black units doing to help the community? Nothing, big fat zero, zilch. But that's fine, they're okay, they're getting paid. But for what, I ask.

Our CDEP is going, going just about

gone, but the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations has decided to give us Enhanced STEP which is a tender process so we will once again have whitefellas looking after our employment needs (oops that is if our CDEP doesn't win the tender, what a laugh). The difference between CDEP and Enhanced STEP? Well, the latter has no cultural value to it. It's the Government's way of saying Aborigines don't have a culture, kinship, they don't need their old people to teach language or history.

'Two Ways Together'

We in NSW have the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) which has worked hard on this new 'solve-all-our-problems' paper, a ten-year plan called 'Two Ways Together'. My question is 'is it worth the paper it is written on?' What does DAA do for Aboriginal people, because I don't think their people really understand what 'Two Ways Together' is all about. They certainly won't put their hand up to assist the community when the need arises.

Juvenile Justice (JJ) certainly has no

understanding of 'Two Ways Together' either. They sure got rid of our youth bail house real quick and fed the Minister Tony Kelly crap (I'm being polite), but then the Minister didn't want to hear from the people it concerned because he wanted to believe these people who didn't even know there was an Aboriginal Strategic Plan within their own department.

NAIDOC, yes it is a time to celebrate, but what do we celebrate? The fact that we are still here, the fact that it is one week in the year when we can show how proud we are to be Aboriginal and be accepted as such by departments, to share with the whole of community our heritage, our culture, share the struggle we have had to get here.

It's one week of celebrations and up to a few weeks of talking about it, then it's back to business.

I just hope it won't be one of the next Aboriginal programs to go. Aden may need to put some strategy in place so it isn't.

MAXINE HINTON
Sydney, NSW

Despair

Despair, is what I feel when I think of you,
Despair, a kaleidoscope of emotions and
thoughts way out there,
For the murder of a child left us all in despair.

Feeling defeated, lost and unsure,
Angry and untrusting of all those around,
Frustrated and fearful of a legal system that
doesn't care,
Sorrow and pain feel all so strange,
For the murder of a child just ain't right.

Death we respect though we don't understand,
The end of our journey, so we are told,
Our journey in life, given by Yuladarra our
Creator, the day we are born,
A rainbow was shattered the day you were
gone.

The Ancestors cried from above, the winds blew,
Our world turned grey, and we all knew,
Universal sin committed in our place,
For the murder of child should not have been.

But wait, what, not one but three,
A 17-year-old, beautiful as you could see,
A four-year-old, the innocence of life looking
back at you,
A 16-year-old, full of energy on his journey in
life,
But no, for the evil of men, stole their spirits,
after dark in the cover of night,
The murder of children left us all in despair.

Not just our families, our community too,
Now live with the sins of murder committed in
our place, Bowraville.

And every day I wake up and say to Birrugan my
Brother, Gawnggan my mother, and Yuladarra
my Creator, and all my Ancestors of my
Gumbayngirr homeland,
Lift this despair, give us truth, and from truth
comes justice, and with justice no more despair.

B GREENUP-DAVIS
Bowraville, NSW

Change this World

Every country in the world of this
our Mother Earth
Has memory in its makeup
through the lore of birth
Thoughts prolonged keeps the
pace makes the brain react
Everything is different and the
difference is in tact
The rivers and
the veins they
flow to generate
the heart

The difference
in the makeup
of this world it
helps to start
The cycles
breathing so
that races like
the rainbows
glow
And reaction to
the knowledge
of footprints that
you know
Now if you
change direction
from the birth of
our creation
And try to form
a colonial
mixture
integrated
nation
Then you will
find a memory
lapse
dysfunction in
the brain

Things that seem so normal will
look as if insane
Impulse then will be to blame, if
you can't retrieve the loss
Because you're forced to balance
the price at any cost
And Jesus then will seem to you
the crucified for sin
Excuse for the redemption that
our kids will wallow in

You see instead of staying in the
womb of born again
The virgin milk and honey
sunshine through the rain
We try to change the pattern
because we're insecure
Of people who respect, fact that
they are born through lore

We cannot
match the
eyes that carry
life inside the
head
We look
through
patterns
circulating with
the living dead
We're the
slayers of
creation, virgin
mothers of the
land
And we look
as if we're
going to help
all the shit
expand
But wait,
what's this I
see? A thought
that's passing
through
Is it something
old or
something new
just grew?
Is it the second
coming in this



Performer Bobby McLeod, who penned this poem.

world, another space?
Or is it what come sceptics think
will be a new-born race?
We'll just make sure it's born from
what we call the mother
Or put this here new law in place.
Go and **** your brother

BOBBY McLEOD
Nowra, NSW

Champion new Chairman of Goldfields Council



Champion has wide experience in Indigenous

Brian Champion Jr, pictured, is the new Chairman of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council. Mr

affairs. From 2002 to 2005 he was Chairman of the former ATSIC Mulga Mallee Regional Council.

Married with three children and resident in Kalgoorlie, Mr Champion has a degree in business administration and is a

former lecturer in commerce, mathematics and politics at Curtin University (WA School of Mines).

He now is Manager of the Kalgoorlie-based Emotional and Social Wellbeing Centre. Formerly Deputy

Chairman of the GLSC, Mr Champion was affirmed as Chairman by the organisation's Governing Committee after Mr Dion Meredith's election to the position last November was found to be not in accordance with the

constitution. The GLSC's rules of association require that nominees live in the region for six months before election.

The Governing Committee is looking at the rules of association to see changes might be required.

Kalgoorlie centre for big forum



A former Federal Minister and a former Governor of Western Australia will be keynote

speakers at the National Reconciliation Forum in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, on 13-14 March.

Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, WA Governor between 2001 and 2005, will be joined by Fred Chaney, Aboriginal Affairs Minister in the Fraser Government.

Mr Chaney has a deep interest in Aboriginal affairs and is Chairman of Desert Knowledge Australia, Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal and a Director of Reconciliation Australia.

"That puts him in a unique position to speak on the future of reconciliation," said Forum Director Graham Thomson.

"The fact that this year coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Referendum provides the opportunity to focus on what we are really doing to assist the reconciliation process and tackle some hard and, in some cases, desperate issues.

"There has been such dramatic changes to legislation, interpretation of legislation, and the delivery of services to Aboriginal people, that it is timely for us to be assessing just where we are at with the reconciliation process, in order that we ensure that Aboriginal people are properly catered for."

Mr Chaney will lead that discussion and outline positive plans necessary for the future.

Like Mr Chaney, Lt-Gen John Sanderson has a deep interest in Aboriginal affairs.

He has been appointed to assist the Carpenter Government in identifying long-term strategies to strengthen the participation of Aboriginal



Former Minister Fred Chaney will be one of the two keynote speakers at the National Reconciliation Forum in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, on 13-14 March.

people WA's development.

Lt-Gen Sanderson had a distinguished military career before becoming Governor. He was Chief of the Army from 1995 to 1998.

He is a former civil engineer,

year's Forum.

In association with forum partners Indigenous Enterprises, Grace will be highlighting the value of the 'Up4it!' program.

Indigenous Enterprises

Director Tony Shaw said: "Ricky is the Ambassador for 'Up4it!' and has been a great role model, a key to the success of this program in Aboriginal communities.

"At this year's forum, we will be showing why it is so successful, with greatly increased numbers of children attending school, and being rewarded for their efforts."

For further information and forum registrations, go to www.reconciliation.com

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a graduate of the Royal Military College, the Australian Staff College, the Joint Services Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

Basketball legend Ricky Grace will be presenting and speaking at the dinner at this



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foster care



At the new centre in Atherton, far north Queensland, are, from left, Child Safety Director-General Robin Sullivan, Indigenous Elder Aunty Noela Joseph and Child Safety Minister Desley Boyle.



Queensland Government
Department of Child Safety
Atherton
Child Safety Service Centre

VACCA seeks foster carers

THE Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) Extended Care Program is looking for foster carers who can provide a nurturing and supporting environment for Aboriginal children who are unable to live at home.

The agency is currently seeking carers who can provide respite / short-term or long-term care.

VACCA says training and support is provided and approved carers receive a special tax-free Carers Allowance.

If interested, readers should contact the Extended Care Team's Foster Care Recruitment Officer Sharon Mongta in Melbourne on telephone (03) 8388 1855.



Child safety centre open in Atherton



A new purpose-built Child Safety Service Centre aimed at boosting protection of the area's vulnerable children and

young people has opened in Atherton, far north Queensland.

Queensland Child Safety Minister Desley Boyle opened the new centre at 34 Mabel Street after attending the Beattie Government's 100th Community Cabinet meeting.

"Child safety service centres are the bases for our frontline staff who deal directly with children who have been or are at risk of being abused or neglected," Ms Boyle said.

"The new centre has a play area with toys to help children feel more at ease and a dedicated room for foster and kinship carers where they can

meet among themselves.

"There are also meeting rooms, off-street parking and a new, modern and secure reception area."

Ms Boyle said the new centre was developed by Mareeba business Sibi Girgenti Holdings Pty Ltd and built by Mareeba's Unison Homes.

"The Government has spent \$681,000 on the fit-out to make children, parents and foster carers comfortable," she said.

Ms Boyle said feedback from staff showed they were settling in well.

"Staff numbers in the Atherton office have almost doubled, from 11 to 20 in the past two years, and the new centre has room for further growth," she said.

"Our Atherton team includes four Indigenous staff and that is very important.

"There are over 100 children

in care in the Atherton area and 67 per cent of those are Indigenous.

"Indigenous children, parents and foster carers are often more comfortable dealing with Indigenous child safety workers and we are always trying to boost their number. One of our Indigenous officers used to be a teacher and received a scholarship from the department to do the extra study to become a child safety officer. I've announced a further 15 scholarships - one which goes to a woman from Herberton and another to a woman at Ravenshoe."

Ms Boyle said in 2005-06, the Atherton Child Safety Service Centre recorded 450 notifications of harm, or risk of harm, to children and young people.

● To become a Qld foster carer, phone 1300 550 877.

Draft Growth Centres Conservation Plan Proposed Biodiversity Certification of State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006

Under Section 126(G) (4) (a) of the *Threatened Species Conservation (TSC) Act 1995* the Draft Growth Centres Conservation Plan is to be publicly exhibited. The draft Plan will provide the basis for a request to the Minister for the Environment to grant biodiversity certification to the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006, under s.126 (G) (1) of the TSC Act.

The draft Plan identifies and assesses the biodiversity values of lands within the North West and South West Growth Centres, and the likely impacts on these associated with urban development in the Growth Centres. It also identifies conservation actions and outcomes proposed to be undertaken both within the Growth Centres and elsewhere on the Cumberland Plain or more broadly the Sydney Basin that will lead to the overall improvement or maintenance of biodiversity values.

If granted, biodiversity certification will remove the need to undertake detailed threatened species impact assessments at the development application stage for areas covered by the SEPP.

The draft Conservation Plan is on public exhibition from Thursday 15th February 2007, for a period of 28 days, until Wednesday 14th March 2007.

Public comment is sought on the draft Conservation Plan and the Growth Centres Commission invites submissions from interested parties. The submissions will be provided to the Minister for the Environment for consideration as part of the proposal to grant biodiversity certification to the SEPP.

Copies of the draft Growth Centres Conservation Plan can be obtained by visiting the Growth Centres Commission website - www.gcc.nsw.gov.au or by calling the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550.

The draft Plan can be viewed at the Department of Planning 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney and the following council offices during normal business hours: Baulkham Hills Shire Council, Blacktown City Council, Hawkesbury City Council, Camden Council, Campbelltown City Council and Liverpool City Council.

Submissions on the draft Conservation Plan can be made by email, mail or fax and for further information on the exhibition and submission process please contact the Growth Centres Commission on 1300 730 550.

Submissions can be sent to
PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124; or
Email: community@gcc.nsw.gov.au; or
Fax: (02) 9204 7599.



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Cathy tells of her life after running



Olympic gold medalist Cathy Freeman says a part of her died when she gave up running two-and-a-half years ago.

Freeman, who retired from competitive athletics three years after winning the 400 metres final at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, says it took a very long time to get over running.

"When I quit running, a part of me died and I grieved for a long time," the 34-year-old told the March edition of *Australian Women's Weekly*.

"It was the one sure thing in my life. No matter what else happened, running

was always there, was always real."

Despite three tough years on and off the track after her Olympic success, including relationship break-ups and indifferent form, the 1998 Australian of the Year says she found it hard to define

'I had no idea where I belonged or even who I was any more'.

her life without running.

"I felt like I was lost in one of those blow-up castles that you see at kids birthday parties and somewhere out of a sight a giant was shaking the foundations so I could never find my

balance," Freeman said. "I had no idea where I belonged or even who I was any more."

"I knew myself as one thing – a champion. I had no other identity. I had to reinvent myself or I'd be lost."

Freeman is currently filming a second series of the SBS documentary *Going Bush*, in which she and actor Luke Carroll travel to remote parts of Australia to learn about their Aboriginal heritage.

The Olympic champion announced her engagement to Melbourne funds manager James Murch last October, but they are not expected to marry before the end of this year. – AAP

Cathy Freeman ... "I knew myself as one thing – a champion. I had no other identity. I had to reinvent myself or I'd be lost."

Australian Flexible Learning Framework

supporting e-learning opportunities

Indigenous e-learning funding opportunity

Applications are now open for funding from the Australian Flexible Learning Framework to contribute and improve employment futures for Indigenous people with limited access to mainstream training options, by advancing skills through e-learning.

In 2007, projects will identify areas of skills gaps and build on existing skills and knowledge, particularly through apprenticeships and accredited structured training. Successful projects must demonstrate the potential to increase the uptake and delivery of e-learning through the establishment of partnerships between Indigenous communities / organisations and registered training organisations (RTOs).

In 2007 the Indigenous Engagement Project is funding projects totalling \$380,000 as part of its commitment to making e-learning accessible to Indigenous people. For more information, guidelines and application forms visit <http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/indigenous2007>

Indigenous Engagement applications close midday (AEST) Monday 12 March 2007

For more information visit

<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/indigenous2007> or contact

Indigenous Engagement Project Manager Rhonda Appo

on (07) 3307 4707.

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Department of Human Services

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Child Support Agency

The Child Support Agency supports separated parents to transfer payments for the benefit of their kids. CSA's a great place to work—visit www.csa.gov.au to find out what jobs are available in CSA right now.

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CRS Australia provides vocational rehabilitation services, assisting people with a disability, injury or health condition to get and keep a job. Make a Difference—see our career opportunities at www.crsaustalia.gov.au

Centrelink

Centrelink assists people to become self-sufficient and supports those in need. To find our jobs visit www.centrelink.gov.au and follow the 'careers' link.

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The Department of Human Services utilises a number of initiatives coordinated by the Australian Public Service Commission that recruit Indigenous Australians. For information about apprenticeships, Indigenous graduates and cadetship recruitment visit www.apsc.gov.au/indigenous



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INDIGENOUS YOUTH
LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Secondary Scholarships Available for Young Indigenous Australians in 2008

Young secondary students are invited to apply to The Foundation for Young Australians for an IYLP secondary scholarship in 2008.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (IYLP)

The IYLP provides scholarships and leadership opportunities targeting young Indigenous Australians from remote areas. Applicants from rural and regional areas will also be considered.

Scholarships of up to \$15,000 per eligible secondary student, per year, are available for tuition and accommodation costs at participating IYLP education providers.

Various opportunities will be offered to IYLP scholars for the development of leadership skills. The IYLP will assist with costs associated with these opportunities in addition to the scholarship.

Schools and communities are encouraged to identify and assist eligible students to apply for this great opportunity to participate in the IYLP.

Further information and application forms available on

www.youngaustrians.org

If you do not have access to the Internet, please call The Foundation for Young Australians on 03 9670 5436 and an application form will be mailed to you.



The Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme is an initiative of the Australian Government, Department of Education Science and Training in partnership with The Foundation for Young Australians

All hands on deck for mural

VIC

Many hands made light work of a mural unveiled earlier this month at the Veg Out Community Gardens in St Kilda, Melbourne.

The community painting project, involving 30 Indigenous artists, was funded by the Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) and facilitated by Reko Rennie and Camille Monet. The project took three weeks to

complete and was unveiled during the recent Yalukit Wilam Ngargee: People Place Gathering festival.

Uncle Kevin Johnson gave a welcome to country. Other speakers included Port Phillip Mayor Janet Bolitho and Uncle Ray Terare, and there were performances by Sid Austin and the Liz Cavanagh duo.

Darrah Morris' Soul Veg Indigenous Vegetarian Catering Company ensured everyone at the mural launch was well-fed.

— Photos by Naomi Moran



Liz Cavanagh performed at the mural launch.



● ABOVE: These two tiny tots made firm friends amongst the mural celebrations.



Artists and community members at the mural launch.



Performer Sid Austin.



Port Phillip Mayor Janet Bolitho.

Chance for kids to become junior rangers

NT

Children who like handling scaly reptiles, exploring the outdoors or helping the environment can join the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service's (PWS) Junior Ranger program.

Parks and Wildlife Service ranger David Rochford said applications were being taken for boys and girls aged 9-11 for the 2007 Darwin program.

"Activities vary from animal trapping to spotlight walks and coastal investigations to bushwalking – but the main emphasis is on

having fun," Mr Rochford said.

"NT Junior Rangers can find out about our natural environment, visit parks, meet park rangers and scientists, learn scientific skills and get involved in nature projects.

"Last year the junior rangers looked for water insects, found out all about bats at the Territory Wildlife Park and helped fundraise for Wildcare who care for injured and sick animals.

"This year we have planned some great activities, including spotlight walks, coastal investigations, bike rides, visits to the Territory Wildlife Park, art and craft,

and bushwalking."

Mr Rochford said the program also ran fun activities for the whole family, including slide shows, quizzes and family bushwalks.

"The junior ranger members also receive free uniforms and copies of the quarterly *Junior Ranger Review* magazine," he said.

"The review is packed full of information and puzzles on our terrific NT flora and fauna."

Mr Rochford said the Junior Ranger program had been operating since 1990, with more than 200 children taking part in the program each year.

"It gives children an insight into the work of the Parks and Wildlife Service. They will learn about the Territory's environment and could be inspired to work in an environmental field later in life," he said.

The PWS Junior Ranger program is also open to 12-14-year-olds, but this group is full in the Darwin region. This year's Darwin program will run from April to October, with the first activity starting just after Easter.

● Interested parties should contact Darwin (08) 8999 4565, Katherine (08) 8973 8865, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek (08) 8951 8247.

Queers back reconciliation

Story and photos by KEN BOASE



The newly formed Queers for Reconciliation group in Perth has organised a series of social gatherings and workshops to promote reconciliation between the Aboriginal and

non-Aboriginal gay and lesbian community in Western Australia.

The Patron of the 2006 Gay Pride parade of Perth, Jim Morrison, said the group was formed during Pride Month last October to highlight the discrimination and oppression faced by Indigenous gay and lesbian people and also as a way of joining with the wider gay and lesbian community.

The inaugural gathering, at the Court Hotel in Perth on 21 February, was the first in a series in the lead-up to Sorry Day on 26 May and the 40th anniversary of the citizenship referendum on 27 May.

Mr Morrison said the word 'queer' was not offensive in the gay and lesbian community.

"It all depends who uses it," Mr Morrison said. "It encompasses gay, lesbian, trans-gender, bisexual and all of those so it's a term that's acceptable to all who are connected to that community. It's a catch phrase and it fits well on the wrist band."

The black, white and pink wristbands were distributed during Pride as a visible illustration of the campaign, but Mr Morrison said that it was just the beginning of a campaign for reconciliation in the WA queer community.



Pride 2006 Patron Jim Morrison at the Queers for Reconciliation gathering in Perth last week.



WA Greens MP Giz Watson is a strong supporter of the Queers for Reconciliation movement in WA.

"If we can reconcile with white queers that will go a long way with reconciling with the broader community because obviously queer whites come from straight families so we want to capitalise on that mainstream element of the queer community," he said.

"I spoke to a young Nyoongar man recently who told me that a lot of gay white men are quite racist and that could be a reflection of mainstream society."

"It's not a surprise to us, but it's about that collaboration and partnership with the

broader community so that Aboriginal people, queer or straight, can have a better quality of life."

Mr Morrison said that although identity issues for gay and lesbian Aboriginal people caused friction in their families, there was generally more acceptance than that which non-Aboriginal gays and lesbians experienced.

"Our mob are more family orientated and it's not just same-sex or queer issues, it's disabilities or whatever, our mob don't really discriminate and I suppose because

of our history we're really more accepting," he said.

"Queers for Reconciliation is a journey. We want the wider queer community to understand Aboriginal issues generally so that they can counter that sort of racism when it comes up at a barbecue or whatever."

WA Greens MP Giz Watson said the Queers for Reconciliation campaign was important to get Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal gay and lesbians together to talk about the shared experiences of discrimination.

"As white members of the gay and lesbian community, it's important to talk about our issues as well because I've noticed that, while discriminated groups sometimes automatically relate to each other, they can also sometimes pick on the next marginalised group and sort of kick it along," Ms Watson said.

"So this is a starting point to recognise that our common experiences in terms of being discriminated against as a marginal group in the broader community is actually common ground for working together more closely."

"We need to share experiences about discrimination and look at working together more constructively so that we can understand Aboriginal issues and hopefully develop better bonds and friendships."

The Queers for Reconciliation workshops are being held every Tuesday in March. There will be social gatherings including the Nyoongaroke, bush walking and cultural outings. For more information, contact Jim Morrison on 0408 917 133.

Medicine know-how preserved on DVD



The use of bush medicines and foods in Karajarri country in Western Australia's Pilbara region has been documented in a new DVD.

Speaking at Bidadanga community recently, Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre Chairman Bruce Thomas said he was thrilled at the completion of the Bidadanga Bush Medicine DVD after six years of work.

The quest to record the usages of some bush medicines and foods began in June 2000 and involved persistence in the transcription, translation and editing of material by many people in the small community, he said.

Wangka Maya Linguist Sally Dixon said she was pleased to work on the final stages of the DVD.

"It was a privilege for me to learn about these traditional medicinal practices while working on the English subtitling," she said.

"I saw first-hand how valuable

this knowledge is in the community and how well received the DVD format is in the maintenance of Indigenous languages."

"Everyone got a big kick out of seeing friends and family on the 'big screen'."

The launch also marked the presentation of three completed dictionaries — in Karajarri, Mangala and Yulparija languages.

Community Chairperson James Yanawana thanked Wangka Maya for its work with the languages and production of the DVD, highlighting the importance of recording and preserving languages in media and book form for future generations.

The dictionaries and the DVD are available at Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre in South Hedland.

For more information and photos contact the centre's administration officer, Gina Gray, on phone (08) 9172 2344, fax (08) 9172 2355 or email wmadmin@kisser.net.au



From left, Rosie Munro, Bidadanga Chairman James Yanawana and Lana White at the launch of the Bidadanga Bush Medicine DVD.

Historic school marks anniversary with a history lesson



When The King's School opened in Parramatta in New South

Wales in 1831, Aboriginal people would have been lucky to be on the fringes of the occasion.

But when the oldest boarding school in Australia chalked up its 175th birthday recently, they were very much front and centre.

The birthday celebrations opened with an acknowledgement of country and several welcome dances by young Gamillaroi man Dhinawan and Uncle Maxi Eulo.

Dhinawan even had time to teach the boys (about 1200 of them) a counting song as they waited for the Reverend Stephen Edwards to step forward for the chapel service.

Smoking ceremony

Uncle Maxi performed a smoking ceremony prior to Dhinawan's lecture-in-the-round, presented in the outdoors on the steps of the school's Centre for Learning and Leadership.

Dhinawan's lecture was prepared especially for the occasion to tell the story of the Indigenous people around the time the school opened.

He talked about the rebellion leader, Pemulwuy, and his resistance to the

Dhinawan (left) and Uncle Maxi Eulo with an Aboriginal student at The King's School.



Europeans at that time – a story humorous yet serious as Dhinawan touched upon the issues of massacre and acts of genocide.

When asked how he felt about his

experience at The King's School, Dhinawan replied: "I was empowered by the way the boys showed respect and understanding of the issues that our people see as part of their European

experience."

He said he respected the school's Headmaster, Dr Tim Hawkes, and his staff for their invitation to he and Uncle Maxi.



Dhinawan (left) and Uncle Maxi Eulo with Headmaster of The King's School Dr Tim Hawkes.

Bangarra tells True Stories



The acclaimed Bangarra Dance Theatre is gearing up for its busiest year to date. The company recently returned from a highly successful British

tour, which culminated in a sell-out season at London's Sadler's Wells.

This year, it will create and tour a new double bill called *True Stories* and will take Frances Ring's *Clan* to regional centres over seven weeks in four states from 24 September, performing to more people in more places than ever before.

The national capital city tour of *True Stories* doubles that of past years with Canberra, Newcastle and the Illawarra joining Brisbane, Melbourne and a five-week season at the Sydney Opera House, the company's Sydney home.

Bangarra's new double bill, *True Stories*, choreographed by Frances Rings and Elma Kris, premieres in Melbourne then tours to Brisbane, Wollongong, Canberra, Newcastle and Sydney from May to September 2007.

True Stories delivers Australian tales taken from the lands of Maralinga and the rolling seas and volcanic sands of the Torres Strait Islands.

Bangarra has three new young Indigenous dancers, Jasmin Sheppard, a descendant of the Walangamma tribe in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Daniel Riley

McKinley, a descendant of the Wiradjuri people from Wellington, in western NSW, and Katina Olsen, a descendant of the Waka Waka people in the central Old.

TRUE STORIES

The Arts Centre, Melbourne, 17-26 May
Old Performing Arts Centre, Brisbane, 7-16 June
IPAC, Wollongong, 21-23 June
Canberra Theatre Centre, 28-30 June
Civic Theatre, Newcastle, 12-14 July
Sydney Opera House, 3 August-1 Sept.

CLAN

Middleback Theatre, Whyalla, 26 September
Keith Michell Theatre, Port Pirie, 29 September
Chaffey Theatre, Renmark, 3 October
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mt Gambier, 6 October
Princess Theatre, Launceston, 12-13 October
Westside PAC, Shepparton, 18-19 October
Dandenong Theatre, 23 October
Esso BHP Wellington Theatre, Sale, 26 October
Warragul Theatre, 30 October
Albury Theatre, 2-3 November
Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, 7 November
Orange Civic Theatre, 10 November.

Toll-free line in place for NSWALC



The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has set up an Electoral Information Unit to assist Aboriginal people

across the state who want to participate in the peak body's first statewide elections since 1999.

The Electoral Information Unit has a free-call number – 1800 447 096 – to assist with those seeking information about the poll, which will be conducted on 19 May. The Unit has already received dozens of calls.

The land council is also conducting direct consultation with the office bearers and members of Local Aboriginal Land councils about significant changes to the land rights system which flow from amendments made by State Parliament last year to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Council officers are travelling around the State to talk face-to-face with Aboriginal people about the election in a fourth round of community consultations about the amended Act, which has set the State Council election in train.

Hundreds of people have already attended meetings in northern and central NSW, and the north and central coast.

Further meetings have been held at Wagga Wagga, Narooma, Broken Hill and Sydney.

First port of call

While the telephone hotline is available for general inquiries, it is important that all LALC members are aware that their first port of call for individual inquiries about the status of their membership should be their relevant LALC secretary.

All LALC members need to have their names, addresses and date of birth registered on their individual LALC membership rolls before 6 March to be eligible to vote in the election.

As the only remaining Aboriginal representative body on the eastern seaboard, NSWALC believes it is crucial that the maximum number of eligible members vote in the State Council poll to ensure the best representation possible on the incoming State Council.

Worimi celebrations

By SOLUA MIDDLETON



In an historic agreement, Crown land at Stockton Bight, near Newcastle, in New South Wales, has been handed back to the area's traditional Aboriginal owners.

The agreement struck between the State Government, traditional owners and the Worimi Aboriginal Land Council will see the formation of the Worimi Conservation Lands covering more than 4000ha.

Before about 2000 people on the sand dunes at Stockton Bight on 10 February, NSW Attorney-General Bob Debus said an historic injustice had now been corrected given the great cultural significance of the land to the Worimi people.

"It is a measure of our nation's strength that we can meet today to overcome old mistakes and the dispossession of these lands from the Worimi people," he said.

"It is the result of more than a decade of discussion and two years of formal negotiation. It is a momentous occasion and a giant step in the reconciliation process."

Stockton Bight negotiation panel co-ordinator Jackie Henderson said the handback was very positive and overwhelming.

"I can't put it into words, it is a big thing for the Worimi people," she said.

"It was a very beautiful day for our people and now future generations can enjoy it."

Another member of the negotiating panel was Elder Aunty Val Merrick, who agreed



At the celebrations were, from left, Elder Aunty Iris Russell, former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and his wife Margaret.

on the benefits for future generations.

"This was very historical and it won't happen again. This means our site will be protected and our people will have jobs," Mrs Merrick said.

"We did the best we could for the protection of the area."

Mrs Merrick said a nice touch to the day was songs about Stockton written and

performed by traditional owner Maxine Lawrence.

Mr Debus said the Worimi Conservation Lands would be divided into the Worimi National Park, Worimi Regional Park and Worimi State Conservation Area, according to the area's conservation values.

"The area will be co-managed by the Worimi people and the National Parks and

Wildlife Service through a board of management," he said.

Mr Debus said the NSW Government had committed a significant funding package to support this co-management agreement.

More than \$5 million will be spent over the next three years on:

- Creating a minimum of nine new permanent Aboriginal positions to work on the lands.
 - Undertaking an extensive and inclusive community consultation process towards the development of a Plan of Management for the lands.
 - Improving public access and information.
 - Undertaking essential fire management works.
 - Implementing weed-control programs.
- "Visitors will still be able to continue enjoying activities such as fishing, four-wheel-driving and camel tours," Mr Debus said.

The Minister was joined by former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher at the hand-back ceremony.

"The Worimi's campaign to have this land protected and co-managed as part of the conservation estate of NSW is to be applauded," Ms Meagher said.

She said the NSW Government passed legislation in 1996 to allow ownership of national parks to be handed back to their traditional owners.

"This is about giving local Aboriginal people a greater say in the management of our national parks," she said.

Grog causes one death every 38 hours: Research



Alcohol causes the death of an Indigenous Australian every 38 hours on average,

according to new research from the National Drug Research Institute.

The Institute has found that the deaths of 1145 Indigenous Australians between 2000 and 2004 were caused by alcohol.

The cause of death for more than half was alcoholic liver cirrhosis or suicide, and the average age of death from an alcohol-attributable cause was about 35.

The figures are contained in the National Alcohol Indicators Project Bulletin 11, Trends in Alcohol-Attributable Deaths Among Indigenous Australians, 1998-2004, released on 12 February.

Researchers say trends and numbers of alcohol-attributable deaths vary widely

between and within State borders, which means targeted region-specific approaches are needed to improve Indigenous health.

Bulletin co-author and Institute Senior Research Fellow Dr Tanya Chikritzhs said this was the first bulletin to document numbers of alcohol-attributable harms

'If we are serious about addressing this disparity and reducing death rates among Indigenous Australians, we need to focus on the underlying social causes of that ill health'

among Indigenous Australians.

"This kind of information is important in planning our response to Indigenous health issues and in showing where resources should be directed for the maximum benefit," Dr Chikritzhs said.

Institute Indigenous

Australian Research Team Leader Dennis Gray said the figures, which should be regarded as conservative estimates, showed Australia still had a long way to go to address the inequality between the health of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"If we are serious about addressing this disparity and reducing death rates among Indigenous Australians, we need to focus on the underlying social causes of that ill health," Professor Gray said.

"For instance, suicide is the most frequent alcohol-caused death among Indigenous men,

which reflects the despair that many Indigenous people feel."

The Institute, which receives core funding from the Australian Department of Health and Ageing, is based at Curtin University of Technology's Health Research campus in Shenton Park, Perth.



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Our models hit the catwalk



Bradley Manton suits up in Italian designs by Appana.



Evelyn Walley (front) posing proudly with models who participated in the fashion show to celebrate the launch of Broiga Management.



Showing DD by Megan Salmon are models Kyra (top left), Temeka (right) and Ashweeni (bottom left).



Showing their support on the night were from left, Trevor Close, Anthony Williams and Donald Jenner.



Three 'bunnies' from South Sydney, from left, Germaine Paulson, Eddie Paea and Joe Williams.



Enjoying the night were, from left, Edie, Tamara and

as new agency is launched



Sisters with style! Three of six young women to take to the catwalk in evening and casual wear during the launch of Brolga Model Management.

Brolga is a dream come true

Photos by NAOMI MORAN



A new agency exclusively for Aboriginal models has already attracted plenty of interest, just a week after its official launch.

A large crowd turned out at Cockle Bay, in Sydney, for the launch of Brolga Model Management – the result of years of work by former Indigenous model Evelyn Wailey.

She has eight young women and eight young men, all aged 15-19 and all Aboriginal, on her books, and believes she will have more in a short time.

Her models have already

been booked for Mercedes Fashion Week next month, as well as Australian Fashion Week later in the year.

"And there's also talk of some overseas interest," Ms Wailey, a member of the Stolen Generations, told *Koori Mail*.

"I appealed to the modelling industry to give us a go and it appears to be working.

"I couldn't be happier with our launch at Cockle Bay. We had a lot of interest and the night went over really well.

"We also showed some fashion from Western Australia not before seen.

"Really, it's all a dream come true for me. The hard work has paid off, but there's plenty more to do."



Model Shenay, ready to take to the catwalk.



Annalese McAuley, La-La Daniel and Paul Halapua.



Jarrold Barker (left), Ashweoni Mason (middle) and Bradley Manton.



Uncle Herb Patten shows his prowess with the gum leaf.

Pati, Uncle Herb are switched on

By the Koori Mail's resident reality TV tragic
SOLUA MIDDLETON



Torres Strait woman Patimah (Pati) Singe is well on the way to a healthier life,

having lost 14kg on Channel Ten's Biggest Loser program.

At the time the Koori Mail went to print, Pati was 'safe' from eviction from the show after winning 'immunity' in a temptation challenge.

After discussion with her other red team-mates, Pati elected to take on the challenge to snatch it from previous immunity holder Gerard from the blue team.

The temptation involved contestants taking a piece of food and dipping it into a mouth-watering chocolate fountain. Pati and blue team member Michael were the only two to accept the



Pati Singe

temptation, but Michael was unable to match what Pati had eaten, thus giving Pati the bittersweet immunity.

A twist to this year's show is 'the walk' where the immunity holder embarks on a walk to change the fate of the game.

On Pati's walk and upon randomly drawing a stone from four vessels full of water she was given the power to swap a member from her team with the Blue team.

Also making reality TV news was Uncle Herb Patten on Channel Seven's talent show, Australia's Got Talent.

Uncle Herb came up against judges Dannii Minogue, Tom Burlinson and Red Symons who were all impressed with his gum-leaf rendition of the John Lennon song 'Imagine'.

In the next couple of weeks Uncle Herb will perform again for the semi-finals where votes from the public can help him get over the line to possibly win \$250,000.

● Check your local guides for details.

'Open house' for Redfern centre



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been encouraged to attend an 'open house' event tomorrow about the

proposed development of a new sporting, educational and social centre in the inner Sydney suburb of Redfern.

The Indigenous Land Corporation is holding the event to provide information on the proposed National Indigenous Development Centre (NIDC) which will house a number of key Indigenous and youth development organisations.

It is also likely to include a training field, a swimming pool, short-stay accommodation for 100 people, basketball and netball courts, and a

dining/function centre. Stuart Waters, of Twyford Consulting, says people are invited to drop in to the event to:

- Find out more about what is being proposed.
- Review the concept plan for the Centre.
- Have a look at the site.
- Learn about the proposed activities and facilities.
- Make comments, ask questions and provide information.
- Find out what other community consultation activities are planned, and how to become involved.
- Learn about the proposed timing for the design and construction of the centre.

The organisations expected to be housed in the planned centre include the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team, National Aboriginal Sports Corporation Australia, Murawina Aboriginal Childcare Centre and Exodus Foundation.

A concept plan for the NIDC will be submitted to the Department of Planning in March, after which the detailed design will be completed. The centre is due to be opened in mid-2009.

The NIDC open house will be held tomorrow, Thursday 1 March, at the site of the old Redfern Public School, George Street, Redfern. Interested people can drop by any time between 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

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

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

Hay Gaol, 355 Church Street Hay

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 28 March 2007.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

If you have any questions please phone Rick Shapter, Aboriginal Heritage Officer on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8567, or Bronwyn Hanna on (02) 9873 8585.

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\$21.6m package for Halls Creek



The West Australian Government has detailed a \$21.6-million package for the community

of Halls Creek, in the State's north, that it says will provide safe accommodation and support for children most at risk. The initiative has been developed in consultation with the Halls Creek community, the Shire of Halls Creek and State Government agencies.

WA Indigenous Affairs

Minister Michelle Roberts said her priority was to provide a safe and supportive environment for children in need of immediate protection.

She said other areas of concern to be addressed in the initiative would be the introduction of a school truancy and responsible parenting program, aimed at addressing family violence, alcohol and drug abuse.

"All children have the right to feel safe and protected," Mrs Roberts said. "With additional

resources being used to provide two residential care homes for children aged 0-6 years and 6-15 years in Halls Creek, this initiative will make a significant contribution to address some of the most serious problems that have plagued the Halls Creek community."

The hostel complex, comprising two residential care homes, would be located on an existing Department of Community Development property, but would be remodelled and extended. The Halls Creek

hostel complex would be able to support up to 18 children ranging in age from zero to 15 years.

The State Government's commitment also included the provision of improved foster care services with additional funding for a total of 18 children.

It was expected that many of these children would have special developmental, educational and health requirements.

Special assistance would be provided to meet these needs as required.

MOU marks new era

University, AIATSIS in partnership



Canberra is set to become a more attractive option for students of Australian Indigenous studies thanks to a new partnership between the Australian National University and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Last Wednesday, AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson and ANU Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Lawrence Cram signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that formally recognises a longstanding historical relationship between the two organisations.

A framework outlined in the MOU will support the development of a national Indigenous summer school for graduate students, staff secondments, joint approaches to research funding bodies, joint tendering for research consultancies and joint academic conferences and seminars.

Professor Dodson said the move was about making Canberra competitive in the eyes of students, especially Indigenous students. "AIATSIS holds the world's greatest collection of original materials relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, so it makes sense to work with ANU to enable students to draw on our original materials during their studies," he said. "We hope to be able to support



AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson and ANU Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Lawrence Cram at the MOU signing.

Indigenous students by enrolling them at ANU to attain a degree while mentoring them at AIATSIS where there are many Indigenous staff and people with a broad range of practical experience in conducting research with communities.

"The MOU is a public agreement that our two institutions will increase the level of support and encouragement for students, enhancing their experience in a collaborative way."

Professor Cram said the MOU would

cement a working relationship of which ANU was very proud.

"The move to a formalised and stronger collaborative relationship will benefit staff and students alike," he said.

Photo courtesy of AIATSIS

Academic wins Stanner Award



There can't be too many whitefellas who have been given the permission or have the skills to sing traditional Aboriginal songs.

Professor Allan Marett used both to move guests present when he received the 2006 Stanner Award at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra last Wednesday.

Professor Marett's book, *Songs, Dreamings and Ghosts: The Wangga of North Australia* (Wesleyan University Press, Connecticut, 2005) studies the wangga, a musical and ceremonial genre of the Aboriginal people of Wadeye and Belyuen, in the Daly region of the Northern Territory.

"This is the great Australian music for me," Professor Marett said, accepting the award.

He said the book was inspired by a question put to him by an Aboriginal man many years ago: Why is traditional Aboriginal art so accepted by whitefellas when traditional Aboriginal music is not?

"I gave thought over the years as to why whitefellas don't appreciate this music ... you can't put it in a frame and sell it," he said. "There's a fear that



Professor Allan Marett with AIATSIS Council Chairman Mick Dodson.

traditional Aboriginal songs are restricted, but in fact 80 per cent of Aboriginal songs are not restricted.

"Most Aboriginal people want this music to take a stronger place in Australian heritage."

Speaking at the award ceremony, AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson thanked Professor Marett for his 'outstanding contribution to our knowledge of traditional Aboriginal culture'.

"This was an engaging book that benefited from Allan's relationship with the Wadeye and Belyuen communities," Professor Dodson said.

Professor Marett acknowledged and thanked the

Wadeye and Belyuen people who taught him the music over the past 30 years for their patience.

The Stanner Award is made annually by AIATSIS to the best scholarly published contribution to Indigenous studies that reflects the dynamic nature of one of its founders, the late anthropologist Emeritus Professor Bill Stanner.

The other finalists for this year's award were the late David McKnight for *Of Marriage, Violence and Sorcery* (Ashgate), and Sue Davenport, Peter Johnson and Yuwili for *Cleared Out: First contact in the Western Desert* (Aboriginal Studies Press).

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- enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or
- assist in providing greater access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 Victorian grants to assist officials, coaches, athletes and teams that travel extensively to compete or train.

Applications for both programs are now open all year with two decision points in 2006-2007. Applications for projects to be undertaken between 14 May and 31 December 2007 should be submitted by 16 March 2007.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DVC regional office representative prior to submission. To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on **1300 366 336** (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8:30am and 10:00pm (except public holidays). You may also obtain further information and lodge your application online at www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

A Victorian Government initiative



Perspectives on the

Growing up with the

By ROBIN BRYANT

Robin Bryant was just a small boy when his parents, Gordon and Pat Bryant, first became active in Indigenous issues in Victoria. By the time the Referendum was won in 1967, he was 20 years old. Here, Robin recalls his boyhood as a member of a campaigning family.

When Gordon Bryant was elected to Parliament as the Federal Member for Wills in 1955, Aboriginal issues were not on the community radar.

Australia was rebuilding after a war, looking for 'reds' under the bed, and starting to ride on the back of an economy driven by another war.

Aboriginal people were not even counted in the census.

Memories of my youth came flooding back a few years ago when, in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Lowitja O'Donoghue spoke of my parents' role in the campaign for the 1967 Constitutional Referendum.

I felt such gratitude, knowing that for them this would be the greatest and most satisfying honour, that a leader of such standing offered this recognition.

I began to wonder what drove a recently elected Member of Parliament to take on such an issue as their most important cause.

In those early days, my parents were probably not thinking reconciliation, they were thinking dignity and basic human rights.

My father had an acute social conscience and an earnestness and zeal that drew on his experiences of the Depression, his 20 years as a school teacher (many at a small school in the Victorian Mallee), and of wartime.

Just days before his wedding, he had been blown up by a hand grenade; he landed in Borneo with the second wave of Australian troops; he had been commanding officer of a prisoner-of-war camp.

During the war he always carried a book in his pack to read, against the day he eventually was able to study at the University of Melbourne.

Pat, my mother, was a girl from the bush. Her father, a 1914-18 war veteran, died not long after and her widowed mother raised the family with great strength and organisational skill.

Of course, my father's public role deserves credit, but my mother's energy and determination was essential. They

Gordon and Pat Bryant in the 1970s.



belong together in the story of the Referendum campaign.

I didn't always appreciate what was happening. In 1956 I was only nine, and my brother was five, when they dragged us out to a cold church in the Melbourne suburb of Ivanhoe, to see films and hear a talk from Stan Davey, about the plight of the Warburton Ranges Aborigines.

He discovered a myriad of issues embedded in State laws that in his view were no different to the apartheid Australians so abhorred in South Africa.

This lives in my memory as the start of a lifetime trail for our family.

My brother and I trekked with my mother all over Victoria, while she built understanding and established relationships, while my father did the same in the rest of Australia.

After Pastor Doug Nicholls invited my father to a meeting in Melbourne's Assembly Hall, he became president of the newly-formed Aborigines Advancement League (AAL).

So many people became part of our family life, Doug Nicholls, Stan Davey, Faith Bandler, Jessie Macleod, Sol Encel, Kath Walker, Alick Jackomos, Jack Horner, Barry Jones, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Doris Blackburn, and Joe McGuinness, to name just a few.

Our family grew with the campaign. With neighbour and author Jessie Macleod, Pat arranged the first national appeal for the AAL, a great success.

Ringling in my ears, I still have the jingling of thousands of donation tins we carried around Victoria and shipped interstate.

Gordon and Pat unashamedly used all the resources at their disposal – and that included us – to build networks and cajole people into helping serve the Aboriginal cause and

change the framework of discrimination.

Gordon was appalled to discover that, for example, an Aboriginal person in WA could not travel south of the 23rd Parallel without a health clearance because of the concern about leprosy.

He discovered a myriad of issues embedded in State laws that in his view were no different to the apartheid Australians so

Gordon Bryant, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, in 1972.



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1967 Referendum



push for Referendum

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abhorred in South Africa.

The campaign for a referendum started in 1957 – the first step: Building community awareness of the issues.

Building relationships with the churches and missionaries throughout Australia, and with municipal and shire governments was very important. So were the conferences in Canberra, especially as the numbers of Aboriginal participants grew into hundreds coming into the capital.

The petitions asking Parliament for a referendum were also significant means of people talking about the issues.

In 1957, Gordon's group of friends included many parliamentary colleagues, like Les Haylen, Les Johnson, Tom Uren, Jim Cairns, Doug Everingham, Jim Keefe, Kim Beasley Snr and Gough Whitlam. They were lobbied by Jessie Street, who persuaded them that the ambitious goal of changing the Constitution was an essential step. The petitions were launched that year, the first was, I think, presented in the House of Representatives by Les Haylen. From then on, Gordon ran the operation like a military machine.

Instead of one big petition presented only once and then filed, he ensured that there was a petition on the business paper every sitting day.

Gordon's aim was to make Aborigines the first item of business of Parliament every day it met and 'the receipt of a petition to change the Constitution on Aborigines' did indeed become the first order of the day.

He organised his parliamentary colleagues to present the petitions, and not only those from his own party. As representatives of their electorates, they convened public meetings that attracted influential people, like Alderman Clem Jones in Brisbane. A meeting in Sydney had representatives from every political party, including the Communist Party.

One night, I was waiting for my father in the Parliamentary Library, looking at the newspapers.

Standing opposite me, also reading the papers, was the very visible and well-known Bill Wentworth.

I was still a child, but I was aware as my father walked up that here were two mortal political enemies. But they immediately began talking in animated and friendly fashion across the newspapers about the progress of the campaign.

I asked my father about this later and he said that beyond Bill's fear of his leftist politics was a common ground of deep mutual respect they had discovered through their work for Aboriginal issues.

There were other opponents my father respected and worked with on these issues, for instance, his papers make frequent mention of Malcolm Fraser, including in his maiden speech.

Children's hostel

My mother worked with the AAL on projects, including a hostel for Aboriginal children working in the city and a holiday centre on a donated block of land at Queenscliff, on Port Phillip Bay.

She cajoled a portable building from the State Government, arranged transport for free by the Country Roads Board and had it restored and erected by volunteers – including the inmates of Geelong Prison, after she convinced the prison warden of the cause.

Just how Pat overcame much intolerance is an intriguing story of educating people and organisations.

Branches of the AAL were formed throughout Australia, creating the means of involving communities in understanding the plight of the Aboriginal people. This was the essential work of changing minds and building mutual respect across racial as well as political divides.

Although my father was a dyed-in-the-wool socialist and chose to travel by the government-owned TAA, Ansett Airlines earned his gratitude at their response to his unique scheme. He assured the Ansett manager in Canberra that for every seat they gave an Aboriginal

delegation of 12 Aboriginal tourism operators through London, Milan, Paris, Amsterdam and Berlin from 21 February to 7 March.

Tourism Western Australia chief executive officer Richard Muirhead said the roadshow was helping build on the strong foundations made in the recently released Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for WA and would help ensure sustainable Aboriginal participation in the



On the Referendum campaign trail – Gordon and Pat Bryant with local campaigners at Yarrabah, just south of Cairns, in the 1960s.

delegate to come to Canberra for the annual conferences, he would make a trip with Ansett. The strategy worked – he might even have been the first regular flier!

Despite their dedication, like so many others, neither Gordon nor Pat sought credit or recognition for the years of determined work. They saw it as a broad effort – while maybe 15 or 20 people could be identified as the heart of the campaign for the successful Referendum in 1967, many more helped, and it wouldn't have happened without them.

Union support

The trade union movement always pitched in for instance – if you went down to the wharves, wharfies like Curly O'Rourke would always toss in coins and offer help.

My father and mother worked on many ways to get the message out about the deplorable conditions in Central Australia and outside the New South Wales,

Queensland and western Australian towns.

The AAL journal, *Smoke Signals*, was an example – Gordon bought huge printing presses to produce this and other papers.

I remember another, *Voices of Hate*, that helped draw the parallel with South Africa to people's minds.

By 1967, the groundswell had turned into a tsunami of support for change.

My father was a fervent

believer in the role of the Parliament and the need to get the Constitution right – it was one of the first things he raised in his maiden speech to Parliament in February 1956.

My parents recognised that the Referendum campaign and the change to the Constitution were just a foundation though.

Their work continued when my father became the first Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Whitlam Government in 1972, and for the rest of their lives.

Do you have a perspective on the 1967 Referendum you would like to contribute to Reconciliation Australia's program marking this significant event?

Is there someone whose work you would like recorded in this series?

Do you have any memorabilia or photographs about the Referendum, or the people involved?

To take part in this series, please contact Claire Tedeschi, Communications Director, Reconciliation Australia PO Box 4773 Kingston ACT 2604 or via email Claire.Tedeschi@reconciliation.org.au

Indigenous tourism operators sell their products in Europe

Absoriginal tourism operators are in Europe as part of an initiative to showcase Australia's Indigenous tourism experiences to key European markets.

The Aboriginal Experiences Roadshow 2007 is the first of its kind and is highlighting Aboriginal tourism product to European tourism wholesalers and media.

Indigenous Tourism Australia executive chair Aden Ridgeway is heading the

delegation of 12 Aboriginal tourism operators through London, Milan, Paris, Amsterdam and Berlin from 21 February to 7 March.

Tourism Western Australia chief executive officer Richard Muirhead said the roadshow was helping build on the strong foundations made in the recently released Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for WA and would help ensure sustainable Aboriginal participation in the

tourism industry.

"Research shows growing numbers of tourists want authentic Aboriginal experiences and, with international visitor numbers expected to increase by 5.2 per cent annually over the next 10 years, there are huge opportunities for Aboriginal people to become more involved in tourism," he said.

"The locations for the Tourism Australia-led roadshow were based on countries

that had shown proven consumer interest in Aboriginal experiences.

Western Australia is being represented by Kepa Kurl in Esperance, Kooljaman at Cape Leveque, and WAITOC (represented by Wula Guda Nyinda at Monkey Mia and Uptuyu Aboriginal Adventures in Broome).

Acting Chief Executive of Tourism NT, Rita Harding said operators from Nitmiluk Tours and Murrumbidgee, Kakadu, were part of the roadshow.

Valentine's Day launch for new novel



Above and below: Author Anita Heiss kept busy signing copies of her novel *Not Meeting Mr Right* at its launch in Sydney on Valentine's Day.



Enjoying the atmosphere at the launch of *Not Meeting Mr Right* were, from left, Cathy Craigie, Rhonda Jacobson, Phillipa McDermott and Michaela Perske.

Lit chick's foray into 'chick lit'

Story and photos by
NANCIA GUIVARRA

AUTHOR and academic Dr Anita Heiss chose Valentine's Day to launch in Sydney her widely anticipated book, the novel *Not Meeting Mr Right*.

The launch at the Clovelly Hotel on 14 February was attended by a lively crowd of more than 200 Indigenous and non-Indigenous people including friends and family.

Not Meeting Mr Right, the story about fictional character Alice Aigner's search for her so-called Mr Right, is the first Indigenous novel aimed at the lucrative 'chick lit' mass market of women readers. But to write it off (pun intended) as chick lit alone would be misleading.

It's a rollicking good read, highly entertaining and for non-Indigenous readers in particular it has achieved a good balance of education about the

issues Indigenous people face daily, with lashings of humour.

Perhaps some fellas will pick up some handy tips in the dating game too, who knows?

In any event, it's refreshing to read a novel about an accomplished and competent Indigenous woman with a great career and grounded in her identity

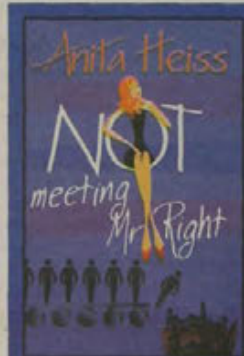
who finds the search for a man the biggest challenge she's ever encountered in her 28 years.

It's brave territory for an Indigenous writer, challenging the boundaries of Indigenous literature to show the diversity of Indigenous people's lives in Australia today.

The launch event opened with a welcome to country by Auntie Gloria Martin, followed by the official launch by

Anita's friend and fellow writer, solicitor Terri Janke.

Not Meeting Mr Right, written by Dr Anita Heiss, is published by Random House and available in bookstores now.



"I'm deadly, desirable and delicious" is Alice Aigner's mantra as she steps forth into the world to find 'a suitable man'.



The author with good friend and 'handbag' Aaron Ross.



Mia Maud and Luana were all smiles at the book launch.

Drug-affected babies pay very high price



One in 20 critically-ill babies cared for in Australia's neonatal units is born to a drug-addicted woman, new research has revealed.

These drug-affected newborns are more likely to be smaller, premature and saddled with a major medical condition than other sick babies, according to the first hospital-based study of its kind.

But these babies have a better survival rate than the rest, probably because the stress of their mother's lifestyle forces them to mature faster.

Researchers found that 5.1 per cent of the 6000 babies cared for in 10 neonatal intensive care units in NSW and ACT

between 2001 and 2003 had substance-abusing mothers.

They made up almost 7 per cent of extremely premature babies born at 22 to 26 months' gestation.

Their mothers tended to be younger – an

addiction. Another 40 per cent had used marijuana alone.

"We found that infants from rural areas were exposed more frequently to non-opiate drugs, whereas opiates were more often the drugs of choice in urban areas," said Dr Kei

more likely to be born earlier and of a lower birth weight and head circumference than non-exposed infants.

"That means their brain growth is smaller than other babies but it's difficult to know what this means for their future," Dr Lui said.

These babies spent much longer in hospital than other sick newborns, probably because of housing problems, and they were more inclined to suffer from chronic lung disease and other major health problems.

But interestingly, says Dr Lui, they had a better chance of survival.

"We're not sure why but it might be that the stress from their mother's lifestyle or drug use gives them a superior survival rate," he said. – AAP

Their (the babies') mothers tended to be younger – an average age of 26 rather than 30 – Aboriginal, and one in four were using more than one class of illicit drugs. – Researchers' findings from neonatal units

average age of 26 rather than 30 – Aboriginal, and one in four were using more than one class of illicit drugs.

About half used opiates, mostly heroin, but more than 85 per cent were enrolled in methadone programs to try to break their

Lui from the Royal Hospital for Women in Sydney.

Admission of cocaine use was very low, he said.

The study found infants of substance-using mothers were significantly

Dental disease hits our kids



Dental disease is commonplace among Aboriginal children, according to new figures showing

almost four in five kids have – decaying teeth or other mouth problems.

A five-year study of children under 10 found that 78 per cent of Indigenous children had dental disease, compared with half of other kids.

Indigenous youngsters living in regional areas had the poorest dental health of all children, with disease both more prevalent and more severe.

These problems often lead to tooth loss, difficulties with eating, problems with speech and infections that spread to other parts of the body. They can also cause extreme pain that disrupts sleep, and damages concentration and self-esteem, said study leader Lisa Jamieson, from the University of Adelaide.

The study, published in the *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, concludes that socio-economic disadvantage is the likely cause of poor Indigenous oral health.

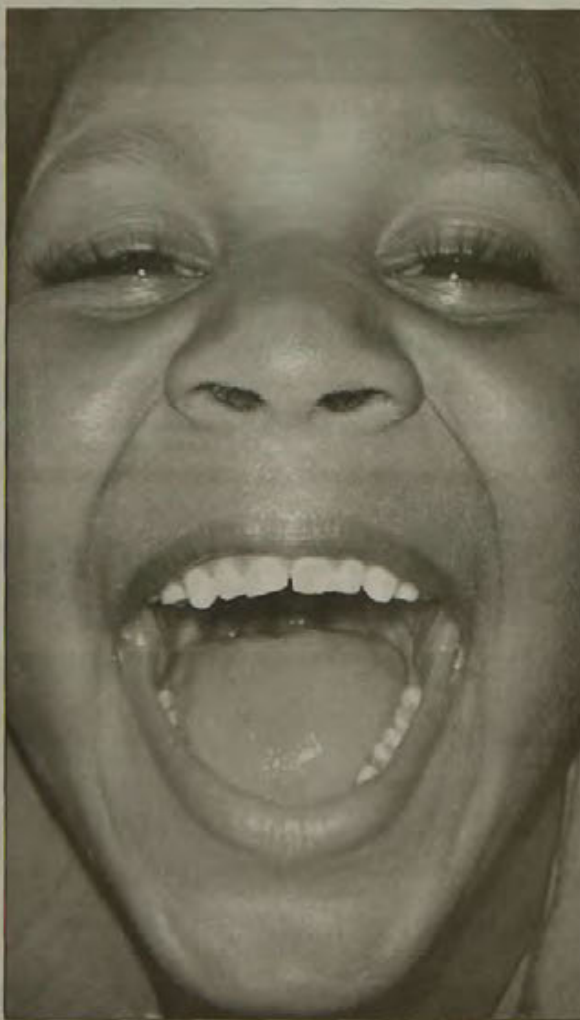
Important roles

"(But) historical factors such as forced familial separation, efforts of assimilation, on-going problems with alcohol, domestic abuse and land ownership issues that have impacted on the social cohesion of community groups also play important roles," Dr Jamieson said.

The researchers collected data from 1169 Indigenous and 6488 non-Indigenous children living around Port Augusta in mid-north South Australia between 2001 and 2006.

Dr Jamieson said the marked difference between Aboriginal children at a regional and state level was most concerning.

"The reasons are complex, but may include a combination of individual factors such as diet and late presentation of oral health problems and community



Flash those pearly whites ... Six-year-old Yumakani Bayles knows the value of good dental care.

factors such as limited access to services and lack of social cohesion," she said.

Also, many children are not taught good oral hygiene because they miss out on health promotion messages.

"We hope that once the oral health service provided at the

Aboriginal-run health centre becomes more established, including regular oral health promotion and education programs, improvement in the oral health of the Indigenous children utilising this service might be seen," Dr Jamieson said. – AAP

Eating well is costly



Increases in food prices, particularly in remote areas of Australia, may be contributing to the growing burden of

obesity and chronic disease among people of low socio-economic status and other vulnerable groups, according to senior nutritionists.

Research published in the latest issue of the *Medical Journal of Australia* shows that Australians living in very remote areas pay an average of 30 per cent more than city-dwellers for a fortnight's 'standard basket' of healthy food.

Senior Public Health Nutritionist at Queensland Health Michelle Harrison, Principal Public Health Nutritionist Dr Amanda Lee and colleagues assessed the change in cost and availability of healthy foods in different areas of Queensland between 1998 and 2004.

They found that, in 2004, the average cost of a standard basket of healthy food was \$395.28 a fortnight in remote areas – 30 per cent higher than in major cities.

Between 2001 and 2004, the average cost of the standard basket in very remote areas increased by 18 per cent (\$76.93), compared with 14.0 per cent (\$48.45) for Queensland as a whole.

Factors contributing to the higher prices in remote areas include the cost of transportation

and refrigeration, double handling of produce through secondary wholesalers, and the small numbers of consumers (precluding the option of bulk-buying discounts).

"Interventions to make basic healthy food affordable and accessible to all would help reduce the high burden of chronic disease," say the authors.

In an editorial in the same issue of the *Journal*, Dr Karen Webb, Co-Director of the NSW Centre for Public Health Nutrition, and Professor Stephen Leeder, Director of the Australian Health Policy Institute at the University of Sydney,

suggest that poor business and stock-management practices and a lack of accountability lead to higher food prices.

"The lack of clear store governance roles and procedures set down by community committees has hindered attempts to improve store management practices," they say.

However, they say recent changes in community and retail practices are helping to counter these problems through improved guidelines and schemes to recruit and train local people, including Indigenous people, to work in retail positions, and to improve the efficient freight of perishable goods to remote areas.

There remains considerable scope to expand efforts to address the issue of inequitable food prices.

'Interventions to make basic healthy food affordable and accessible to all would help reduce the high burden of chronic disease'

Focus on water, land



Exhibiting artist Digby Moran, left, with exhibition curator Dion Mundine.



Digby Moran, right, with his nieces, from left, Naomi Moran, Joanne Lopic, Yoorana Moran, and Donna Lopic at the exhibition launch.



The Wadjibal Dancers at the exhibition launch.



Water has always been important to Indigenous people, but especially so in these days of drought and plans for new national water infrastructure.

A new exhibition on display in Lismore, on the NSW far north coast, explores Indigenous people's relationship with water and the land.

I Saw the Sun features the work of six contemporary Indigenous artists about their relationship to water, waterways and the land: Fiona Foley, Ian Abdulla, Vincent Serico, Jenny Fraser, Francis Belle Parker and Digby Moran.

The artists come from the Northern Rivers area around Lismore, Fraser Island, the NSW/Qld border region, and around the south-east corner to the Murray River, in South Australia.

As a Bundjalung person from around Lismore, the exhibition's curator, Dion Mundine, has a strong personal connection to the east coast, shared with the artists selected for this exhibition.

"This is my country, and I am part of it; it gave birth to me. All life begins in the east or arrives with the sun from the east and most Aboriginal creation stories begin with the sunrise," Mr Mundine said.

"Many Aboriginal song cycles begin or end with running water as well as sunrise and sunset. Water sources, springs and waterholes themselves were considered of extreme importance by Indigenous people as sacred places where the souls of unborn and deceased people reside.

"The subject matter of painted imagery, song, dance and ceremony, and of course forbeats, all comes from this land."

● *I Saw the Sun* - East Coast exhibition at the Lismore Regional Gallery until 17 March. For details visit <http://www.lismoregallery.org>



Vincent Serico, Barambah Creek, 1994, acrylic on canvas. Image courtesy of the artist and Fire-Works Gallery, Brisbane



Ian Abdulla, Putting holes in a tin to put soap on the bottom to catch shrimps for bait, 2001, acrylic on paper. Image courtesy of the artist and Niagara Galleries, Melbourne



Jenny Fraser, other(wise) water, 2005, digital photograph. Image courtesy of the artist and Fire-Works Gallery, Brisbane

Artistic talent spans generations

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



Young Kaninna Langford and her grandmother Ros Langford, 51 years her senior, recently started the university year together.

Not because Kaninna, 9, had suddenly leapt from primary school straight into tertiary study, but because Ros, who has just embarked upon a Fine Arts Degree at the University of Tasmania, thought it might inspire her budding artist granddaughter to follow in her footsteps.

Ros, an established Yorta Yorta artist whose work is held by private collectors and displayed in the National Museum of Australia and schools around Tasmania, has always encouraged the development of her family's artistic talents.

"I thought bringing Kaninna here might instil in her an excitement that she can achieve whatever she sets her goals to and if that means university life at a young age, then she's had a taste," Ros said.

"I hope the experience will stay with her until she's of an age where she can make a choice and not leave it until she's 60."

"Kaninna would come and watch me

paint from a very young age and often put her mark on the work, like her mother used to. She'd often have her own canvas too.

"When I turned 60, I decided it was time to follow my dream before I got much older. Going to uni has been a life-long dream and certainly to study art and be able to learn about art sculpture."

"I mainly work with acrylic and canvas. I'm learning other mediums to become a complete artist. All my children and grandchildren are proud of me going to uni."

Kaninna said she was 'very excited' about her day at the university and proud of her Nan.

Kaninna is thinking of being an artist when she grows up or, if not, maybe a singer, another creative pursuit that spans the generations of her family.

Last year, Kaninna's teacher entered her painting, *Seaside*, in the upper primary Bruny Island Exhibition of Handcraft.

At the art prize presentation, Kaninna was pleasantly surprised to learn that her painting was not only in the open section, but had won first prize.

"When I heard about her winning the prize, I was tickled pink," said Ros.



Artist Ros Langford with her granddaughter Kaninna Langford and Kaninna's prize-winning *Seaside*.

Pastoral frontier reflected on canvas



● ABOVE: Stockman, senior lawman, songman and now artist Omborin recalls great feats of skill and endurance, driving more than 1000 head of cattle from the Kimberley to the Gulf of Carpentaria. He is a senior custodian of the Ulumara-Armanguladji-Morlyi Wandjina story.

● BELOW: One of the works on exhibition in Melbourne.



An exhibition that celebrates the unique legacy of Indigenous workers on Australia's pastoral frontier opened in Melbourne this week.

Cattlemen of the Kimberley presents the work of eight former cattle workers who are now forging a new frontier as artists.

It celebrates their contribution to Australian pastoral history, while affirming their singular connection to the customs, culture and country of their ancestors.

The exhibition was due to be opened on Monday at the Mossenson Galleries Collingwood by Housing and Local Government Minister Richard Wynne.

Those exhibited, including Alan Griffiths, Peggy Griffiths, Minnie Lumai, Daisy Bitting and Agnes Armstrong, are amongst senior artists of Warringarri Aboriginal Arts in Kununurra.

Through their work, they reminisce on their time as stockmen and pastoral workers in the cattle industry, recalling it as a time of great hardship – the work was often hard and the treatment unfair – but mostly they look back with fondness on their

industriousness and pride in their terrific skill.

As senior Walmatjarri artist Kitpi notes: "Open range cattle work was a hard job, big danger, but more fun for young blokes than mustering sheep on foot."

Yet, with a great sadness the artists also recall the loss of industriousness that has occurred since the demise of Indigenous employment in the industry.

Through their art, they keep strong the memory of their labours and record their singular contribution to Australian history.

Respected stockman, senior lawman, songman and now artist Omborin recalls great feats of skill and endurance, driving more than 1000 head of cattle from the Kimberley to the Gulf of Carpentaria. A senior custodian of the Ulumara-Armanguladji-Morlyi Wandjina story, Omborin has a profound knowledge of the spirit beings of the western Kimberley region.

Cattlemen of the Kimberley will be exhibited at Mossenson Galleries, Collingwood, until 25 March. For more information, call (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au



Artforms showcased at two-day gathering



Victoria's Indigenous arts sector will come under the spotlight this week at Ngoloo Wuru: Deadly Arts Business Gathering.

The event will be opened by Arts Minister Lynne Kosky.

Taking its name from the Boonerwung words for voice and talk, Ngoloo Wuru brings together Indigenous artists and arts workers from across the State and across artforms for a two-day conference and showcasing event at Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park.

Several parts of the gathering are free and open to the public:

● Trade Expo - 1-2 March, noon-5pm. A trade expo of arts service deliverers, funding bodies and educational institutions including Koori Heritage Trust, ArtsHub, Arts Victoria, Koori Business Network, Deadly Designs, National

Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA), City of Melbourne, Viscopy, Regional Arts Victoria, Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts & Cultural Development, VCA, RMIT and RMIT - School of Indigenous Art.

● Visual Arts Exhibitions, until 18 March, 9am-5pm. An exhibition featuring works from leading Victorian Indigenous artists including Vicki Couzens, Treahna Hamm, Wayne Quillam and Lee Darroch; an exhibition of works from Winja Ulupna, an Aboriginal women's drug and alcohol recovery house in the City of Port Phillip that provides local Indigenous artists the opportunity to exhibit their work. This

exhibition is curated by Ann Holt.

Ms Kosky said the event would focus on community, creative, professional, sector and business development.



This work is by an artist from Winja Ulupna, an Aboriginal women's drug and alcohol recovery house, and is part of the visual arts exhibition.

"It will explore the notion of using the arts to foster individual and community wellbeing, and also focus on importance of developing sustainable arts and

business practice," she said.

Other highlights include:

● Keynote addresses from Noel Tovey, theatre practitioner, writer and lecturer, and Professor Judy Atkinson, Head of the College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University, Lismore.

● A range of interactive, discussion-based workshops and talking circles.

Ngoloo Wuru is part of the Deadly Arts Business program, an initiative of Arts Victoria and Koori Business Network. It is delivered in partnership with the City of

Port Phillip and Gasworks Arts Park, and supporters including Inner South Health Service, VIC Health and the Sunshine Foundation.

New media artist's work goes to the top



An exhibition by one of Australia's leading visual artist is touring the Northern Territory. The exhibition, titled *gins leap/dub*, speak, is by new media artist r.e.a.

who is from the NSW town of Coonabarabran and was born into the Gamilaraay nation. She studied art at the Australian National University in Canberra and has gained a national and international profile with exhibits of her MA graduating works.

The exhibition comprises a four-screen, nine-cycle interactive digital video and sound installation which traces and tracks the memories, connections and on-going relationships to country/place/identity of four Gamilaraay women. The

installation also includes five large language wall texts which use repetitive Gamilaraay words to describe the relationship that Indigenous women have to their land and culture. The exhibition has already been to the Coomalie Cultural Centre at Batchelor.

Further showings will be in Katherine from 1-11 March and Alice Springs from 6-20 April. The exhibition has been made possible through the support and funding from d/Lux Media, Artback NT, the Australian Film Commission and the NSW Film and TV Office.

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Youth competition runners-up the JC Stomp dance crew.

Youth stomp at The Block



Youth from The Block, in the inner Sydney suburb of

Redfern, have competed in the annual Stomp at The Block dance competition. After just three years, Stomp at The Block has become a significant event on the local calendar. The first competition was initiated by local girls from The Block who aimed to invigorate the suburb and remember one of the area's fallen young people, TJ Hickey.

Hillsong Youth Services (HYS), in partnership with the local community and various sponsors, organised the event.

"Stomp at the Block is a showcase of young local and Indigenous talent," HYS Manager Georg Pingle said.

"It is a great environment where family and community come together to encourage



Locals perform as part of the Stomp at The Block in Redfern.

youth creativity and to celebrate Indigenous culture."

Over the years the event has attracted appearances from Christina Anu, Anthony Mundine and

other leading Indigenous personalities.

DJ Nino Brown of 96.1FM was a guest judge on the panel this year.

Winners of the dance competition were Redfern

locals Samuel, 12, and Alec Tuitavale, 5, and the TJ Hickey Youth of the Year award went to Lizzy Haines for her commitment to serving the local Indigenous community.

Indigenous singers to make splash



Indigenous stars Kutcha Edwards and Emma Donovan will join other Australian and international performers at a free

outdoor festival in Melbourne in March to celebrate the 12th FINA World Swimming Championships.

There will more than 60 groups and artists performing in more than 180 presentations and events.

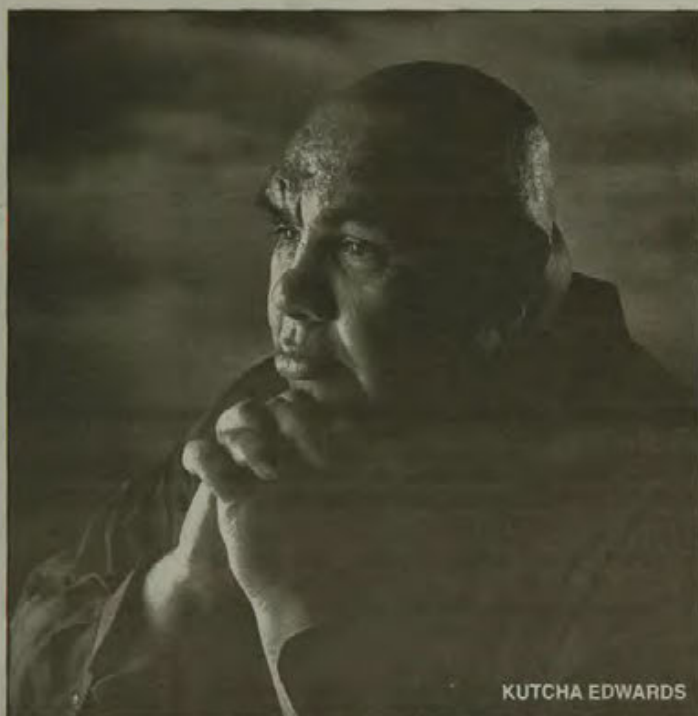
Located in the heart of the city in Federation Square and Birrarung Marr, the festival will celebrate what organisers say is Melbourne's cultural diversity and will reflect the 'international flavour of the biggest aquatic event ever to hit Australian shores'.

On March 17, immediately following the opening ceremony of the championship at Federation Square Live Site, the festival will kick off with a concert.

The three-day festival weekend (23-25 March) in the middle of the swimming championships, will be held at five performance locations in Birrarung Marr and the adjacent Federation Square and BMW Edge precinct.

The program will feature an Indigenous segment, live music from around the world, late-night cabaret, DJs, outdoor circus, street theatre, roving performers, and hands-on activities for children.

"This is Melbourne's next chance to dive in and soak up some great



KUTCHA EDWARDS

international experiences – wonderful music from around the globe, breathtaking circus and extraordinary street shows. All of it entertaining, and all of it completely free," said festival Executive

Producer Andrew Bleby.

Organisers said the full festival program would be available about the time of this edition of the Koori Mail being published. Details will also be available at www.melbourne2007.com

Up to \$50,000 available for regional arts



Artists and arts organisations throughout Regional Qld have until 9 March to submit a funding application through the Regional Arts Fund (RAF).

RAF is an Australian Government initiative through the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA), to support the arts in regional, remote and very remote Australia.

The fund has been managed in Qld by the Qld Arts Council on behalf of the Australian Government since 2001. From July 2004 to June 2008, the amount of support available to regional Queenslanders has been increased to \$2.38 million through the Fund programs.

"The fantastic thing about this fund is that it provides access to the arts for regional Queenslanders. Assistance is available across all art forms, promoting excellence in regional arts development, cultural diversity and raising the profile of the Arts within regional communities," said Qld Arts Council Fund Manager Kevin Hides.

Recent projects have ranged from a re-enactment of an Indigenous strike on Palm Island in 1957, a community mosaic project in Tambo, an exhibition on home, place and identity in a vacant house in Mundingburra, to artistic development for Stylin' Up, Australia's largest Indigenous hip-hop event. A full list of funded projects is available on the QAC web site.

The funding program has two categories:

- Short-term community projects between \$5000 and \$30,000.

- Up to \$50,000 for long-term projects that lead to sustainable outcomes, particularly assistance to provide cultural development officer positions.

An independent panel appointed by the Federal Arts Minister assesses all applications. The panel is drawn from the State's regional arts practitioners, art forms and regional arts organisations.

In Qld, the fund is open to individuals and organisations from areas that are deemed by the Australian Government to be outside the Brisbane/Perth/Caboolture/Sunshine Coast/Gold Coast hub.

Individuals and organisations interested in applying can contact Kevin Hides on (07) 3846 7500 or refer to the Qld Arts Council web site at www.qac.org.au for guidelines and application forms.

In recent rounds, funding has been provided in Cherbourg, Townsville, Blackall, Bundaberg, Cairns, Tambo and Mount Isa and other regional Qld locations.

Western Desert art comes to town



The inaugural art exhibition of the newly-formed Western Desert Mob (WDM) has opened in Perth as part of the 2007 University of Western Australia Perth International Arts Festival.

Aptly named Kutju, meaning 'one', the exhibition brings the Western Desert Mob together as *Kutju-One*. It opened on Sunday at UWA's Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery.

Artists and arts centres from the six areas of the Western Desert collaborated to present the exhibition, which organisers say heralds a new approach to exhibiting and promoting Aboriginal art as well as preserving their stories and culture.

"*Kutju-One* – we have come together to keep our art centres strong," said Western Desert Mob senior artist Eunice Porter. "We are protected under Kutju Wiltja – one shelter. This is our culture. Tjukurpa malapa walykumunu pimi – lots of true good stories."

Young artist Mark Golding said: "Our

paintings are a hand of friendship to you. These paintings are our memories – our culture."

Organisers say the exhibition is a vibrant and inspiring illustration of men and women, young and old, painting, woodcarving and weaving tjukurpa (dreaming stories) and contemporary tales. They say the paintings and 3D art are energetic, dynamic and diverse, reflecting each artist's unique style, stories and connection to country.

Leading examples

The exhibition, a collaboration between WDM and Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, showcases the work of art centres that are leading examples of sustainable community enterprises, based on the importance of family and living and working in-country.

WDM co-ordinator Tim Acker says the exhibition ties strongly with the desert focus of the UWA Perth International Arts Festival.

"What better way to celebrate the desert than to have some of the Western Desert Mob's precious art on exhibition – art from

communities thriving and living in the West Australian desert," he said.

"*Kutju-One* is a symbolic way to celebrate the alliance formed between six remote Aboriginal areas in the Ngaanyatjarra lands, Western Australia; a momentous occasion for Australian Aboriginal art.

"Living and working or creating in the land of their birth is vital for an artist's connection to country.

"This must remain intact and uncompromised because passing on these important stories to young people is a critical means of keeping culture strong and vital to sustaining Aboriginal culture, and a crucial role of the art centres.

"Aboriginal artists have shown great generosity in sharing their culture through contemporary and traditional artwork over the years, but in recent times this has been compromised."

Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery Director John Barrett-Lennard said the exhibition provided more evidence of the wonderful art being made in remote areas of Western

Australia and the continuing strength of Aboriginal culture.

"This exhibition is stimulating, exciting and timely," he said.

As part of the exhibition, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery will also present a program of public and special events:

- On 1-2 March, the gallery will remain open until 11pm to coincide with free Perth Festival performances of Ngaanyatjarra Turku traditional song and dance from the vast and isolated Ngaanyatjarra lands being performed in the adjacent Sunken Gardens at the University of Western Australia.

- At 1pm on 4 March, Warakurna artists in the exhibition with Tim Acker will share their stories of country, culture and family, about being artists and talk about the role of their arts centre in their community.

- On 6 March, following its display at His Majesty's Theatre as part of the Perth Festival, the Kayili Canvas painted by renowned Kayili artists will arrive to be part of the exhibition.

Western Desert Mob: *Kutju-One* exhibition will continue until 25 March.

Aspiring teachers receive scholarships



Nineteen aspiring teachers have been awarded Queensland Government scholarships valued at up to \$20,000 each to help them become teachers in the State. Education and Training

Minister Rod Welford presented seven Bid O'Sullivan Teaching Scholarships and 12 Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships to recipients at Parliament House in Brisbane on 15 February.

"These scholarships support the placement of quality teachers throughout the State, particularly in rural and remote locations," he said.

"They provide financial assistance to these budding teachers during their studies and also guarantee them a job in our school system at the end of their degree."

"It is appropriate the scholarships are named after Bid O'Sullivan and Pearl Duncan as they are inspirational women who were passionate about teaching and dedicated to improving students' lives through education."

The Bid O'Sullivan Teaching Scholarships are awarded to high school graduates from rural and remote areas to enable them to work as teachers in these areas after they graduate from their teaching degrees.

Pearl Duncan Scholarships are awarded each year to people of Aboriginal and/or

Torres Strait Islander descent, in honour of Australia's first tertiary-trained Indigenous teacher.

"Ms Duncan became a teacher in 1951 and has devoted her life to academic excellence and to encouraging Indigenous people to participate in education," Mr Welford said.

Many recipients

Teaching scholarships of up to four years' duration are awarded, with scholarships of up to two years' duration for postgraduate students. A total of 106 Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships have been awarded since 2006.

Recipients of the Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships (school-leavers): Casey Coolwell (Woodridge State High School), Allison Rocca (Cannon Hill Anglican College), Jessica Wimbus (Kelvin Grove State College).

Education Queensland staff: Danielle Hedges (Gayndah State School), Elizabeth Tailby (Mount Gravatt East State School).

Post-school studies: Lawrence Hagan of Toowoomba, Derek Kinchela of Riverina, Kim Peyton-Smith of Townsville, Sarah Roberts of Toowoomba, Kyrin Wright of Kallangur.

Postgraduate: Phillip Breslin of Trinity Beach, Glen Fairfoot of Cairns.

They're masters in human rights

Story and photo by
KEN BOASE in Perth



The first Indigenous graduates of a Masters in Human Rights course at Curtin University in Perth say they will use their qualifications to advise governments and Aboriginal leaders on relevant issues, as well as educate the community on media and housing issues.

Murri (Qld) Anita Hong and Palawa (Tas) Michelle Webb spent three years studying part-time to achieve their degrees in the course, the only one of its type in Australia to offer studies in human rights outside the legal framework.

The course was sponsored by Japanese businessman Huruha Handa, who has a global interest in human rights issues and has funded projects with an emphasis on health and education in South-East Asia, Europe and China.

Ms Hong said she took the course because of her interest in human rights from an Indigenous perspective with a particular emphasis on the ongoing housing crisis for Aboriginal people in WA and other states.

"There needs to be consultation with the Aboriginal community about what types of housing they would like, within the metro area but also out in the regional areas and the discrete communities," she said. "Talking to the families about what their needs are in relation to what sort of housing they would like, and taking into account the extended families."

"Cooking inside, for example, may be too hot because they don't have air-conditioning."

Ms Hong said she learned a lot about the United Nations and the lack of reporting on Indigenous issues to the UN by the Federal Government.

"The course has confirmed what I've always believed, and that is that (Prime Minister) John Howard and his Government do not have any regard for Indigenous people and their basic human rights, and (we need to) to



Masters in Human Rights graduates Michelle Webb (left) and Anita Lee Hong on the night of their graduation ceremony on February 10.

get out there and get these issues on the agenda through barristers or the United Nations."

Ms Webb, who is also a lecturer in Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University, said the course was a re-affirmation for her that education is one of the greatest tools for life, particularly in the area of human rights.

Active agents

"As Indigenous educators we practise human rights on a daily basis and we're very active agents of social change so cementing that knowledge within an academic context gave us credibility within this institution as well as cementing our previous knowledge," she said.

"The course has not given us the answers, but it has given us some more tools to push for some

of the answers and to use those tools collaboratively so that as communities we can progress towards finding those answers."

Ms Webb said that she was particularly interested in studying the media's role in human rights and the way some media outlets use celebrities to promote human rights issues.

"People like Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt, Nicole Kidman, all of these big-wig celebrities who are making a huge impact in terms of global human rights," she said.

"My question is, is that a good impact or not? Are we just perpetuating some questionable great white saviour coming in to save; in this case it's Africa. So it's saving the poor other, the black deficient African and how the media represents them is how

most of us understand them."

"Those paternalistic photo opportunities with celebrities in Africa can quite easily be replaced by a politician flying in to an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory or somewhere and talking about fixing problems and then flying out again."

"It's an institutionalised racist way of doing business in this country."

Ms Webb is planning to present her thesis at several upcoming cultural studies conferences in Western Australia and Queensland, as well as workshops at Curtin University.

Ms Hong said that she would also use her Masters degree to promote more women into higher levels within tertiary education institutions.

Aboriginal pre-school funding gets boost



Aboriginal pre-schools across New South Wales are to receive more than

\$1.1 million under a State Government funding package.

Community Services and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher said on 14 February that 23 Aboriginal pre-schools would share in the \$85 million Preschool Investment and Reform Package to stabilise community-based pre-schools and help them reduce fees for parents and carers over the next two years.

"Aboriginal pre-schools in NSW will receive funding of more than \$1.1 million for a range of purposes such as offering reduced fees, improvements to the pre-school facilities and support in business matters," Ms Meagher said.

Progress

"Pre-schools are an important part of a child's development and the lemma Government's commitment is making real progress in ensuring more Aboriginal children attend pre-school, but there is still more to do."

Aboriginal early childhood consultant Kerry Mundine said the funding would open the door to many Indigenous families who may not have otherwise considered sending their children to pre-school or had the opportunity to do so.

"The Government is taking a very positive step in addressing the need for greater access to transition-to-school initiatives, especially for Indigenous children and those children who have never been to preschool before," she said.

"The result will be a greater participation among Aboriginal families in the early education of their children and in the preparation for further education."

Ms Meagher said the lemma Government had made the biggest investment in community-based pre-schools in over 20 years, providing families with affordable pre-school places for their children.



Thousands of West Australian school children are set to embark on a journey

of discovery and self-fulfilment under an award-winning program that strives to create understanding of the State's Indigenous history and culture.

"The PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing) program has become an integral part of many school's teaching plans since it began in 2004," Department of Indigenous Affairs Acting Director-General Amanda Cattermole said.

"It encourages young people to take a leadership role in strengthening the relationships in their local community between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"To do this, they are asked to expand their knowledge of traditional Indigenous culture and lifestyle and explore how it has been impacted over the past 200 years by external factors such as European settlement, government policies, religion, technology and even education.

"This new level of understanding is used to introduce a positive change in their life and community."

Ms Cattermole urged more schools to join the program in 2007, explaining that teachers could use the PALS project to address several teaching outcomes such as those under sustainable environments, the values forum and active citizenship.

And significant cultural milestones such as the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC and the

Time to plan for PALS



To kick off the PALS 2007 Schools Reconciliation Awards, PALS had a presence at the Biruk event in Perth.

40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, which changed the Australian Constitution and gave Indigenous people citizenship rights, added to the topical focus of

PALS in 2007.

"PALS projects can be as simple as creating opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to mix and get to know

each other," Ms Cattermole said.

"This is a great stepping stone for all schools. In other cases, PALS projects are life-changing such as the Wednesdays at the

Autumn Centre initiative which is now a regular program at the Riverlands School."

Schools undertaking PALS projects are also encouraged to participate in the PALS Awards which will be judged in term four. To enter the awards, schools document their progress throughout the year using a combination of interviews, video, personal accounts, photography and written words to explain the journey they have undertaken and the impact it has had on their community.

PALS is run by the West Australian DIA in partnership with BHP Billiton Iron Ore with the support of the Department of Education and Training (DET), the Catholic Education Office and the Association of Independent Schools WA (AISWA).

Fremantle Dockers player Troy Cook, respected role model for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth, is the program's youth ambassador.

More than 100 schools and 20,000 students took part in PALS projects in 2007 with projects that included the creation of bush tucker gardens, Dreamtime picture books, cultural DVDs, school beautification initiatives, oral histories and cultural camps.

Schools that register early for the 2007 awards will go in the draw to win prizes. Winners of the 2007 PALS Schools Reconciliation Awards will be announced at the annual Wardenji Aboriginal Cultural Celebration in November, with winning schools

presented with artwork by some of the State's top Indigenous artists.

● For more information or to obtain an entry form, visit <http://pals.dia.wa.gov.au>

NSW award promotes Aboriginal education



A new award has been announced to recognise innovation, excellence and achievement in Aboriginal education in New South Wales public schools, school communities and Department of Education and Training regional and State offices.

The Inaugural NSW Schools Nanga Mai Awards to be held at Sydney's Taronga Zoo on Thursday 22 March.

The Department of Education and Training is sponsoring the awards.

They will be presented to selected high-achieving Aboriginal students, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal teachers, staff, community members, schools and regions.

The award categories are:

- Encouragement award.
- Award for outstanding achievement in sport.
- Award for outstanding achievement in performing/creative/visual arts.
- Student leadership award.
- Academic excellence award - School Certificate.

- Academic excellence Award - Higher School Certificate.
- Highest UAI for an Aboriginal student.
- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member.
- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member.
- Award for outstanding contribution to educational achievement by a community member.
- Award for outstanding educational leadership.
- School community partnership award.
- Recognition of service to Aboriginal student achievement in public education award.
- Award for outstanding school/partnership of schools.
- Award for outstanding regional innovation.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit www.aboriginaleducation.nsw.edu.au. Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 7 March.

New research centre



A major centre of Indigenous research has been launched at University of South Australia.

The David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research (DUCIER) aims to produce high-quality research

that will also have a sustainable impact on the wellbeing of Australia's Indigenous community.

Dean and Head of DUCIER Peter Buckskin says the college is groundbreaking in promoting Indigenous scholarship.

"DUCIER invokes the spirit of endeavour, thirst for knowledge and determination what was so much a part of the character of David Unaipon," Mr Buckskin says.

"It is that passion for knowledge we want to give to our students and researchers."

The college also aims to increase Indigenous tertiary participation and graduation rates, and to ensure every student who studies at UniSA has the chance to learn something about Indigenous people in a way that portrays them as an important social group in Australia, contributing to the social and economic fabric of the community.

"It is vital that there are research environments where it is safe and nurturing for Indigenous scholars to explore their thoughts and their notions of issues from their own cultural perspective," Mr Buckskin said.

"But we also aim to make Indigenous research practical by examining how the white community engages with the black community."

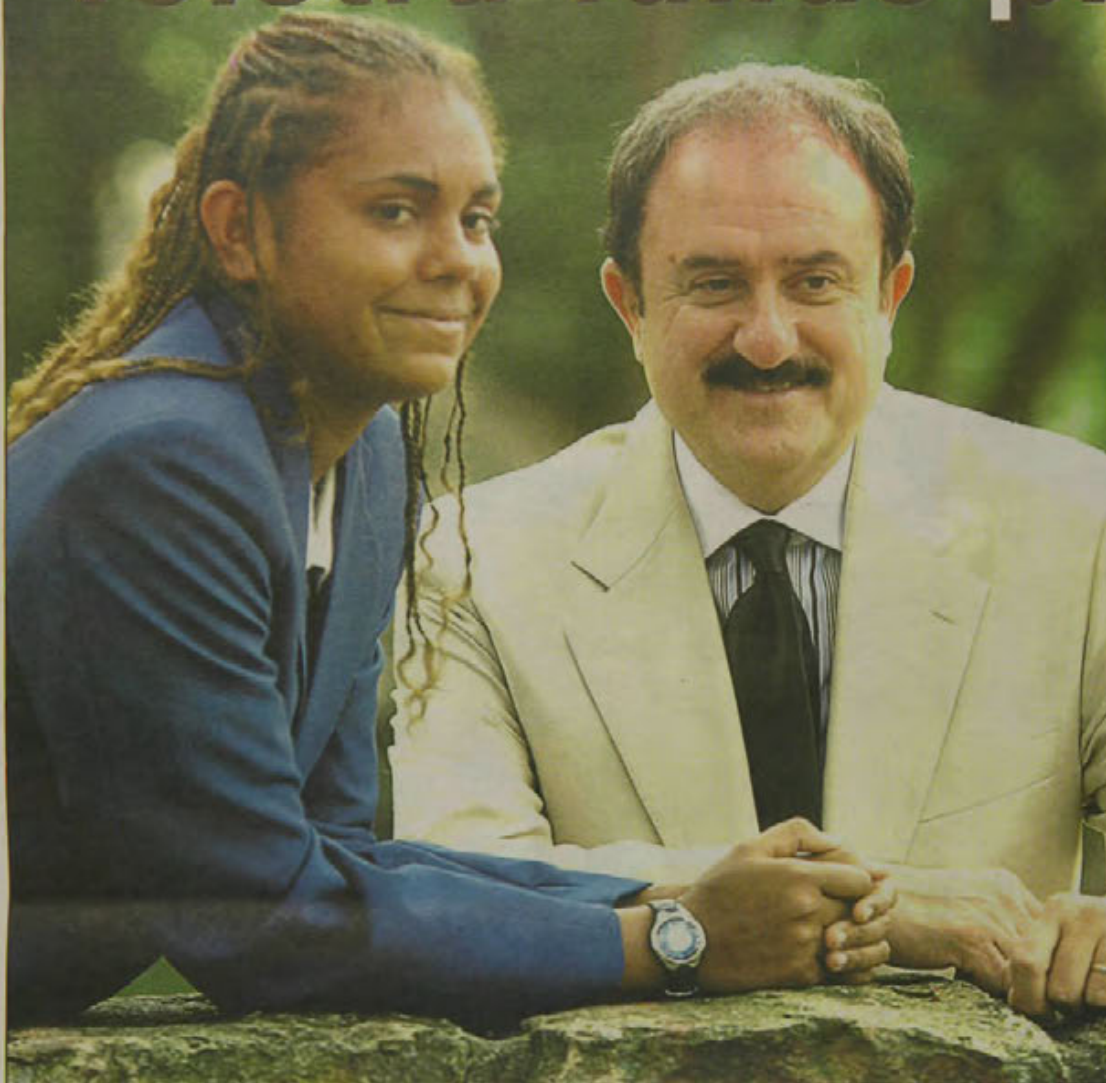
UniSA boasts that it is unique in that it aims to have Indigenous content in every undergraduate program by 2010, and has Indigenous indicators in its Graduate Qualities.

The college already boasts its first PhD student - Professor Bernice Joseph, Vice-Chancellor for Rural, Community and Native Education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Pro Vice-Chancellor for the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Michael Rowan, said the university had a long history of research and teaching in Indigenous studies.

"I believe DUCIER will support Indigenous academics to undertake the kind of leading-edge research and scholarship that will be the foundation of the university's continuing achievement in this important field," he said.

Telstra funds program



Telstra chief Sol Trujillo says Australia's Indigenous children deserve a world-class education. Last Tuesday, Mr Trujillo visited Brisbane to announce a \$1.23- million boost from the

Telstra Foundation to improve Indigenous children's educational standards.

The foundation has committed the funding to the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute (IELI) program, which will supply intensive training to help 240 school principals deliver a better education to Indigenous students around the country. The program will focus on reducing student absenteeism, improving literacy and numeracy, and instilling a sense of cultural pride and personal responsibility.

Mr Trujillo said at a ceremony at the Queensland University of Technology that he hoped the money would make a 'positive and lasting difference' to Indigenous children and their communities. "Every Indigenous child in this country deserves a world-class education," he said.

"Every Indigenous child should be encouraged to believe they can achieve whatever they want and that's why I am so supportive of the Telstra Foundation's investment in children, which I believe is also an investment in Australia's future."

IELI director Dr Chris Sarra said the institute's new 'Stronger, Smarter Realities' program would be based on a similar program undertaken at Queensland's Cherbourg State School, which reduced unexplained absenteeism by 94 per cent and improved literacy by 58 per cent in 18 months.

"Aboriginal children are our greatest source of hope, yet they are our most vulnerable citizens," Dr Sarra said.

"We do have the capacity to deliver better outcomes to Indigenous children. We want children to line up and perform just as well as any other child in their school, and to retain a positive and proud sense of what it means to be Aboriginal ... this is something that we can do."

● Pictured: Former Cherbourg student Marilyn with Telstra chief Sol Trujillo.

Building a future



The Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education's Construction Department is offering a range of Construction Skillset training opportunities in 2007.

The first training sessions started on Monday.

Skillsets are the grouping of units from Certificates I and II in General Construction and Certificate III in Carpentry which focus on a specific industry sector such as suspended slab formwork and transportable steel-framed housing.

Batchelor Institute Construction Department Lecturer Gary Lowry says there are still some places available in the first training group.

"Skillset training is

Institute course in construction

project-based with a lot of hands-on work and tailored to support the needs of Indigenous trainees," he said.

"The students spend four days a week in the workshop on the tools and one day a week in a classroom completing workbooks with the use of Power Point presentation and electronic workbooks.

"Students learn in a real job environment that also includes smoko and lunch each day, and are provided with all the required personal protective equipment needed for the courses which they get to keep on successful

completion of the course.

"When students complete the Construction Skillset courses they will also receive the HIA Safety Induction Card (green card) which complies with the NT Work Health Act and can then immediately apply to get jobs in the industry."

The training is being held at the Batchelor Institute's construction workshop in shed number 8 at 23 Albatross Street in the Darwin suburb of Winnellie. For inquiries about all Skillset training, contact Gary Lowry on phone 0417 828 038 or email lowry@batchelor.edu.au



Batchelor students assembling a steel-framed structure.

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



● LEFT: Mel Shea driving a forklift in CSU's Learning Materials Centre despatch office. "I believe on-the-job training is a great door-opener for people starting out in the workplace to gain confidence, knowledge and qualifications. The new skills can then be applied in any workplace," she said.

Mel shines, thanks to Koori program

Charles Sturt University, based at rural NSW, is using its Indigenous employment program as a vehicle for positive change and equity within the university.

Melanie Shea, a recent participant in the program, is employed at the Learning Materials Centre (Wagga Wagga campus) as a full-time despatch assistant.

Ms Shea has gone from strength to strength with the full support of Karen Kime, CSU's Indigenous employment

co-ordinator, and has made the most of the opportunities furnished by the Indigenous Employment Strategy.

She began working as a trainee at the LMC just one week after completing her Higher School Certificate.

"I was new to the workplace experience but through my traineeship in Transport and Distribution (Warehousing and Storage), I learned to work and communicate in a high-volume environment," Ms Shea said.

"I have gained many skills in

occupational health and safety, which are very important in this industry. I have also learned the value of work that takes place at the Learning Material Centre.

"All the new skills and experiences have helped me gain my full-time position in the Learning Materials Centre."

Ms Shea said that throughout her 12-month traineeship, she was lucky enough to work in two sections of the LMC: The reproduction and despatch areas.

"In no time I became competent in my work and more

confident with my new-found skills and qualifications," she said.

Indigenous employment co-ordinator Karen Kime said CSU was well-suited to facilitate the mentoring of Indigenous secondary and TAFE students.

"Individuals benefit from increased employment opportunities and skill development, and CSU gains through the growth of an interesting and dynamic workforce," Ms Kime said.

"Programs of this nature assist

in promoting partnerships between the diverse groups who live in our regions, and are an essential ingredient in the building of healthy communities."

Ms Shea is an example of what can be achieved when strategies such as this are driven by committed individuals.

"I believe on-the-job training is a great door-opener for people starting out in the workplace to gain confidence, knowledge and qualifications," she said.

"The new skills can then be applied in any workplace."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Australian Government

Department of Families, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Improving the lives of Australians



The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) is the Government's principal source of advice on social policy issues. We also have responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage a diverse range of programs and services to improve the lives of Australians. Our whole-of-government approach brings with it many opportunities to build effective relationships with other government and non-government organisations.

We are looking for innovative and professional people who have a particular interest in the challenges involved in improving the capacity and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

Indigenous Leadership Development Group

Executive Section

Woden, ACT

The main role of the Indigenous Leadership Development Group is to deliver leadership programs to Indigenous women, men and young people.

Executive Assistant

APS Level 5

\$54,590 - \$56,680pa

Reference 50013570

The vacancy

As Executive Assistant to the Group Manager you will provide secretarial and administrative support, including organising travel, managing appointments and arranging meetings. The position requires high level communication and organisational skills.

Leadership Delivery Branch

Executive Section

Woden, ACT

Leadership Delivery Branch supports Indigenous leadership development in the context of the Australian Government's reforms through implementation of the Indigenous Community Leadership Programs - initiating and driving an innovative leadership development strategy that builds the leadership capacity of Indigenous women (including women in COAG sites), men and youth through effective training, coaching, mentoring and networking.

Personal Assistant

APS Level 4

\$48,360 - \$52,045pa

Reference 50012908

The vacancy

Provide Personal Assistance to the Branch Manager and designated officers in the areas of administrative support and secretariat duties associated with meetings. Manage Branch Managers diary, appointments, travel, telephone calls.

Queensland State Office

Cairns & Cape York Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC)

The ICC is the main mechanism for coordination of Indigenous-specific programmes in the region. The ICC brings together the staff working in the main Australian Government agencies administering government programmes and services for Indigenous people.

Team Leader

Executive Level 1

\$71,863 - \$80,054pa

Reference 50009982

Assistant Solution Broker

APS Level 5

\$54,590 - \$56,680pa

Reference 40002188

The vacancies

FaCSIA is looking for energetic and motivated applicants to perform the role of Team Leader and Assistant Solution Broker in the Cairns and Cape York ICC. The Team Leader and Assistant Solution Broker are key members representing FaCSIA in the implementation of the Australian Government's collaborative approach to Indigenous programme management and service delivery. The Team Leader and Assistant Solution Broker will be located in the Cairns ICC's working in a whole-of-government environment.

HOW TO APPLY

An information package with full details of these vacancies and how to apply is available by visiting our Website on www.facsia.gov.au under 'Careers in FaCSIA'.

Alternatively, contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036. People with hearing or speech impairment candidates, may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES

CLERK, WALGETT LOCAL COURT (ATSI IDENTIFIED)

Clerk, Grade 1-2, Walgett, Permanent Part-Time, Position Number AG07/141. Total remuneration package valued to: \$26,715 p.a. (\$22,268-\$24,210) Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provide a range of general, clerical, administrative support and client services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, daily correspondence, data entry, records management and assisting in the court rooms. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality; Good clerical and computer skills including data entry and processing documentation; Strong commitment to client service; Experience in communicating effectively with a wide range of people; Ability to apply initiative to quickly solve problems; Willingness to carry out different activities in a variety of work environments; Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position is an identified position under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Employment Strategy. This is a permanent part-time position working 17.5 hours per week. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Robyn Mills (02) 6828 1031 Email: robyn_mills@agd.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Robyn Mills (02) 6828 1031.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au.

Closing Date: Friday 09 March 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

FINANCE MANAGER

Clerk Grade 7/8, Wellington, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number 07098. Total remuneration package valued to: \$81,591 p.a. (\$66,796-\$73,930) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Responsible for the management of financial services for the centre including preparation, monitoring and reporting on budget items. **Selection Criteria:** Extensive experience in the management of budgets and delivery of financial services. Experience with computerised accounting systems. Sound understanding (or ability to gain within a short period of time) of the Public Finance and Audit Act, Treasurer's Directions and public sector budget cycle. Knowledge of accrual accounting. Ability to interpret legislation. Excellent communication skills. Demonstrated experience in preparing detailed statistical and financial reports. Experience in supervising staff. Sound negotiation, problem solving and customer service skills. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions within the Central West area. This is a re-advertised position 07061, all applicants need to re-apply as the selection criteria have changed. No applications will be brought forward.

Inquiries: Michael Kneipp (02) 6845 3730 Email: michael.kneipp@dcs.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** (02) 6845 3730, michael.kneipp@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 09 March 2007.

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Department of
Corrective Services
Government of Western Australia

Project Officer (Appointment Pool) x 2

Corporate Support and Reform

Position No: 007299 & 007300 50 (d) (FTC)

Salary: Level 6 PSQA \$67,850 - \$75,133 (various allowances)

The Department of Corrective Services is embarking on very exciting times with the creation of the Regional Corrective Services Plan. Think you're up to the challenge? We invite you to join and play an integral role as a member of our Regional Corrective Services Project Team.

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Please note that Aboriginality in accordance with Section 50d of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 is essential for some of these positions - please refer to our information package attached to the JOFs for additional information.

The pool will operate for 6 months

For Further Job Related Information: Please contact the Provide on (08) 9264 1005

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Tuesday 6 March 2007 at 5pm.

Children's Koori Court Advice Worker

North and West Metropolitan Region, Juvenile Justice, Court Advice and Support Unit.

Salary: \$54,892 to \$61,745 (+ Superannuation)
Fixed Term 7 Months

Are you -

Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koori people and their families?

Able to work effectively in the criminal justice system and Koori community to assist young Koori people address their offending behaviour and reducing Koori over-representation?

This position provides Court Advice and support to the Melbourne Children's Koori Court alongside innovative culturally based support, assessment and casework for young Koori people that will assist the individual child offender to comply with the completion of sentencing orders and meets the needs of individual child offender in a culturally appropriate manner.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Ann Le Guier on (03) 9470 0379. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no DHS/NWR/76309

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 14 March 2007.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Indigenous Employment Opportunities

Ayr and Moranbah

(In association with the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for the Burdekin to Moranbah pipeline)

SunWater, a leader in water management, is seeking people from the five traditional owner groups, who are interested in a career in the water industry and wish to join our dedicated team. The traditional owner groups who are involved in the ILUA are the Birri, BBKY, Jangga, Wiri 2 and Wiri 3 people.

The following three full time positions are available:

1. Business Administration Trainee - Moranbah
07-021 (fortnightly salary \$677.90 - 1,232.60)
2. Operator/Maintainer (Water Service Delivery/Civil Works) - Ayr
07-022 (fortnightly salary \$1415.00 - \$1553.30)
3. Operator/Maintainer (Environment) - Ayr
07-023 (fortnightly salary \$1415.00 - \$1553.30)

Salary packages include up to 12.75% employer superannuation contribution to Q Super (dependent upon your contribution of 5% of salary) and other applicable allowances, depending on qualifications and experience.

A position description for each position has been sent to each traditional owner's legal representatives. Position descriptions may also be obtained at www.sunwater.com.au or by telephoning (07) 3120 0289.

A current resume and cover letter addressing the requirements of the position should be submitted to recruitment@sunwater.com.au or mailed to "SunWater Recruitment" PO Box 15536, City East QLD 4002. Closing date COB Friday 16 March 2007

Applicants must nominate the traditional owner group they represent.

Further details regarding the positions are available from:

1. Business Administration Trainee (Moranbah):
Mr. Geoff Renton (07) 4954 2219
2. Operator/Maintainer (Water service delivery/Civil Works) - Ayr:
Mr. Gary Everson (07) 4783 0533
3. Operator/Maintainer (Environment) - Ayr:
Mr. Jason Williams (07) 4783 0535

Please note that only applications from people identified with these traditional groups will be considered for these positions.

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MULTIPLE FAMILY SUPPORT POSITIONS

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 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 Australian Red Cross to provide intensive support services designed to improve the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. The target group is families with babies and young children 0-8 years that have been assessed as having high and complex support needs. We have the following opportunities available in our team:

Program Manager

This position is full time, Rockhampton based with a remuneration package of \$57,692 - \$60,242pa. (incl. super).

Case Manager

This position is full time, Rockhampton based with a remuneration package of \$42,321 - \$49,212pa. (incl. super), depending on experience and qualifications. A car will be provided for work purposes.

Generous Salary Packaging options will be available for all positions.

Australian Red Cross (ARC) is committed to increasing the number of Indigenous people employed in programs across the organisation. Applicants from Indigenous backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply. The ARC is a 'child safe' organisation, requiring all candidates to be screened and assessed for suitability to work with children, youth and vulnerable people.

Visit www.redcross.org.au/qld for an application pack or phone 07 3367 7222 during business hours. Closing date for applications is 5pm Thursday 8th March 2007.



Australian Red Cross

Community Restorative Centre (CRC)

COMMUNITY WORKERS

CRC is a community based agency providing assistance to prisoners, ex-prisoners & their families. We are seeking two project workers:

Aboriginal StAMP Project Worker

SACS Award G4 yr4, 20 hours per week, contract until November 2007.

One part-time Aboriginal Project worker to assist in the development and implementation of the StAMP mentoring project with Aboriginal ex-offenders returning to reside in the Redfern, Waterloo area.

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality; Demonstrated project development and management skills; Knowledge of issues faced by prisoners post release; Demonstrated casework experience with men and women with complex needs; An understanding of the concept of mentoring; Relevant qualifications and/or experience; Computer skills

Desirable: Current Drivers License.

Aboriginal Drug Court Welfare Support Worker

SACS Award Grade 4, 5 days per fortnight.

One part-time Aboriginal worker to provide welfare & transport services to clients of the NSW Drug Court, Parramatta. Position located at Drug Court.

The program will focus on the addressing factors that lead to Aboriginal offending by improving the quality of the Court's services and being responsive to the needs of Aboriginal participants.

Essential Criteria: Aboriginality; Knowledge of Alcohol and Other Drug issues; Experience in advocating for clients on a range of welfare issues; Knowledge of issues affecting people within the criminal justice system; Drivers License.

Desirable: Use of own car (mileage allowance provided)

Note: An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications Close: Friday 9th March.

Please send application and resume addressing selection criteria to: Community Restorative Centre, 174 Broadway, (Cnr Shepherd St), Broadway NSW 2007.

Fax to: 02 9211 6518. Email to: info@crcnsw.org.au

For further information: Phone: 02 9288 8700.



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Australian Government

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations



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OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

SEVERAL BRANCHES

SEVERAL SECTIONS

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) offers challenging career opportunities for motivated and committed individuals. OATSIH works with all parts of the health sector to improve the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through improved access to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs. OATSIH leads nationally in developing and implementing policies and programs to achieve these objectives in collaboration with the mainstream health system, Indigenous specific health services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and its state and territory affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and state and territory government health departments.

EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

\$73,626 - \$80,648

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0772

CANBERRA

The Office is structured into three Branches: Program Planning and Development Branch; Health Strategies Branch; and Policy and Analysis Branch. Vacancies exist in all three branches of OATSIH at the Assistant Director (EL1) level and the successful applicants will be joining an enthusiastic and motivated group of people in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and strategies related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

Future Executive Level 1 vacancies may also be filled through this recruitment round.

Contact officer: Kate Gilbert on 02 6289 5399 or kate.gilbert@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Sonja Eastwood on 02 6289 7023 (sonja.eastwood@health.gov.au)

APS LEVEL 6

Senior Project Officer

\$59,912 - \$67,590

SEVERAL POSITIONS

Reference Number: 07-0791

CANBERRA

APS Level 6 vacancies are currently available across a range of areas in which OATSIH provides strategic leadership, including the prevention, early detection, treatment and management of preventable chronic diseases, social and emotional wellbeing, child and maternal health, communicable diseases, research, harnessing mainstream programs to deliver better outcomes for Indigenous Australians through a whole of government approach and program management and implementation. Future APS Level 6 vacancies in other areas of OATSIH may also be filled through this recruitment round.

Contact officer: Marita Nicholson on 02 6289 8165 or marita.nicholson@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Sarah McLelland on 02 6289 7719 (sarah.mcllland@health.gov.au)

Positions close 15 March 2007, 7pm EDT,
unless otherwise noted

PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

SERVICES OF CONCERN TASKFORCE

APS LEVEL 4

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

\$49,933 - \$52,759

Reference Number: 07-0799

BRISBANE

The successful applicant will provide priority executive support to the Assistant Secretary of the Service of Concern Taskforce as well as secondary administrative support to the Taskforce members in various locations. Executive assistance will include establishing a task management system, drafting and managing routine correspondence, diary and e-mail management, and organise meetings. Administrative assistance will include information and document management, travel/accommodation, media monitoring and basic financial administration.

We are seeking an enthusiastic officer with excellent interpersonal and customer service skills, an ability to work independently or as a member of a team, and highly developed organisational skills.

Contact officer: Haylene Grogan on 02 6289 5325 or haylene.grogan@health.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.health.gov.au/vacancies or Bernadette Shanks on 02 6289 5345 (bernadette.shanks@health.gov.au)

Positions close 22 March 2007, 7pm EDT

Further information and application forms are available in our Applicant Kit, available online (www.health.gov.au) or by phoning the contact person for the job.

Hearing or speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection comments from the Department's TTY number 02 6289 5945.

Conditions of service are in accordance with the Department's Certified Agreement. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from diverse backgrounds.

For further information please visit www.health.gov.au

Apprentice Fitter & Machinist/ Metal Engineer

LOCATION: Blacktown, Sydney

JOB DESCRIPTION: All aspects of fitting and machining plus welding of all metals - T.I.G and M.I.G - 1 machining centre and 2 C.N.C lathes - plus other machines for general engineering. Good opportunity for the right person. **REQUIREMENTS:** School Certificate, must have good mathematical skills, up to 18 years old, interest in engineering, some experience in engineering from school. We support a clean air environment - no smoking. Please contact, Ross Clothier, Ph: 02 9676 1466.

Rekindling The Spirit

Temporary Female Aboriginal Family Worker

(Lismore NSW)

Rekindling The Spirit program is a government funded community organisation servicing the needs of local Aboriginal people who require assistance in dealing with substance abuse and domestic and family violence issues.

This Temporary Female Family Worker will be responsible for managing a female client case-load and for running groups, conducting counselling, organising and running camps as well as participating in the day to day activities of the service.

You will need to have minimum of 3 years experience working with the Aboriginal community in the areas of welfare, drug and alcohol, family violence, child-abuse or in the justice system. Also required are excellent verbal and written communication skills, group facilitation and counselling skills, a current driver's licence and PC skills. **Applicants must address the criteria outlined in the information pack.** Common selection criteria will also apply.

Award and Benefits include Grade 4, SAC's Award, Salary from \$21.94 to \$23.88 per hour, at 38-hour week, superannuation and annual leave loading. A probationary period of 6 months will apply and this position's expected duration is for up to 12 months.

Applicants may obtain an information pack by phoning Donna Hansen (02) 66 22 5534. An information day will be held on 7th March, 2007 at Rekindling The Spirit from 9.00am to 10.30am. Please ring for a booking. **Applications close on 14th March, 2007 at 5.00pm and interviews are scheduled for 23rd March 2007.**

Being female and of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are considered genuine occupational qualifications for this position as authorised by Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
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Lecturer & Course Coordinator Environmental Health

Position No.: 14676

Fixed term appointment commencing 26 March 07 to 31 December 09 - Alice Springs

Total Remuneration Academic Level B - \$65,055 - \$77,253

This position is responsible for the development and delivery of approved education and training courses in environmental health with an emphasis on community infrastructure and housing.

Applications close Friday 9 March 2007.

Senior Lecturer - Natural and Cultural Resource Management and Nutrition

Position No.: 13959

Permanent appointment commencing April 2007 - Batchelor

Total Remuneration Academic Level C

\$79,692 - \$91,892

This position is responsible for managing program delivery in the VET and Higher Education sectors. It involves the co-ordination of the delivery of courses, validation and moderation of delivery and assessment. Travel throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

Applications close Friday 9 March 2007.

Publications and Copyright Officer

Position No.: 18383

Fixed term appointment commencing 16 March 07 to 31 December 07 - Batchelor

Total Remuneration Administrative Officer Level 5

\$57,972 - \$60,992

The Publications and Copyright Officer is responsible for overseeing publications and copyright policy and procedures within the Institute. The position will provide a high level professional advice in all areas of publication through leadership in development and maintenance of publication policies, standards and procedures.

Applications close Friday 2 March 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 (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7276 or (08) 8939 7272; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au. Please email your application including Response to the Selection Criteria, a current CV including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three referees, to: recruitment@batchelor.edu.au or post it to: The Recruitment Officer, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, C/- Post Office, Batchelor NT 0845.

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff travelling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas.

Australia's national network of community based employment service providers seeks to fill the position of Indigenous Youth Employment Consultant at our Wagga Wagga office.

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultant

You will assist Indigenous youth to remain in education, and/or with the transition into employment, further education and/or training. This will be achieved through the identification of labour market opportunities, the establishment of key networks and effective relationships with key stakeholders, linking into Commonwealth, State and Territory and local government programmes and initiatives. You will also be required to develop and implement strategies for identifying and attracting participants.

Successful applicants will have demonstrated the ability to work with youth; develop community and employer networks; maintain case notes; complete service reports; work within contractual requirements; develop innovative strategies to increase programme outcomes; manage relationships with stakeholders; inspire and motivate. Experience in delivery of similar programmes for youth groups will be highly regarded. A Police check will be required.

For further information including full job description contact Karen Plume, telephone: 02 8281 2400, or Email: karen.plume@jobfutures.com.au

Applications Close: 9th March 2007.

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Indigenous
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Volunteers

National Marketing/Communications Manager - Canberra Office

Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) is a national, not for profit organisation based in Canberra, with Regional Offices in Perth, Alice Springs, Brisbane, Dubbo and Port Augusta.

The function of ICV is to match specially selected volunteers to projects which have been designed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.

The National Marketing/Communications Manager will coordinate and develop ICV's marketing and communication products. The successful applicant will need sound management skills, experience with event management and the ability to deliver a range of multi-media products in a timely manner, leading a small team.

An attractive package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

If you are interested in assisting Indigenous Australians to access new skills and have the appropriate experience please contact Tai Viri on 02 6122 6444 for the job description. Position enquiries can be made to Paul Tyrell on 02 6122 6461.

Applications can be e-mailed to tyrell@icv.com.au or sent to: Tai Viri, GPO Box 2213, Canberra ACT, by close COB 12 March 2007.

www.icv.com.au

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity; Ethical Practice; Ethical Affairs Priorities Statement; and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

EDUCATION OFFICER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

EPO Class 8, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-039. Total remuneration package valued to: \$84,802 p.a. (\$68,117-\$76,848). The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

This position coordinates the planning, implementation and evaluation of Aboriginal environmental education projects which engage and involve Aboriginal communities and promote understanding of Aboriginal people's unique relationship with the land. **Selection Criteria:** The position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the position. Experience in promoting opportunities for the involvement of Aboriginal communities including community elders, different family groupings, organisations and individuals in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects. Strong communication (both written and verbal) skills, and well developed interpersonal, liaison, negotiation, presentation, group facilitation and customer service skills. Strong organisational skills with an ability to meet tight deadlines and operate within budget. Proven experience in the facilitation and coordination of all facets of environmental or similar programs and initiatives (This includes planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating programs). Experience in the research, writing and production of resource materials for programs. Experience in preparing correspondence, submissions and reports. Common selection criteria also apply. **Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 97 compatible.

Inquiries: Karen Paroissien Phone: (02) 8837 6050 Email: karen.paroissien@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Phone: (02) 8837 6050 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Closing Date:** Friday 09 March 2007.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT COURT SERVICES JUSTICE GROUP COORDINATORS, ATSI IDENTIFIED (VARIOUS)

Clerk, Grade 3-4, Various (refer to job notes), Permanent Full-Time, Position Number AG07/133. Total remuneration package valued to: \$60,163 p.a. (\$49,792-\$54,520). Employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales. Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system; Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds; Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities; Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums; Ability to manage projects; Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: There are currently 14 vacancies located at the following locations: Armidale, Broken Hill, Downing Centre, Dubbo, Grafton, Kempsey, Lismore, Moree, Mt Druitt, Nowra, Toronto, Wagga Wagga, Walgett and Wollongong. Applicants must note the location they are applying for on their application. These positions are identified under the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 9228 7790.

Inquiries: Scott Hawkins / Bradley Delaney (02) 9228 8823 / (02) 9228 8856 Email: fiona.schoeman@agp.nsw.gov.au. **Information Packages:** Fiona Schoeman (02) 9228 8314.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Applicants can apply for this position online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or The Recruitment Unit, Attorney General's Department, Level 7, Goodsell Building, 8-12 Chifley Square, Sydney, NSW, 2000 or agrecruitment@agp.nsw.gov.au.

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Position status: Full time and continuing
Location: Geelong Campus at Warrnambool
Further details: Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email wendy.brabham@deakin.edu.au

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Cadetship - Identified Aboriginal Position

(Ref No HG 22/07)

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The cadet will be appointed under the Aboriginal Employment Strategy on a structured 12 weeks' work per year arrangement and will also receive a study allowance. Employment will be arranged to suit study commitments and may include a mixture of one day per week, blocks of days or blocks of weeks during vacations.

The successful cadet will be involved in promoting Riawunna programs to Aboriginal communities, high school students and colleges as well as arranging campus visits for potential students. As a member of the Riawunna team, the cadet will also assist in mentoring Aboriginal undergraduates and with other appropriate tasks.

The appointment will be at HEO Level 3 and will have a total equivalent full-time remuneration package of up to \$44,457 per annum (comprising salary within the range of \$35,987 - \$40,786 plus 9% superannuation).

For further information about the position please contact Ms Deb Brown on (03) 6226 2539 or e-mail D.J.Brown@utas.edu.au

The closing date for receipt of your application is 16 March 2007.

A JOB APPLICATION PACKAGE can be accessed and downloaded from the Human Resources website at the following address: www.utas.edu.au/jobs

If you are unable to access this website and would like a job application package mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tania Braslin on (03) 6226 2013 or e-mail Tania.Braslin@utas.edu.au or Melissa Burr on (03) 6324 3537 or e-mail Melissa.Burr@utas.edu.au and quote the specified reference number.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA is an equal opportunity employer and offers excellent employment benefits and a pleasant working environment.

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(PN Ref: C4366)

APS 5

\$54,941 - \$56,489

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Note: This is an identified position. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Key information on this and other excellent job opportunities can be accessed on our website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/careers

Eligibility: Applicants must be Australian citizens.

General information about Medicare Australia can be obtained from www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

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 (see website) or by post to Ms N Tafe, PO Box 1001, Tuggeranong ACT 2901.

Note: Medicare Australia has introduced a simplified application process for all vacancies - refer to the applicant information kit for details.



associate lecturer oodgeroo unit

The appointee will contribute to team teaching and provide leadership in teaching and research within Indigenous

studies in undergraduate and selected postgraduate units.

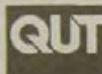
The position will be located at the Unit's Kelvin Grove office but may be required to teach at other campuses.

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The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd

The Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd (AICHS) provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Brisbane and surrounding areas. Following a recent review of internal services and organisation structure, the following positions have been created and will be based at our new premises in Ferry Road, West End.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

(Salary \$70-\$80K per annum)

(Re-advertised - previous applicants need not re-apply)

The Deputy CEO is required to actively lead the development and implementation of AICHS policy and to provide management and administrative advice and strategy to the CEO, senior managers, and the AICHS Council of Management, across a complex range of issues. The Deputy CEO will be responsible for the management of all internal corporate services including Finance, Human Resources, IT, Planning, Workplace Health and Safety and building service and management activities.

Service Coordinator

(Salary \$40-\$50K per annum)

(Re-advertised - previous applicants need not re-apply)

The Service Coordinator's role is to manage service functions (fleet, assets, building management and maintenance) and to ensure that internal customers have access to appropriate resources and services. This includes the responsibility of managing all procedures related to internal services, including monitoring, tracking, and coordination. The Service Coordinator will provide strategic and operational input into the overall management of internal services including initiatives for review and improvement.

For an Application Kit and Position Description for either of the above positions, please go to the Employment link on the AICHS website www.aichs.org.au or email admin@ejsp.com.au. If you do not have internet access, please call Mark Smith or Emma Howse in the MJ Smith & Partners office on (07) 3839 1233.

Applications close on 14 March 2007.

AICHS is an equal opportunity employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

DIVISIONAL COORDINATOR, ACCORD & OLDER PERSONS STRATEGY

Clerk Grade 9/10

Northern NSW HS Division

Coffs Harbour & Newcastle

Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)

Position No: 07DOH6939 Total remuneration package valued up to \$92,591 per annum (\$76,142 pa - \$83,907 pa). Includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Responsible for day to day management of a 12 month project to coordinate Accord partnerships. Support implementation of commitments and achieve ongoing improvements in service delivery to older clients.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Sound knowledge of human service delivery structures in government and non-government sectors with experience working in cross agency environment; project planning and management experience, with research, analytical and problem solving skills; tertiary qualifications in human services/social sciences; excellent communication, negotiation, influencing, conflict management, presentation and facilitation skills and ability to prepare project plans and reports; ability to lead new initiatives in cross agency environment with the ability to build and maintain key relationships and work collaboratively with non-government and government agencies; demonstrated ability to work independently and deliver results in tight time-frames; ability to foster partnerships, develop partnership models and agreements and to develop new strategies with limited local precedents; current driver's licence.

Common Selection Criteria: Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).

Job Notes: There are 2 Temporary Full-time positions available at Coffs Harbour & Newcastle. Appointment will be in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to twelve months with possible extension. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains the complete details 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 NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635. Inquiries: George Adams (02) 4925 6313.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email to: HRHunter@bzlink.nsw.gov.au or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

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Tutors

The School of Indigenous Australian Studies James Cook University

The School of Indigenous Australian Studies has the role of providing support for Indigenous students, and manages the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS). ITAS enables Indigenous students enrolled in undergraduate programs to access tutorial assistance in their particular disciplines. Tutorial assistance is delivered individually on a casual basis.

Expressions of interest are sought from those persons interested in delivering tutorial assistance, who possess relevant tertiary qualifications. Assistance is sought in the areas of: law, business, education, science, engineering, information technology, Indigenous studies, medicine, nursing and allied health, psychology, social work, community welfare, social sciences. Applications will be invited following assessment of registered expressions of interest.

Interested persons should direct a CV to:

ITAS Co-ordinator
School of Indigenous Australian Studies
James Cook University
Townsville Q 4811
Phone: 07 4781 5518
Email: lesley.watson@jcu.edu.au

North Coast Institute

Technical Assistant

Wollongbar Campus (2 positions)

Job Reference No's:

07/006/NCI -

38hpw x 44wpa - Electrical Section

07/007/NCI -

32hpw x 44 wpa - Engineering

Section

Salary Range: \$22.46 - \$24.18 p/h

Duties: Assisting with the design, development and production of teaching aids for classes.

Selection Criteria: Industry experience or equivalent and demonstrated knowledge and understanding of one or more trade areas related to the position.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain a package as it contains additional selection criteria and other related information.

Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Closing Date:
16 March 2007

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The AHO plans, administers, monitors and manages policies and programs for the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW, particularly resource allocation and sector wide policy.

Senior Accounts Officer

Clerk Grade 5/6, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time,
Job Reference No AHO07/025.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$84,854) Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Oversee accounts function including compliance of ATO requirements and coordination and management of budget.

Selection Criteria: Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian Society. Experience in providing financial/accounting services and managing budget/reporting strategies. Knowledge of accounting policy/practices/statutory requirements including Public Sector Finance and Audit Act 1983, regulations and Treasurer's Directions. Superior knowledge and experience in the operation of General Ledger System including computerized Financial Accounting Systems and related software especially Excel. Detailed knowledge/understanding of Government operation, specifically policies, practices / procedures including fraud/corruption prevention. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding in the ATO requirements in terms of GST and FBT. Demonstrated commitment to quality customer service including provision of training to managers and staff. Common selection criteria also apply.

Inquiries: Meding Davies (02) 8836 9437.

Information Packages: Annie Abogado (02) 8836 9425.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': To: Apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: The Recruitment Clerk, PO Box W5, Parramatta 2150.

Closing Date: Friday 02 March 2007.

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Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Join our team

Aboriginal Hostels Limited is a company owned and financed by the Australian Government. Through our Central Office located in Canberra, and eight Regional Offices, we operate and fund hostel accommodation throughout Australia. We have a policy of offering employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Applicants for the advertised positions will need to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies.

Canberra
Central Office
Finance & Property Division

Senior Finance Officer

APS Level 5

\$49,254 - \$52,270 pa, plus superannuation

Provide assistance to the Assistant Manager and be responsible for the monitoring of financial transactions, reporting, bank reconciliations and other financial requirements including the supervision of staff. Processing of accounts payable, revenue sheets and maintenance of financial records.

Further inquiries: Luke Sikaloski Telephone No: 02 62122051

Selection documentation: Luke Sikaloski Telephone No: 02 62122051 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 16 March 2007 and should be sent to: **Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606.**

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William T Onus Hostel

Hostel Manager

APS Level 3

\$39,613 - \$42,039 pa, plus superannuation

This position also includes accommodation (\$9,545.67) plus food and utilities.

We are seeking a highly motivated person to fill the position of Hostel Manager.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the operation of the hostel, which includes providing a quality service to our residents, supervising staff, managing a budget and providing reports to the Regional Manager.

Further inquiries: Rita Stewart Telephone No: 03 96422775

Selection documentation:

Dale Wandin Telephone No: 03 96422775 or from our website.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 16 March 2007 and should be sent to: **Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.**

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicants will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the six month probation period. Satisfactory completion of a police records check is required for these positions. The successful applicants will be offered an Australian Workplace Agreement (AWA).

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Reference No. 94186

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For more information or to apply online, please visit <http://positions.usyd.edu.au> and search by reference number 94186.

Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Shona Kennedy, the University's Indigenous Employment Officer, on (02) 9036 9268.

Closing: 14 March 2007

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Team Leader

Office for Children

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Reporting to the Manager, Indigenous Initiatives Unit, this Team Leader position will have responsibilities for the development, implementation and evaluation of policies; program design, evaluation, service planning, service implementation and support covering a range of activities identified as priorities for the Unit. This position will require a sophisticated knowledge and understanding of service provision to Aboriginal children and families, have knowledge of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and the non-Indigenous child and family service system.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Melinda Moore on (03) 9096 7453. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no OFC34975

Closing date for applications is Thursday 15 March 2007

Policy/Program Advisor

Office for Children

Salary: \$58,550 - \$66,431 (+ Superannuation)

Reporting to the Manager, Indigenous Initiatives, this role forms an integral part of the State's response to issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Working in collaboration with regional departmental staff and Aboriginal community controlled organisations this position will progress the new initiatives in services to Aboriginal children and families.

Are you dedicated to improving the quality of services to Aboriginal children and families?

Do you have a passion for bringing about real long-term change?

Do you enjoy working in a team environment?

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Melinda Moore on (03) 9096 7453. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no OFC86922

Closing date for applications is Thursday 15 March 2007

Project And Administrative Officer

Office for Children

Salary: \$47,295 - \$57,425 (+ Superannuation)

The Indigenous Initiatives Unit manages the development of strategies to address the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in the child protection and care system and, assist to improve compliance with the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle. The Project and Administrative Officer will be required to work with a team of staff and key stakeholders both within and external to the Department. It is important that the work of the Unit is respectful and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal children, their families and community. This role will include providing administrative and project support to the unit staff and developing and implementing administrative efficiencies to streamline processes and procedures.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Melinda Moore on (03) 9096 7453. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Clerk Grade 5/6 - Community Regeneration
Southern and Western NSW Housing Division, Bathurst
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 07DOH6903

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 will work with communities, government & non government agencies, & others to develop & implement Regeneration Plans that aim to achieve sustainable improvements within social housing neighbourhoods across NSW.

Selection Criteria: Excellent communication skills including writing skills, negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving skills; ability to use initiative and work independently; demonstrated ability to participate 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 community development and liaison with community and government agencies; demonstrated experience in working with personal computer (PC) applications; current NSW 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: This is a re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Temporary position is in terms of Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for up to four years. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains further 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 Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250. **Inquiries:** Annemarie Heintjes (02) 8753 8225.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Apply on-line at: 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

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007



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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is Australia's premier employer of graduates interested in a career in international affairs. We are seeking outstanding graduates from a range of disciplines, to contribute to the advancement of Australia's interests at home and overseas. The department runs two separate graduate programs. Applicants interested in applying for both programs will need to submit separate applications.

The Graduate Trainee Program

is for applicants from all academic backgrounds and will prepare you for a career in foreign and trade policy. Applicants must have, as a minimum, a three-year bachelor degree by the end of 2007. Graduate Trainees undertake a two-year professional development program in Canberra. Starting salary is \$50,524. (as at 14/6/07).

The Corporate and Financial Management Trainee Program

will prepare you for a career managing the department's assets, resources and programs. Applicants must have, as a minimum, a three-year bachelor degree in a relevant discipline (commerce, management, economics or a related area), including a minor or major sequence in accounting, by the end of 2007. Trainees will undertake a two-year professional development program in Canberra, which includes the completion of a professional accounting qualification. Starting salary is \$52,407. (as at 14/6/07).

The department strongly encourages suitably qualified Indigenous Australians to apply.

Full details of the positions are available at www.dfat.gov.au/recruit/graduates

Applications will be accepted from 5 March to 11 April 2007 and should be

lodged online, using the application form at www.dfat.gov.au/recruit/graduates.

Applications close at midday AEST on 11 April 2007. If you cannot access the internet, call (02) 6261 2736 during business hours from 5 March 2007.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND
APPLICATION FORMS ARE
AVAILABLE AT WWW.DFAT.GOV.AU**

Applicants must be Australian citizens by 26 May 2007. Employment in the department is dependent on an employee receiving medical and security clearances. Loss of a security clearance at any time will lead to termination of employment. Interstate applicants will be required to relocate to Canberra.

A WORKPLACE DIVERSITY AND EQUITY EMPLOYER

Koori Intensive Support Practitioner

Juvenile Justice, Hume Region, Shepparton
\$54,892 - \$61,745 pa + Superannuation

Are you?

- Experienced in providing culturally based services and interventions to young Koori people and their families.
- Able to work effectively in the criminal justice system and Koori community to assist young Koori people address their offending behaviour and reducing Koori over-representation

If the answer is Yes, Please consider this great opportunity.

The Juvenile Justice Intensive Support Practitioner (Bail and Post Release) is a specialist role being established in the Hume Region as an initiative of Phase Two of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2). This position is to provide intensive and innovative culturally based assessment and casework support for young Koori people subject to bail conditions or deferral of sentence.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Martin Ellemor on (03) 58321565

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers to obtain the Job Description (click on vacancies) and information for Applicants' (an outline of our application, assessment and selection processes and the range of benefits available when working with the department)

Position Reference No: 117217

Closing date for applications is 9 March 2007

Please note that those applications not addressing the Key Selection Criteria may not be considered for employment.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Australian Government Attorney-General's Department

Rewarding roles working with Indigenous communities

An exciting and unique opportunity exists for motivated professionals in various fields to assist diverse Indigenous communities with legal advice, assistance and support.

There are 26 existing and operational Family Violence Prevention Legal Service units offering dynamic and challenging roles in rural and remote locations across Australia. Shortly, another five Family Violence Prevention Legal Service units will be operational (from 1 July 2007) bringing it to a total of 31 units.

All are seeking suitably qualified solicitors, coordinators/managers, sexual assault workers, and/or paralegals and community education workers to complete their teams.

The 31 units are located in:

NSW	Bourke, Broken Hill (new), Forbes, Kempsey, Moree, Walgett
NSW/Vic	Mildura
NT	Alice Springs, Darwin (x 2 units), Katherine, Tennant Creek (new)
Qld	Cairns (x 2 units), Mt Isa, Rockhampton, Roma, Townsville
SA	Ceduna, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln (new)
SA/NT/WA	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands
Vic	Melbourne
WA	Albany (new), Broome (new), Carnarvon, Fitzroy Crossing, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kununurra, South Hedland

What would you do in a Family Violence Prevention Legal Service?

You would provide culturally appropriate assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and children, who are victims of family violence including sexual abuse. Specific duties will vary with the role, but may include the provision of services to clients—such as legal advice, casework assistance or counselling—and involvement in community development activities.

This opportunity offers you the chance to gain extensive and invaluable experience in your field, providing a solid foundation for future career development.

Who are we looking for?

The successful applicants will be expected to have an active interest in Indigenous affairs and be prepared to take a lead role in providing client services and engaging with the local community.

Enquiries and expressions of interest should be sent to <familyviolence@ag.gov.au>, from which they will be directed to the coordinator or chairperson of the relevant Family Violence Prevention Legal Service. Potential applicants should specify the position(s) and location(s) of interest, attach a CV and include any other relevant information about your background or work history.

Successful applicants will be employees of the individual incorporated organisations operating the Family Violence Prevention Legal Service units. Employment conditions should be negotiated with each individual incorporated organisation.

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Equal Opportunity Commission
Government of Western Australia

Project Manager

Position No: 007233

Salary: L6 PSQA \$93,131 - \$101,155 pa

Location: Perth

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No. or Keyword into the Search Box or Ph: 9216 3000.

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007 at 5pm.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Community Liaison Officer, Maitland, Temporary
Full-Time, Position Number 124642.

Total remuneration package valued to \$54,408 p.a. (\$49,305-\$49,305) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, regional and State Office levels.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs. Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 29 January 2008. 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: John Oates 02 4348 9122

Email: John.Oates@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Andrea Hetherington, 02 4348 9100.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Andrea Hetherington, DET, Level 3, 40 Mann Street, Gosford NSW 2250; or by facsimile, 02 4348 9199

Closing Date: Friday 16 March 2007



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE SENIOR POLICY OFFICER, BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 9/10

Office of the Senior Practitioner - Parramatta

Permanent & Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 07DADHC6861

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$92,591 per annum (salary of \$76,142 pa to \$83,907 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This position is responsible for the development and implementation of innovative policies and the provision of specialist advice in relation to the needs of clients with a disability who have complex needs and patterns of challenging behaviour.

SELECTION CRITERIA: A solid working knowledge and contemporary understanding of key issues that reflect the needs of clients with a disability who have complex needs and patterns of challenging and/or offending behaviour; ability to develop effective human services policies which meet contemporary needs of stakeholders and departmental clients; highly developed written and oral communication skills including effective conflict resolution, mediation and problem solving skills; demonstrated conceptual and analytical skills and the ability to interpret issues from different perspectives; high level of interpersonal skills to consult with a range of internal and external stakeholders; experience in policy development and practical applications of policy initiatives within a government framework; demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the relevant legislation (e.g. Disability Act 1993, Guardianship Act 1987); tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in Public Policy, Management, Social Sciences or Health. **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: Positions available are Permanent Full-time and Temporary Full-time. Temporary position is available for a period of up to 12 months with the possibility of extension under terms of Public Sector Employment and Management 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 and MUST complete the forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Peter Goslett (02) 9277 5654 or email: Peter.Goslett@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 185 466 or email: Emilie.Racca@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or email to: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

General Assistant/Caretaker Maclean Campus

Job Reference No: 07/004/NCI

Total remuneration package of up to \$40,795 pa, including salary (\$36,969), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Duties: Responsible for campus security and other roles relative to the position.

Selection Criteria: Previous experience as a caretaker or security officer; Current security licence under the Security (Protection) Industry Act 1997 or willingness to obtain one.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain an information package as it contains additional selection criteria relevant to the position. **Recruitment Officer** 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Closing Date: 16 March 2007



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Queensland Government Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Mental Health

Advanced Health Workers - Forensic Mental Health. District Mental Health Service, Mareeba, Cairns and Minterland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$57,431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41,777 - \$45,954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41,156 - \$49,037 p.a. (T02) (Readvertised. Two positions. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) **JRN: H07TD004. Duties/Abilities:** Provide a range of support services to male Indigenous inmates of Lotus Glen Correctional Facility, their families and communities and supporting non-Indigenous staff with specialist information, advice and training in relation to cultural issues. This position will enhance close and collaborative relationships between Queensland Health, the Department of Corrective Services and relevant Indigenous organisations. It is a genuine occupational requirement that an identified position be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991). **Enquiries:** Susan Frick or Jill Williamson (07) 4091 0213. **Application Kit:** (07) 4092 9314 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 19 March 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.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT ABORIGINAL MENTORS CULTURAL SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6, Wellington Correctional Centre. Temporary Part-Time, Vacancy Number 07104. Total remuneration package valued to: \$71,566 p.a. (\$58,777-\$64,054) Total remuneration package includes salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. An environmental allowance (currently \$2,143 pa) also applies during occupancy of this position.

Advise on the development & delivery of spiritual, ecological & educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership & encourage participation in programs to promote positive change & reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody. Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and in the community. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System. Current driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created for this location only and may be used to fill future vacancies. This is a temporary appointment/employment for a period up to 2 years.

Inquiries: Linda Ernst (02) 6845 3730. Email: Linda.Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Linda Ernst@dcs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6845 3730.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001.

Closing Date: Friday 09 March 2007.

DIRECTOR - PEOPLE AND ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE

Senior Officer Grade 3

Organisation Improvement - Head Office, Ashfield
Temporary Part Time (14 hours p/w - Job Share)

Position No: 07DOH6904

Total remuneration package valued up to \$167,347 per annum (salary \$138,150 pa - \$151,651 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: This strategic senior management role exists to lead the development of HR, Org Design & Performance strategies & plans to support, inform and further the Dept's achievement of its vision, values & medium to long term business plan.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Knowledge of and substantial experience working in a complex public sector environment; sound project management experience including strategic thinking and planning to influence others to take action consistent with organisational direction; superior leadership and interpersonal skills, including oral/written communication skills, demonstrated presentation skills and the ability to negotiate significant outcomes at a senior level; demonstrated ability to manage and negotiate across a diverse range of Human Resource and industrial issues and provide quality information and strategic advice to the Senior Executive; experience in developing and implementing organisational wide human resource practices based on government's legislation and direction and providing strategic advice to key stakeholders; tertiary qualifications in an appropriate discipline eg human resource management, organisational development, business management or related field. **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: This is a Temporary Part Time position (14 hours p/w - job share) under the terms of the PSEM Act 2002 for a period of 6 months. 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.

Inquiries: Adele Thomson Executive Director Organisation Improvement (02) 8753 8820.

Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 502 766 or email: elise.snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

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NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

The remuneration package quoted for the following position includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

Applications are welcomed from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability. All applicants must show a knowledge and understanding of Common Selection Criteria: equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, ethical practice and Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement, in their applications.

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

General information about NSW Police can be found on our web site at www.police.nsw.gov.au

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Clerk Grade 3/4, Wagga Wagga LAC, Wagga Wagga. Permanent Full-Time, Position Number 07B400. Total remuneration package valued up to \$60,163 p.a. (\$49,792-\$54,520) Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Provides advice & support to Police in management of Aboriginal issues across the Command. ACLO assists in developing/implementing/monitoring & reviewing programs. Works closely with Aboriginal community, organisations & other providers. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality and sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture. Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system. Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and police personnel. Effective verbal, written and computer skills. Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies. Ability to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shifts on a 24 hour rotational basis. Prepared to undergo further training & attend courses appropriate to the position. Current driver's licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applications are encouraged from both females and males. General information about NSW Police can be located on our website at www.police.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Detective Inspector Rod Smith (02) 6923 1803.

Information Packages: Detective Inspector Rod Smith on (02) 6923 1803.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Local Area Manager, PO Box 474, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

Closing Date: Friday 02 March 2007.

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Rekindling The Spirit

Temporary Female Aboriginal Family Worker (Lismore NSW)

Rekindling The Spirit program is a government funded community organisation servicing the needs of local Aboriginal people who require assistance in dealing with substance abuse and domestic and family violence issues. This Temporary Female Family Worker will be responsible for managing a female client case-load and for running groups, conducting counselling, organising and running camps as well as participating in the day to day activities of the service.

You will need to have minimum of 3 years experience working with the Aboriginal community in the areas of welfare, drug and alcohol, family violence, child-abuse or in the justice system. Also required are excellent verbal and written communication skills, group facilitation and counselling skills, a current driver's licence and PC skills. **Applicants must address the criteria outlined in the information pack.** Common selection criteria will also apply.

Award and Benefits include Grade 4, SAC's Award, Salary from \$21.94 to \$23.88 per hour, at 38-hour week, superannuation and annual leave loading. A probationary period of 6 months will apply and this position's expected duration is for up to 12 months.

Applicants may obtain an information pack by phoning Donna Hensen (02) 66 22 5534. An information day will be held on 7th March, 2007 at Rekindling The Spirit from 9.00am to 10.30am. Please ring for a booking. **Applications close on 14th March, 2007 at 5.00pm and interviews are scheduled for 23rd March 2007.**

Being female and of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are considered genuine occupational qualifications for this position as authorised by Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



Combined Community Legal Centres' Group NSW (CCLCG)

Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP) Coordinator

Part-time (21 hours p/w)

The Combined Community Legal Centres' Group NSW (CCLCG) is the peak organisation for 39 community legal centres in NSW. The State Office of CCLCG is seeking an experienced and enthusiastic person to implement an Aboriginal Legal Access Program for the NSW community legal centre sector, based in Sydney.

The position requires experience in project management, knowledge of grants processes, working with organisations to strengthen their capacity to meet the needs of Aboriginal workers and clients; strong organisation skills, and high level communication skills.

The salary range commences at \$53,451 p.a. pro rata (21 hours p/w) plus superannuation. The position is fixed term until 30 June 2008.

An information sheet package is available from 22 February 2007 by calling the State Office ph 02 9318 2355 or email nswcic@clc.net.au.

Contact person: Alison Aggarwal (Director, CCLCG).

Applications close Wednesday 5pm, Monday, 19 March 2007. Emailed or late applications will not be accepted. Emailed or late applications will not be accepted.

This is an identified position for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants.

CCLCG is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and is committed to the implementation of these principles.



Australian Government

Department of Families, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Improving the lives of Australians



The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (faCSIA) is the Government's principal source of advice on social policy issues. We also have responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage a diverse range of programs and services to improve the lives of Australians. Our whole-of-government approach brings with it many opportunities to build effective relationships with other government and non-government organisations.

We are looking for innovative and professional people who have a particular interest in the challenges involved in improving the capacity and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability.

Leadership Delivery Branch and Leadership Policy and Repatriation Branch

Various Sections

The Indigenous Leadership Development Group develops and delivers leadership programs to Indigenous women, men and young people. It also provides advice and implements programs in relation to leadership, reconciliation and repatriation.

Assistant Section Managers

Executive Level 1

\$71,863 - \$80,054

The vacancy

Interesting, challenging and rewarding work in a dynamic environment, developing and delivering Indigenous leadership programs or managing repatriation of Indigenous human remains. Excellent project management and interpersonal skills required. For the repatriation vacancy, an anthropology background or experience in museums is desirable.

HOW TO APPLY

An information package with full details of these vacancies and how to apply is available by visiting our Website on www.facsia.gov.au under 'Careers in FaCSIA'.

Alternatively, contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036. People with hearing or speech impairment, may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

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Senior Client Service Officer Specialist Aboriginal

Clerk Grade 5/6

Greater Western Sydney Division - Various locations
Permanent & Temporary Full-Time (3 positions)

Position No: 07DOH6554

Total remuneration package valued up to \$71,565 per annum (salary \$58,777 pa - \$64,854 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provides expert advice and support to Client Service Teams in the management of ATSI clients; develops and manages relationships between AHO, ATSI community and DOH to improve provision of housing and support sustainable tenancies.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Aboriginality; demonstrated understanding of local area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing and related tenancy needs; experience in providing housing assistance, welfare liaison services to ATSI Clients, case management and/or co-ordination; sound knowledge of DOH processes, performance standards, policies and procedures relating to ATSI housing accommodation needs and services; well developed organising skills and the capacity to manage competing priorities and meet deadlines; strong communication, interpersonal, consultation, customer service and liaison skills; sound analytical thinking, conflict resolution and problem solving skills; tertiary qualification on welfare or human services and/or relevant 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 (OH&S).

Job Notes: This is a re-advertise position (as amendment has been made to the selection criteria on 'Tertiary qualification'), previous applications will be carried forward. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. There is one (1) permanent and two (2) temporary (for up to 6 months) full time positions available. An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and may be used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Division. 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. **Inquiries:** Karen Robinson (02) 9754 6840.

Information Packages: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 502 766 or email: Elise.Snelson@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Apply on line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 9 March 2007.

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Apprentice Fitter & Machinist/ Metal Engineer

LOCATION: Blacktown, Sydney

JOB DESCRIPTION: All aspects of fitting and machining plus welding of all metals - T.I.G and M.I.G - 1 machining centre and 2 C.N.C lathes - plus other machines for general engineering. Good opportunity for the right person.

REQUIREMENTS: School Certificate, must have good mathematical skills, up to 18 years old, interest in engineering, some experience in engineering from school.

We support a clean air environment - no smoking.

Please contact, Ross Clothier, Ph: 02 9676 1466.

INCLUSION SUPPORT AGENCY

BRISBANE • LOGAN / REDLANDS • GOLD COAST

Lifeline Community Care Qld (LCCQ)'s Inclusion Support Agency provides support for childcare staff to build their capacity to include children with additional needs. LCCQ is looking for Inclusion Support Facilitators to fill 2.5 positions with flexible working hours to work in the Brisbane Inclusion Support Agency.

The successful applicant will:

- have knowledge and understanding of child development and of children services.
- be able to work within a team environment to build skills of staff in childcare services.
- be able to use strengths based practice to encourage childcare staff to include all children, particularly those from our target groups (i.e. children with disabilities, children from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and refugee background; Australian South Sea Islander & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background).

LCCQ is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage people of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and CALD background to apply.

Current driver's license, own vehicle (with current insurance) and Blue Card are essential. Enquiries could be made to Donna on 3265 9326 or email to isa.brisbane@lccq.org.au

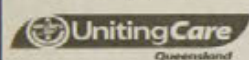
Closing date: 16th March 2007.

Phone: 07 3265 9326, Postal Address: PO Box 1040, Toombul Q 4012. Referrals: 1300 855 508

Email: isa.brisbane@lccq.org.au

Fax: 07 3266 8240 ABN: 28 728 322 186

Inclusion Support Agency Brisbane/Logan/Redlands is funded by the Australian Government under the Inclusion and Professional Support Program.



Australian Government
Department of the Environment
and Water Resources

Indigenous Land Management Facilitators

Executive Level 1 (Equivalent)

(Equivalent Salary Range \$ 72,950 to \$ 80,921)

(Non- ongoing position for a period until 30 June 2008)

We are looking for highly experienced persons who are interested in leading the coordination of efforts to increase the level of Indigenous engagement in Natural Resource Management programmes funded under the Natural Heritage Trust.

The Indigenous Land Management Facilitator Network is an important Australian Government initiative supporting and promoting the strategic and practical engagement of Indigenous people in natural resource management programs. The position will undertake a range of policy and programme related activities. These include providing advice and support to the NRM facilitator network, NRM regional bodies, Indigenous Coordination Centres and other appropriate agencies, industry and the community.

The advertised position will be located with the Northern Land Council in Darwin and the employment conditions relevant for this agency will apply.

To fulfil this role successfully, you will need a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait societies and cultures and issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait people in contemporary Australian society. You will also need to demonstrate the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

Selection documentation and contacts for further information may be obtained by telephoning Ms Justine Yanner (Northern Land Council) telephone (08) 8920 5168 email justine.yanner@nlc.org.au

Information regarding the Australian Government Natural Resource Management programs and the Indigenous Land Management Facilitator Network may be found at <http://www.nrm.gov.au/index.html>

Applications must be received by COB 12 March 2007.

Please note: You must be an Australian citizen to apply for this position.



Department of the
Attorney General
Government of Western Australia

Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA)

Project Development Manager 50 (d) - Perth

Aboriginal Policy and Services

Position No: 006822 Permanent

Salary: L7 PSQA \$ 79,064 - \$84,741 pa

The Manager is responsible for managing the development of AJA plans in 56 local and 12 regional areas throughout Western Australia. The Manager is responsible for supervising a project team which will facilitate strategic, high level partnership engagement between Aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders in Perth and rural and remote Western Australia. You will also be responsible for working with AJA regional coordinators to ensure that plans and priorities and actions identified and agreed in local and regional justice plans are implemented.

This position is available for appointment by Aboriginal people only.

For further job related information: Please contact Trevor Carleton on 9264 1938.

Job Application Package: To access information about this position, visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Position No: into the Search Box or Ph: 9476 0011.

Closing Date: Tuesday 6 March 2007 at 5pm.



Queensland Government
Queensland Health

For application kits and to apply online,
visit www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Senior Health Worker - Hearing Health Unit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Townsville, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$65 457 p.a., comprising salary between \$54 409 - \$57 370 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) JRN: H07TV0306. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide leadership in the provision of efficient, effective and culturally appropriate hearing health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and communities within the service area. 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: Jennifer Ketchell (07) 4789 9930.

Application Kit: (07) 4796 1709 or (07) 4796 1716 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 19 March 2007.

Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Tropical Population Health Network, Mount Isa and Gulf, Northern Area Health Service. Remuneration value up to \$52 431 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 777 - \$45 954 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) or Salary between \$41 156 - \$49 037 p.a. (T02) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JRN: H07MITPH36. **Duties/Abilities:** Contribute to the improvement of the nutrition status of the north Queensland population, with emphasis on the nutrition status of the Indigenous community. The successful applicant will work in partnership with the public health nutritionist, Tropical Population Health Unit at Mount Isa. Under s75 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Meg Adam (07) 4968 6620.

Application Kit: (07) 4744 4876 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 19 March 2007.

Corporate Support Services

Traineeship in Operating Theatre Assistance (Certificate III) - Operating Suite, Coopers Plains, QEII Hospital Health Service District. Salary between \$20 684 - \$28 206 p.a. (Trainee 00) (Temporary position up to 12 months. Applications will remain current for six months.) JRN: H07QEI48. **Duties/Abilities:** Are you unemployed or just left school? Undertake training both on and off the job in the roles and responsibilities of theatre staff. Gain a basic understanding of the theatre environment, carrying out safe procedures for the use of theatre equipment, carry out theatre set ups with appropriate standards, carrying out manual handling and knowledge of equipment and patient transfer procedures.

Enquiries: Trish Corness (07) 3240 2288.
Application Kit: (07) 3275 6550 or
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
email: qei_recruitment@health.qld.gov.au
Closing Date: Monday, 5 March 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.

NSW HEALTH GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

WAGGA WAGGA

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer/
Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital

Perm Full Time, 76 hpf

Position No: DW6250

Aboriginal Health Education Officer: \$37,381-\$70,196 pa. This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, New South Wales.

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: Denis Quinn - Manager Allied and Community Health on (02) 6938 6479, email: denis.quinn@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 9 March 2007.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

LEARNING & EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 9/10

Community Regeneration - Housing Services Division
Greater Western Sydney
(Claymore, Macquarie Fields, Mount Druitt)
Temporary Full-Time (3 positions)
Position No: 07DOH6888

Total remuneration package valued up to \$92,591pa (\$76,142pa - \$83,907pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To work in partnership with community, government and business sectors in social housing neighbourhoods to increase opportunities for employment, learning and enhanced local economic development. Two year term, additional two years may be considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Sound knowledge and understanding of the learning and employment sectors; demonstrated experience in developing strategic programs or initiatives to improve learning, employment and/or economic development outcomes; high-level communication, negotiation and facilitation skills, including a demonstrated ability to work with and secure the support of a wide range of stakeholders; good understanding of the issues facing disadvantaged communities and the principles underpinning community regeneration policy and practice; sound knowledge of government policy and programs addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities; demonstrated ability to work as part of multi-disciplinary team and contribute to achieving team outcomes; demonstrated ability to develop and implement joined up outcome focussed plans and strategies. **Common Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Ethical practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS), and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S).

Job Notes: Position is being re-advertised. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. There are three (3) temporary positions available. This temporary position for Greater Western Sydney, in terms of PSEM Act 2002 for a period of up to two (2) years. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full text version of the advertisement and information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Information packages: Available online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Michelle Chang on 02 8753 8476. Inquiries: Angela Owens (02) 8753 8782.

Applications Marked 'Confidential': Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW BusinessLink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7468, Liverpool BC 1871 or e-mail: JobsDOH@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 9 March 2007.

Child Safety

Child Safety Support Officer (Identified) - Child Safety Services Division

Category: Health and Community Care

Salary: \$50 420 - \$56 609 p.a.

Location: Beenleigh

VRN: QLD/CHS0780/07

Key Duties: Provide prevention, early intervention, and family support to children and families utilising a range of techniques to strengthen parenting capacity.

Skills/Abilities: Superior interpersonal skills including problem solving, the ability to negotiate with children and families, care providers, community organisations and Government.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689

Communities

Caseworker (Identified) and Caseworker (Specified) - Service Delivery

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$42 596 - \$62 544 p.a.

Location: Cairns

VRN: QLD/COM0741/07 and QLD/COM0742/07

Key Duties: Delivery of best practice statutory casework services to young people. Prepare and present information and evidence to the Children's Court.

Skills/Abilities: Sound assessment and intervention skills to deliver integrated and culturally appropriate services. Preparation of pre-sentence reports, affidavits and other documentation.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Section Supervisor (Specified) - Service Delivery

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$40 668 - \$44 649 p.a.

Location: Wacol

VRN: QLD/COM0769/07

Key Duties: As part of a multi-disciplinary team monitor the care of Young people, supervise Youth Workers, ensure unit security, and ensure timely and correct contingency response.

Skills/Abilities: Excellent skills in supervision, oral and written communication, dispute resolution and security monitoring.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Youth Worker (Specified) - Toowoomba Youth Justice Service Centre (Permanent part-time)

Category: Operational Stream

Salary: \$29 103 - \$31 094 p.a.

VRN: COM7035E/07

Location: Toowoomba

Key Duties: Provide supervision and support to young people to assist with their compliance with court orders.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to communicate effectively with disadvantaged and marginalised young people including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island young people. Well developed interpersonal and written skills.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Veronica Pegler Phone: (07) 4615 3444 or E-Mail:

veronica.pegler@communities.qld.gov.au

Caseworker (Specified) - Service Delivery

Category: Community Engagement

Salary: \$21 298 - \$31 272 p.a.

VRN: QLD/COM0763/07

Location: Toowoomba

Key Duties: To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to a youth justice intervention.

Skills/Abilities: A degree in Social Work the behavioural sciences or criminology from a tertiary institution. This specified position will need to nominate an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person as a referee.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Vacancy Processing Officer Phone: (07) 3006 7689 or

E-Mail: vacom@corporatelink.qld.gov.au

Employment and Industrial Relations

Indigenous Employment and Training Support Officer - South West Queensland Region, Employment and Indigenous Initiatives (The preferred applicant from this selection process may be required to undergo a criminal history check. It is a genuine occupational requirement that this position be occupied by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person only.)

Category: Customer/Client Service

Salary: \$50 420 - \$55 445 p.a.

VRN: IR415/07

Location: Roma

Key Duties: Provide culturally appropriate mentoring skills to assist in maximizing commencement, retention and completion rates of indigenous apprentices and trainees. Work with local indigenous communities and departmental staff in identifying employment opportunities.

Skills/Abilities: Well developed communication skills. Sound project management skills.

Closing Date: Monday, 5 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3225 2268

Enquiries: Nigel Winkler Phone: (07) 4687 2838 or

E-Mail: recruitmentservices.applications@csq.qld.gov.au

Housing

Manager Financial Management - Financial Strategy and Performance, Housing Finance

Category: Finance and Accounting

Salary: \$83 117 - \$87 907 p.a.

VRN: HO465/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Provision of expert advice in relation to strategic budget, policies and procedures ensuring compliance with Treasury budget documentation. Manage all aspects of internal financial management reporting. Position provides high level advice on emerging financial management issues to staff and senior management positions within the department.

Skills/Abilities: High level financial and staff management skills. High level negotiation and communication skills with internal and external clients of the department.

Closing Date: Monday, 19 March 2007

Team Leader - Policy and Planning, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing (Two positions available)

Category: Policy, Planning and Research

Salary: \$83 117 - \$87 907 p.a.

VRN: HO469/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Provide accurate/comprehensive/timely advice on the provision of social housing on Indigenous land in Queensland.

Skills/Abilities: Extensive knowledge of social/economic policy issues to lead and manage project teams. Develop/maintain partnerships, use high level written/consultation/negotiation skills, research/critically analyse complex issues, and apply strategic thinking to achieve and influence innovative policy outcomes. Develop/monitor/review policies and frameworks to enhance community outcomes.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Manager Financial Reporting and Governance - Financial Strategy and Performance, Housing Finance

Category: Finance and Accounting

Salary: \$83 117 - \$87 907 p.a.

VRN: HO472/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Manage department's financial accounting framework and external financial reporting activities. Development of new/ revised financial policies, financial implications of service delivery arrangements within the department/shared service providers.

Skills/Abilities: High level advice relating to financial reporting requirements, financial corporate governance, financial accounting policies compliant with Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977, Financial Management Standard 1997, State Government policies/ requirements and professional accounting requirements.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Principal Property Officer - Portfolio Development, Property Portfolio Management

Category: Property and Real Estate

Salary: \$75 019 - \$80 440 p.a.

VRN: HO466/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: While leading a diverse team responsible for property analysis this position provides strategic management expertise to manage property asset reviews, and coordinates operations to deliver portfolio evaluations and high quality management reports used for strategic decision making purposes.

Skills/Abilities: Extensive property asset management knowledge, strong managerial and leadership skills. High level research, analytical and communication skills are essential.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

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Salary: \$75 019 - \$80 440 p.a.

VRN: HO467/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: To provide strategic management expertise to manage property asset reviews, and coordinate operations to deliver portfolio evaluations and high quality management reports used for strategic decision making purposes.

Skills/Abilities: Must have extensive property asset management knowledge to research, analyse and make recommendations to provide solutions on complex issues. High level verbal and written communication skills are essential for providing advice.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Housing continued...

Property Acquisitions Manager - Portfolio Investment, Property Portfolio Management (Temporary until 7 July 2008 with possible extension)

Category: Management

Salary: \$75 019 - \$80 440 p.a.

VRN: HO468/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Whilst leading a team of multidisciplinary professionals this position provides expert advice on planning and strategic property issues to support the coordination of programs to acquire land and dwellings via construction, purchase, lease and partnership arrangements.

Skills/Abilities: Work requires a high level of communication and negotiation skills, extensive knowledge, experience and strategic acquisition techniques in investment property matters.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Senior Project Officer - Portfolio Asset Management, Property Portfolio Management

Category: Project Management

Salary: \$67 044 - \$71 729 p.a.

VRN: HO336/07

Location: Brisbane

Key Duties: Manage the suite of maintenance and upgrade program associated policies, standards protocols, strategies and contribute to their implementation to enhance the delivery of outcomes to meet the department's goals.

Skills/Abilities: Very high level written and verbal communication including the ability to interpret legislation and statutory requirements to develop and implement policies and procedures ensuring alignment with the department's direction.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Housing Officer - North Queensland Area Office, Client Services

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 553 p.a.

VRN: HO412/07

Location: Townsville

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills/Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Closing Date: Monday, 5 March 2007

Housing Officer - Far North Queensland Area Office, Client Services

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 553 p.a.

VRN: HO411/07

Location: Cairns

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills/Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Closing Date: Monday, 5 March 2007

Housing Officer - Torres Strait Area Office, Client Services (Two positions available)

Category: Community Care

Salary: \$42 640 - \$47 552 p.a.

VRN: HO470/07

Location: Thursday Island

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills/Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Closing Date: Monday, 12 March 2007

Enquiries: Caroline Cloudy Phone: (07) 4069 2188

To Apply For Positions Grouped Above:

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: E-Mail: jobvac.hsg@csq.qld.gov.au or

Phone: (07) 3238 3998

Natural Resources and Water

General Manager, Policy and Cultural Heritage - Land and Vegetation Services, Indigenous Services

Category: Management

Salary: \$146 807 - \$152 152 p.a. Total remuneration value

VRN: NRMW5019

Location: Woolloongabba

Key Duties: Demonstrated highly developed ability to provide strategic policy advice incorporating whole-of-Government priorities, public policy and community perspectives; Demonstrated superior ability in strategic planning, policy and program formulation, using highly developed conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills; Excellent knowledge of contemporary cultural heritage and native title policy issues, including highly developed interpersonal and communication skills; Demonstrated superior leadership skills to lead multi-disciplinary teams; Demonstrated management and leadership skills in a complex work unit, achieving deliverables on time and in accordance with policies and practices.

Closing Date: Monday, 3 March 2007

Position Description: Internet: www.jobs.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Phone: (07) 3239 3083 Faxback Service



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A number of these positions are assessed as identified positions and in order to perform the duties of these employment opportunities efficiently and effectively applicants will need to refer to the note below for further details.

WA DEST STATE OFFICE

Projects Leader (Several positions)

\$58,668 - \$65,519

DEST Level 3 (APS 6)

Reference no: 07-070 and 07-071

PERTH, WA AND BROOME/DERBY, WA.

Projects Leaders will undertake more complex research and analysis to provide accurate, timely, high quality support and advice to the DEST WA Management Group on Departmental policies, programmes, service delivery strategies and projects. Projects Leaders engage in cooperative and productive working relationships with a range of people, in a whole of government approach.

For more information about the position please contact Ms Jillian Matthews or Mr Paul Etheredge, DEST WA on (08) 9464 4000.

WA DEST STATE OFFICE

Projects Officer (Several positions)

\$52,989 - \$55,998

DEST Level 2 (APS 5)

Reference no: 07-068 and 07-069

PERTH, WA AND GERALDTON, WA

Projects Officers (APS 5) will undertake research, analysis, administrative support and project development with limited direction, to contribute to the delivery of quality and timely business plan outcomes. Projects Officers work flexibly and effectively as a member of a team and with clients and stakeholders, to coordinate the delivery of DEST business in a whole of government approach.

For more information about the position please contact Mr Malcolm Williams or Mr George Camilleri, DEST WA on (08) 9464 4000.

WA DEST STATE OFFICE

Projects Officer (Several positions)

\$48,776 - \$51,545

DEST Level 2 (APS 4)

Reference no: 07-064 and 07-065

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

With direction, Projects Officers (APS 4) will contribute to research, analysis and administrative support to identify issues in relation to work tasks, Departmental programmes and delivery strategies. Projects Officers will build and develop positive and flexible working relationships with team members, clients and stakeholders to contribute towards achievement of DEST Business Plan outcomes in a whole of government approach.

For more information about the position please contact Ms Anne Birt or Mr Charlie Brown, DEST WA on (08) 9464 4000.

Please note (Identified positions): In order to perform the duties of this employment opportunity efficiently and effectively, the successful applicant will need to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous Australian people and possess the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with them. In addition, applicants that are shortlisted for further consideration will need to provide the selection panel with 2 referee reports, with at least one from an Indigenous Australian in either oral or written form.

How to Apply

The selection documentation is available on our website at www.dest.gov.au/recruitment, or by email recruitment@dest.gov.au or 24 hour answering service on (02) 6240 9154.

Please note that applications will not be acknowledged on receipt. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted regarding the next phase of the selection process. To those applicants who are not shortlisted, we extend our thanks for considering DEST as a potential employer.

Successful applicants must be Australian citizens. Conditions of employment are contained in the Department's Certified Agreement.

Applications addressing the selection criteria may be emailed to recruitment@dest.gov.au, faxed to (02) 6123 5111 or mailed to:

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern and Western NSW Housing Services Division
Illawarra Area - Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 07DOH6857

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: Manage public housing waiting lists, tenancies, properties & contractors. Involves fieldwork, visiting clients & inspecting properties combined with office based client service. Manage complex portfolios, contribute to team development & learning.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Capacity to undertake training and staff development programs; capacity to deal with clients with special needs such as: people with a mental illness; victims of domestic violence; and complex nuisance and annoyance; demonstrated ability to prepare and analyse operational performance reports; ability to contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems; ability to communicate information orally or written in a style appropriate to the intended audience; interviewing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills; 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: This position may be located in any office within the Illawarra/Shellharbour Area being Wollongong, Corrimal, Dapto and Shellharbour. Office location may be changed depending on staffing/business requirements. 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.

Inquiries: Patricia Sheldrick (02) 4283 0980.

Information Packages: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6200 5820 or hssouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: The Recruitment Officer NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620 or email to: hssouthern@bizlink.nsw.gov.au or apply on-line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

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NSW Department of
Community Services

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORKER, HELPLINE

Clerk Grade 4/7

DOCS Helpline, Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time & Temporary Full-Time
(Various Positions)

Vacancy No: 07DOCS6901

Total remuneration package valued up to \$75,914 per annum (salary \$52,894 pa - \$68,794 pa) includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The incumbent will provide timely, responsive care & protection services for children & young persons & their families by undertaking initial assessments of safety, welfare & well being of children & young persons.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Degree, in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline. Aboriginal applicants with experience in fields of social welfare, child development & child protection do not require a degree but must provide proof of Aboriginality; effective child protection assessment skills & ability to manage challenging situations; exceptional verbal & written communication skills & ability to apply within a contact centre environment; exceptional & timely decision making ability & exceptional organisational skills; demonstrated conflict resolution & problem solving ability; ability to work as part of a team; understanding of the needs of disadvantaged groups; proficiency in keyboard typing & computer skills. **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: Temporary positions are for a period of 12 months with prospect of permanency. Temporary appointments are in terms of Sections 27 & 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Applicants must be willing to work in a 24 hr/7 day rotational roster environment. Applications welcomed from Aboriginal people, Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures, people with disabilities & mature aged candidates. Aboriginal applicants with social welfare, child development & child protection experience do not require a degree qualification but must provide proof of Aboriginality. Include Call Centre experience in application. Extensive periods of keyboarding involved. Eight week training period provided. Various positions available. Applicants MUST obtain the information package which contains the complete details of the position and information about DoCS. Applicants MUST address full selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms.

Inquiries: Priya Dewan (02) 8267 4600 or email: docs@Verossity.com or docs@Verossity.com

Applications Marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' to: Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or post to: Priya Dewan, Verossity, Level 11, 133 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: docs@Verossity.com or apply via telephone on (02) 8267 4600.

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

GA171038

Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Inc. (AWAHS)

Aboriginal Health Worker (0.8 FTE)

This is an identified position and the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorized by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997, as amended.

AWAHS is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Health Service Worker. The successful applicant will have the following qualifications and experience:

- Enrolled Nurse qualification or at least Certificate III/IV in Aboriginal Health or working towards same
- Prior experience working with Aboriginal people preferable in a Health Background
- Ability to work without supervision
- Ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community
- Basic computer skills and report writing capabilities
- Friendly and outgoing personality
- Current Driver's License

A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by phoning AWAHS on 02 6042 1200.

Applications including two referees should be forwarded to: Scott Walters, Chief Executive Officer, AWAHS, PO Box 3040, Albury NSW 2640.

Applications close: 16 March 2007.

GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE NSW HEALTH

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Area

Coordinator Strategic Partnerships, Aboriginal Health

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Manager, Level 3: \$78,424 - \$89,405 pa, Recruitment No:

702006/65, Enquiries & Application Kit: Sharon Tovey,

(02) 6363 8039 or sharon.tovey@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing: 23/03/07.

• being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is considered a genuine occupational qualification as per Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Application Kits are also available on our website
www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Ethical Practice, 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 to take a Package.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

CASEWORK CONSULTANT (Children and Young People) Aboriginal

Clerk Grade 7/8

Information, Referral & Intake/Planning & Access

Metro South Region - Burwood

Permanent Full-Time - Position No: 07DADHC6906

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$81,591 per annum (Salary \$66,796 pa to \$73,938 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Supports staff who are working with children & young people with a disability to ensure that their practices align with relevant policies & procedures. This position will facilitate development & implementation of systemic changes to DADHC services.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality; understanding of current philosophies and trends in the provision of human services and contemporary attitudes towards children and young people and their families; experience in working with children and young people with complex needs and their families to build capacity and support them to participate in the community; formal qualifications in Social Sciences or Human Services and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience and a demonstrated ability to mentor and support staff; an understanding of issues affecting Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse people and communities and the ability to work sensitively and effectively with people from these groups; high-level interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to build informal and professional local networks and develop strategic approaches to community development; well developed communication, negotiation and problem solving skills; demonstrated ability to interpret and apply legislation and policy within the context of the role; demonstrated commitment to teamwork and a willingness to show initiative and flexibility and reliability in meeting deadlines. **Common Selection Criteria:** Sound knowledge of, and capacity to implement Equal Employment Opportunity, 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. Applicants MUST obtain the Information Package, which contains the full version of the ad and additional information about the Department. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria and complete the Prohibited Employment Declaration and Screening Consent Forms contained in the information package.

Inquiries: Nicole Henry 9334 3700.

Information Package: Available on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Jodie Porter on 9334 3761 or email: jodie.porter@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: The Recruitment Solutions Team, NSW Businesslink, Level 8, Locked Bag 7466, Liverpool BC 1871 or apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or email: JobsDADHC@bizlink.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 9 March 2007.

GA170698



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Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Pos. No: CSD010

This position is responsible for developing and implementing Council's Aboriginal Service Plan, working with local Indigenous organisations and other service providers to develop programs and resources for Aboriginal people in Campbelltown and developing and promoting effective means of communicating with the local Indigenous community. Reports to Community Development Coordinator. Essential criteria include: Aboriginality (authorised under Section 14 - Anti Discrimination Act 1977); relevant tertiary qualifications and/or equivalent work experience in Social Sciences/Social Welfare; demonstrated experience in community development; ability to plan, implement and evaluate community programs; extensive knowledge of Aboriginal issues in Campbelltown. Salary is from \$916.30 per week. **Applications close: 12 March.**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICES

For information on Commerce please see www.commerce.nsw.gov.au. For information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote position number.

APPRENTICE STONEMASON (ABORIGINAL)

1st YEAR APPRENTICE, Sydney Metropolitan Area, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 2007/051. Salary: \$785.90 per fortnight plus a fares and travel allowance paid per working day. The above rate includes annual leave loading but excludes the statutory 9% superannuation contribution paid by the Department.

Apprentice stonemason position. **Selection Criteria:** Undertaking or completed the School Certificate or equivalent or completed a pre-apprenticeship course. Demonstrated knowledge, aptitude and commitment to stonemasonry trade. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Position is targeted under the Department of Commerce's Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9aA of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Successful applicant will be indentured for the four-year term of their apprenticeship. Applicants will be required to submit school reports and references with their applications.

Inquiries: Mick Gray or Tamara Belleair-Mayers (02) 9672 5165 or (02) 9372 7672 Mick Gray 0418 492 134. **Information Packages:** Call Mick Gray on (02) 9672 5165 for info pack.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Please do not apply online. Please send your application to: Resource Manager, Heritage and Building Services, PO Box 285, Doonside NSW 2767. **Closing Date:** Friday 09 March 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION & REGULATION DIVISION

All applicants for NSW Government Jobs must show knowledge and understanding of the 'common Selection Criteria': Equal Employment Opportunity, Ethical Practice, Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement, and Occupational, Health and Safety, as they relate to the job.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PLANNING OFFICER

EPO Class 9, Parramatta, Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number DEC07-064. Total remuneration package valued to: \$89,883 p.a. (\$79,117-\$81,453). The remuneration package quoted includes annual salary, employer's contributions to superannuation scheme and annual leave loading.

The Aboriginal Heritage Planning Officer enables protection and management of Aboriginal heritage relating to proposed development and planning, through the assessment of Aboriginal Heritage Reports and negotiation with relevant stakeholders. **Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Demonstrated skills and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities, including an understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures. Demonstrated understanding and experience in the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage, including Aboriginal objects. Demonstrated project management and financial management experience. Sound knowledge of NSW and Commonwealth legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and environmental impact assessment. Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills, and strong interpersonal skills, flexibility and an ability to work effectively in a team environment. Demonstrated liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills and experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues. Current Drivers Licence, computer/keyboard skills and preparedness to travel and stay overnight at locations away from the Branch office. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is essential. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office '97 compatible.

Inquiries: Tanya Koeneman (02) 9995 6856 Email: tanya.koeneman@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Tina Stojanovski 02 9585 6678 www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Conservation, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au. **Closing Date:** Friday 09 March 2007.

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Aboriginal Case Manager - Drug Health

Readvertised. Ref: A07/28. FT at KPAH and Liverpool Hospital. Enq: Keren Kiel, 9378 1300. Closing Date: 16 March 2007. Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Previous applications need not apply.

For the above position, please send applications to: Manager, Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871 or email: jobs@nswhealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Committed to Aboriginal Social Justice?

The NSW Reconciliation Council is currently seeking two enthusiastic people to join its team in Surry Hills, Sydney. Aboriginal applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Executive Officer

Salary: from \$54,989 full-time plus super (35hrs p/wk).

Exciting role requiring a diverse range of skills. Duties include managing a small, dedicated team and coordinating a complex state-wide network of members and stakeholders.

Project Support Officer

Salary: from \$21,999 part-time plus super (21hrs p/wk).

Administrative support role plus great opportunity to expand project and event management skills.

Enquiries and Application Packages: Contact Leticia Anderson on (02) 9219 0719 or nswrc@daa.nsw.gov.au

Applications close: 5pm Friday, 9th March 2007.

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Katungal Aboriginal Corporation
Community and Medical Services

Chief Executive Officer

Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services is seeking applications from an enthusiastic productive and highly motivated experienced Chief Executive Officer. Katungal is a dedicated and enthusiastic community controlled Aboriginal Medical Service that has been operating and providing health and medical related services for 14 years.

The CEO we are looking for will need to be able to lead Katungal into being an accredited quality improvement service provider for Katungal's Aboriginal Communities that it serves.

The CEO will be responsible for managing the day to day service provision for all Katungal programs and services. The CEO reports to the Katungal Governing Committee. 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 may also be negotiated.

For a copy of the Position Description including the Selection Criteria please email: recruitment@katungal.org.au. Further information regarding the position can be obtained from Damien Matcham, A/p Chief Executive Officer on (02) 4476 2155. **Applications close at 5PM on Wednesday 14 March 2007 and can be addressed to:** Private and Confidential Chief Executive Officer Katungal ACC&MS PO Box 296 NAROOMA NSW 2546 or sent via facsimile (02) 4476 1478 or via email recruitment@katungal.org.au. Applications will need to include contact details for two (2) recent referees who are familiar with your knowledge skills and experience working at a senior level.

Department of Education and Training

Asset Resource Analyst

Asset Management Unit

Wollongbar

Job Reference No: 07/008/NCI

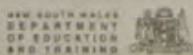
Total remuneration package of up to \$92,591pa including salary (\$76,142 pa - \$83,907 pa) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Duties: Provide high level management, analysis and advice on all financial and administrative matters for the North Coast Region's Asset Management Unit.

Information Package: Applicants must obtain a package as it contains selection criteria and other related information.

Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download www.nci.tafensw.edu.au.

Closing Date: 9 March 2007.



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ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR

Jumbunna, Indigenous House of Learning

This recently developed role is a key position providing administrative support to all sections of Jumbunna. This includes updating databases, arranging travel, purchasing office supplies, organisation of records and general administration duties. You will also have an opportunity to assist in the organisation of projects.

Based close to Central Station UTS is at the hub of the transport network, whilst offering easy access to the City and its facilities. UTS also offers flexible work practices, and a great range of benefits including discounted gym membership, three childcare centres and study support.

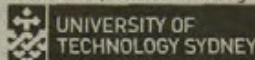
University experience is not required.

Australian Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position, as authorised under Section 21 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Salary Range: \$42,369 - \$45,319 per annum plus 17% superannuation and a 2% salary increase in May 2007

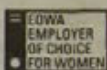
Application Procedure: To apply please refer to the UTS Careers website at <http://www.hru.uts.edu.au/jobs/> and search for reference number R60207.

For more information on the position please contact Zeita Davis, Business Manager on 02 9514 2056.



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following vacancy. Applicants must obtain an information package^ to proceed with application.

JRN: W 07-16

Executive Assistant to the Aboriginal Development Manager

Clerk Grade 1/2, Dubbo

Total remuneration package of up to \$53,430 pa, including salary (\$44,538 - \$48,419) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Inquiries: Rod Towney (02) 6885 7504 / 0418 611 572

Job Notes:

- This is an Aboriginal identified position.
- Appointment is full time for a period of up to three years.
- It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

^ **Application Form and Information Package:** Human Resources Support Unit, telephone: 6393 5953 / 6393 5973 or visit these websites: <http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au> <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au> or e-mail: recruitment.western@tafensw.edu.au

Closing date: 16 March 2007



The GEO Group Australia Pty Ltd

JUNEE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

CULTURAL ADVISOR

If you have:

- ✓ Extensive knowledge of multi-cultural issues, especially the cultural issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to facilitate cultural responsiveness through innovative program development, staff education and community involvement.
- ✓ Demonstrated ability in acting as a positive role model and relevant tertiary qualifications

An exciting opportunity exists for you to join one of Australia's largest private providers of correctional and related services based at Junee Correctional Centre (45 km from Wagga Wagga).

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE ROLE

To plan and coordinate appropriate cultural and educational activities for inmates and to ensure offenders can express their identity and beliefs in culturally sensitive ways, thus strengthening their ability to reintegrate and lead successful lives once released.

AN ATTRACTIVE REMUNERATION PACKAGE WILL BE OFFERED TO THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

For an application package and position description please contact the Human Resource Department on 02 6930 5515. Applications must address the key selection criteria listed in the position description and are to be forwarded to the ASO - Human Resources, Caroline Stewart, Park Lane Junee NSW 2663 or by email cstewart@thegeogroupinc.com.au

Applications close: 5.00 pm Friday 9th March 2007.

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Pormpuraaw powers up



Ergon Energy Generation Operations Supervisor Jason Brand, left, explains the working of the new power station to Jason O'Brien, MP, Pormpuraaw Elder Cr Donald Williams and Ergon Energy acting Manager Regional Services Charlie Casa.



Pormpuraaw's new multi-million-dollar power station is now powering up the far north Queensland community.

It was opened recently by State Member for Cook Jason O'Brien, who said the \$7 million facility would provide residents of the Cape York community with a much improved quality and reliability of power supply.

He said Ergon Energy was investing about \$3.2 billion in capital expenditure and maintenance to improve the reliability and safety of its network during its five-year program.

"This is important as it means projects like this in Pormpuraaw

can go ahead," Mr O'Brien said. Ergon Energy Acting Manager Regional Services Charlie Casa said the power station had three generators that produced 1.4 megawatts of power, with room to upgrade to four 'gensets' that could produce a total of four megawatts. He said the power station's modern design was much more environmentally friendly than its predecessor, with better fuel efficiency and fewer exhaust emissions.

Mr O'Brien said the new power station was also more cost-effective to run and was expected to serve the community for more than 20 years.

"The project has overcome a number of challenges, including cyclones and an unusually long wet season," he said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 25554 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE and GRAHAM JOHN BUBNER over an area of 172 Blocks (541 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5950

Exploration Licence 25519 sought by ANTHONY ERNEST MARTIN over an area of 294 Blocks (965 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



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Exploration Licence 25520 sought by ANTHONY ERNEST MARTIN over an area of 483 Blocks (1587 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the KIMON locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 4864

Exploration Licence 25620 sought by CULLEN EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 077 371 165 over an area of 117 Blocks (364 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOKH locality.



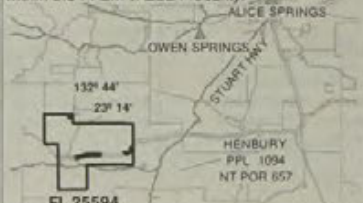
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Exploration Licence 25556 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 27 Blocks (64 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GURNER locality.



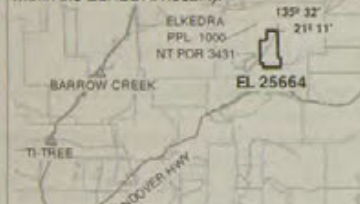
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Exploration Licence 25594 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 497 Blocks (1458 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PALM VALLEY locality.



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Exploration Licence 25664 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 176 Blocks (563 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ELKEDRA locality.



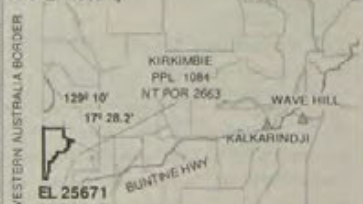
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Exploration Licence 25644 sought by SAMMY RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 117 304 006 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LAUGHLEN locality.



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Exploration Licence 25671 sought by SUPLEJACK PTY LIMITED, ACN 109 034 228 over an area of 181 Blocks (572 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 95322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 28 February 2007

WAANYI MINING SERVICES PTY LTD ON SITE MANAGER & MENTOR

LOCATION: Zinfex Century Mine

Waanyi Mining Services (WMS) and Exactmix Pty Ltd. have developed a joint venture company called Northern Project Contracting which provides contract services to the mining and civil engineering industries in the Gulf of Carpentaria region of N.W. QLD in particular Zinfex Century Zinc Mine.

WMS requires the services of an On-Site Manager & Mentor for the mainly Indigenous workforce at the mine. This is a leadership position which requires an applicant with appropriate qualifications and/or experience alongside an ability to communicate with local Indigenous people and other Zinfex Management. This is a 12 month contract with possibility for extension.

An attractive salary package and rosters will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Key Responsibilities: Manage day-to-day activities of Indigenous Mine employees; develop and foster a close knit Indigenous mining team; deliver training support to Indigenous employees where required; liaise and collaborate with relevant stakeholders to promote successful Indigenous employment outcomes; and implement plans and systems to fulfill production, quality, financial and safety targets.

The successful candidate will possess: Relevant experience and/or qualifications in the mining field; the ability to influence and manage Indigenous people effectively; the ability to operate heavy machinery or capacity to acquire such skills; sound administration and computer skills; and prior management experience.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further details and an application package please contact: Katie Warren, 07 3206 2800, katiwarren@bigpond.com

Applications close 16 March 2007.



Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Community Liaison Officer, Liverpool, Temporary Full-Time, Position Number 124954.

Total remuneration package valued to: \$54,408 p.a. (\$49,305-\$49,305) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, regional and State Office levels.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs. Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Common selection criteria also apply.

Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. 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: Cindy Berwick 02 9408 8940

Email: Cindy.Berwick@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Cindy Berwick, 02 9408 8940

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Cindy Berwick, Union Street, Riverwood NSW 2210, or by facsimile: 02 9408 8999

Closing Date: Friday 16 March 2007

Greens target jail rates

NSW The NSW Greens have launched their approach to reducing Indigenous incarceration rates, increasing community safety and ensuring community development. Greens Upper House candidate John Kaye said: "The Greens package aims to reduce the appalling number of Indigenous Australians in jail by investing in quality public services. NSW imprisons more Indigenous people per capita than anywhere else

in Australia. Young Indigenous people are 20 times more likely to be in jail than other Australians. At the same time, Year 12 retention rates for Indigenous school students are half the national average.

"This is an expensive business that damages families and communities and drains resources away from social programs."

Dr Kaye said that for every person kept out of jail, NSW could afford to put an extra teacher in the classroom.

TSRA says program is working

TSI Improved environmental health facilities delivered by Torres Strait's Major Infrastructure Program (MIP) are playing a key role in the reduction of water and hygiene-related infectious diseases in the region, according to Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairman Toshie Kris.

He said notifications of water and hygiene-associated communicable diseases like shigellosis, salmonella and hepatitis A had decreased in the period between 1996 and 2006.

"According to data from the Queensland Notifiable Conditions Database, incidences of these environmental health-related diseases in the region have halved, with close to 40 cases per year in 1996, down to under 20 cases reported last year," said Mr Kris.

"The MIP has installed environmental health infrastructure which has improved the quality of water sanitation and since 1998, this has played a big part in reducing these illnesses in the Torres Strait, especially when combined with health education, immunisation interventions and awareness."

"A community's living condition plays an important role in the health and wellbeing of individuals and it is well documented that clean water, good sanitation and improved hygiene practices are significant in determining health and quality of life outcomes."

Mr Kris said the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2006 estimated that 24 per cent of the global disease burden and 23 per cent of all deaths could be attributed to environmental factors.

"WHO reported that global environmental infectious diseases such as diarrhoea were attributable to water, sanitation and hygiene, in fact 88 per cent of such cases were attributed to these," he said.

"It was also found by WHO that very little disease was transmitted through pathways other than those associated with water, sanitation and hygiene or food, and about 94 per cent of all cases of diarrhoea around the world were attributable to the environment resulting in more than 1.5 million deaths annually."

"Through almost a decade of hard work, MIP has dramatically



Toshie Kris: More to be done until living standards in the Torres Strait are comparable to that in mainstream Australia.

begun transforming living standards and environmental health infrastructure in the Torres Strait."

Mr Kris said his people now had access to clean and safe drinking water, flushing toilets, serviced housing lots, sealed roads and drainage systems.

"Island councils are able to manage community waste efficiently through the installation of sewage treatment plants and improved refuse control techniques," he said.

"MIP plans to continue its important work in 2007 by focusing on more life-changing projects, including further subdivisional works at Bamaga, installing desalination unit slabs at Dauan, Warraber and Ugar Island communities, beginning sewerage projects in St Pauls and Kubin communities, as well as upgrading and sealing the roads on Ugar Island."

"Through MIP we are beginning to see how much-needed environmental health infrastructure can produce positive health outcomes for our people."

"However, there is more to be done until living standards in the Torres Strait are comparable to that in mainstream Australia, and it is vital that MIP continues this life-changing work."

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, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
471278	RMG Pibara Pty Ltd	125.8ha	112km SW of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°37' Long 116°33'	Arbuckle
471279	RMG Pibara Pty Ltd	73.9ha	51km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°13' Long 117°49'	Arbuckle
471280-5	RMG Pibara Pty Ltd	1072.1ha	32km SE of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°25' Long 117°56'	Arbuckle
471286	RMG Pibara Pty Ltd	27.23ha	51km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°13' Long 117°48'	Arbuckle
471287	RMG Pibara Pty Ltd	124.06ha	54km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°12' Long 117°48'	Arbuckle

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: 28 February 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 **28 May 2007**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The prospecting licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **28 June 2007**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the prospecting licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, 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
151260	Charles George Chilly	5.22ha	25km SW of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°50'	Coolgardie
151448	Ramulus Resources Ltd	417.16ha	21km SW of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
20744	Hudson Resources Ltd	71.90ha	19km SW of Gingen	Lat 31°27' Long 115°45'	Gingen
201245	Water Corporation	0.53ha	5km SE of Waroona	Lat 32°52' Long 116°00'	Waroona

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: 28 February 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 **28 May 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. **28 June 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

TAKE NOTICE that **HEATHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD** (ACN 011 018 232) of Level 9, 45 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 is the holder of Retention Lease numbers 18 and 19 and of Mineral Claim numbers 3679 to 3739 inclusive in respect of which areas an application for a mining lease(s) has or will be made and proposes to carry out mining operations on the said mining lease(s) upon grant which areas will incorporate land bounded as set out below:

Retention Lease numbers 18 and 19: Approximately 136km ENE of Leigh Creek the external boundaries of which are bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°24'S and longitude 139°59'E, thence east to longitude 139°61'E, south to latitude 30°26'S, east to longitude 139°59'E, and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 4.93km²

Mineral Claim numbers 3679 to 3739 inclusive: Approximately 140km NE of Leigh Creek the external boundaries of which are bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°14'S and longitude 139°55'E, thence east to longitude 139°65'E, south to latitude 30°24'S, west to longitude 139°53'E, north to latitude 30°18'S, east to longitude 139°55'E and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 117km²

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australia Geodetic Datum as defined on p4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as subsequently granted, substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

In-situ leach mining for Uranium, being an extension of the existing Beverley Uranium Mine and will include the construction of additional production well fields and associated pipelines.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the land, there are no native title parties in relations to the land to which this notice relates **HEATHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land is invited to contact **HEATHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD** through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, **HEATHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD** and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Heathgate Resources Pty Ltd

c/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers, 262 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (GTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Resources, C/- Department of Industry and Resources, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
06/507	Rand Mining NL	151.11ha	102km S of Perth	Lat 32°35' Long 116°08'	Ashburton
06/522	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	125.74ha	30km W of Perth	Lat 31°30' Long 115°59'	Roebourne
06/523	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	33.07ha	30km W of Perth	Lat 31°34' Long 116°01'	Ashburton
06/524	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	199.7ha	26km W of Perth	Lat 31°34' Long 116°03'	Ashburton
06/525	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	198.3ha	30km W of Perth	Lat 31°39' Long 116°08'	Ashburton
06/526	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	30.24ha	18km W of Perth	Lat 31°42' Long 116°10'	Ashburton
06/527	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	125.22ha	30km W of Perth	Lat 31°48' Long 116°06'	Ashburton
06/528	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	96.53ha	30km W of Perth	Lat 31°48' Long 116°06'	Ashburton
06/529	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	150.67ha	41km SW of Perth	Lat 31°42' Long 116°06'	Ashburton
06/530	Zanthus Resources Pty Ltd	100.19ha	45km W of Perth	Lat 31°48' Long 116°06'	Ashburton
06/542	Spa Exploration NL	175.18ha	37km W of Perth	Lat 32°06' Long 116°19'	Ashburton
	Bacore Pty Ltd				
	Newcrest Operations Ltd				
06/543	Intrepid Mines Limited	98.02ha	100km S of Perth	Lat 32°31' Long 116°17'	Ashburton
06/544	Intrepid Mines Limited	47.82ha	101km S of Perth	Lat 32°31' Long 116°14'	Ashburton
06/545	Rube River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	25.8ha	62km E of Onslow	Lat 31°37' Long 115°42'	Ashburton
	North Mining Ltd				
	Mitsui Iron Development Pty Ltd				
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
	Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)				
20/1999-9	John Barry Giles	292.42ha	9km N of Cue	Lat 32°22' Long 117°52'	Cue
21/1664	Noble Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	147.57ha	19km S of Cue	Lat 32°35' Long 117°57'	Cue
24/4041-6	Western Areas NL	1167.4ha	64km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°10' Long 121°26'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
27/1999-1701	Western Areas NL	327.48ha	55km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie Boulder City
29/1836	Aurora Powerman	46.65ha	49km S of Menzies	Lat 30°17' Long 120°51'	Menzies
	Christopher Powerman				
29/1905-8	Western Areas NL	778.75ha	59km SE of Menzies	Lat 30°17' Long 121°23'	Menzies
29/1909	Western Areas NL	190.30ha	62km SE of Menzies	Lat 30°18' Long 121°24'	Menzies
31/1761-2	Aurora Resources Ltd	368.69ha	124km S of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°28'	Menzies
40/1147	Roger David Campbell	21.02ha	57km S of Laverton	Lat 29°21' Long 121°33'	Menzies
	Neil William Hess				
47/1275	David Ryan	26.96ha	89km NW of Tom Price	Lat 22°19' Long 117°14'	Ashburton
47/1276-7	Casidy Iron Pty Ltd	343.09ha	81km W of Willemsoort	Lat 22°35' Long 117°57'	Ashburton
47/1282	Hemley Iron Pty Ltd	140.61ha	80km W of Tom Price	Lat 22°43' Long 118°19'	Ashburton
47/1296	Opus Exploration Pty Ltd	138.76ha	82km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°50' Long 118°24'	Port Hedland Town
47/1297	Opus Exploration Pty Ltd	23.49ha	84km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°51' Long 118°24'	Port Hedland Town
47/1298	Unum Equities Ltd	144.40ha	67km SE of Roebourne	Lat 31°11' Long 118°14'	Port Hedland Town
47/1299	Unum Equities Ltd	124.13ha	65km SE of Roebourne	Lat 31°08' Long 118°15'	Port Hedland Town
51/2555	Mayenne Gedick	200ha	21km SE of Meekatharra	Lat 28°48' Long 118°38'	Meekatharra
57/1059-63	Klamro Pty Ltd	596.60ha	67km N of Sandstone	Lat 27°24' Long 119°30'	Sandstone
60/1581	William Robert Richmond	51.65ha	33km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 18°06' Long 127°55'	Halls Creek
62/1589-96	Cartigan Pty Ltd	1468.02ha	139km NW of Wyndham	Lat 14°25' Long 127°22'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
62/1604-11	Anglo Australian Resources NL	1500.67ha	25km SW of Halls Creek	Lat 18°21' Long 127°29'	Halls Creek

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: 28 February 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 28 May 2007. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the 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) 9228 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. 28 June 2007), a native title party lodges an objection with the Federal Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statements 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, 231 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6008, telephone (08) 9228 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 8524.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (GTH) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
06/1728	Quarry Park Pty Ltd	38.14km²	32km S of Onslow	Lat 31°54' Long 115°00'	Ashburton
06/1745	Intrepid Mines Limited	72.7km²	101km S of Perth	Lat 32°35' Long 116°15'	Ashburton
06/1749	Bacore Pty Ltd	50.37km²	40km W of Perth	Lat 31°37' Long 117°17'	Ashburton
	Newcrest Operations Ltd				
08/1750 & 08/1752	Spa Exploration NL	1264.89km²	91km SE of Eneabba	Lat 32°35' Long 114°36'	Ashburton/Ersmoth
09/1751	Aurustek Ltd	622.01km²	89km E of Coral Bay	Lat 32°35' Long 114°36'	Ashburton/Ersmoth
09/1813	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	194.73km²	30km E of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 32°35' Long 114°36'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1836	Korab Resources Ltd	48.46km²	78km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 34°41' Long 115°51'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1840	Yalgam Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	255.4km²	164km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 28°03' Long 116°24'	Murchison
09/1848	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	31.52km²	151km NE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 34°22' Long 116°31'	Upper Gascoyne
20/543	Okla Uranium Limited	212.93km²	54km W of Cue	Lat 32°24' Long 117°20'	Cue/Yalgoo
31/872	Korab Resources Ltd	18.33km²	90km NE of Laverton	Lat 32°35' Long 121°22'	Leonora
36/1894	Regent Resources Pty Ltd	11.59km²	43km S of Laverton	Lat 32°35' Long 122°04'	Laverton
39/1903	Zachman Enterprises Pty Ltd	12.09km²	75km S of Laverton	Lat 32°01' Long 123°01'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1906	Patt Wilson Askins	60.52km²	100km E of Colono Newbery Mission	Lat 28°01' Long 123°57'	Laverton
39/1922	Aura Energy Ltd	174.99km²	139km E of Colono Newbery Mission	Lat 28°18' Long 124°18'	Laverton
39/1936	All Minerals Ltd	24.17km²	54km N of Laverton	Lat 32°00' Long 122°21'	Laverton
45/2880	Borac Mining Pty Ltd	66.49km²	73km S of Telfer	Lat 32°21' Long 122°06'	East Pilbara
45/2891	Borac Mining Pty Ltd	167.91km²	68km S of Telfer	Lat 32°10' Long 122°04'	East Pilbara
45/2935	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	224.42km²	39km SE of Shay Gap	Lat 28°43' Long 120°26'	East Pilbara
51/1022	Lee Christian Pasco	24.44km²	50km N of Cue	Lat 32°35' Long 117°57'	Cue
51/1192	Regent Exploration Pty Ltd	3.05km²	30km SW of Meekatharra	Lat 28°40' Long 118°18'	Meekatharra
52/2010	Spa Exploration NL	522.94km²	102km S of Newman	Lat 34°16' Long 119°35'	Meekatharra
53/1282	Rhodes Resources Pty Ltd	70.54km²	54km SW of Wiluna	Lat 28°58' Long 119°53'	Wiluna
57/862	Troy Resources NL	3.05km²	6km W of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°14'	Sandstone
57/863	Troy Resources NL	3.05km²	7km W of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°12'	Sandstone
57/869	Intrepid Resources Pty Ltd	377.43km²	66km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°33' Long 119°45'	Sandstone
59/542	Okla Uranium Limited	212.29km²	37km NW of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°48' Long 117°40'	Cue/Mount Magnet
59/543	Gallop Resources Ltd	0.03km²	31km S of Cue	Lat 27°42' Long 117°55'	Cue
59/1282	Royal Resources Ltd	2.99km²	78km W of Parnes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 116°52'	Perrine
59/1283	Royal Resources Ltd	2.99km²	80km W of Parnes Find	Lat 29°14' Long 116°51'	Perrine
59/1274	Borac Mining Ltd	72.09km²	30km SW of Yalgoo	Lat 28°41' Long 116°22'	Yalgoo
59/1280	Quarry Park Pty Ltd	17.87km²	73km N of Dalwallinu	Lat 29°28' Long 116°51'	Perrine
62/2180	Beck Constructions Australia Pty Ltd	209.02km²	22km N of Pauliana	Lat 29°00' Long 120°00'	Laverton/Menzies
62/2225	Cranshaw Pty Ltd	172.77km²	59km SE of Newman	Lat 33°35' Long 120°46'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
70/2948	Independence Group NL	207.29km²	43km N of Midge	Lat 30°16' Long 119°58'	Coorow/Moor
70/2949	Independence Group NL	207.29km²	87km NE of Dalwallinu	Lat 30°04' Long 118°46'	Coorow
70/2950	Encounter Resources Ltd	58.58km²	6km NE of Wongan Hills	Lat 30°51' Long 119°46'	Gundarra/Wongan-Baldia
77/1243	Image Resources NL	202.91km²	52km E of Hyden	Lat 32°22' Long 119°27'	Kondinin
77/1250-1	Liberty Gold NL	477.53km²	129km N of Koolberrub	Lat 29°40' Long 119°20'	Menzies
77/1213	Mendion Mining Ltd	8.89km²	53km NE of Koolberrub	Lat 30°25' Long 119°49'	Yalgoo

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: 28 February 2007

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Govt told to scrap nuclear site plan



Aborigines have written to the Federal Government urging it not to build a nuclear waste dump on their land in the Northern Territory. The letter also

called on the Government to stop negotiating with one of Australia's most influential Aboriginal land councils because it was leaving them out of the consultation process.

The 16 traditional owners represent five family groups from the Muckaty region, 120km north of Tennant Creek.

Their land is one of three sites being considered by the Federal Government for a repository to store low and medium-level radioactive waste. Other options include Harts Range and Mt Everard, near Alice Springs, and Fishers Ridge near Katherine.

In a letter sent to Federal Science Minister Julie Bishop, the Muckaty people called on the Government to halt waste dump negotiations with the Northern Land Council (NLC).

The body, which represents traditional owners, has held talks with the Government since April last year, when the site was first proposed. But locals feel they are being left out of the process.

"We do not think there has been proper consultation with all of the Muckaty traditional owners about this idea," the letter said.

"Muckaty traditional owners have said they do not want a nuclear waste dump on Muckaty land."

Not all traditional owners had been invited to meetings between the Government and the NLC, and people had not been told about the outcomes, the letter said.

At a senate estimates hearing in Canberra last week, the Federal Science Department said the Government wanted to work with Indigenous owners to find a spot for the waste dump, and was seeking an agreement from Aboriginal people to offer up Indigenous land for the facility.

A full report on the possible sites is due by the end of March.

Elders Yarn Up a part of festival



To celebrate NSW Seniors Week (11-18 March) Elders Yarn Up will take part in the largest festival for older people in the Southern Hemisphere, with more than 700 events across the State.

The theme for NSW Seniors Week is 'Live Life'.

Elders Yarn Up includes art and craft workshops, exercise and sporting activities, storytelling and yarning, especially for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The events are designed to encourage seniors to try new experiences, learn new skills, develop their professional and social networks and to promote healthy, active ageing. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities in NSW and join the 250,000 seniors who attended last year.

Seniors Week is an annual initiative funded by the NSW Government and organised by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care to thank, celebrate and recognise older people across the State for the contributions they make to the community.

For information on NSW Seniors Week 2007, free copies of the Seniors Week event program are at Coles or Bi-Lo supermarkets, visit www.nswseniorsweek.com.au, or call the Seniors Information Service on 13 12 44.

Event information

● A day of entertainment, arts and crafts, presented by the Orange Aboriginal Land Council, Friday 16

March, 10.30am-4pm, 42 Dalton Street, Orange. Free admission and lunch provided. Bookings/inquiries: (02) 6361 4742 or (02) 6368 2438

● Entertainment, luncheon and guest speaker, presented by the Illaroo Co-operative Aboriginal Corporation, Tuesday 13 March, 10am-2pm, Rose Mumbler Village, 55 Judith Drive, North Nowra. Free admission and lunch provided. Bookings/inquiries: (02) 4428 9400.

● Healthy living for Elders camp Booroonen Djugun Aboriginal Corporation presents a week of exercise activities, nutrition information, relaxation and fun, Monday 5 March to Thursday 8 March, 8.30am-5pm daily, Seventh Day Adventist Convention Centre, 250 Grassy Head Road, Stuarts Point. Free. Spaces are limited. Bookings Essential: (02) 6562 5556.

● Elders' Mini Cultural Festival, Wednesday 14 March, 10am-4pm, Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo Street, Redfern. Free admission. Lunch included. Bookings/inquiries: (02) 9288 5733

● Aboriginal Elders Sports Carnival, Wednesday 14 March, 10am-3pm, Campbelltown Athletics Stadium, Corner Pembroke Road and Rose Payten Drive, Campbelltown. Free admission. Booking/inquiries: Kylie Smith on (02) 4645 4902. All teams must be registered by 28 February. Spectators need not register.

● Elders' Koori karaoke and concert, Friday 16 March, noon-3pm, Yaama Cafe, 255 Wilson Street, Darlinghurst. Free lunch. Bookings/inquiries: Donna Ingram (02) 9319 7175

National Calendar of Events

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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

Until 2 March: WA Youth Awards - Media Reporting focus on young Western Australians aged 13 to 25 years. For details contact (08) 6217 8400, email youngpeople@dcd.wa.gov.au or visit www.childrenandyoung.wa.gov.au

Until 17 March: 'I Saw The Sun - East Coast' exhibition at the Lismore Regional Gallery. For details visit <http://www.lismoregallery.org>

Until 23 March: The Rio Tinto Chevening Scholarships (value \$50,000) for lawyers working or interested in working in Native Title Representative Bodies or Native Title Service Delivery Agencies. Open to any Australian resident with a law degree. Details call Richard Potok on (02) 9385 9044 or visit www.auroraproject.com.au

Until 15 April: The MCA is holding the first major survey of work by Gijl artist Paddy Bedford. Visit www.mca.com.au for more details.

Until 30 June: An exhibition of surviving photographs from the records of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board from 1924-1966 is being held at the State Records Gallery, The Rocks. Details contact Susan on (02) 8247 8624.

1 March: NSW Women's Health Summit held above the Sydney Town Hall from 9am-4.30pm. Free. The event will be featuring Dr Nichole Watson who will talk on the relationship between health and Indigenous women's self determination. Associate-Professor Sue Green will be talking about Improving Service Outcomes for Indigenous Women. For details call (02) 9560 0866 or web: www.whnsw.asn.au

1 March: Indigenous Land Corporation 'open house' information/consultation event about the proposed development of the National Indigenous Development Centre (NIDC) in Redfern. All welcome any time between 2.30pm and 7.30pm at the site of the old Redfern Public School, George Street, Redfern. For more information, phone Stuart Waters at Twyford Consulting on 1800 110 055.

1-2 March: Ngoloo Wurru Deadly Arts Business Gathering. This is a multi-arts event for Victorian-based Indigenous artists, writers, performers and arts workers encompassing arts practice workshops and demonstrations, arts business and Indigenous well-being issues. Keynote speakers are Noel Tovey and Professor Judy Atkinson. For details call Gasworks Arts Park on (03) 8606 4200 or visit www.gasworks.org.au

3 March: The Rainmakers Corroboree Project aims to bring together traditional dance groups and is designed to build community connections, deepen people's understanding of traditional practices and sustainable water management. Stalls. Alcohol and drug-free. For details call Kathryn Fisher on (07) 3407 2157 or Suzanne Thompson on (07) 3407 2155.

3 March: Aboriginal community family day. The event provides people with the opportunity to give opinions on any issues or concerns in regards to the community. Information gathered on the day will be used to improve the development of programs and projects. Held in Leichhardt at 11.30am. Free. For details call Tracey Cooley on (02) 9367 9246 or email tracey.c@lmc.nsw.gov.au

5-8 March: Alice Springs, Marumali Healing Program for the Social and Emotional Well Being staff. The goal is to improve the quality of support to people who have been affected by past removal policies and practices. Details (07) 5590 5866.

6 March: Redfern AMS Line Dancing Lessons held at the town hall between 5.30-6.30pm. Free. For details call Kerry Welsh on (02) 9780 2750 or email kerry.welsh@sswahs.nsw.gov.au

7 March: The Parkies Ashes. A community

The Koori Mail welcomes items for our National Calendar of Events. To list your events in the calendar, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email calendar@koorimail.com or fax it to (02) 66 222 666. Items may be edited and reproduced by Koori Mail.

cricket match between the Collingwood and St Kilda Parkies. Held at the Yarra Bend Park, Fairlea West Oval. All welcome with lunch provided. Drug and alcohol-free event. Details call Allan Thorpe on (0419) 103 152 or Martin Hoare on (0417) 037 329.

7 March: Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place and Eastern Access Community Health celebrate the launch of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Partnership between 1-3pm. Details call Susan Tomlinson on (02) 9837 3921 or email stomlinson@each.com.au

7 March: Emergency medicine in rural Australia conference is hosting a national

symposium on a pressing health issue for the bush: Ensuring the delivery of sustainable local emergency care. Held in St David's Church Hall, Olive Street, Albury. For details call Megan Storyles on (0408) 147 829 or email Susan Stratigos at conference@ruralhealth.org.au

7-10 March: 9th National Rural Health Conference in Albury, New South Wales. To see the program visit <http://9thnrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/program/docs/program.htm> or call Alastair Harris (08) 8922 7954 or (0409) 658 177 for details.

8 March: International Women's Day. The theme is 'Ending impunity for violence against women'. For details visit www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/

8 March: Celebration of the 20th Birthday of International Women's Day. Renewing Women's Business is a 57-minute documentary film by Julie Drew demonstrating the contemporary relevance of women's traditions in Aboriginal culture and how the knowledge of these ancient traditions is kept alive. Tickets: \$10-\$8 (concession) available from: Lismore and District Women's Health Centre or Caddies Coffee Shop. Inquiries: (02) 6621 9800.

8 March: Well Women's Health Training Day. An information day for Aboriginal health workers to learn more about Pap tests, the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the cervical cancer vaccine. 9.30am-3pm. For details call Peter Reynolds (03) 9635 5316.

9 March: A Trauma Training Workshop is being offered at Maya Healing Centre to
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

Mr Chris Natt MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Mines and Energy, C/- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licences in accordance with the applications made therefor.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 25603 sought by AUSTRALIAN TANTALUM PTY LTD, ACN 095 384 491 over an area of 1 Block (4 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



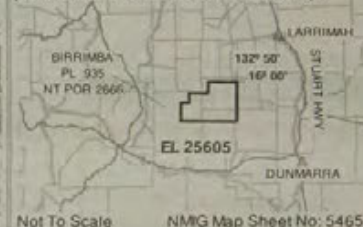
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Exploration Licence 25604 sought by AUSTRALIAN TANTALUM PTY LTD, ACN 095 384 491 over an area of 11 Blocks (28 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BYNOE locality.



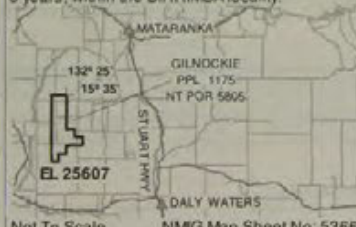
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Exploration Licence 25605 sought by CROSSLAND MINES PTY LIMITED, ACN 099 478 127 over an area of 500 Blocks (1650 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MIDDLE CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 25607 sought by CROSSLAND MINES PTY LIMITED, ACN 099 478 127 over an area of 450 Blocks (1486 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BIRRIABA locality.



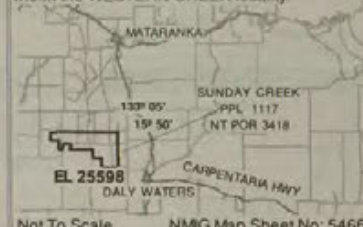
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Exploration Licence 25597 sought by DUNMARRA ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 121 564 261 over an area of 415 Blocks (1345 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WESTERN CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 25598 sought by DUNMARRA ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 121 564 261 over an area of 486 Blocks (1604 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WESTERN CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 25599 sought by DUNMARRA ENERGY PTY LTD, ACN 121 564 261 over an area of 325 Blocks (1075 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ELSEY locality.



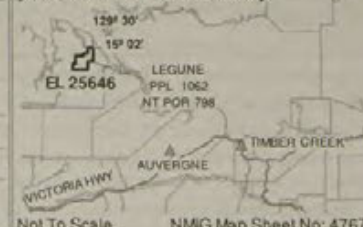
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Exploration Licence 25600 sought by FERMI URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 120 807 267 over an area of 500 Blocks (1614 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



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Exploration Licence 25646 sought by TENNANT CREEK GOLD (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 085 057 398 over an area of 39 Blocks (130 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LEGUNE locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term sought commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 28 February 2007

National Calendar of Events

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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.

13-14 March: Community Engagement Conference. Innovative Methods and Techniques for Collaboration in Policy Making to Enable Capacity Building in Communities. To be held at the Carlton Crest Hotel, Sydney. For details call the

Community Engagement Hotline on (02) 9223 2600 or email registration@iqpc.com.au

12 March: NSW Sorry Day Committee will meet every second Monday from 12 March at Alexandria Town Hall, Garden Street, Alexandria from 6.30pm. For details phone (0437) 100 121.

14 March: Elders Sports Carnival at Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 9.30am-3pm. It is open for all Aboriginal Elders

around Sydney, or Aboriginal men and women who fit into the nominated age group of 45-plus. Games, sporting activities, food, info stalls and so on.

19-23 March: Marumali Healing Program for the Social and Emotional Well Being in Adelaide. The goal is to improve the quality of support to people who have been affected by removal policies and practices. For details call (07) 5590 5866.

21 March: Harmony Day - International

Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

22 March: Nominations are open for students, teachers, schools, people and regions for a Nanga Mai (to dream) Award held at Taronga Zoo, Sydney. Nominations close 5pm, 7 March. For details or to obtain a nomination form visit www.aboriginaleducation.nsw.edu.au

28-29 March: The MCA presents Djurali Youth Arts Careers Workshop. It goes for two days and is for Sydney-based Year 9-12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students giving information on careers in the arts and design section and what support is available. Free. Bookings essential. For details call Justine on (02) 9245 2444 or justine.mclisky@mca.com.au

31 March: Jinnalli Productions is hosting an Indigenous Swimsuit calendar for young women between 17-25 who are interested in promotional, photography and modeling. Post two photos (head and body shot) of yourself with your name, contact details and a paragraph about yourself to Jinnalli Productions, c/- Bayswater Post Office, 85 Whalley Street, Bayswater, WA 6053.

4-29 April: Wanted: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorian residents for a new Indigenous comedy competition titled '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 or contact Indigenous comedy producer Jason Tamiru on (03) 9417 7711 or (0423) 050 391.

7 April: PACT - Contemporary practice for young people and emerging artists. Auditions held at 107 Railway Parade, Erskineville. For details call (02) 9550 2744, email pactad@pact.net.au or visit www.performancespace.com.au

15-19 April: Seeking Enthusiastic Volunteers. Carers NSW run Statewide camps for young carers aged 8-12, 13-17 and 18-25 years. Young carers are people who help care for someone in their family with an illness, disability, mental illness, or alcohol or drug problem. For details call Kylie Brown on (02) 9280 4744. See www.youngcarersnsw.asn.au

16-20 April: Marumali Healing Program for the Social and Emotional Well Being in Melbourne. The goal is to improve the quality of support to people who have been affected by removal policies and practices. For details call (07) 5590 5866.

21-29 April: Camden Haven Music Festival on the mid north coast of NSW will be held in venues at Port Macquarie, Kendall and Laurieton. Headliners on the music front include William Barton, Ruby Hunter and Archie Roach. More than 30 events are scheduled. Call (02) 6556 9622 or visit the website www.camdenhavenmusicfestival.org.au

24-26 April: Pullima National Indigenous Languages Information and Communication Technology Forum at Newcastle. The conference will offer hands-on workshops, speaker presentations, product displays and panel discussions and show technology to assist Indigenous Language Programs. Limited places. Bookings call Daryn McKenny or Dianna Newman on (02) 4961 0515 or visit www.arwarbukarl.com.au

27-30 April: ACON Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Retreat. Open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in NSW who are HIV positive, their partners, carers and family members. Held at an Aboriginal Cultural Centre in the Hunter Valley. Limited places. For details call ACON on (02) 9206 2000.

2 May: Elastoplast Strapsmart. This course is a Sports Medicine Australia accredited course, participants will receive a certificate on completion. Held at Advocate Park, Coffs Harbour. Details call Toni Gordon on (02) 6618 0406 or email toni.gordon@dsr.nsw.gov.au

7-8 May: The 3rd Annual Reintegration Puzzle Conference to be held in Sydney. This brings together people working in the areas of prisoner and offender reintegration, employment services, drug and alcohol services, mental health services, housing, mentoring and others. Registration details are available from www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/psychology/research/ease/ or call Jenny Crosbie on (03) 9251 7887.

9 May: Redfern Legal Centre is having their 30th Anniversary at the Town Hall 73 Pitt St, Redfern. Time 5.30-7.30pm. Cost \$20 at the door. There will be cocktails provided as well as a photo exhibition and launch of our memories. Details call Helen Campbell on (02) 9698 7277 or (0415) 296 392.

NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of an application to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

The Allandale Pastoral ILUA - SI2006/006
The Welbourn Hill Pastoral ILUA - SI2006/019
The Lambina Pastoral ILUA - SI2006/020

State of South Australia
Notification day: 1 March 2007



Description of the Allandale Pastoral ILUA area: The agreement area of approximately 222km² is located about 13km south-west of Oodnadatta and covers part of Crown Lease Pastoral No. 2408 (Allandale) being parcel A2006 on Plan D30223 as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Unincorporated local government area.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Jean Wood, Sadie Singer, Lallie Lennon, Mr Cullinan, C/- Tim Wooley, Level 4, 345 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

The State of South Australia, C/- Steven Strelan, Crown Solicitor's Office, Level 17, 45 Pirie Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Andrew Trevor Clarke, C/- Rosemary Craddock, 20 Dutton Terrace, MEDINDIE SA 5081



Description of the Welbourn Hill Pastoral ILUA area: The agreement area of approximately 3,291km² is located about 194km north-west of Coober Pedy and covers Crown Lease Pastoral No. 2532 (Welbourn Hill) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Unincorporated local government area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

Jean Wood, Sadie Singer, Lallie Lennon, Mr Cullinan, C/- Tim Wooley, Level 4, 345 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

The State of South Australia, C/- Steven Strelan, Crown Solicitor's Office, Level 17, 45 Pirie Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

DJ and CF Sampson and Sons Pty Ltd, C/- Rosemary Craddock, 20 Dutton Terrace, MEDINDIE SA 5081



Description of the Lambina Pastoral ILUA area:

The agreement area of approximately 3,773km² is located about 15km east of Marla and 80km south of the Northern Territory - South Australia border and covers Crown Lease Pastoral No. 2446 (Lambina) as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Unincorporated local government area.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

Jean Wood, Sadie Singer, Lallie Lennon, Mr Cullinan, C/- Tim Wooley, Level 4, 345 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

The State of South Australia, C/- Steven Strelan, Crown Solicitor's Office, Level 17, 45 Pirie Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Alan William Fennell and Kerry-Ann Fennell, C/- Rosemary Craddock, 20 Dutton Terrace, MEDINDIE SA 5081

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The agreements do not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in paragraph 24EB(1)(b), (c) or (d) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth).]

The agreements deal with the relationship between native title rights and interests and other rights and interests in relation to the areas (s. 24CB(c) of the Act) and the manner of exercise of native title rights and interests or other rights and interests in relation to the areas (s. 24CB(d) of the Act).

The Agreements provide for, amongst other things, the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinya people accessing and undertaking traditional activities on the ILUA areas in accordance with the terms of the Agreements.]

Objections:

These applications have been certified by the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc the representative body for the areas. Any person claiming to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters in the areas covered by the agreements may object to the Registrar, in writing, by 1 June 2007 against the registration of the agreements on the ground that the requirements of s.203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) were not satisfied in relation to the certification.

Such objections should be sent to the Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Adelaide SA 5001.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the NNTT based on spatial reference data sourced from the Department of Environment and Heritage (SA).

Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION, CALL THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL ON FREECALL 1800 640 501.

Search and photocopy fees may apply.



NSW Government
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000

PAUL FRANCIS RYAN has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND WATER USE approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE.

200MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1
at/adjacent to Lot 2/242089 in the Parish of STRATHEARN, County of BRISBANE
for IRRIGATION (transfer of existing entitlement)

at/adjacent to Lot 3/242089 in the Parish of STRATHEARN, County of BRISBANE.

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 14/03/2007. Please quote the application number 553 on all correspondence.

Bruce Westbrook/Licensing Officer
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 2213, DANGAR, NSW 2309.
Commencement Date: 28/02/07. Closing Date: 28/03/07.

VITTORE MICHELE BELLATO and DEANNA ELIZABETH BELLATO have submitted applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approvals under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE.

2 x BORES
at/adjacent to Lot 59/750872 in the Parish of ARGON, County of BOYD
at/adjacent to Lot 66/750872 in the Parish of ARGON, County of BOYD
For Irrigation at/adjacent to Lot 59/750872 in the Parish of ARGON, County of BOYD

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 02 69 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 28/03/2007. Please quote the application numbers 613 & 614 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Resource Access Manager
MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, LEEON, NSW 2705
Commencement Date: 28/02/07. Closing Date: 28/03/07.

MURRAY VALLEY

ROSS WILLIAM GRIFFITHS & HUBRYN JEANETTE GRIFFITHS 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 181 DP756305, Parish Narrama, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

TUCKERIMBA PTY LIMITED has 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 199 DP756305, Parish Narrama, County Townsend
Purpose: Irrigation

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 033 5098-3900.

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 28/03/2007. Please quote the Application No. 649 or 650 (SOWAS05873 or SOWAS05874) on all correspondence. (GA2-484813)

Lindsay J Holden, Senior Licensing Officer
Murray Murrumbidgee Region
Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 205, Deniliquin NSW 2710

HEIDI NATION has submitted an application for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, in the LOWER DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (Darling River).

38MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP - 1
Crown Reserve fronting Lot 745/761876 in the Parish of WAMBAH, County of LIVINGSTONE
The works are existing and used for domestic purposes.

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on 0350-516200.

Written and signed objections (fax or e-mail is not acceptable), specifying the grounds for the objection, must be lodged with the Department before close of business on the 28/03/07. Please quote the application number 645 on all correspondence.

Peter Winton, Natural Resource Project Officer
Compliance & Licensing, Inland South
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 363, BURONGA, NSW 2739
Commencement Date: 28/02/07. Closing Date: 28/03/07.

DANIEL EDMUND GRAHAM 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.

2 x BORES
at/adjacent to Lot 187/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA
at/adjacent to Lot 220/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA
For Irrigation at/adjacent to Lot 187/756457, 220/756457
8221/756457 in the Parish of YAMMA, County of URANA

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 28/03/2007. Please quote the application numbers 659 & 664 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Resource Access Manager
MURRUMBIDGE REGION, Department of Natural Resources
PO BOX 156, LEEON, NSW 2705

Commencement Date: 28/02/07. Closing Date: 28/03/07.

JEFFREY ALLEN EMERY and JODIE LOUISE EMERY have 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.

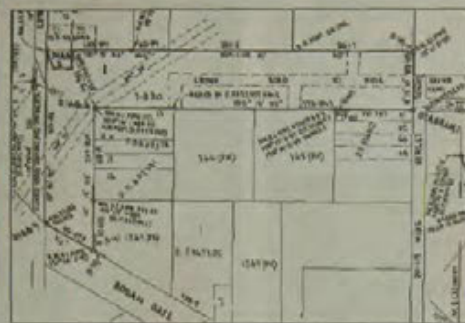
1 x BORE
at/adjacent to Lot 643/751728 in the Parish of STANBRIDGE, County of COOPER
For Irrigation at/adjacent to Lots 515/751728, 642/751728, 643/751728
644/751728, 645/751728 in the Parish of STANBRIDGE, County of COOPER.

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 28/03/2007. Please quote the application number 652 on all correspondence.

S.F. Webb, Resource Access Manager, MURRUMBIDGE REGION
Department of Natural Resources, PO BOX 156, LEEON, NSW 2705
Commencement Date: 28/02/2007. Closing Date: 28/03/2007.

NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND



Forbes Shire Council propose to acquire a parcel of Crown Land.

LOCATION: Bogan Gate Road, Forbes as shown on the plan below left.

Folio Identifier 1/1077961

Local Government Area: Forbes
Parish of Forbes
County of Ashburnham

NATURE OF ACT: Forbes Shire Council intend to construct a road linking York Street, Edward Street and Bogan Gate Road, FORBES. Any surplus land acquired will be re-sold by Council.

DISTURBANCE TO LAND: Excavation in rock, excavation of soil, filling, refilling, removal of soil, construction of road and associated services.

NOTIFICATION DAY: 2 March 2007.

Pursuant to 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 the notice.

CONTACT DETAILS OF FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL:

Carissa Bywater, Forbes Shire Council
PO Box 333, FORBES NSW 2871
Ph: (02) 6850 1300 Fax: (02) 6852 4170.

FURTHER INFORMATION: You are able to obtain further information about the proposed act from the following:

1. Forbes Shire Council (contact details above)
2. Justin Thornton
Marsdens Law Group
49 Dumaresq Street, PO Box 291
Campbelltown NSW 2560
Ph: (02) 4626 5077
Fax: (02) 4626 4826

You can also obtain further information about the "right to negotiate regime" in the Native Title Act (Cth) 1993 and Native Title Amendment Act (Cth) 1998.

PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

TAKE NOTICE that FREEHOLD MINING PTY LTD (ACN 056 463 579) of Level 10, 553 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000 is the registered holder of Retention Lease number 6 and proposes to apply for a mining lease in respect of such retention lease and, upon grant, to carry out mining operations on land which will incorporate an area bounded as follows:

Retention Lease Number 6: Approximately 11.5km South of Copely commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°65'S and longitude 138°43'E, thence east to longitude 138°44'E, south to latitude 30°66'S, east to longitude 138°44'E, and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 19.5ha

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australia Geodetic Datum as defined on p4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as subsequently granted, substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Open cut mining for Zinc and stockpiling of overburden. Trucking of ore approximately 1.5 km to granted mining lease ML4369 for processing.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the land, there are no native title parties in relations to the land to which this notice relates Freehold Mining Pty Ltd may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land is invited to contact FREEHOLD MINING PTY LTD through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, FREEHOLD MINING PTY LTD and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Freehold Mining Pty Ltd
c/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
262 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8223 5088
Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290
Contact Person: Abigail Steed



NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

Notice of an application for determination of

native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 28 February 2007

This application is a 'Non-Claimant Application', ie an application made by a person who is not claiming native title themselves. The applicant has an interest (which is not a native title interest) in the application described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 27 May 2007. After 27 May 2007, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

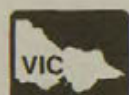
Unless there is a 'relevant native title claim' (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 27 May 2007, the area may be subject to section 24FA protection and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Registrar may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.





Overall winners, left, and board winners, right, at this year's Victorian Indigenous Surfing Titles.

150 at surf titles



About 150 competitors turned out in challenging conditions this month for the 8th annual Victorian Indigenous Surfing Titles.

Organisers were pleased with the record turnout, but disappointed that poor conditions on the final day meant the open division had to be postponed.

More than half the competitors were female, pointing to growing interest in the sport from Indigenous women.

The opening day, held at Fairhaven Beach, featured a welcome to country followed by learn-to-surf classes and water safety lessons. Poor conditions on the

second day forced a relocation to Point Roadnight, at Anglesea.

A feature of the event, the tag team competition, was won narrowly by a team from St Lawrence, with the Koorie surfers second and Victoria Police third.

Presentations were held and divisional winners received trophies from Wathaurong Glass.

Winners

Results from the Victorian Indigenous Surfing titles.

Under-6 Boys: Paul Polter 1, Zachary Montgna 2, Amos Potter 3.

Under-6 Girls: Jahneya Travis 1, Taleena Black 2, Ria Liresay 3.

Under-10 Boys: Dylan Kerr 1, Kalan Austin 2, Chris Wilson 3.

Under-10 Girls: Tegan Edwards 1, Shona Jones 2, Jorga Lewis-Jackson 3.

Under-13 Boys: Navahoe Lovett 1, Marlee Williams 2, Luke Hamilton-Paul 3.

Under-13 Girls: Millie Liresay 1, Isabelle Dunn 2, Jasmine McGuinness 3.

Under-16 Boys: Harley Blackall 1, Leeroy Charles 2, Marlon Liresay 3.

Under-16 Girls: Stephanie Lamont 1, Tya Fry 2, Katey Dunn 3.

Under-18 Boys: Bunji Lovett 1, Sam Birchell 2, Naichesse Lovett 3.

Under-18 Girls: Pearl Dunn 1.

Open Bodyboard: Lowell Hunter 1.

Masters Over-35 Men: Mark Williams 1, Ted Bain 2, Brad Roberts 3.

Masters Women: Sue Davey 1.

Open Women: Sarah Bain 1, Sonja Weston 2, Natalie Potter 3.



Some of the youngsters who took part in this year's titles.

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Australian Government
Department of Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts

Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

Heart and home...

WHEN I visit communities or schools I can often look at the kids and imagine what they are thinking and feeling at the time.

In short, I can journey back in my mind to when I was their age and remember the fun I had, the worries that consumed me, and all the dreams I imagined.

Sometimes when I tell the kids that I was once like them, I can see them struggling to imagine me in their shoes.

This is despite the fact that they are often struggling with the same lessons or reading the same books.

So you can imagine my pleasure when I walked in to Minimbah Pre-school in my home town of Armidale and found that even the colour of the walls had not changed in the 20 years since I started my education there.

The kids were amazed that I could remember some of my first lessons including hearing some of the same stories that their teacher had read to them.

I love the look of wonder in the eyes of kids when they are first learning and am saddened that so many of them seem to lose this enjoyment as they grow older.

With some of my team mates in tow including team co-captain Peter Cusack and another Armidale old boy in Stuart Webb, I also visited

Newling Public School and Duval High School and again remembered all the good times I had growing up.

Again I felt there was a greater connection with the kids because they knew that I had once worn the same uniform, raided the same school canteen and played on the same ovals.

I don't know whether the messages we delivered had more impact on the kids

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because of this but I hope that it opened up the doors of possibility for them.

Of course the other advantage of the

JT was so down to earth and approachable that he soon not only had Souths fans believing we had a chance in the competition but had also signed up a host of new followers.

It is often only on trips like this that an NRL coach has the time to relax and talk to real fans of the game.

JT may be a city boy at heart but he understands the importance of bush footy to the long-term survival of the NRL, and it was great to see him interact with the fans.

Another important positive from the trip was the opportunity for me to organise a meeting between Terry Quinn from the NRL and members of the Narwan Eels to discuss issues they need to address to gain readmission to the competition.

It was a positive meeting with the details best left between the two parties.

There is a lot of work to be done before Indigenous rugby league gains the recognition and support it deserves, but the best thing we can all do is work on things we can control.

In the case of Narwan that is working together as a community to restore our club to its rightful place as a positive force that provides opportunities for our kids.

The CRL can take responsibility in

than use sport as a forum for other issues.

I can only speak in terms of my personal support for Narwan but, as a proud Analwan man, I will do my best to help restore the club.

Among the many good people capable of leading the club back to its rightful place I was pleased to see Billy Ahoy be selected as president.

He is a good man who deserves the support of all in the community.

He deserves our support not just for the sake of Narwan but for the entire community of Armidale.

You see there was one sad aspect of my return to Armidale.

As I said earlier, at the moment Armidale does not have a junior league competition.

But when we ran a junior league coaching clinic – which in other areas was also used as a registration day – nearly 400 kids turned up.

The desire for a competition is there in the hearts of the kids.

We just need to get the adults to help them.

As much as it gives me pride to return to Armidale as a local who has made it at the NRL I just wish there were others to have followed Webby and myself.

The talent is there – we just need to work together to provide the opportunities.

The next time I walk through the doors of Minimbah Pre-school I

want to be able to remember not only what it was like to be one of the kids.

I want to know they will have the same opportunities that I had.

My dream is for them to be able to dream of things that have become my fortunate reality.

Another important positive from the trip was the opportunity for me to organise a meeting between Terry Quinn from the NRL and members of the Narwan Eels to discuss issues they need to address to gain readmission to the competition.

NRL taking the Community Carnival to my home town was the opportunity to catch up with family and friends.

I was really pleased that so many of my uncles – many of them rabid Rabbitohs fans – had the chance to meet coach Jason Taylor and some of the boys.

re-establishing a viable junior rugby league in Armidale and other country.

We – in this case I include other Aboriginal-based clubs as well as Narwan – can take responsibility in ensuring our senior sides are well-administered and that our crowds are there to support us rather

Team Management

Positions Vacant
(Voluntary)

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team Inc. teams consist of the following management teams.

- Manager
- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Physiotherapist

Teams

- National Under 18 Schoolboy's Trials (2 Teams)
- NSW Country Under 19's
- NSW Country Women's
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Katina Robson with her brother Ashley, and sister Kylie.

Top softballer Katina comes from quality sporting stock



Katina Robson comes from good sporting stock. In the past, her mum Joanne Robson represented Australia in softball, indoor cricket, rugby league and Indigenous netball, and her dad John Robson captained the Australian indoor cricket side.

Now Katina, 14, is staking her own claim on the national softball scene and her family couldn't be more chuffed.

Last month, Katina was the only Aboriginal girl to play in the ACT team in the Under-16 National Softball Championships in Brisbane.

While her team was placed fourth overall, the teenager was thrilled to be voted second-best batter in her age group in Australia by tournament officials.

"I was pretty surprised but it felt good," she told the *Koori Mail*.

"Queensland won the championship in the end but, in our game with them, we were tied but ended up winning by three runs off my batting."

Gutsy Katina's preferred position on the diamond is the shortstop.

"To play it, you need to be on your toes, you need co-ordination and reflexes, and you have to want to be there because you're really putting your body on the line," she said.

'Popped out'

And Katina has had her share of injuries. Last year during a softball tournament in Adelaide, her knee 'popped out' and she was forced to spend six weeks away from the game.

"The key to not getting injured is keeping fit and warming up," she said sagely, experience now on her side.

Katina's teammates in the Under-17 club side Storm would have felt

Katina's absence, as would the 8-12 years WHSPers modball team, which she helps mum Joanne to coach on weekends.

The little ones' team includes her sister Kylie, 9, and brother Ashley, 11. "They don't listen to their coach but they listen to me," Katina said with a grin.

Katina took up softball when she was five, playing tee-ball and modball (modified softball) with the WHSPers. "But the first time I actually picked up a bat was when I was four and we were living in Canada," she said.

Next on the horizon for Katina is the ACT Under-16 Junior Championships this weekend and then the Australian Secondary Schoolgirls Championships in Perth in early May.

Beyond that? Who knows but one suspects there'll be many more home runs.

AFTER dealing with the disappointment of missing playing for the Aboriginal All-Stars side, I have quickly regained focus on preparing for the start of the AFL Premiership.

I was disappointed for the brothers given the result of the game, but was proud of the obvious pride and passion they showed for our people's colours.

One thing the All-Stars contest provided away from the game was a stark contrast in the way teams prepare for the season.

The central issue surrounding the non-selection of Adam Goodes and myself for the Darwin game was the fact that our Swans coaching staff assessed we were ready for only limited playing time.

This has been backed up by the fact that Adam and I, along with the likes of Barry Hall and star recruit 'Spida' Everitt, will not play in the club's NAB Cup opener against the Western Bulldogs in Canberra.

Assistant coach John Longmire explained the club's philosophy.

"We're always mindful of giving our players enough game time to prepare them as best we can for the season proper," he said.

"Our view for the pre-season games has always been along those lines, so we're keen to give some of the players that haven't had a lot of exposure at senior level the chance to play in senior company, so the pre-season matches serve a couple of purposes for us.

The next few weeks will be a good opportunity for those younger guys to get a taste of playing AFL footy."

At all clubs the same opportunity awaits the young rookie and, at clubs such as Essendon, they may well provide an early chance to fast-track a career.

Essendon by any standard - let alone their proud tradition - had a poor season last year.

They are looking for solutions and the young players like Alwyn Davey and Leroy Jetta could well be parts of the jig-saw puzzle of success.

It was interesting to note the comments of wily Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy after the game against the Indigenous All Stars.

"We hadn't had a lot of wins for a while, even though we know it's a game that this team (All-Stars) doesn't play together a lot, but we just need to get out there and get back to playing good footy and we started to play some tonight," he said.

Alwyn 'Froggy' Davey showed flashes of his brother Aaron with some tasty skills, and he also showed he has the capacity to

Magic's Moments



With Sydney Swans star Michael O'Loughlin

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play at the higher level.

The beauty about the introduction of players like Davey is that they are new to the team and can introduce a new sense of enthusiasm to the team dynamic.

They have not been a part of the losing culture of the previous season and have no fear of losing.

Some bring with them the expectation of success.

This has led Sheedy to already declare his side's best 22 is still far from settled despite the comprehensive 50-point victory over the All-Stars.

Sheedy said the influx of a number of new players into the club in recent times meant positions were up for grabs, which he believed was a major positive for the club after the Dons won just three matches in 2006.

"We've got so many new players to our club that we've got to work out what our team is going to be ... we've probably got six (players) we can bring in, but we've still got to find out how good, maybe, some of these younger blokes are and give them that opportunity," he said.

"I believe that is the way to bring up teams."

Sheedy was pleased with Davey, the younger brother of Melbourne speedster Aaron.

"Obviously Alwyn Davey looked like he could be quite a magical player, but they're the sorts of things we needed to get to the club," he said.

Sheedy also singled out youngsters/first-gamers Lachie McKinnon, Heath Hocking, Bachar Houli, Leroy Jetta and Tom Hislop for their efforts against the All-Stars.

"We worked very hard over the summer and we've rightfully been criticised for our season performance last year, but we tried a lot of things last year to give everybody a game and play who we thought needed to be played to make decisions on, which sometimes might cost you some games," he said.

"We needed to play players that we felt we going to be a part of our future, for sure." It is also obvious from his performance

that West Australian Leroy Jetta is a key part of that future.

Recruitment and welfare manager Adrian Dodoro tips Leroy to 'really blossom' in a Bombers environment that features several Indigenous players.

He also said that while Jetta had experienced groin and fitness problems, he was confident that his pre-season at the club has the exciting young midfielder ready to go.

"Leroy was a bit of a surprise for us to get him there, there's going to be a little bit of work to get him up to AFL standard because he's had a few issues with injury over time but gee, he's exciting," Dodoro said.

"We have a really good record with Indigenous players, and within our environment we've got some really strong leaders within the Indigenous group and he gets along really well with Paddy Ryder."

With the right environment the enthusiasm and excitement these kids can bring to a side can be infectious.

The NAB pre-season competition gives them the opportunity to learn, to shine and to press their claims.

So while many of the old guard like Goodes and myself will have our eye on the main prize, we will still save a look for these young bucks as they try to emerge from the pack.

That is the beauty of our competition. The next new star of the AFL may be only one game away.

Until next time - Keep Dreaming!

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Kicking goals

By CHRIS PIKE

FORMER Australian rules champion Chris Lewis has taken on a major role in a highly successful football development program. The former West Coast Eagles high-flyer will run the Pilbara region program for the Kicking Goals scheme, now in its fourth year and run by the Swan Districts Football Club, BHP Billiton and the West Coast Eagles.

Swan Districts has been looking after the Pilbara zone, including the towns of Port Hedland, Newman and Karratha, since 2003.

The program, the largest regionally-based program of its kind in Australia, aims to guide, teach and inspire Aboriginal students. Goals include improving school retention rates, encouraging healthy choices and improving behaviour.

West Coast Eagles premiership players Dean Cox and Beau Waters, Perth Orioles netballers Kodie Blay and Susan Fuhrmann and WAFL umpire Paul Pitchers joined Lewis at Hedland Senior High School recently as part of the program (see picture above).

Activities ranged from lifestyle and educational issues to running football clinics with students from Year 8 through to seniors at the school.

Lewis has returned to Western Australia after spending time in Darwin (NT) and Ballarat (Victoria) coaching after finishing his illustrious AFL career with West Coast in 2000. He will be working at Swan Districts as an assistant coach, but also in a full-time capacity as Aboriginal Talent Development Officer and Indigenous Welfare Officer.

"I have to work with a lot of the young kids now, because they didn't know me as a footballer, but it gives me a leg in," he said. "You need to work up a good basis with them and that can take anywhere from a week or a year, depending on the individual."

"The biggest key is people wanting to help themselves. I can point them in the right direction and give them some good advice, but if the person that is involved doesn't want to come half way and make their way in life, it can become hard."

Securing players from the region is a goal for Swans, but at the moment there are a lot of hurdles to overcome. In the meantime, getting the kids an education and hopefully jobs is the major focus, with BHP lending a hand in all capacities.

"We would like to get some players

Former Eagle helps youth in the Pilbara

eventually to Swan Districts. There is a lot of talent up here, but for some reason it doesn't get accessed," Lewis said.

"Without the mining companies located in the Pilbara, the towns wouldn't survive. If people get through school and finish their education, the world really is their oyster."

"There are plenty of opportunities, but they need to prepare themselves for that the best way they can."

Lewis says he would like to see the youngsters develop into adults who have a positive impact on their community.

"If one person succeeds, that is a win for us. Success might just be holding down a job, being a good community member or a good leader and that's the way we need to look at it," he said.

Opportunity

"There's also the opportunity to make a lot of money, too. With Aboriginal people money isn't everything, but it certainly helps life run a bit smoother."

Football provides great role models for Aboriginal boys in particular, but so often the girls are left out. The Kicking Goals program is for girls just as much as boys and local girls were particularly pleased that two netballers came to talk to them.

"Young girls are mentally tougher and able to better handle challenges early in life, but unfortunately they don't get the right opportunities," Lewis said.

"A lot of them fall pregnant at early ages and that puts them behind the eight ball. The good thing about the Kicking Goals program is that we involve the girls."

"Footy's just the vehicle we carry the program with. There are also plenty of opportunities for girls out there. The Orioles girls were a great support. With

their encouragement we hope to concentrate on helping girls get through their vital development."

Lewis identifies some problem areas, particularly youth who do well at sport or school but who then get left to their own devices. He would like to see them receive more attention. Students who perform well receive great rewards, while those determined to be 'at-risk' receive special attention to help get them on the right pathway.

"It's important to try and help every kid, but unfortunately those that show potential, they get left to their own devices, as they aren't a hassle. These are the ones that can slip through the gaps and it's important that we concentrate on those kids," Lewis said.

"If they show a consistency in coming to school and performing well, we need to reward them. This program rewards the students through personal experiences with their heroes from the Eagles and by funding opportunities to go on footy trips during the year."

The Eagles and Orioles players were in town for just the one day, but Lewis returned to the school the following day as well. The kids loved getting to run around with him, and the day at the high school concluded with a game on the school oval.

The trip wrapped up with a visit to Cassia Primary School, but Lewis will be back and forth from Perth throughout the year and he hopes his experiences can help the Pilbara kids.

"We can only talk about it and set good examples," he said. "Hopefully their parents set good examples, but at the moment they grow up with too many bad influences around."



Chris Lewis gives this group tips on bouncing the ball.



A Pilbara youngster is shown the right way to line up a goal.



Girls as well as boys benefit from the Kicking Goals scheme, run by the Swan Districts Football Club, BHP Billiton and the West Coast Eagles.

Cowboys the benchmark

IN coming editions I will make my assessment of the relative claims of the 16 NRL sides for this year's premiership, but there is one side that I will be using as a comparison point.

Of all the sides that disappointed last season the North Queensland Cowboys were the team that most failed to live up to expectations.

After their exciting ride to the grand final in 2005 and their exciting start to last season, the roller-coaster ride that is the NRL Premiership saw them plummet to an inglorious finish outside the final eight.

Good teams and great players use these experiences as a form of motivation.

Cowboys' champions Matt Bowen and Carl Webb fit the category of great players and are determined to be part of a North Queensland revival this year.

Matt Bowen, in particular, is using the hurt of losing his Queensland spot and missing out on the NRL finals last year to drive him to new heights in the 2007 NRL season.

He may be only 1kg heavier than last year at 79kg, but his physique has been transformed after a gruelling summer in which he has been bench pressing an impressive 130kg. The dynamic fullback admitted his work ethic was not what it could have been last year and he had been forced to have a good, hard look at himself.

"I haven't been the best trainer and I didn't always do the things that are part of your preparation," Bowen said.

"I have been watching my diet closely, eating well and cutting out the soft drinks."

"I can't hide the fact it hurt to lose my Queensland spot after the first Origin match last year but I wasn't playing my best football consistently."

"I know there's plenty of competition but I want to get back in the Queensland side."

Bowen was not alone as the Cowboys appeared to be cruising early last year with six wins in a row including a get-out-of-jail 18-16 result against Newcastle courtesy of a magic kick, chase and regather by Matty. After that the Cowboys won only five of 18 matches.

"We lost a few games and then Johnathan Thurston got injured and a few of us who had to step up didn't and the rest is history," Bowen said.

Big Carl Webb is also looking forward



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to the start of the 2007 NRL season and believes that the group is now united as one and ready to put the disappointment of last year well and truly behind them.

"To take out the competition, winning the grand final would be the goal and the whole squad is united in that," he said.

"The pre-season training has been

"I'm feeling really good at the moment, this is one of the better pre-seasons that I have had and I am really ready to rip in this year. I'm feeling really motivated," Webb said.

"I wasn't too happy about the way the season ended last year for the club or for me personally getting injured in the last game, so I am really keen to play well this year and to help the team get back up to the top."

Webb is now looked up to by that group as a leader and that leadership mentality is something that Webb is looking forward to displaying and he feels like the time is right for him to show it.

"That definitely comes with the job and with the age I guess. I'm halfway through my career and it's time to stand up and accept the responsibility of being a leader," he told me.

A fired-up Webb already prefers to look forward rather than reflect on last season.

"There were a lot of excuses being made. We had dramas off the field and that was everywhere in the papers, providing a distraction when we were going through a rough patch on the field," he said.

"There was no one thing that caused it. We should have a good idea of where we are at after round one. We play the Broncos – the premiers – so that makes

them the measuring stick and it should be a great game."

"We got them two for two last year and I think that will be burning them pretty bad, but we will go down there for what should be a sell-out and give them a game."

It is not only the game that will start the season but it will also set a benchmark on which to measure the early-season form of all other teams.

To watch two champions like Bowen and Webb – with their contrasting wizardry and power – back in action will be worth the price of admission alone.

But then we will also be treated to the skills of the likes of Sam Thaiday and Justin Hodges for the Cowboys.

And then there is a halfback who had a reasonable Tri-Nations series for the Kangaroos.

I think his name is Jonathan Thurston! Like all true rugby league fans I am counting down the minutes. Bring it on!



Flashback to last year with Matt Bowen in action for the North Queensland Cowboys against arch-rivals the Brisbane Broncos. Both teams meet again in the first round of this year's NRL competition in what Cowboys star Carl Webb believes will be a measuring stick for the Townsville-based club.

really good from everyone this year, obviously Billy Johnstone left the club at the end of last year, but he left an attitude behind at the club and we have kept that attitude going."

The hard slog of pre-season training is bringing with it plenty of rewards for the Cowboys front-rower who is relishing the chance to become a leader within the team on and off the field.



Action from the Toomelah Tigers v Moree Mission Jets game. The Tigers had a narrow victory. Picture: Moree Champion

Aboriginal Nations trials are under way



The new Aboriginal Nations Super League concept is under way, with officials hailing it as a success so far. Pre-season trials of the

planned northern NSW league have continued this month, with chief executive officer Michael Anderson saying he is delighted with the results.

He claimed up to 1000 people watched the first trial games in Moree on February 10, with many more looking on from outside the gates. No figures were available from the latest trials, played at Lightning Ridge.

In the opening pre-season round, the Narwan Eels downed the Moree Boomerangs – still under a Country Rugby League ban – 44-30.

Anderson said there were no crowd problems and he was confident the trials would continue, leading to the opening of what he believes will be a competition covering much of the State on March 24.

He and others have started the league, despite concern raised in many quarters, because of what they described as problems with the Country Rugby League. They say there is racism in rugby league administration.

Grounds are being prepared at Goodooga for more games.

I've broken 10 seconds, says Ross



Australian sprinter Joshua Ross claims he has already broken the 10-second barrier in the 100m.

The 26-year-old set a goal this year to join the exclusive sub-10 club, but said he has already surpassed his expectations, with a hand-timed run of 9.83 in training.

"I ran 9.83, it was awesome," said Ross, who is the three-time national 100m champion.

"It wasn't electronic, it was hand-timed, but still I've never

run any time that quick in my life."

Ross' official personal best is 10.12 – a time he recorded in Perth two years ago.

But with an intense training program, and new coach – the little-known Australian Emil Rizk – Ross says he's confident of recording a new best of 10.00 seconds or better before the World Championships in Japan this August.

"I'm still at 10.12 which I did in Perth a couple of years ago, but this year I'm going to wipe that," Ross said.

"I'm doing my training, loving it, and I'm running PBs in training all the time, so all my hard work is paying off."

With his sights firmly set on the World Championships, Ross says it's possible he can even beat the 100m world record holder Asafa Powell in Osaka.

"Jamaica's Asafa Powell, Shawn Crawford from the United States and Nigerian competitors – it'll be tough, but that's what makes it exciting," he said.

"Australia's looking for a 100m sprinter you know, they

need one, and I'm going to step up to the plate."

Meanwhile, Ross' fitness and performance comes as welcome vindication for his new coach. After five years with Newcastle-based mentor Tony Fairweather, Ross moved to Sydney late last year to join Rizk.

"We're working on things, starting to build on things all the time – we're just building," Ross said. "If I stick to the program, work with the coach, things will happen – magical things will happen." – AAP



JOSHUA ROSS

I'm in my prime – Johnson

By PETER ARGENT



Still the quickest Australian athlete over 100 metres, Patrick

Johnson believes that at 34 he is at the prime of his career.

"I still have five or six years left at international level," he told Koori Mail.

"Because I really only began in my early 20s, and I was a late starter, I'm really the equivalent to a 27 or 28-year-old."

"After running the fastest time back in 2003, injuries and coming back too quickly have had their effects on my performances."

Johnson freely concedes this Australian

summer season in just preparation for his assault on the world stage, and with a new coach he has been working on technique during the domestic season.

The Welsh-born Tudor Bidder has taken over the Indigenous star's coaching regime, and it has taken time for Johnson to adapt to the changes in his program.

"I will be heading for America and the European

circuit at the end of the Australian summer," Johnson said.

"Qualifying for the World Titles in Osaka (later this year) should be a forgone conclusion, and Beijing (2008 Olympics) is very much on my agenda."

"In the end it's all about the Olympic Games and performances on the world stage."

Injury-free and in form, Johnson thinks both sub 10-second 100 metre sprint performances and sub

While studying he decided to run in the Australian University Games in Canberra during 1996 and won the 100 metres, then flew up to Townsville on the same evening for a trial game in Super League.

But the Australian Institute of Sport offered Johnson a full-time scholarship and he decided to take up the challenge of athletics.

Johnson says his success as well as his commitment to 'pure' athletics have all but ruled out the option of getting

involved in the Australian professional foot-racing circuit – competitions like the Stawell Gift, the Bay Sheffield and the Burnie Gift.

"Because of my results and the way the stewards would handicap me, I'd always be off the

back markers," he explained.

"You want to go into an event believing you have some chance of winning it and the way these are structured, my chances would be minimal to say the least."

Johnson has higher dreams, and with Linford Christie and Namibia's Frankie Fredericks still performing at their best in their late 30s, Olympic gold may not be out of his reach.

'I still have five or six years left at international level'

– Patrick Johnson



Patrick Johnson in action for the Australian Institute of Sport ... "Qualifying for the World Titles in Osaka (later this year) should be a forgone conclusion, and Beijing (2008 Olympics) is very much on my agenda."

NSW Blues take



Every batsman's nightmare ... Test umpire Darryl Harper, who was at the Imparja Cup, allows an appeal.



The Honours Squad, selected as the best from the Cup carnival, in their coveted Black Caps. Members of the squad are Peter O'Callaghan (ACT), Cameron Rosser (NSW), John Duckett (NSW), Darrelle Low (NT), Brett Smith (Qld), Bradley Stout (Qld), Bernie Lamont (Tas), Anthony Smith (Tas), Barry Firebrace (Vic), Tyrone Bean (Vic), Gerard Ugle (WA), Kerin Ugle (WA) and Tim Dann (WA).



NSW Blues players celebrate their victory with the Imparja Cup.



Player of the Carnival Cameron Rosser with Vince Copley, who presented the trophy named after him.



The finalists after the Imparja Shield decider.



Alkaputija, winners of the Super 8s Community Shield.



Preston White, 16, lets one go for Qld. The NSW batsman is Andrew Gordon.

out Imparja Cup



Imparja Cup cricket action at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, with the McDonnell Ranges forming a magnificent backdrop.



Queenslanders celebrate the fall of a NSW wicket during the Imparja Cup final at Traeger Park.



Former Australian wicket-keeper Rod Marsh with members of the NSW Cup team.



Local cricket veteran Marcus Rosan, left, presents his special award to Community Division winners CAT Tigers representative Ronald Dodds.



Rod Marsh with members of the ACT Imparja Cup team.



Softballer is making her mark

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MAIN PICTURE: NSW batsman Gory Wright smashes the ball away during the Imparja Cup final. Unfortunately for him he was caught on the boundary.

INSET: The NSW team celebrates their Imparja Cup victory.



ANTHONY MUNDINE

Mundine set for world title fight



Anthony 'The Man' Mundine faces his latest test next week when he takes on Sam Soliman in their world title boxing bout.

As the Koori Mail went to press at the weekend, Mundine was in good form for the fight on March 7 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

He has been following a strict training regime, spending time in camp on Queensland's Gold Coast before returning to Sydney this month.

At stake next Wednesday is the World Boxing Association (WBA) super middleweight title, which Mundine has vowed to claim. Both men first fought in September 2001, when Mundine won a split points decision.

'The Man's' preparation suffered a setback when his father, former champion boxer Tony Mundine, who suffers from an asbestos-related lung disease, had a spell in hospital earlier this year.

But Anthony Mundine – the 31-year-old former rugby league star – said his training had continued despite his worries. In typical bluster Mundine said of his opponent: "He's a prostitute and I'm going to make him pay."

Mundine has a professional record of 27 wins (21 KOs) and three losses. Soliman, 33, has won 21 out of 22 fights since his loss to Mundine to bring his record to 33 victories (13 KOs) and eight losses.

Imparja Cup win to Blues



NSW denied Queensland a fourth consecutive victory in a thrilling Imparja Cup cricket final played this month in Alice Springs. A new-look Queensland line-up appeared

set for victory in the national Indigenous event after compiling 9-162 off their 50 overs and having the Blues at 4-68 and then 6-72.

But strong play from man-of-the-series Cameron Rosser, who was nursing an injury, as well as a couple of costly dropped catches by Queensland, gave NSW a two-wicket win in the 43rd over.

Organisers hailed this year's Imparja Cup as another success, citing strong competition and an improved standard of play across the

board. They also confirmed the competition would remain in Alice Springs for the next two years, despite pressure from Queensland to have the cup venue shared between competing States and Territories.

In other results:

● NT team Alkaputija won the Imparja Shield Division.

● CAT Tigers took out the Community Division.

● Women's Division winners were Alice Springs side CGA Cougars.

Tournament organiser Michael McGregor, the Senior Officer, Indigenous Cricket, for Cricket Australia, said Alice Springs would continue to host the battle for Indigenous cricket supremacy.

"It's been another good year for the competition out here," he told Koori Mail.

"The rounds were good and there is a great spirit. Alice will host the competition for at least two more years."

McGregor said the spirit was good and the standard high, with a good crowd attending the final day.

Special guest this year was former Australian wicket-keeper Rod Marsh, who was popular with players and locals.

Western Australia was unlucky not to make the final, being denied a place to defending premiers Queensland by the narrowest of margins.

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